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Bush's drug proposal met with skepticism

By GENEVA COLLINS
Associated Press

President Bush's pledge to fight drugs "block by block, child by child" was a popular sound bite on newscasts yesterday, but when young people on one block were asked if the war on drugs could be won, most were pessimistic.

"It's going to take a lot, because it's not just the students, it's like everybody, you know, policemen, people like that, the big people," said Yolanda Brown, 17. Brown was one of several students interviewed yesterday outside T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va., about Bush's speech Tuesday night before.

The students' skepticism was echoed by many of the rank-and-file soldiers in the daily battle against drugs — narcotics officers, drug counselors and others who said Bush's \$7.9 billion drug program was simply not enough.

Shane Berry, 17, another Williams student, was asked if he agreed with Bush that people who look the other way when drugs are being used are also responsible for the problem.

"You couldn't really say that, because you can't get telling on your friends, especially if it's just something like pot or something," he said. "But crack, and cocaine, or heroin, I would tell on my friend, because I know that could kill you the first time."

In Philadelphia, Allen Dobson,

21, an admitted former drug dealer, watched the Bush speech with his parents, Vera and William, both recovering drug addicts.

"I know a lot of people don't want to hear this, but it's too late for a whole generation of us. The bottom line is that we have wasted lives, people from 17 to 25. Get the babies and start talking to them now."

His mother disagreed, noting that she was 35 when she got help and has remained drug-free for 22 years.

Dobson said he quit selling drugs three years ago and sometimes regrets the money and power he lost.

"It's hard for me to face the fact that I'm broke," he said. The chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority, Vince Lane, said on "CBS This Morning" yesterday that the president had taken an important step by throwing down the gauntlet.

"I was surprised to hear that we did get \$50 million allocated to public housing," he said. "With about \$30 million here in Chicago I can clean up every troubled high rise in the city. So the money will be very much appreciated."

While law enforcement officials said more money was needed to bust drug dealers and keep them behind bars, volunteers in treatment centers said dollars spent on breaking the addiction would be more effective in the long run in solving the drug problem.

UK, city react to Bush plan

By GREGORY A. HALL
Contributing Writer

Although much of President Bush's speech Tuesday night was directed at stopping the inner-city American drug dealers and kingpins of South America, the president also promised to get tough with drug use at America's colleges.

"Every school, college and university — and every workplace — must adopt tough but fair policies about drug use by students and employees," Bush said. "Those that will not adopt such policies will not get federal funds. Period."

UK is "ahead of the game" in implementing effective drug-prevention programs, according to David Stockham, UK director of financial aid.

"To my knowledge we are See COMMUNITY, Back page



Laura Schneider shows her yearning to prospective buyers at Keeneland.

Student sells first filly and starts career early

By PAMELA MITCHELL
Staff Writer

Hip No. 38, Sold!
These are the words Laura Schneider has longed to hear since she bought her first thoroughbred weanling last year. Those words finally will reach her ears when her yearling filly sells at the Fasig-Tipton yearling sales at Keeneland tomorrow.

Schneider, a UK journalism junior, has worked with thoroughbreds all her life and has dreamed of getting into the business with horses of her own. To get her foot in the door, she has begun by "pinholing" weanlings, where a buyer purchases a colt or filly that has promising bloodlines and raises it to sell in the yearling sales the next fall, hopefully for a sizable profit.

Schneider describes pinholing as "taking an ugly duckling weanling and turning it into a swan yearling." She said it's rewarding to see the progress the weanling makes over the year, especially when the finished

product is a beautiful, strong, potential winner.

The 20-year-old got involved with the Keeneland sales a number of years ago as a groom at her late grandmother's farm, Lakeview Farm in Frankfort, Schneider said although she likes working with the horses, she wants to get into other aspects of the business where she can use her writing talents.

"I like the business aspect of the job. I want to be a blood stock agent, so I thought why can't I put this (her journalism classes) to good use?" she said. Blood stock agents use their knowledge about thoroughbred bloodlines and history to select potential winners for buyers who want to invest in the business. "It's like being a consigner," she said.

The best thing about this September's sale for Schneider is she's "not just a groom. I'm working as an agent for myself and when other people want to see my horse I bring it out, and even if they don't want to see it, See STUDENT, Back page

Drug plan could help officials reduce flow of drugs into Kentucky

Associated Press

President Bush's comprehensive anti-drug strategy could give authorities more ammunition in their fight against drug infiltration into Kentucky, a narcotics officer says.

Bush's proposal for tougher penalties for drug kingpins might result in fewer drugs being transported on interstate highways in Kentucky, said Sgt. Greg Howard of the Lexington police department's narcotics division.

An increased number of jails, another component of Bush's proposal, would help ease police frustrations, he said.

"We're arresting the same people again and again ... because

there's no place to put them," Howard said.

Although the state has become a crossroads for drug smugglers because of its location, Kentucky seems to have escaped a large influx of crack this far, Howard said.

The drug, a powerful form of cocaine that is smoked, has led to addiction and street violence in many parts of the country as dealers fight for control of the lucrative market and users struggle to support their habit.

"There's some here, but it's not in the magnitude of some of the large cities, or even smaller cities," Howard said.

People appear to be using more

drugs and are more likely to be using cocaine in its less pure powdered form, which has meant more burglaries and thefts to pay for drugs, he said.

Maj. Thomas Rakestraw, who heads the Kentucky State Police drug enforcement-special investigations unit, said use of both marijuana and cocaine appeared to have leveled off in the state.

However, Rakestraw said marijuana use is widespread.

Amphetamines and other synthetic drugs produced in underground laboratories seem to be increasing, he said. And the government needs to do more to stop cocaine from coming into the country.

Campus skeptical about chances of winning the 'war on drugs'

By ELIZABETH HAMMOND
Staff Writer

Many on campus interviewed yesterday were skeptical that President Bush's proposal to win the war on drugs will be successful.

President Bush outlined his \$7.9 billion drug program that includes stricter penalties for drug users and suppliers, and more funds for prisons, treatment programs, drug prevention and education.

"The problem with our prison system is that it deals with the punishment and not the rehabilitation," said UK student Chris Kimmerly. "I think that the drug problem begins with the mentality of children in elementary school."

Other students also said part of the answer for solving the drug problem is education.

"The drug problem needs to be confronted with education and that education needs to start at an early age, as early as fifth or sixth grade," said Erin MacCracken, an Arts & Sciences sophomore.

Freshman William Meece said: "I like the idea, personally. Because if we're gonna have a 'drug war,' we might as well do it seriously."

Other students responded differently to Bush's program.

Education sophomore Susan Quinn said: "One nuclear sub can blow up the whole world. America has 32. Also one out of four under

the age of 6 (years old) live in poverty. Great, he's spending money on the drug problem. I just don't think it will work."

Many students said they that public-service campaigns should stress education.

"I think little Mrs. Nancy Reagan's 'Just Say No' campaign is too simplistic in its premise. She is so elevated from the problem that she can't really understand it," freshman Teena Mart said. "For the national drug program to work, we need to be concerned with help services and not punishment services. And as for public commercials, we need to be more realistic and less tried eggs."

'Mountain' project to raise money for area's homeless

By ROBYN WALTERS
Contributing Writer

Four area charities who help the homeless will receive proceeds from a major fund-raising project.

The Troubadour Project will feature a walk-a-thon and a special theme song, Michael Johnathon,

the group's founder, announced at a press conference yesterday at the Community Kitchen.

All revenues from the sale of "Mountain," a song Johnathon wrote in response to the death of a local homeless man, will go to Community Kitchen, Child Abuse Council, the local chapter of Hab-

itat for Humanity and the Women's Center.

"The reason these four charities were picked has to do with the theory of homelessness that 'Mountain' is working on ... the battered woman and an abused child who live in a house can feel just as homeless as the man on the

Funding for drug strategy criticized

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said yesterday that skeptics of his \$7.9 billion drug war were just "carping" and should "stop criticizing for partisan reasons."

Democrats, meanwhile, said the government would have to raise more revenue to mount an all-out fight against illegal drugs but conceded it would be impossible to enact a tax increase for that purpose as long as Bush opposes it.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the House Ways and

Means Committee, said, "Unless the president supports the tax increases that will be necessary to fight this war, the drug dealers are going to win."

House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., said, "Without the administration's support, the idea of raising taxes is futile."

Bush emphatically rejected the notion of higher taxes. "Every time you make a proposal," he said, "you have somebody jump up and say, 'Raise taxes.' I am not in a mode to raise taxes."

Less than 24 hours after declar-

University enrollment up 6%, sets record

By ELIZABETH WADE
Associate Editor

Student enrollment at UK increased almost 6 percent this year, setting an all-time record based on preliminary figures released yesterday.

"I think (the increase) is a general awareness of the importance of higher education," said Joseph Fink, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs on the Lexington campus and director of admissions. "The fact that higher education can be directly tied to economic advantage for one's self," is another reason for the increase in enrollment.

The increase, which topped 59,000 students for the entire University system, was sparked by a 3,000-plus student growth in the University's 14 community colleges.

"The community colleges provide a very high degree of accessibility to the citizens of the state," Fink said. "Their course offerings are oftentimes very responding to local needs."

Allen Edwards, president of Lexington Community College, said there are several reasons enrollment increased at community colleges.

"One of the reasons is just that more Kentuckians are coming back to college," Edwards said. "We're getting more students of all ages."

Enrollment at UK's community colleges increased to 36,100. Each college enrolls more than 1,000 students.

Owensboro Community College experienced the largest growth in the community college system with a 25 percent increase over last year's figures. Lexington Community College had a 20 percent increase.

The Lexington campus and the Medical Center showed enrollment gains of 1.2 percent. Enrollment increased from 22,824 students in 1988 to about 23,100 students this year.

The number of graduate students increased about 5 percent from 4,098 students in 1988 to 4,250 students this year.

This year's freshman class of about 2,700 students, is 250 fewer than last year's class.

The class' average ACT score was 22.5, the same as last year. The national average is 19. Out of 15 freshmen sponsored by the National Merit Corporation, 12 are Merit Scholars and three are special scholars. The freshman class also includes 69 Kentucky high school valedictorians.

Correction

A story in yesterday's Kernel incorrectly reported the amount given to UK by private donors last fiscal year.

More than \$22 million was given to the University.

"It's a good plan," he said. "If people would stop just criticizing for partisan reasons and get behind the program, and then if there's something additional we should do, then let's do it."

I N S I D E

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DIVERSIONS

Kip Bowmar
Arts Editor

Fox, Penn give strong performances in De Palma's evocative 'Casualties'

By ELIZABETH HAMMOND
Staff Critic

"If you can survive the 'Nam,' you'll live forever," was a line taken from a character who didn't survive "Nam" in Brian De Palma's film "Casualties of War." Well, my thoughts went something like, "If I can survive another Viet Nam war flick after the bombardment we've received since 'Platoon,' then I'll live forever."

That, however, was not the case in "Casualties of War."

De Palma chose to deal with the morality, or rather the lack of it, that often prevailed after soldiers were confronted with the many atrocities associated with war.

Michael J. Fox stars in his most demanding role to date as the naive Pfc. Eriksson, the "cherry" of the squad.



Eriksson (Michael J. Fox) refuses to join Meserve (Sean Penn) in his brutal treatment of a Vietnamese girl (Thuy Thu Le).

The movie showcases the moral dilemma Eriksson goes through after he witnesses his fellow soldiers, led by Sgt. Meserve (Sean Penn), kidnap, rape and murder an innocent Vietnamese village woman.

The movie begins with Fox riding in a bus reflecting upon his war days. He sees an Oriental woman who spurs his memory of the girl and the soldiers in his unit, including Penn, who plays a burned-out young soldier who has been irrevocably hardened by the war.

De Palma does a brilliant job at that point of profiling Fox's disgust with the other men and inner contempt with himself for doing nothing to help the girl.

In both of those films, De Palma manages to bring conflict to the surface.

"Casualties of War" is rated R and is showing at North Park and Crossroads cinemas.

Nelson is unrelenting

By MICHAEL L. JONES
Editorial Editor

RELENTLESS

What do you do when you're a psychopath, but they won't let you on the police force? You become a serial killer who only murders people whose last names begin with T, or at least that's what the people who made *Relentless* think.

Personally, I would become a dentist. Or at least a mortician (remember *Phantom*?).

Mike Taylor, father of super-killer Arthur "Buck" Taylor (Judd Nelson), had better plans for his son. You see, Mike was a cop that made *Dirty Harry* look like Don Knotts.

But the city of Los Angeles was not impressed, and they decided that he is more dangerous than the killer and let him go. Hey, haven't they ever seen *The Dead Pool*?

So Mike, real guy that he is, starts to train his son to be a super-cop. Talk about strange father-son relationships, what would Freud think of a man who smacks his 5-year-old son for missing a target on a shooting range?

If you think that is weird, just wait until you see the part where Mike is shooting live ammunition as 12-year-old Buck runs through an obstacle course.

No wonder Buck is bonkers. But like the movie ad says: "Killers aren't born. They're made." And good 'ole Mike made a "relentless," but polite, one.

You see, Buck is bummed out because the police academy won't take him, for psychological reasons (imagine that). So he tears a page from his phone book, circles a name and kills that person. Leaving behind the torn page with a message on it.

Worse yet, he lets his victims take part in their own death. For example, while he strangles a woman with the piano wire he says, "Here you do it," and puts it in her

hands. After she is dead he asks, "Isn't that better?" Judd Nelson does a good job in this dud movie playing a very non-Judd Nelson role. If he and Robert Loggia (of "Big" fame), who plays an older cop and friend of Mike Taylor's, weren't the only ones with any talent in the film, it might have even worked.

But the direction stinks! The cinematography stinks! The guy who plays the young cop, who I suppose is the hero, stinks!

Of course, the good cop, who has come to Los Angeles from New York City (where else?), helped catch the Son of Sam. Too bad he didn't die in the process.

The scenes are so short I thought it was television. This is a definite "Drive-in Theater" candidate.

Sometimes I wonder if anyone told Nelson that he was supposed to be a smooth, confident killer as the police psychologist describes him.

Nelson plays a shy, half-retarded introvert, who at least one girl in the audience said that she felt as if she wanted to take care of him. Talk about ineffective casting. They never figured on the dreaded Judd Nelson effect.

If someone like David Lynch, someone with talent, had gotten a hold of this story it could have been a classic. When Nelson killed the woman with the piano wire I was waiting for him to do something morbid, like kiss her.

You can't even depend on this movie to gross you out!

It's just too boring for my money, and thank God I didn't spend any on this turkey. I'd rather rent a copy of *I Spit On Your Grave* or the classic *Pink Flamingos* for \$2 than spend \$6 on this crap.

Judd Nelson is not relentless in the film. He is wasted.

"Relentless" is rated R and is showing at South Park and North Park cinemas.

MTV is still rocking after eight years

By JOHN HORN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The 1980s burned through a lot of fads, but MTV: Music Television has refused to join the trendsetter trash heap.

Growing stagnant, MTV and its music-video format have been revamped from top to bottom, and have emerged on its eighth anniversary as one of television's more robust and diverse enterprises.

In the wake of a two-year overhaul spread across MTV and its two affiliated channels — VH-1 and Nickelodeon-Nick at Nite — MTV Networks now features a mix of game shows, children's programs, newscasts, dance shows, sitcom reruns and rap music.

MTV's archly irreverent "Remote Control" quiz show has be-

come so popular that it's now a hit in the TV syndication market.

After losing about \$50 million in its first two years, MTV Network now has a combined subscriber base of 125 million viewers, MTV says, and a growing following overseas.

All the same, MTV's evolution has been clumsy at times, and the future is dotted with challenges. Even after a redesign, soft-rock VH-1 still attracts meager audiences. And Nick at Nite has yet to become more than a rest home for old sitcoms.

In the coming months both MTV and Home Box Office will introduce all-comedy cable channels.

"We think a comedy channel is a real logical next step for us," said Tom Freston, MTV Network's president and chief executive offi-

cer. "But I think that you probably will see only one (comedy channel) surviving."

With HA!, as MTV's comedy channel will be called, MTV will be chasing the competition.

"I think that what we're doing is unique and innovative and what they're doing is already available on other cable channels," said Dick Bearns, president of HBO's Comedy Channel.

The Comedy Channel, which debuts in November, will be composed of brief comedy sketches from movies and nightclub performances, complemented by occasional feature-length films and sitcoms. HA!, using longer-form program packages, premieres April 1.

MTV's other channels continue to be reworked. VH-1, now 4 years

old, faces perhaps the most difficult battle.

Freston labels VH-1 "a work in progress." A few cable operators have called it something else: unnecessary.

When the Consumer News and Business Channel began in April, several cable systems bumped VH-1 to make room at a cost of nearly a million subscribers, according to CNBC.

It was a repository for everything MTV didn't want to play," Freston said. "And it still has a way to go."

VH-1 these days offers a blend of artists such as Enya, Fine Young Cannibals, 10,000 Maniacs and Edie Brickell & New Bohemians. Gone for good, VH-1 promises, are Julio Iglesias and Neil Diamond.

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SPORTS

Barry Reeves
Sports Editor

Massie trying to overcome

By CHRIS HARVEY
Senior Staff Writer

For every good thing that has happened to former UK receiver Rick Massie, something bad has happened to taint it.

But for all his hardships through his life, one reward is given to him for his efforts and contributions to the Southeastern Conference and UK.

Just recently Massie was honored for his courage and perseverance when he was named winner of Maxwell House's SEC spirit award given to alumni. A winner was selected from all to SEC schools and Massie was named for UK.

Massie received the award because of his ability to handle two terrible situations to come up during his football career: the death of his brother and his fear of flying.

At the beginning of his career as a Wildcat in 1980, the Paris, Ky., native was eager to wear a UK football uniform. He was to be a walk-on for then-UK coach Fran Curci's team, but the death of his younger brother dampened his spirit.

Massie was crushed by his brother's death, but soon put his pain in perspective through the help of his religion.

"God has purpose and reason for everything," Massie said.

The next year Curci gave Massie another shot at playing.

Massie went on to lead the Cats in receiving that year as he caught 29 passes for 448 yards, a UK record.

After Curci's contract was not renewed in 1981, Massie played his final two seasons for Jerry Claiborne.

"Coach Claiborne gave me an opportunity to grow off the field," Massie said. "He taught me a lot of things off the field."

After graduating from UK in 1983 with a degree in business education, Massie set his sights on professional football.

He was not drafted by an NFL team, but he finally landed a spot on the Denver Broncos, where he played in 1987 and 1988.

While with the Broncos, Massie participated in the 1987 Super Bowl.

But then Massie learned that he had a fear of flying. He hated to ride in airplanes.

"I had never had trouble with flying until last year on the team's trip to Kansas City," he said. "The next week, when we were to go to San Diego, I couldn't get on the plane."

Massie knew he had to receive professional help if he was to

overcome his fear of flying and play in the NFL again.

"I'm now seeing a therapist once a week," he said. "We try to dig deep to find out what inside me is causing this problem."

Massie said the Broncos' management has been helpful.

"They have been totally supportive of my situation," Massie said. "They're like brothers to me."

Even if Massie fails to return to the Broncos, he said he will not hold any grudges.

"Football has been good to me," Massie said. "If it's God's will for me to return, then I will."

Massie said he was elated about being selected as UK's winner and recognized for his courage.

"After what I went through last year, it's nice to get recognized," Massie said. "A lot of it has to do with the charity work I do in Denver."

"It's an honor just being nominated. I'll cherish it (award) forever."

Massie now lives in Denver and works as a sales representative for The Ridge athletic club.

"I get to help others," Massie said. "I get to work with all kinds of people."

Chapman's coming back to Rupp

By BARRY REEVES
Sports Editor

Former UK basketball star Rex Chapman will be running the floor of Rupp Arena again.

Chapman and his new team, the Charlotte Hornets of the NBA, will play an exhibition game against the Minnesota Timberwolves, an expansion team, at Rupp Arena on Oct. 24.

"I am very excited about coming back (to Kentucky) and play in this exhibition game in Rupp Arena," Chapman said at a news conference yesterday.

"It will give me a chance to play against (Jerome) Poo Richardson."

Chapman, Charlotte Hornets Vice President and General Manager Carl Sheer and former UK player Mike Pratt, who is a scout and color commentator for the Hornets, were in Lexington yesterday to promote their game against the Timberwolves.

Sheer said there were two reasons an exhibition game was scheduled in Lexington.

"First, we wanted to return Rex Chapman to his home," he said.

"Secondly, there are a great many similarities in the interests of basketball in Kentucky and North Car-

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Rex Chapman,
Charlotte's guard



CHAPMAN

in Lexington and the first one since 1983 when the Chicago Bulls played the Phoenix Suns.

The other two exhibition games played in Lexington were in 1976 between the Milwaukee Bucks and Atlanta Hawks and 1978 between the Philadelphia 76ers and the Bucks.

Chapman said he is hoping that he won't hear any boo's when he walks onto the Rupp Arena floor in October.

The last time Chapman appeared at Rupp Arena was during the half-time of a UK basketball game.

"About half the people in the crowd half-way clapped, about a fourth of the people talked to their friends and the other fourth booed," Chapman said.

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Bush's drug plan long on rhetoric but short on funds

Finally someone has proposed a comprehensive plan to solve the nation's drug problem. But as one commentator remarked recently, the Bush battle plan is more like one designed to win a skirmish rather than a war.

President Bush's speech to the nation Tuesday night was encouraging in the sense that the White House has shown that it has a plan to do something about the drug issue, but Bush's rhetoric was not matched by enough funding.

The Bush administration wants to spend about \$7.9 billion on a drug program, but that is little more than a drop in the bucket. To effectively turn the tide on the drug problem, the nation's leaders must be willing to spend several times more than what the Bush administration proposed, which may include the painful decision to raise more revenues, also known as taxes.

Bush spoke Tuesday night of giving appropriate military aid to any nation that needs help combatting the demonic drug kingpins, namely from Columbia. But until our nation can close down a crack house within shouting distance of Capitol Hill, it should think twice about committing the military to help a Third World nation.

While the Bush administration's stance on getting tough with drug dealers and users is a welcomed one, the White House's plan falls short on dealing with the causes of the nation's drug problem.

Many of the people in the inner-cities who have turned to drugs have done so because many of their institutions have broken down and they have nowhere else to turn for role models.

It is easy to tell a 12-year-old to just say no to the temptations of drugs, but when the only examples for him are crack dealers, it is little wonder that he winds up a drug addict or dealer himself.

More money is needed to hire more police to catch more drug dealers, more judges are needed to try the criminals and more jails are needed to put the criminals in, but unless something is done to change communities' attitudes toward drugs, the federal government will be wasting its money.

When a drug addict is convicted and sent to prison, there must be programs available to cure them of their addiction and teach them a marketable skill. There also needs to be more workers in poor communities to help people who want alternatives to the sleazy drug life but do not know where to turn.

As a recent article in *Insight* magazine showed, kids from the inner-city are willing to turn down \$200-a-week salaries pushing dope and instead flip burgers for \$4.25 an hour if someone teaches them how and where to look for an honest job.

In addition to a more comprehensive plan, Washington also could use a heavy dose of reality. The way some officials have talked recently, you would think that the drug problem could be licked in time for the politicians to reap the benefits for the 1990 elections.

Congress and the White House would do well to realize that the war on drugs will take more than the nation joining together to wipe out drugs overnight. It will cost billions of dollars and take several years until society changes its attitudes, which should take about a generation.

Good grades depend on study, attendance

I have been teaching in college since 1954 and have taught biology at UK since 1962. During the past decade, I have seen a continuous trend away from class and on Friday afternoons, only about a third.

I keep records of attendance; only 13 per cent of my students missed fewer than three classes last semester.

It used to be that most students attended classes; only the few goof-offs cut classes and they generally flunked out. Today, it has become the thing to do to cut classes. I have had honor students drift into this pattern.

In the School of Biological Sciences, where we do not practice grade inflation, student performances and grades have been going down.

Although I do not count attendance in grading, there is a strong correlation between attendance and grades in my courses.

Nearly all the A grades are earned by these few people who attend regularly. Many students do well on the first exam, become irregular in attendance and drop a letter grade or more below what they should be earning.

Each class period has cost them about \$2 and the poor taxpayers of Kentucky have subsidized that even more. They also are being cheated.

There has been a general trend by our institutions themselves toward trivializing class attendance.

We have more and more so-called legitimate university functions excusing more students from classes. There are more different sports teams playing more games and more student organizations going various places for various purposes.

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The other factor was the decision a few years ago at UK to recommend that faculty place old exams in the library for students' access.

Before that, the Greek organizations had exam files for their members. Since that was unfair to other students, we decided to develop a system whereby many students skip classes and study old exams in preparation for tests.

Instead of raising their grades with access to old tests, students actually lowered them by missing so many classes.

Here is my advice to students on how to get the most out of the time you spend on school work:

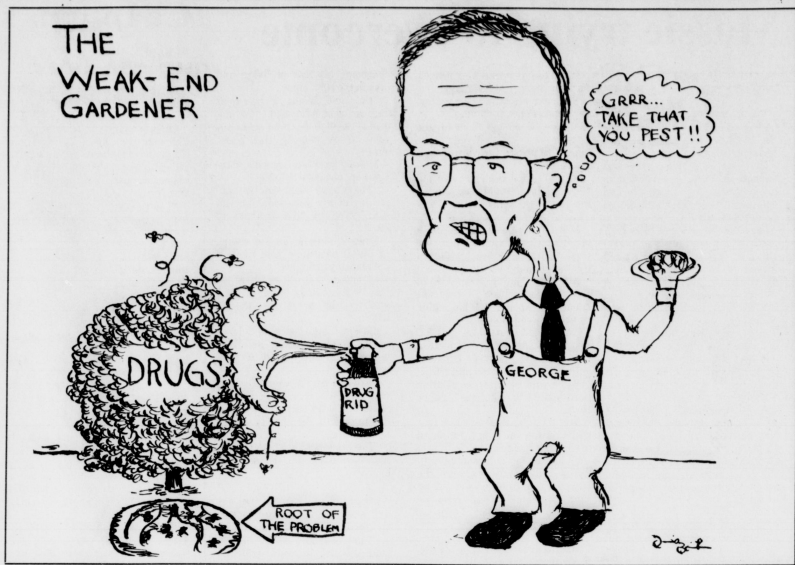
➤ Try to read the subject in your text before attending a lecture. You will be somewhat familiar with what the professor is talking about, and you will be much more likely to understand it.

➤ Attend every class and pay close attention; try to avoid day-dreaming during those 50 minutes.

➤ If you have difficulty with something, ask about it after class or read about it as soon as possible.

➤ Relax. Your work is done. Don't cram for exams. Go to a movie. You have no assignment for tomorrow. That exam is stuff you already learned. You might want to review some of it. And you might want to review the old tests in the library just to reassure yourself and to see how easy they are.

Wayne H. Davis is a biology professor.



The Kentucky lottery is not that bad, if you're willing to spend a lot of cash

The Kentucky Lottery has been with us for about five months now, and I have to give the friendly folks in Frankfort credit; it's made more money than I thought it would.

The wonderful thing about the lottery is that it gives people hope. Many poor people are so excited at the prospect of winning a few hundred dollars, that they're willing to spend thousands just to win it. After all, it makes more sense than wasting money on food or shoes.

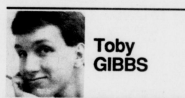
I'd highly recommend selling blood for extra cash and then sinking the money into lottery tickets. You may feel dizzy most of the time, but it's worth it, especially for those of you who live life in a daze anyway.

And why clutter up a home with cherished mementos, priceless antiques or valuable family heirlooms? Three words, folks: hock! hock! hock!

You've got to buy lottery tickets.

You even have a wide variety of games to choose from, such as "Two for the Money" and "Three for the Show." Special teams of lottery workers are cranking out new games at breakneck speed.

The new "Go For Broke" game (coming much too soon), the participant merely waits until he or she drives by a convenient store,



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and then starts throwing handfuls of money out the window. It's even more fun than it sounds, if that's possible.

I had an idea for a lottery game involving me.

Whenever you see me, just rush up and start stuffing money into my pockets and into my bookbag. It's a game that's very easy to play, and there are no cards to fool with or any worries about where to go for prize money.

Amazingly, your chances of winning are about the same as they are for a regular lottery game. Not surprisingly, the chances that I win will soar.

Commercials for the lottery uphold the game's high standards of excellence.

Remember the talking horse? I wasn't aware that farm animals were allowed to play the games. Actually, it makes sense. In this state, some animals have more money than many of the people.

The woman who did every thing twice (except shout "I lose! I lose!") was some kind of attempt to create fond memories for a de-



Lesla Spillman (right), a clerk at SuperAmerica, checks nursing senior Nancy Niehaus' winning \$2 lottery ticket.

cade when things like go-go boots, beehive hairdos and TV shows like "The Brady Bunch" and "My Mother the Hat" were in vogue.

That's dumb! That's dumb!

Soon, the denizens of Kentucky will be able to play a new game, in which you pick the winners of professional football games. (Usually, betting on ballgames is illegal. Fortunately, the people who say it's illegal are running this game.)

Someday, the state will be run by guys named Guido, Tiny and

No-nose. If you were to lose a lottery game, this burly trio of lottery henchmen would drop by the house to rearrange your digestive organs.

Someday, the chambers of the General Assembly will be slot machines. Schools will have roulette wheels.

I ask you: Is this a frightening picture?

You bet!

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Football team deserves better support than student body gave it last season



Brian JENT

the 12th person on the team, not the silent person on the team. Let the football team know you have the biggest mouths, as you do the editorial page of the Kernel.

(5) Don't forget your rain gear. Last season a majority of UK's home football games were played in rainy or misty weather.

(6) Suits are unacceptable at football games. We're not at Keeneeland or going out to a fancy dinner party. We're here to yell, scream and cheer, so wear comfortable clothes, not ones that make you look like a white-collar worker.

There is an expectation to this rule: ties are acceptable if you tie them around your head.

(7) If you don't want to be the laughing-stock of the student section, always wear blue. Don't show up in the opposing team's colors or sweatshirts. If you want to go to the other team's section in this attire, it's all right; just don't come to the student section.

(8) Get to the football game at least 15 minutes before each game, if not an hour.

(9) Bring plenty of money, especially if you have a date. Concessions or souvenirs are not free. In fact, most are over-priced.

(10) Wait to see if the game is over before you leave. Like the saying goes "it's not over 'til it's over."

(11) If you don't follow any of the first 10 rules or one of the rules doesn't apply to you, don't worry because the closing rule applies to everyone.

It's very simple. Support the Wildcat football team. Don't be like

last year's students and leave empty spaces in the student section. The more people you bring the more fun you will have.

Remember to cheer for the Wildcats even if they don't live up to early expectations. However, with a little support from you, the Cats could go a long way.

Executive Editor Brian Jent is a journalism sophomore and a Kernel columnist.



The UK student body could learn how to cheer at football games from the older UK fans.

Pulitzer-Prize winner to give lecture

By ELIZABETH WADE
Associate Editor

Pulitzer-Prize winning author Alex Haley will speak at the Lexington Roots and Heritage Festival later this month, city officials announced at a press conference yesterday.

The one-day celebration will be held Sept. 23 on Rose Street between Second and Fourth streets.

Mary Wathen, administrative aid to Lexington Mayor Scotty Baesler, said the idea for the Roots and Heritage Festival was suggested

more than a year ago at one of the Meet With the Mayor programs. "To be able to bring a man of Alex Haley's caliber and credentials to the festival speaks well for all of Lexington," Baesler said. "We think this will be an exciting event and we hope that everyone will join in to have fun and learn more about some very vital roots of this community."

"It is very important for us to reflect on the heritage that has been an important part of our community since its early beginnings. We need to be aware of the contributions and all the steps that have

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**Scotty Baesler,
Lexington mayor**

been made forward in an historical and cultural way."

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and include music, dance, literature and a variety of other entertainment at two stages, and activities

for children. A family reunion and Roots picnic is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m.

At the picnic, Haley will speak on the topic, "Find the Good... And Praise It!" at 8 p.m.

Project helps homeless

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be homeless," said Lexington Mayor Scotty Baesler, who started a task force in 1984 to study the homelessness problem in Lexington.

According to figures released by the state, 3,500 of the homeless people in Kentucky are college students "trying to go to school," Johnathon said. One of those homeless students was Roy Gividen, who is a plasma student at UK.

About five years ago, Gividen

was living in Greg Page Apartments when he suffered serious health problems and had to drop his classes. When Gividen dropped his classes he no longer was eligible for campus housing.

Gividen said UK tried to help him find a new place to live, but when he left his apartment he could not afford a place to live that was handicapped-accessible.

"I ended up sleeping on people's couches and going to the plasma places for money," Gividen said.

Community reacts to plan

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in full compliance with all current legislation. I think we're in pretty good shape," he said.

UK complies with the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and it also requires students receiving financial aid to sign a document stating that they do not use drugs.

"If the student refuses to sign the statement, we are not permitted to release financial aid," Stockham said.

UK police made 18 drug-related arrests last year, according to W.H. McComas, UK chief of police.

UK officials do not consider this number drastically high.

"I think we're in pretty good shape," Stockham said. "I don't think we have a rampant drug problem on campus."

There also were 108 drug-related arrests made in August by Lexington-Fayette Urban County

police, according to Sgt. Greg Howard of the narcotics division.

But if the president wants local law-enforcement officials to crack down on casual drug users, Howard said his department will need additional funding.

Howard said he is optimistic that his department will get more money, but he does not think he will be able to expand his seven-person staff.

"We arrest people four and five times before they get jail time. If (enforcement) is more than we can really do alone, and we need help," Howard said. "He (Bush) realizes that 600,000 law enforcement officers just can't do the job."

"If a person is a user they need help, and if they are a trafficker they need to go to jail," Howard said.

But rehabilitation programs are expensive and because of prison overcrowding, many

times they are not available to everyone who needs them, Howard said.

"The \$300 million designated for treatment (in President Bush's program) is terribly inadequate," said Bob Maynard, director of chemical dependency programs Bluegrass and Comprehensive Care. "It would not begin to fill treatment gaps in Lexington. When you spread that across the United States that's not a lot of money."

One of the five treatment programs in Lexington is the Swartz Chemical dependency center, a resident detoxification program. The center's 17 beds currently are filled and there is a two-to-four-week waiting list.

"Casual drug use has dropped. Among addicted people it has increased and the problem is getting drastically worse," Maynard said. "We don't have enough room for treatment of hard core addicted people."

Student involved in horse business

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I can bring it out anyway" so they will see it.

Schneider, youngest of four children, didn't make the decision to buy the Bates Motel filly completely on her own. The original idea started with her parents. She said when it was time to separate the colts and fillies in the fall, there was only one filly and she needed a companion. Her parents and grandmother suggested she buy a filly to keep the other company, and it was the opportunity she had been waiting for.

"It was a very good opportunity for me," she said. "I couldn't just say 'Dad, could you loan me \$10,000 to buy a weanling.'"

After that, Schneider was on her way. She hopes to join the ranks of the few of women consignor in the thoroughbred business.

Schneider gets support and advice from her family, who all are very excited about her first sale.

"The family has always been into buying and selling thoroughbreds and both of us (her mom and dad) are thrilled and proud of her," said Tom Schneider, Laura's father. "Laura gets a lot of advice from her older brother Bill (who manages Lakeview Farm) and gets a lot of support from her brother Stephen and other sister Frances, who are enthused (about her first sale)."

Schneider's parents own Still Meadow Farm where she keeps her riding horses from earlier hunting and jumping years. Her first horse was a mare named Princess who she said "would make a good rider out of anybody" because she was so stubborn. Schneider always has been ac-

tive, especially in high school, where she played basketball and tennis, as well as rode horses.

"I always thought if I really could do what I want, this (thoroughbred) would be it," she said, especially because she will be selling and working with people. "I love to talk to people, I'll talk to anybody."

Schneider also wants to work for Blood Horse magazine to further her writing and horse career, and she said she's glad she had the chance to start while still in college.

"I'm glad I had my horse in this year so now I can start with me," and her own horses, which will put her on her way to being a consigner for the industry.

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