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18 stolen bicycles recovered at student's home, police say

By Perry Brothers
Staff Writer

UK police discovered 18 stolen mountain bikes Sunday night while assisting Kentucky State Police in the arrest of a Lexington Community College student.

As of yesterday, five of the bikes have been claimed and returned to UK students.

UK Police Chief W.H. McComas said the remaining 13 bikes are in the basement of the police station, where they will remain until they are claimed.

"They're first quality mountain bikes," McComas said.

"If any student has had one stolen that they didn't report, come down, report it, and, with either the serial number or a bill of sale, they

can take it home."

Two Blanding Tower residents, freshman Greg Legate and his roommate, sophomore Kenneth Williams II, were the first to pick up their bikes, which were taken from a Blanding I bike rack sometime between April 3 and 4.

"We reported them stolen, and then on (April 11) we received the call from the police station," Legate said.

UK police officer John W. Kibler discovered the stolen bicycles Sunday after responding to State Trooper Keith O. Roberts' request for assistance in the execution of an arrest warrant against LCC forestry sophomore Robert Dailey Robinson.

Roberts was serving the arrest warrant in connection with a Frank-

lin County burglary in which Robinson was a suspect.

When Kibler entered the foyer of Robinson's apartment building, he "saw a bike which (he) thought to be stolen," a police report says.

A check of the bike's serial number confirmed his suspicion, and police began searching the premises.

During the search, another officer "noticed a large pile of bikes lying near the apartment outside," the report says.

Fortunately for police, Legate and Williams had chained their bikes together before they were stolen, and both were found inside Robinson's apartment.

This gave police probable cause to suspect the other stolen bikes also were being held by Robinson.

"The key evidence," Kibler's report said, "tying apartment number four to the pile of bikes is this: The Specialized Handrock bike belonging to Greg Legate was found in the apartment."

"The Murray Sabre belonging to Kenneth Williams was found in the apartment."

In addition to the bicycles, the report said officers found "an extremely small amount of suspected marijuana, drug paraphernalia, bolt cutters, false ID making equipment" and evidence that could link Robinson to a separate burglary in Franklin County.

During the search, another man attempted to flee the apartment but was apprehended. He confessed to

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Budget fight holding back UK planning

By Stephen D. Trimble
Assistant News Editor

A budget squabble between the governor and General Assembly has prevented UK from developing its annual spending plan, but the fight may bode well for the school's proposed library, UK President Charles Wethington said yesterday.

"I came today to talk about the (University) budget, but since we don't have one, the remarks will be short," Wethington joked in an address to the University Senate.

The General Assembly passed a state budget nearly two weeks ago that Gov. Brereton Jones immediately said he would veto. The lawmakers' version didn't include community college initiatives or several major capital construction projects touted by the governor, including UK's new library.

The two sides have been engaged in a political tug-of-war

ever since. "As a result of this period of indecision," Wethington said, "we've been unable to develop a budget plan. We're in a situation now where we must put everything on hold."

If Jones does veto the budget and call for a special legislative session, however, Wethington said UK could pursue its construction projects once more.

If that results, Wethington said, "I believe our chances are excellent."

Wethington also told the members of the University Senate that he was appreciative of their efforts during a difficult term.

"Clearly, this year has been challenging for us in a lot of ways," he said, referring to issues ranging from the inclement winter weather to the governor's Higher Education Review Commission.

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U.S. bombs hit Serbian strongholds for 2nd day

By Samir Krilic
Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — U.S. bombs destroyed a tank and struck several personnel carriers outside the besieged Muslim enclave of Gorazde yesterday in NATO's second air strike on Bosnian Serb positions in two days.

After two F-18 warplanes based in Aviano, Italy, ended their bombing mission, the Serbs responded with renewed fury, firing a barrage of artillery shells on Muslims holed up in the battered town 35 miles southeast of Sarajevo.

Lyndall Sachs, a spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Belgrade, reported "indiscriminate shelling" of Gorazde.

She said a shell landed close to UNHCR offices in Gorazde, blowing out all the windows. There were no casualties.

Quoting relief workers on the ground, she reported heavy infantry combat at a hilltop near the town center.

Olivier van Bunnem, a representative of Doctors Without Borders in Gorazde, and Gorazde official Esad Othmanovic said Serb attacks intensified after the NATO air raid.

"The city is literally burning," said Othmanovic.

Doctors Without Borders reported serious overcrowding and shortages in the Gorazde hospital.

While officially the air attacks Sunday and Monday were made to protect U.N. personnel in Gorazde, which has been under siege almost two years, the air attack seemed aimed more at halting an assault on Gorazde.

SHATTERPROOF



Composer Philip Glass gives a solo piano performance Sunday night at the Otis A. Slattery Center for the Arts as part of the Next Stage series.

Field of dreams in works

City may get ball club by 1966

By Jeff Vinson
Contributing Writer

Baseball in the Bluegrass by 1966.

That's the message now being delivered by a minor league team owner and Lexington officials who are working to bring baseball to central Kentucky.

"We're willing to give up another year without any revenue, without any income, without any return on a \$4 million-plus investment," said Dennis Bastien, owner and general manager of the AA Nashville Xpress, as he explained the franchise's commitment to bringing the team to Lexington.

Plans for the Bluegrass Baseball Project originally were scheduled to be completed by Opening Day 1995, but this past winter's harsh weather and a lack of significant financing have put the project behind schedule.

The plan calls for building a \$10 million, state-of-the-art Lexington ball park, designed in the classic tradition by the same firm that produced Camden Yards.

Bastien said the money can be raised through private investors, companies and, as a last resort, tax-

es. He cited a Lexington Herald-Leader survey of 1,000 people showing 99 percent support for the project.

The survey also reported that 80 percent of respondents favored using some type of city and state funds to help finance the park.

Lexington Mayor Pam Miller, however, was quick to point out that a tax hike to pay for the ballpark is not an option.

She expressed her enthusiasm for the possibility of the franchise and the projected \$29.7 million of annual revenue it would bring to the city.



BASTIEN

By Sara Spears
Staff Writer

Misty Weaver is a '90s woman. She looks naturally attractive, even without her makeup.

Independent and strong willed, the Student Government Association presidential candidate exudes confidence and poise.

Her eyes are full of sincerity, her voice full of reason, and her mannerisms full of meaning.

She treats total strangers with respect and quickly puts people at ease. During an interview with a reporter last week, a man approached Weaver at a local restaurant and asked if she had a lighter.

Weaver diverted her entire attention to the stranger, smiled and replied with a simple, "I don't."

Born in Maryland, Kathleen Michelle Weaver has traveled for the majority of her life, but she spent most of her childhood years in Elizabethtown, Ky.

"My father is in the military so we moved around a lot," the 21-year-old elementary education senior said. "But, luckily, I did live the majority of my life in one place, so I have somewhere to call home."

During high school, Weaver developed an interest in leading others. She was elected president of

Highlights of the Misty Weaver Platform

- Raise money from organizations, businesses and civic groups to fund an increase in SGA childcare grants.
- Pursue further commercialization of the student center, this time with student input. Some ventures to consider are: video rental, a florist, a dry cleaner and a credit union.
- Develop a more reliable, expedient bus service.
- Publish a handbook of black faculty to aid in minority recruitment and retention.
- Ask local bars and restaurants to offer free soft drinks and discounted appetizers to designated drivers.
- Publish a guide to Lexington apartments which will include a summary of tenant rights and information about parking, bus services and other commuter services.

her senior class and the school's art club. In the process, Weaver said, she began to find herself.

"I used to think that, in order to prove myself as a woman, I had to own a business or be a doctor," Weaver said as she played with a bottle cap that had been left on the table. "But then I realized that the

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INSIDE:

WEATHER:
• Breezy and warm today with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms; high between 70 and 75.
• Occasional thunderstorms tonight; low in the lower 50s.
• Mostly cloudy tomorrow with a chance of showers; high in the lower 60s.

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Professors uncover possible cause of Alzheimer's disease

By Doug Saretzky
Staff Writer

UK scientists announced yesterday that their research may have discovered the root of Alzheimer's disease.

The research, which will be published in today's issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences U.S.A., introduc-

es a new model to explain how certain body compounds can cause the disease.

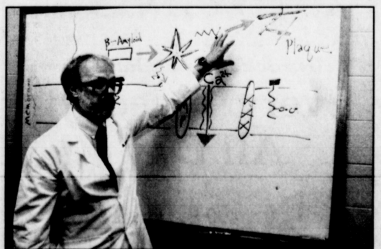
"We believe that our model is of fundamental importance to the eventual discovery of a cure for Alzheimer's disease," UK chemistry professor Allen Butterfield said at a press conference yesterday.

Butterfield, who conducted the research along with two other UK

professors and two graduate students, emphasized that the results do not represent a cure for Alzheimer's disease, only a better understanding of the disease's origin.

"It is our view that this is the fundamental process," Butterfield said. "If we can stop this, we can stop Alzheimer's disease."

According to the research, the



UK chemistry professor Allen Butterfield discusses how free radicals can act to form Alzheimer's disease.

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SPORTS

Wildcat turnaround tested today

By Brett Dawson
Assistant Sports Editor

With a turnaround that would do the Cleveland Indians of the "Major League" movies proud, the UK baseball team just might have reversed the fortunes of its season over the weekend.

With a pair of wins against defending national champion LSU, the Wildcats (16-14) pushed themselves over the .500 mark after falling to 14-14 earlier in the week.

The Cats look to carry that momentum into today's 6 p.m. game against rival Western Kentucky (11-14). The Hilltoppers haven't exactly been the kings of any hill lately. In fact, they've been more like Hilltop-



IN BASEBALL

plers. WKU was 11-9 before a five-game swing through Arkansas gave it five straight losses to Sun Belt Conference foes Arkansas State and Arkansas-Little Rock.

The Cats used the long ball to dispatch LSU over the weekend. Junior outfielders Pookie Jones and Jeff Abbott each hit a pair of home runs in UK's 13-3 rout of the Tigers on Saturday.

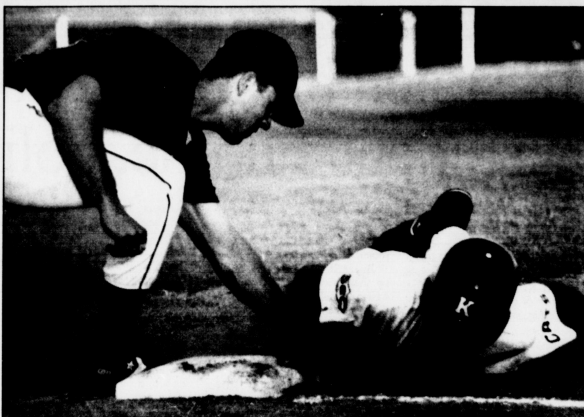
Abbott's performance, combined with his efforts earlier last week against Southern Illinois and Morehead State, garnered him Southeastern Conference player of the week honors.

For the week, Abbott batted .632 (12-of-19) with two home runs, three doubles, 10 RBI and seven runs scored. Four of his six hits against LSU went for extra bases.

LSU also pounded a few round-trippers during the two-game series, but Western Kentucky shouldn't pose quite the same long-range threat. WKU has hit only 13 home runs all season en route to scoring only 108 runs.

By comparison, UK has belted 50 homers and has scored 227 runs on the season.

The Hilltoppers' top offensive threat is first baseman James Davis. Davis leads WKU in batting aver-



JAMES CURRY/Kermel Staff

DOWN AND DIRTY: UK's Chip Rhea slides back to first during the Cats' 13-3 victory over LSU Saturday. The Wildcats play Western Kentucky today at 6 p.m.

age (.371), home runs (5) and RBI (20).

Western has been stronger on the mound than at the plate. WKU pitchers have a combined ERA of 4.44 and have allowed 142 runs.

Notes:

•Abbott's explosive week helped him move up on several of UK's all-time lists. Abbott needs only seven runs to become the Cats' all-time leader in that category.

In addition, Abbott needs seven home runs and 15 hits to move into

UK's career Top Five in each of those categories.

•Senior Brian Reed's complete game win over LSU on Saturday was his second complete game of the season. No other UK pitcher has gone the distance this year.

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BODY BY FORDS

Soap to boot

The days of UK kickers' lives

By Doc Purcell
Staff Writer

Like a daytime soap opera, the saga of the UK place kickers lingers on.

Call the Wildcat's stable of booters The Young and the Restless of college football. The label seems to fit the group surprisingly well.

To find the drama in the unit, one doesn't have to look far. Take a glance down the depth chart, and each player seems to incite his own version of intrigue. Their stories have provided more plot twists than an average "Days of Our Lives" episode.

Perhaps the strangest story line of the group belongs to sophomore Nicky Nickels, who, in the past year, has undergone about as much change as any collegiate athlete could imagine.

Nickels was a hero for the Wildcats last November when he booted a 29-yard field goal to propel the team to a 6-3 Peach Bowl bid-clinching win over East Carolina.

But, like in the daytime dramas, heroism can arrive and fade in a matter of minutes.

Nickels' stardom didn't go quite that quickly, but he did reach a point when the UK program didn't seem like home. He transferred to Eastern Kentucky, giving up his scholarship and, ultimately, his role in the Wildcats kicking corps.

That move marked the beginning of a strange turn of events. Nickels returned to UK as a walk-on several months later and now is working his way up from the bottom of the Cats kicking ranks.

"I admired Nicky a lot," UK coach Bill Curry said. "He admitted he made a mistake and came back."

Nearly as mysterious are the other two players who currently fill the Wildcat depth chart, junior Brian Sivinski and redshirt freshman Eric Fulcher. Both players have no collegiate place-kicking experience but are still in the running for the team's place-kicking job.

Freshman signee Doug Clark also will join the Cats cast of soap stars next season and is expected to push for the top position.

But what makes the Cats place-kicking saga the dramatic story it has become is the departure of senior Juba Leonoff, who left the team before spring drills for unspecified reasons.

"I really can't discuss (the circumstances) surrounding (Leonoff's departure) because I don't know," Curry said. "He was here one day and seemed up-beat, then he left."

Since Leonoff was the Cats' top kicker for much of last season, his departure leaves the squad with much youth and inexperience.

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DIVERSIONS

Count on 'Threesome' for honest look at unconventional college love triangle

"Threesome" Starring Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin and Josh Charles TriStar Pictures

By Nina Davidson Arts Editor

Dorm life is rarely what students expect.

The glossy college brochures do not do justice to the unique experience of communal living. Somehow, they manage to skim over the late-night fire drills and the strange neighbors who come in at 4 a.m. every night and blast their stereos.

However, there is a special kind of camaraderie created in such close living quarters.

"Threesome" examines the relationships between three strangers who become friends and more after being assigned to the same suite in a dormitory. Alex (Lara Flynn Boyle) accidentally is assigned to a room on the men's floor because of a computer error resulting from her masculine name.

Eddy (Josh Charles) and Stuart (Stephen Baldwin) are taken back by their new roommate, but gradually the three become better acquainted.

The soft-spoken, intellectual Eddy has managed to adjust to his crude roommate, Stuart. But now



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRISTAR PICTURES

Alex (Lara Flynn Boyle), Eddy (Josh Charles) and Stuart (Stephen Baldwin) share an unusual relationship in "Threesome."

he is faced with the addition of Alex, who forces him to come to terms with his sexuality.

Alex wants Eddy, but Eddy wants Stuart. Stuart, in turn, wants Alex. The complications from this new angle on a love triangle result in several humorous situations.

"Threesome" takes a surprisingly frank look at college and sex without being reduced to a USA "Up All

emotions and attractions but find there are no easy answers.

Boyle is vicious as Alex, an intense drama student searching for intellectual and physical love. She finds one aspect in Eddy and the other in Stuart, but can't find the combination of the two.

Charles portrays Eddy with candor and compassion.

Unlike most mainstream movies, "Threesome" treats homosexuality seriously without resorting to stereotypes. Eddy is presented as a sympathetic character trying to make sense of his life.

Baldwin, younger brother of movie stars Alec and William, is convincing as the obnoxious ladies' man. He does manage to inject vulnerability into the character of Stuart, however.

Although "Threesome" tackles a serious subject, it manages to keep a sense of humor. Several scenes of college life were hilariously realistic.

The dour bureaucrat at the housing office tells Alex that she can't be reassigned to a women's floor without conclusive evidence that she is indeed a female. The medical student treating Stuart after

a minor injury wraps his arm, saying apologetically, "Stitches are next semester."

The conclusion of "Threesome" stays true to the complexity of the previous scenes. It doesn't resort to a sappy ending but maintains the realism.

"Threesome," rated R, is showing at Man O'War, South Park and North Park cinemas.

Michael Jackson's lawsuit extended

By Jeff Wilson Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — A judge extended the 90-day session of a grand jury hearing evidence in the Michael Jackson child molestation investigation, a prosecutor said Monday.

District Attorney Thomas Sneddon Jr. also said the boy whose allegations led to the criminal investigation will meet with prosecutors this week.

He said several previous attempts to schedule a meeting were scrubbed for various reasons, but that no one should see that as a sign the boy wasn't cooperating.

A presiding Superior Court judge gave permission to hold the grand jury beyond its 90-day session, which was to expire this week, Sneddon said.

"When we reach a time where we are prepared to make a statement about the conclusions of our investigation, we will do that in fairness to everybody at one time," Sneddon said, referring to the joint Los Angeles and Santa Barbara county probes.

Prosecutors began the investigation in August when the then-13-year-old boy said Jackson, 35, lavished him with gifts and trips in a pattern of seduction that led to sex.

"I think this investigation is moving forward so that the district attorney's office can look for additional (evidence) that I don't believe exists out there," said Jackson attorney Howard Weitzman.

Sneddon denied a report by the syndicated TV news magazine "Hard Copy" that the criminal investigation was over and that no charges would be filed in part because the boy wasn't cooperating.

Jackson previously settled a civil lawsuit by the teen-age boy for a re-

ported \$15 million.

Also Monday, Santa Barbara Superior Court Judge James Slater denied a motion by Jackson's attorneys to get a complete copy of a search warrant affidavit used to examine Jackson's home and body.

Weitzman contends the search warrant affidavit was based on false statements from informants. Another hearing was set for May 10.

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Health service fee increase is necessary evil

EDITORIAL

UK students are being slapped with yet another fee increase. Only this time, we approve.

Dr. Spencer Turner, director of University Health Services, is seeking an increase of \$6.75 in the \$76.25 student health fee paid by all full-time students.

That fee is enough money to feed an average student for at least two or three weeks.

But unlike most University institutions that demand more of our money, the Student Health Service actually is offering better services to go along with it.

No waiting at the student clinic, for example. It sounds like every ill student's dream, but that is part of what is being offered in return for the fee increase.

Other than a new system for taking patients, the increase also will pay for upgrading and maintaining current student health programs.

We only ask that administrators be a bit more specific about where the fees will go.

After incidents like the financial fiasco in UK's Office of Residence Life, when student money was used to buy everything from house paint to kitchen appliances, students have become wary of University officials wasting their money — and rightly so.

So student health officials would be doing themselves a public relations favor by being sure to spell everything out.

We are lucky to have such an extensive Student Health Service at UK.

It would be in our best interest to see that it is maintained at its current high level of service, even if it means digging a little deeper into our pockets.

Some things are worth it.

Sound Write Us Off
A Reader's Forum

Teen-age abstinence denies harsh reality

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the March 29 guest opinion by Paul F. Barcomb titled "Premarital sex is destructive."

It certainly was an emotional narrative that clearly stated his disgust with our country's current morals.

While some of his concerns are well placed, many of his arguments are sadly lacking in fact.

I completely agree with Barcomb that the current rate of teen-age pregnancy in the United States is atrocious. Unquestionably, solutions must be found to curb this epidemic.

Abstinence certainly is an appealing solution but, unfortunately, not a realistic solution. Premarital sexual activity has occurred for generations before ours, and it will continue to occur no matter how strongly it is preached against from our pulpits and classrooms.

Burying our heads in the sand and refusing to acknowledge that our adolescents are sexually active will do nothing to lower the teen-age pregnancy rate and all the social problems that follow.

The Netherlands have a higher incidence of adolescent sexual activity than the United States, yet the teen-age pregnancy rate there is one-seventh of ours.

The reason that the rate is so much lower in the Netherlands is that they have a much more open attitude toward responsible contraception.

Contraceptive knowledge is widespread, and reliable contraception is widely available.

While abstinence certainly should be encouraged to our youth, we must be realistic enough to realize this will not always happen.

Only with knowledge and preparation will the sexually active adolescent be able to prevent the devastating consequences of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

With adequate education and contraceptive availability, the United States could no longer have the highest rate of teen-age pregnancy in the industrialized world.

Just as drivers' education and automobile insurance are essential before getting behind the wheel of a car, sexual education and appropriate protection should be essential before engaging in sexual activity.

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Life is one big competition

Contests fuel ideas that change world



Meredith Nelson
Kernel Columnist

A radio station in the Northeast recently sponsored a treasure hunt that resulted in a kind of anti-intellectual mele.

The idea behind the contest was to hide five and 10 dollar bills in books at the public library, shredding a large number of books while searching for the money.

One can imagine what happened next.

A flood of people descended like a plague onto the library, shredding a large number of books while searching for the money.

Books were torn; books got to fly across the room when they didn't yield any money; and sheer havoc dominated the scene.

The radio station responsible for the destruction has offered to pay the library \$10,000 for damages, but it hardly seems enough, does it?

Anyway, if that many people would respond to a contest and do that much damage, couldn't the contest format be manipulated to result in something constructive? It would be tricky and convincing, but hey, the Internal Revenue Service does something similar every day.



Matt Felice
Kernel Columnist

We could tell people there's \$5,000 in cash buried somewhere at UK's arboretum, and after people dig the entire place up looking for the money, viola!

We have tiled earth suitable for actual plants.

The grass growing in the arboretum is very pretty, but some trees and shrubs might be a plausible next step.

We could have a "most creative way to avoid Rose Street" contest, eliminating the traffic problem without involving city councils or the UK Board of Trustees. The prize would be your very own hunter-orange fluorescent vest, to be worn when crossing Limestone Street near the Albert B. Chandler Medical Center.

A good contest for the College of Architecture would be to have students design new plans for the li-

brary. The object would be to make it inexpensive and attractive.

It may turn out to be a little weirder than the plans we currently have, but a library built out of balsa wood might not be so bad. Neither would papier-maché on chicken wire.

Both would eliminate the need for begging money in Frankfort. The winner gets to build his library, and he also gets his very own desk in it.

My favorite contest idea is one in which we see who can handcuff himself to Gov. Brereton Jones and sing for the longest amount of time. "No tuition hikes/please more teachers" to the tune of "Mm mm mm mm" by Crash Test Dummies.

The prize for the contest would be a feeling of self-fulfillment and victory — and very likely a one-night dream vacation at the local jail.

I also would like to have a contest in my residence hall to see who

can go to sleep first at night. I only have to live there three more weeks, but that still feels like an eternity and a half.

It's a curse to be a morning person when you live with people in possession of boundless energy who don't go to sleep until 2 a.m. or so.

I'm not that kind of morning person.

Since not all contests can be constructive, I would like to offer some suggestions for lessening the destruction of some contests.

As far as Student Government Association elections go, people are more inclined to pay attention when you (the candidates) speak favorably of other candidates.

You are tuned out the minute you start to sling mud. Compliments are much rarer and more valuable.

Just as an aside, I challenge everyone to call Brian S. Harrington's room and tease him about currently lacking a car.

Just whenever you get the chance, and as often as you want today. (Don't get mad, Brian — you wanted a mention.) The winner gets cussed at by Brian.

Happy competing.
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Gender-specific pronouns target of politically correct revisionists



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I was a bit surprised — and greatly relieved — when my English teacher told my class that the grammatically incorrect use of "their" or "they" to modify a singular but gender-ambiguous noun (or any other awkward attempt to avoid gender in a phrase) offends her more than the politically incorrect use of "he" or "his" where the noun could in some cases refer to a woman.

Why doesn't the allegedly masculine bias in our language bother her? Perhaps it has something to do with her duty to preserve accuracy in the English language.

Perhaps her career success along those lines has prevented any demotivating paranoia of being viewed as somehow less competent because of her sex.

To me, male chauvinism always was a laughable display of weak character on the part of the perpetrator, but never an alarming sign of insidious oppression.

I believe most of human history reveals the same, right from the very beginning.

Despite loud criticism of the most fundamental interpretations of the biblical account of God's creating Eve from the rib of Adam, no Christian I know actually regards this as indicating feminine inferiority.

If the Bible were truly sexist, Adam would have taken the first bite of forbidden knowledge and Eve would not even have had to

when a woman in my church (another one of my liberal Catholic friends) replaced all the "hes" with "shes" when reading a Bible passage.

What gives us the authority to make such revisions? And what is so offensive about the grammatically correct general-use pronoun "he"?

The position I'm taking here will inevitably deem me a sexist.

I do despise feminism and political correctness, particularly in their most radical forms, but standard English and the common use of masculine pronouns has never caused me to doubt a woman's intellectual proficiency.

Rather, there is greater danger in today's popular revision of the language because the politically correct version of any gendered word or phrase tends to both neuter the concept and deny commonality of origin by eliminating the root word, suffix or prefix "man" entirely. (Women are now womyn.)

Such sterilization of the language

But there is no room for such mutual respect on this campus. The University's mad attempt to purge all forms of oppression and prejudice has gone beyond simple reverence for people of all distinctions and into a downward spiral where all presuppositions are eliminated without proof of their fault.

But since man is not a machine, it's more accurate to remain in the biblical context, where both were created in the image and likeness of God, both with equal importance in His eyes.

That's why it really bugged me

can serve only one of two purposes: to control and sterilize our thoughts or, more realistically, to make respect for the opposite sex a complete joke — as has already begun to happen.

I really don't walk around with a constant paranoia that PC and radical feminism will consume the planet, but we can't overlook the damaging effects.

Even the "institution" of marriage has been challenged the past two decades by feminists who deem it an "inherently oppressive means for patriarchal control," or some such balderdash.

Yet the ancient Hebrews recognized that, though man was given dominion over woman after the fall (according to the Genesis account), the relation between the sexes originally was created to be of companionship, not a constant battle for control.

But there is no room for such mutual respect on this campus. The University's mad attempt to purge all forms of oppression and prejudice has gone beyond simple reverence for people of all distinctions and into a downward spiral where all presuppositions are not just challenged, but eliminated without proof of their fault.

Open-mindedness and political correctness can not co-exist long.

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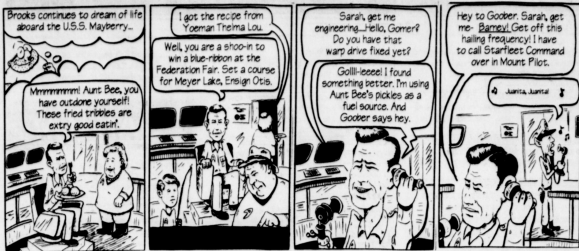
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Weaver

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only person I had to prove myself to was myself."

"I use to allow people to walk all over me in high school, but then I realized that if I was going to accomplish what I wanted, I had to remain strong," Weaver said.

The youngest of three daughters, Weaver grew up in a family that stressed education. Her mother and a sister both are now teachers, and Weaver hopes to become a fourth-grade teacher.

She seems to have some of job's most important requirements: patience and understanding. Weaver said she believes in disciplining children, but not physically.

"I just can't understand spanking

a child when there are so many other effective ways to get their attention," she said in her calm, measured voice.

"I believe that children can be reasoned with as well as adults." Weaver is a spiritual woman, also. She grew up in a Catholic family and firmly believes in God as a higher being.

"I still pray every time an ambulance goes by, hoping that the person inside will be all right," Weaver said.

Weaver also has her own idea of what sex God is — a woman. "I just believe God is a woman simply because this makes it easier for me to relate to Her," she said.

Weaver's family is as strong as her religious convictions. Her parents have been married for 34 years and are "still going strong."

"I'm glad that their marriage has

worked so well for them, but I don't plan to pattern mine after them," Weaver said.

And marriage has been on her mind lately. Weaver and UK medical student Matt Graves have been engaged since last year but have yet to set a date.

Her desire to get married, however, doesn't mean she intends to fall into the traditional role of housewife and mother.

Weaver has never allowed herself to be repressed because of her sex. In elementary school, when the baseball team didn't allow girls, she fought for her right to play — even though she didn't know how.

To this day, Weaver challenges repression, not just for herself, but for others, as well.

"I can't stand when someone has something to offer and no one pays any attention to them."

Research

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disease originates from the presence of "free radicals" — molecules in the bloodstream with one or more unpaired electrons. These extremely reactive molecules can combine to ultimately form "senile plaque" within brain tissue, causing Alzheimer's disease.

The free radicals also can combine with lipids and proteins to attack brain cells and render them dysfunctional.

Butterfield said the process doesn't occur in young people because their bodies tend to have

plenty of antioxidants, which fight the effects of free radicals.

"As a person gets older, the metabolism that produces antioxidants slows down," Butterfield said. "Over time, cells lose their ability

to withstand the oxidation induced by free radicals."

The data points to the potential of therapeutic strategies involving antioxidants, and further research will be supported by the National Institute on Aging.

Senate

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Following Wethington's address, the Senate spent its last meeting of the school year debating two issues at length before approving both.

The first measure will permit students to wait until the end of their undergraduate careers before applying to use course repeat options.

Also passed was a proposal to extend the probation period for non-tenured faculty from seven to eight years if a family emergency or serious injury or illness arises.

Mathematics professor Raymond H. Cox, who will serve as Senate chairman next year, said the University already is required by law to allow time off for faculty under those conditions.

Senate members thought, however, that UK should go a step further and give probationary staff another year to prepare for tenure, he said.

Daniel Fulks, who is stepping down as Senate chairman, helped inject some levity into the usually formal meetings during his last day at the body's helm.

On one vote, Fulks nixed the traditional "aye" or "nay" response, asking instead for members to reply "cool" or "not so cool."

He also demonstrated to Cox the balancing act between the needs of UK, the Senate Council and students by juggling three cubes on the Senate floor.

Cox said it was an apt analogy for the job.

Bicycles

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the Franklin County robbery and named Robinson as his accomplice, the report said.

Robinson, of 401 Woodland Ave. No. 4, was released on bond from the Fayette County Detention Cen-

ter late yesterday afternoon.

Lexington police officer Beth McCreary said Robinson is scheduled to appear in Fayette District Court at 9 a.m. today.

He is charged with felony possession of a forgery device, second-degree bail jumping, theft by unlawful taking, third degree possession of a forged instrument and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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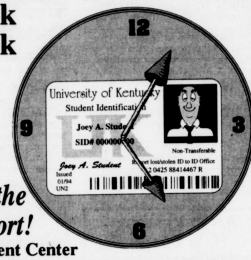
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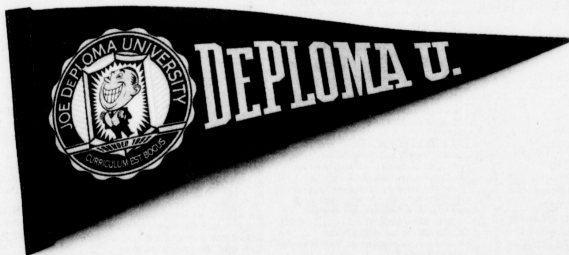
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