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Package results in evacuation

Jewell Hall residents moved out over a VCR

By Mal Herron
Staff Writer

You never can be too careful. Especially when you are dealing with bombs — and VCRs.

Residents of Jewell Hall were evacuated yesterday after an employee called the UK Police Department to report a "mysterious package" at the front desk of the residence hall.

At 1:30 p.m., staff assistant Judy Calvert said she called director of residence life Jim Wins, who then instructed her to call the UK Police Department about the unmarked package.

The package had been delivered at 12:15 p.m., said John G. Scharfenburger, assistant director of UK Public Relations. Police and public relations officials said the package was delivered by a man, about 5'9", with glasses and a burr haircut, and possibly a goatee and mustache.

Calvert said she was not there to see the man deliver the package because her shift began at 1 p.m. Police had spoken with the desk worker at the scene and said the deliverer was not wearing a uniform.

Scharfenburger said the police did not know who the man was.

Rumors had circulated that the alleged bomb threat was racially motivated because of a question the man asked: "Is this a racist place?"

Calvert said during her shift, a man came in and "made some strange remarks about the dorm." These remarks, she said, did not influence her decision to call residence life.

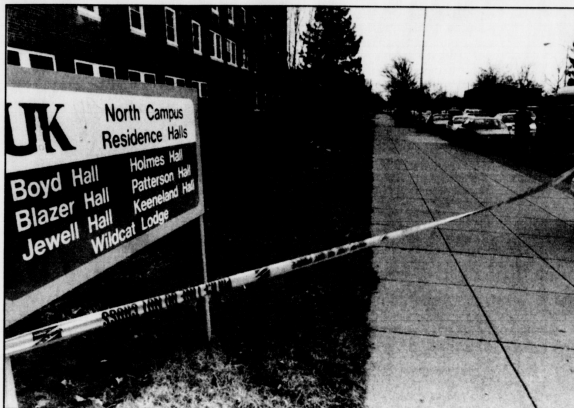
The bomb squad reached the scene about 5 p.m. and confirmed the package contained only a VCR.

Paul Binkley, area coordinator for North Campus residence halls, said packages are signed in frequently, regardless of whether or not they are marked and who delivers them.

"We get so many packages," he said. "It's just, 'Hey I'll sign for it, and we let it go.'"

Allen Riegan, director of auxiliary services, whose wife called him about the incident, said, "That [practice] would happen at almost any office."

Hall Director Satish Kedia said he did not set off the alarm, opting instead to bring the students outside and tell them the situation. Some students, were skeptical but wary.



DA BOMB Residents of Jewell Hall were evacuated and moved beyond police tape after a mysterious package, thought to possibly be a bomb, was left at the hall's desk. A police bomb squad was called in and determined the contents of the box was a VCR. Residents were then let back into their building.

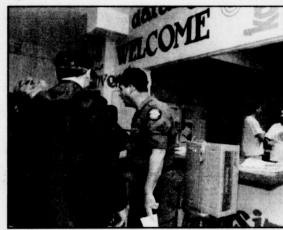
Ahmed Milan, an accounting junior, was in the Jewell Hall watching TV when Calvert told him to get out of the dorm.

"I was like, 'This is crazy,'" Milan said. He said at the time that he did not think the package was a bomb.

"I am just waiting to get back in," he said. Milan's friend Ajina Karamchic was in the Boyd Hall computer lab when Milan told her about the alleged bomb.

"I think it is just someone who doesn't have anything better to do," said Karamchic, a communications sophomore. "It is kind of sad that someone feels that they have to do this, especially when the dorm is tied to so much culture."

Information for this story was also gathered by Editor in Chief Brenna Reddy.



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Board gets up to date on library

By James Ritchie
Senior Staff Writer

The new William T. Young Library is progressing on schedule and within budget, Paul Willis, director of the Margaret I. King Library, told the Board of Trustees yesterday.

"Construction is progressing very well," he said. "We're pretty close."

Unlike last winter, the library is fully enclosed, allowing for more rapid construction.

Willis said he thinks the library will be open some time next fall. The challenge lies in moving more than 1 million volumes, 800,000 of which must be relabeled, Willis told the trustees.

He presented a slide show on the new library's features and showed a computerized video simulation of what the library will be like.

One of the new library's main functions will be the integration of teaching and learning.

"The playing field for access to information for undergradu-

ates will be level with that of the graduate students and the faculty," Willis said.

The library will be a leader in the academic on-line revolution. When the King Library opened in 1931, the only electrical devices in the building were lights and fans, Willis said.

The Young facility will have more than 3000 computer connections. And, the director said, better on-line technology will facilitate improvements in the distance learning programs, allowing for a sort of "electronic bookmobile" that can serve the entire state.

The new facility will have several other improvements over the old library, including:

▼Thirty-seven miles of compact shelving. Compact shelving provides for double the number of volumes that can be stored with regular shelving.

▼One hundred forty-five visitor parking spaces, of which the King Library has none.

▼A minimum number of service points. The library will be largely self-service, which will save on operating costs.

Traditional offices will be absent from the Young facility. Even Willis' office will be located elsewhere.

Also at the meeting, President Charles Wethington asked the board to honor Frank Harris, retiring director of the Student Center, for his 31 years of service.

Fate of UK mini-colleges determined by dollars

By Rusty Manseau
Staff Writer

A \$143,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Science Foundation has helped fund UK's mini colleges.

As announced earlier this year, though, funding in the form of grants has ended, leaving the University to decide what to do with the mini-college programs.

The Global Studies program will be eliminated as no new students are allowed in the program.

Students who are currently enrolled in the program, however, are guaranteed to finish and graduate.

The grant that funds global studies expires next year.

"We had to make a decision based on the funding; we decided to keep modern studies," Stephen Hart, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said.

"It's unfortunate because [global studies] is a very good program."

Students were also said to see half of the mini-college go.

"I think it's a shame," said Michael Walls, a biotechnology and biology junior who graduated from the mini college.

"It's a good opportunity for freshmen to get into smaller classes where they can get more attention," he said.

Walter Foreman, English professor and co-director of the modern studies curriculum for 1996, said he was sad to see the funding for the interdisciplinary courses end.

But when it comes down to global studies versus modern studies, "I'd have to continue funding the modern studies," Foreman said.

The modern studies program will continue even though the grant will expire in July 1997.

The University will continue to fund modern studies at least through the 1998-99 two-year term.

"The program has been so successful that we're very happy to continue that," Hart said.

He said the possibility exists that the global studies program will be revived in the future, but only if funds become available again.

The idea behind the mini-college system is to make the classes smaller so students can get a better education and more attention from the teachers.

The program takes two years to complete.

"I think it's sad 'cause it's a really good idea," Shasta Walker, psychology sophomore, said. "It's a way for freshmen to make the transition from high school to college life a little easier."

Undergraduates get practice for real life

By Barbara Carter
Staff Writer

After a year of hard work, undergraduate students enjoyed the fruits of their labor at a reception in the Thomas Hunt Morgan Biological Sciences Building.

Each of the 25 students worked a year on an independent research project. They presented their results yesterday with posters and explanations.

Dan Helsten, a pre-med senior, used his project to investigate cell biology.

"I enjoyed it a lot and I got a chance to do something with cell biology, which is an area that interests me," Helsten said. "It's hard on your ego when things don't go the way you want them to in your research, but every once in a while you make a neat

little discovery."

For Tamara Sapp, a biology junior, the project had a major impact on her career goals.

"I thought about doing research as a career, but the project helped me see I don't want to do this as a career," she said.

Kim Le, a biology senior, said her research led her to another research project.

"I thought I would do the project for pre-med, but in the process I started another project related to pre-dentistry," Le said.

Dana Weaver, a biology senior, said undergraduates can learn more doing research than they might just in the classroom.

"You learn a lot more than you think you would. The discovery I made in my research even got pub-

lished," Weaver said.

Students liked the real-life concept of the project.

"I was interested in aging research and did my project on Alzheimer's disease," said Alexander Coon, a chemical engineering junior. "Research like this is real life work, not just theories or things you can learn in class."

To gain entrance into the independent research project in biology program, students had to complete a five-page application and find a faculty mentor. To fund their research, some students applied to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Initiative Program for a \$600 grant.

The purpose of the program is to help students develop a deeper appreciation of biological research.

For those students interested in taking part in the program next semester, applications are now being accepted. Those students wishing to apply for the grant should turn in their applications by Jan. 22.

NEWSbytes

CAMPUS Class to present research at colloquium

Attention has been given to UK's development as an inclusive learning community this semester. Students in COM 525, Seminar in Organizational Communication, have spent the semester researching UK's diversity.

They will present their research in a two-hour colloquium tomorrow on the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower from 3 p.m. until 5.

Some of the topics they will discuss include the diversity of students, faculty and staff; diversity as a value of education content; recruitment and retention; and acceptance of diverse ideas.

A discussion will follow the student presentation.

Concert to promote shared interests

Tonight in the Student Center Grand Ballroom, student organizations are hosting speakers, information tables, and three local bands: Green Genes, Iboou and Catawampus Universe.

Some of the sponsoring organizations include Students for Social Justice, AWARE, Korean Student Association, Students for a Free Tibet, Green Thumb, UK Lambda and Habitat for Humanity.

The goal of the concert is to bring students and student organizations together to share their interests. The sponsoring organizations have invited student groups to participate and educate the audience on their projects and events.

The show is free and open to all ages.

NAMEdropping

Lee's attempt to reconcile differences

LOS ANGELES — The marriage of Tommy and Pamela Anderson Lee is still on rocky ground, despite an attempt at reconciliation.

The star of television's "Baywatch" said Monday she didn't know if the marriage would work.

"I wish him the best, but I'm more concerned about our son living in a positive, wonderful, loving environment and that's the most important thing," Pamela Lee said on "The Tonight Show."

The couple married in February 1995 after a four-day courtship, but Pamela Lee filed for divorce last month, citing irreconcilable differences. She reportedly moved to a friend's ranch with the couple's 5-month-old son.

Pamela Lee's publicist last week said the couple had moved back into their Malibu home, but the star told Leno that wasn't true.

Tommy Lee, the drummer for Motley Crue, has reportedly sought drug, marital and psychological counseling to help him save the marriage.

Compiled from staff, wire reports.

UK wants new doctoral program

By Heather Bennett
Contributing Writer

UK wants to establish the first biopharmaceutical engineering graduate program in the country.

A mini-symposium held yesterday in the Student Center featured speakers who are experts in academics and engineering.

They discussed the latest developments in biopharmaceutical engineering, gave advice on how to start the new program and discussed opportunities available for students with an interest in the field.

If the doctoral program is approved and funded, it may begin in fall 1997. The program would be the only one in the country that would have contributions from pharmaceutical science and engineering.

Pharmaceutical science is the process of taking a genetically-engineered protein or DNA and converting it to a pharmaceutical product.

Director of Graduate Studies of Pharmaceutical Sciences Michael Jay said UK needs this program because today many people know how to manipulate genes, but few know how to process and purify the products.

He also said that obtaining the new graduate program will make UK well-known throughout the United States for pharmaceutical engineering.

Jerome S. Schultz, the director of the Center for Biotechnology and Bioengineering at the University of Pittsburgh, spoke at the mini-symposium.

"I am here to help UK make a decision on whether to establish a biopharmaceutical engineering program by relating the experiences I have had with the program I oversee," he said.

The program he directs is similar to the doctoral program UK is trying to develop but focuses on a different subject area.

"If UK does decide to establish the program, I think it will do well because of the unique excellence of the programs they already have at the School of Pharmacy," Schultz said.

Ranjit Shetty, a UK student, thinks the new graduate program would be good for the University.

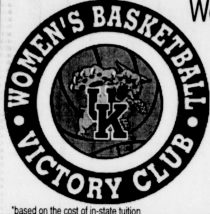
"I think it is a good idea, and I would like to get involved with it," he said.

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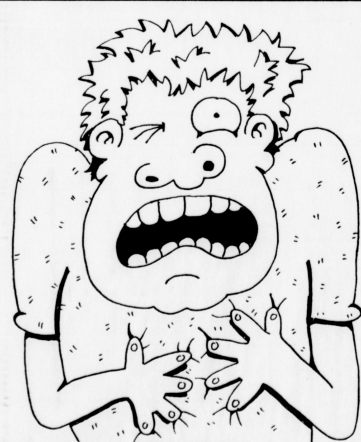
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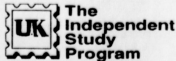


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New year brings Grass success

By O. Jason Stapleton
Senior Staff Writer

What a difference a year makes. Last season, UK swimmer Emily Grass was inconsistent at best. So far this season, she has been one of the Wildcats' best strokers.
"She's a lot more consistent this year," said UK head swimming coach Gary Connelly. "She's one of those athletes that gets beat up in practice and it's really hard for her to recover, but she's done a lot better with training this year."
Connelly said there were times last season when Grass would be off her game for weeks at a time because she was hurting.

This season, however, Grass has not had that problem.
Grass said she thinks the biggest difference in her performance is her new outlook toward the team.

"I think I have a positive attitude a lot more this year," Grass said. "I ran into some problems just being sick last year."

Last season was Grass's first on the collegiate level, and she had trouble adjusting to a more rigorous training schedule.

It's a big change coming from high school to college with swimming, as far as training wise," she said.

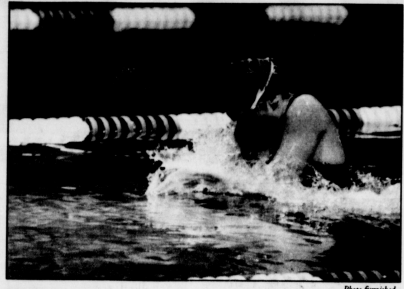
Grass, who hails from Knoxville, has been on fire so far this season, and it all started against her hometown school of Tennessee.

She won the 200 breaststroke to give the Wildcats their first-ever win against the Volunteers.

Then, when the team traveled to Chapel Hill, N.C., Grass finally showed exactly what she was capable of doing.

That was probably the best meet she's had since she has been here at the University of Kentucky," Connelly said. "It was a little surprising because she came up with her best time ever."

Grass blew away the competition in the 400-yard individual medley by swimming the race in 4:23.58.



STROKE UK swimmer Emily Grass continues to improve.

That time broke the old UK mark of 4:23.89, set by Grass's good friend and roommate, Janie Reed.

Grass said, however, that there is no intense competition between them.

"I didn't want to break her record in particular," Grass said. "I don't really think of it as competition; (we're happy for) whoever does better."

Coming from Knoxville, Grass had a big decision to make when choosing which school she was going to attend.

"I think her father wanted her to stay at UT, because her uncle is a coach there," Connelly said. "But her mother really wanted her to go away to school so there was really a kind of pushing and pulling thing going on."

Grass said she just really liked UK and wanted to get away from home, which made the decision a lot easier for her.

The NCAA championships are especially important to Grass this year, because it will be her last chance to swim against her sister, who is a senior swimmer for the University of Minnesota.

Ram standing out for T-Blades

By Fausto Menard
Staff Writer

Jordan, Bird, Montana, Rice, Gretzky. Everybody loves the high-profile offensive star.

Even defensive standouts like Jamie Ram

At 5-foot-11, 175 pounds, Ram could be mistaken for any 25-year-old. He listens to modern rock, surfs the Internet and watches "Friends." And like many digenerians, he has his summers off.

But he's not a college student. Instead, he is a student of art. For nine months out of the year, Ram studies the art of goaltending for the Kentucky Thoroughblades in the American Hockey League.

"When I was younger, all the kids in the neighborhood were older than me," he said. "They were all older brother's friends and they would say 'throw the young kid in net.' That's how it happened."

Now in his third year as a pro, Ram, whose rights are owned by the New York Rangers, loves the opportunity to play for a successful organization that has been so well received by the fans.

"The organization is fantastic," Ram said. "Playing for a new team is great. There's a lot of excitement around; the fans are fantastic. It's real exciting to play. It's one of the best cities in the minor leagues."

Ram developed his net skills in Scarborough, Ontario, in greater Toronto. His prowess brought him to the campus of Michigan Tech in 1990. Ram played there for four years, once defeating the No. 1

team in the land, Colorado College, in the NCAA Tournament. To date, it's his favorite game as a goalie.

By 1991 Ram was drafted by the Rangers in the 10th round of the National Hockey League entry draft. In 1994 he began his professional career with the Binghamton (NY) Rangers of the AHL.

Ram's first action in the NHL was with the New York Rangers last season. He ended up guarding the net opposite one of the idols who was in net for the Colorado Avalanche, Patrick Roy.

"I had an opportunity to talk to (Roy) after the game... one thing he said to me was that he's never really worried about having a good goal against average; it's more important to have wins," he said.

Ram has both.
He currently has 13 wins, with 56 games to go; a goal-against average under 3; a save percentage over .900; and is tied for the league lead with three shutouts.

How does this year compare to others? "This year has definitely, so far, been the best year," he said, "and hopefully it will continue. Hopefully, if things go well this year, somebody will give me a chance at the end of the season."

Ram knows his time will come, if not with the Rangers, maybe with another team. At the end of the season, he becomes a free agent and can negotiate with any team.

The only timetable Ram has set for himself is to reach the NHL "as soon as possible." But even if he doesn't reach his goal any time soon, he doesn't think he could ever leave hockey on his own.

SPORTSbytes

San Antonio fires coach 18 games into season

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio Spurs coach Bob Hill, his team off to a 3-15 start, was fired yesterday and replaced by team general manager Gregg Popovich.

Popovich began coaching the team with last night's game in Phoenix.

The Spurs have been playing without center David Robinson, who has been out of the lineup because of back pain.

Robinson was expected to return for last night's game.

Wandy coach on the hot seat

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt's 14th straight losing season has Coach Rod Dowhower's future being doubted and defensive coordinator Woody Widenhofer being suggested as his replacement.

Dowhower is 4-18 after two seasons, but Todd Turner, Vanderbilt's athletic director, won't comment on reports that Dowhower is headed out. Turner will say only that the football program is being evaluated.

"I won't be backed into that corner," Turner told The Tennessean yesterday. "We're honoring his contract and evaluating the program continuously, as we are with all of our coaches and programs."

The Commodores haven't had a winning season since going 8-4 under George MacIntyre in 1982. Three coaches, 117 losses and no bowl appearances have followed since then.

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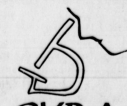
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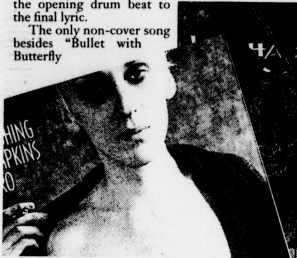
By Gary Wulf
Associate News Editor
★★★★½

The year of the pumpkins continues with the release of *The Aeroplane Flies High*. The Smashing Pumpkins new box set lives up to expectations. The 33-track, five-CD set contains the five singles released this year, "Bullet with Butterfly Wings," "Zero," "1979," "Tonight, Tonight" and "Thirty Three."
Each CD seems to possess one consistent sound, whether it be hard-driving guitar riffs or a mellow, laid-back groove.
The first disc, contains mostly cover songs from other bands including The Cars "You're All I Need Tonight" that rocks from the opening drum beat to the final lyric.
The only non-cover song besides "Bullet with Butterfly

Wings," "Said Sadly" spotlights guitarist James Iha's writing ability. The song is distinctively Iha's with his lyrics and about how he has fallen in love with someone. The ballad stands out because of guest singer, Nina Gordon, who provides the background vocals.
The "1979" single contains a popish sound like "The Boy," another song from Iha, and "Set the Ray to Jerry," which seduces the listener with a simple bass rhythm and subtle guitar strumming.
The song expresses Gorgan's need for love.
"I want you and I need you/all you are is brand new and I need you."
The third part of the five-CD set provides the loud, angry Pumpkin sounds of which seem to connect people. Gorgan vents his frustration with songs like "God."
"God knows I'm helpless/God knows I'm restless and weak full of piss and vinegar"
The set's one



still flyin' high on box set



downfall is the disastrous "Pistachio Melody" that combines 70 songs from the *Stained Dream* and the *Melon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* sessions. The 23-minute debacle has potential, but only if the songs were played out completely and with lyrics. However, the 10-second snippets of each part get annoying after two minutes.
"Tonight, Tonight" is stripped down in the fourth disc with a reprise that Gorgan plays acoustically. The song takes a new form and sounds much simpler, but the message of the song hits much harder.
The rest of the CD provides some of the most mellow songs of the band's career. The melodic and strangely titled "Melodori Magpie" gives the listener

a chance to hear the Pumpkins play a folk song that is reminiscent of songs from the other B-side album *Pieces Iscariot*.
The strangest song comes from the "Thirty-three" single. In "The Aeroplane Flies High (Turns Left, Looks Right)" Gorgan speaks on an intercom, as if he were a pilot, addressing the listener.
The album ends on a different note than it began. Gorgan gets behind the ivory keys for "My Blue Heaven," which is also a cover song. He paints his ideal life.
"Just Molly and me/and baby makes three/we're happy in my blue heaven."
Once again, the Pumpkins make music some groups only wish they could come close to producing.

WHAT'S your sign?

By Suzanne Raffeld

Aries (March 21-April 19): You decide to get real festive for the holiday season. You don't just buy a couple of those cheesy Christmas sweatshirts, but turn yourself into a walking tree, complete with lights and ornaments. This makes you quite a treat to have around for parties, so have fun.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): On the redeeming qualities scale, you score a low four. The holidays will be a time of painful retribution, where what goes around comes around and causes bodily harm.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Green elves will aid you in your shopping expedition this season. This is a good thing, because they are excellent shoppers and provide for a nifty topic of conversation. Not too many people get to go out with Santa's helpers.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): In late December, you will drink some bad eggnog which will cause you to be bedridden for quite some time. This usually would not be too swell of an occurrence for most people, but since you enjoy the more seedy and dramatic aspects of life, this event is working for you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): While taking a walk, you are run over by an out-of-control sleigh. Apparently, Santa has been hitting the bottle, and you got in his way. You make a deal with 'ol Kris Kringle in which he gets you that luxury sports car you've always

wanted, and you keep your mouth shut.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You start believing that you really are Santa Claus. But unlike *Miracle on 34th Street*, where everything is all peachy keen at the end, you get carted off to the local mental hospital for observation. But you do bring joy and goodwill to the other patients, and you also discover a couple of your missing elves.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): While decorating a tree, you get a minor shock from one of the lights. Unfortunately, your brain capacity was shaky to begin with, and this just wiped out what was left.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Because you are a member of a

pagan religion, you do not get to participate in the commercialized wonder that is Christmas. Instead, you devise a holiday ritual of your own, where you go out and antagonize the local mall Santas by shouting lewd epithets at them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Santa gets stuck in your chimney, and instead of being a benevolent and kind human being, you leave him there to rot. You decide to work that capitalist thing and charge the neighborhood kids \$5 a head to see Santa in all his glory.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You get trampled in the mall parking lot by a bunch of overzealous shoppers. No one comes to aid, so you remain on the concrete. Various small chil-

dren visit you, and occasionally hang ornaments from your compound fractures.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will gain 50 pounds over the holiday break. But this is emotional baggage and not fat that you acquire. So you shrink about two inches but still remain swelter, and your new petite look garners a lot of attention.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Naughty or nice? Well, you've been bad Pisces, really bad. All the magical and mythical creatures of the holiday season have declared you their arch enemy. Santa and the elves can be downright cruel at times, and the fat man is pretty proficient with that whip, so be careful.

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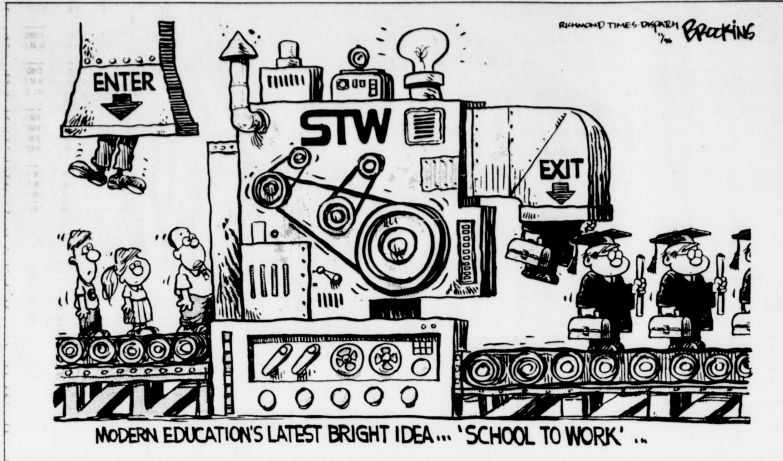
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ViewPOINT



Our society forgot about the Christ in Christmas spirit

I am currently making a tradition on Sunday nights. Every night my roommate and I sit down for a quality hour of television programming called "Touched by an Angel."

I'm not the type of person who usually watches these warm-hearted programs, but this show is really special.

This is just about the only show on television where each episode displays the kindness and compassion of a forgiving God in a real and personal way.

No preachers screaming verses at the top of their lungs, and no sugary-sweet ministers asking for money every five minutes.

This show is truly quality television. However, last Sunday, this show hit the so-called "Information Age," and regular cast of angels were helping out a Christmas church pageant.

The show did a very good job (as usual) of showing the kindness of God.

But the show never mentioned the whole purpose of the holiday: The birth of Jesus Christ.

There was no description of the baby Jesus in the manger, nor a mention of the Son of God at all, even though this upcoming holiday celebrates Christ's birth in Bethlehem.

In fact, take a more general look at TV's representation of Christmas.

The most predominant figure associated with Christmas on TV is Santa Claus, a lovable character that brings good little boys and girls (or for that matter, good little college students) presents.

Santa is cool, don't get me wrong. The big guy brought me an awesome electric guitar and amp on my 13th birthday.

Still, Santa is not the reason why Christmas is celebrated. Santa was not born by the Virgin Mary.

Santa didn't have a bright light to guide wise men to his crib. Santa didn't grow up to be crucified for the sins of the world. Santa is not Jesus Christ.

In the eyes of the advertiser, Santa is the perfect icon for Christmas.

Santa gives gifts to people for a living, so he is the person who you should trust when picking out a gift.

Santa becomes the perfect commercial: there is no one to copyright him (or his likeness) and Santa just likes giving out.

everything and everything. This new Santa has traded in his sleigh for a four-wheeler, his reindeer for Coca-Cola and his elves for cellular phones.

Jesus and the whole nativity scene, on the other hand, is not a good marketing strategy.

You won't find a Norelco baby Jesus sliding down snowy slopes on your TV's. The wise men will not give the baby Jesus gold, frankincense and a pager. It's not going to happen. Advertisers don't want to invest in a strategy that will not make them money, and the television networks would rather not talk about the whole purpose of the holiday at all just to make a few measly bucks with another lousy Santa-pitcher-Cinemas commercial.

As a society who lives during the so-called "Information Age," we may get caught up in the media's creation of Santa, the Christmas icon.

Every channel you turn to anymore shows Santa Claus doing this and Santa pitching that.

Although Santa is a wonderful character that best displays the spirit of giving, he is not the reason why Christmas is celebrated.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

In an ideal world, the television would be just like a mirror: a pure non-distorted reflection of how the world works.

This is not an ideal world, of course, and that's why it is paid by the television station.

So more often than not, something on the television will be there to make a profit for the TV station and their sponsors.

Because the true story of Christmas is not a profitable story, you do not see it currently on the TV — not even on "Touched by an Angel" television show that, above all shows, should show the story about God's only Son.

So this Christmas, enjoy all the television specials that you can.

Most are very entertaining and touching. However, don't get wrapped up in television's version of this holiday.

No matter what they say or do on the TV, Jesus is the reason for the season.

Caroline Edens, a woman who said she couldn't get her 5-year-old "night owl" son to go to bed early has been sentenced to 90 days probation for her son's chronic lateness to kindergarten class.

Lexington (Pitino), Kentucky (Governor Patton, Sen. Ford, Coach Pitino, some tobacco heckler), the United States (President Clinton, Coach Pitino), and the World (President Clinton)(sorry Pitino — you need back-to-back championships to be here).

The final lesson is, even if you don't achieve your overall goal, make sure you have fun along the way and can take something positive away from it.

As for me, I had a great time that day, and got this column out of it.

As for Moe and Curly, they went back to their regular lives, never meeting Stipe.

As it turned out, the person they saw was a student who happened to look like Stipe.

And here he thought he had stalkers.

Kernel Columnist Christopher Emmick is a computer science sophomore; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

Week of the dead

It's finally here, the last week of classes. It's almost over. Just one more week full of papers that we have yet to research, tests that we will definitely have to cram for and group projects where the people can't coordinate their schedules.

But the most important thing that you need to remember is that this is "dead week." Some of you may not understand what this term means, especially new students here at the University. And even those who have been here for years may still have not figured it out, either.

"Dead week" is exactly what you think it is. According to the "Students Rights and Responsibilities" handbook, no examinations, except for laboratory practicals or "make-up" examinations, shall be given during the last week of classes of a regular session. During an Intersession or Summer School, no tests can be given during the three-day period prior to the last day of class.

In layman's terms, no tests — none whatsoever — are to be given immediately before finals. This is supposed to give students time

— uninterrupted time, that is — to study. Also, in case of the famous "Take-Home" exams, don't be fooled. Students cannot be required to return the exam before the scheduled final examination period.

Most instructors do abide by these rules. Our problem is that the rules need to be changed.

The big catch with "dead week," is that although no tests or quizzes are given, almost every major paper, project or group assignments are due at this time.

If the purpose of "dead week" is to give students adequate time to prepare for their final exams, then the university needs to rethink the policy requirements.

Don't get us wrong. We don't want to do away with semester-long papers and projects. We just think in fairness to the students that everything except final examinations should be completed prior to "dead week."

Because in our eyes "dead week" is not dead at all. It's very much alive. The only way it can be called "dead" is if you're referring to the condition of the students by that time during the semester.

recreational swim on the weekends.

Third, you state that UK will no longer be able to teach the community swim lessons because the Lancaster Aquatic Center is too large of a facility to teach swim lessons. I am upset by this also, but with every decision made there must be consequences. You cannot justify the expense of reopening the Memorial Coliseum Pool simply by the fact that we should be teaching the community how to swim.

Finally, you say that the closing of the Memorial Coliseum Pool will be an inconvenience to those who live on North Campus and wish to use the pool facilities. When you say this, you make it seem as though it is a three-day journey to make it from North to South Campus. This is simply not the case. I walk fairly slow, and it takes me approximately 20 minutes to walk from North to South Campus.

When you wish to state your opinion in the future, do so by supporting your arguments.

Don't make the athletic department out to be the bad guy.

Greg Hengel, Jr. biology sophomore

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READERS' forum

Editorial on saving the pool wasn't supported

To the editor: I am writing in response to the editorial letter entitled "Save the Pool" in the Dec. 6 edition of the Kentucky Kernel. I found the article disturbing, and its arguments not supported in the least.

First, you state that because the Memorial Coliseum Pool is being shut down the general public will no longer be able to use the pool facilities. To my knowledge, the general public did not even know the pool existed. The general public has not even noticed the pool being shut down for the past year and a half, and will probably not care if the pool is shut down for good.

Next, you state that the Lancaster Aquatic Center is only open after the swimming and diving teams are finished practicing.

And you also say that it is not only the UK swimming and diving teams you must wait for, but also the "little rich kids." While it is true that the UK swimming and diving teams have priority, the only time they take up during the day is from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. The "little rich kids" you refer to (which is a slanderous statement in the first place) are the members of the Wildcat Aquatic Swim Team, and the Lancaster Aquatic Center is most definitely available for lap swimming and a family swim during their practice times in the evenings.

This means that the Lancaster Aquatic Center is open for lap swimming and recreational swim from 8:00 until 2:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. until closing Monday through Friday. Week-end hours change, but the swimming and diving teams never interfere with lap swimming and

Moe and Curly find another way to see inside a person

We're looking for Michael Stipe," said two Kernel staffers (whom we'll call Moe and Curly for the duration of this column) the day President Clinton visited campus.

With those immortal words (hey, I'm a R.E.M. fan) began my adventure and lessons for the day.

What I gathered from Moe and Curly is that they saw someone who bore a striking resemblance to Michael Stipe (lead singer of R.E.M. for the uninitiated), but lost him in the crowd.

The lesson being "never let opportunity pass you by" (you all saw this one coming, right?).

If you see someone you want to pursue, pursue them. The worst thing that could happen is that they think you're psycho and scream obscenities at you before slamming the door in your face.

As we set out in search of Mr.

our-children-and-destroy-our-families gay man, but as Matt, their friend.

This lesson is one that has been proven by various studies: if you know someone in a minority (especially if that person is a friend or family), your feelings toward that person and others in the minority are more positive, accepting and loving.

You see the person, not the minority.

After we had been looking for 30 minutes, the truth came out: Moe and Curly had been looking for Stipe for an hour and half when they first met me that day.

By the time this information came out, they had looked for two hours (tell me, you figured this one out as well? Smart reader).

Two, count 'em, two lessons to be learned.

One to Moe and Curly: one shouldn't blindly pursue something.

Yes, they thought they saw Stipe, but they were not sure.

Yes, if they found him (assuming it really was him) it would have made for a great news story (Moe and Curly are Kernel staffers after all).

However, this was taking place at the time when the President of the United States was coming to visit.

This was at the time when King Rick Pitino was going to address us peasants. (Could anything top a Pitino story with 14,000 adoring fans as a backdrop? (I rest my case).)

The second lesson, this time for me: who is the more foolish: the fool or the one who follows the fool? Because it would be egotistical



Matt Solberg Kernel Columnist



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Helen Swain Educating the community

By Jerri Cook
Staff Writer

Helen Swain is a social work senior involved in various community programs.

Swain volunteers with the adult literacy program on campus, Operation Educate. It is operated by program specialist Connie Johnson. The program is offered to full-time UK employees who are trying to earn GEDs, improve reading comprehension, obtain commercial driver's licenses or achieve any other personal goals the students want to accomplish.

Swain helps Johnson design educational projects for GED students.

She also tutors for Operation Read, a program that helps adults

become better readers and writers. In addition to these demanding responsibilities, Swain is a devoted wife and mother and is also a participant in a Louisville foster care program.

Swain is active in her church community and balances her social life with her professional life. She is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Louisville, where she served as youth minister for five years. Within her church she is a lector, which allows her to proclaim the gospel in front of the church congregation.

Swain has also been involved in the Kujengo Viongonzi Leadership Program for black youth. The name of this program means "to build a leadership" in Swahili.

Swain enjoys community activities and feels blessed to have the opportunity to share her experiences with others.

"Being an African-American woman, I feel compelled to help my community strive to break down the negative barriers of prejudice and racism," she said. "It makes me feel good to see people wanting to improve their lives."

Swain appreciates the support of her family.

"Without the support of my family and friends, I would not be able to do anything," she said. "I feel everyone should have a part in society to help improve someone else's life and that's what I am doing."

Swain is dedicated to helping others reach their goals. Swain's success is the key to her happiness, and as long as society allows this door of opportunity to stay open, she will be able to provide many people with brighter futures.



Campus Impressions

Classifieds

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female for Spring Sem. \$350 + util. Includes: W/D, root, WTRM, RT-ball, tennis, bar/grill. 272-8635, leave message.

MALE/FEMALE TO SHARE: 2 bedroom townhouse. Flexible lease. \$275/mo. 271-4193

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RESPONSIBLE MALE: r/n, n/d to rent own bedroom & bathroom in 2 BR condo near Cardinal Hospital. \$295 including utilities. 252-3132.

ROOMMATE TO SHARE: 3 BR, 2 BA townhouse. 15 minutes to UK. \$250/mo. 272-9258.

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FOUND: Watch, silver in color. Found it on the way to

see Clinton. 269-6694.

LOST: Gold and pearl bracelet. Lost around BAE on Wednesday, 12/4. Call 257-2300, ext. 249.

LOST: Prescription sunglasses (Rayban) in hard black leather case ca. Nov. 14-20. REWARD! Call Michelle 273-6902.

LOST: Signature ring with initials T.S.R. REWARD! 323-7814. Ask for Tom.

LOST: T82 with letters RNY etched in black. Reward. Call 323-7507.

MEETINGS

UK NORML Thursday in Whitehall, room 242 at 6:00. Guest speaker Galewood Gathright. HELP BRING MEDICAL MARLBOROUGH TO KENTUCKY!

UK SNOW SKI CLUB: Accepting Spring Break money 12/12/96 in Room 113 Student Center 7:00 p.m.

UK WATER SKI CLUB meetings Mondays 9 p.m. at 106 Student Center. new members welcome. Call 255-6296 or 323-7905 for questions.

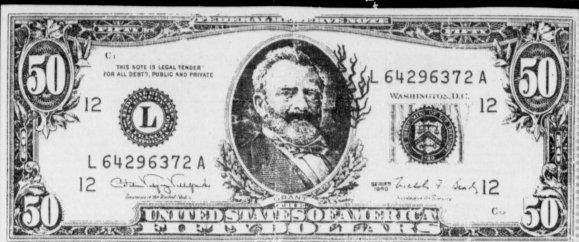
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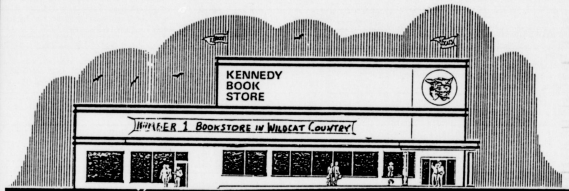
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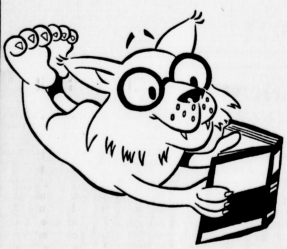


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