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UK: Chief wrongfully elicited school help

After resignation, chief still receiving salary, paid vacation; search for new chief not yet underway, says UK president

By Rebecca Neal THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Former UK Police Chief Fred H. det Otto III was reprimanded one month before his Nov. 23 resignation for using a university employee to help him with homework for two classes at Cotto, who is taking classes at Reastern Kentucky University, resigned to "pursue educational opportunities," a UK press release said.

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a new police chief, said President Lee Todd.

In an Oct. 21 memo, Ken Clevi-dence, associate vice president for campus services and the new direc-tor of public safety in Otto's ab-sence, wrote that Otto used a police department graduate assistant, Nathan Brown, to assist with Otto's graduate homework for courses at Eastern Kentucky University. In an Open Records request, the Kernel received the memo and the rest of Otto's personnel file.

Clevidence wrote that using Brown or any other UK employee to help with homework is inappropriate and a "serious misuse of university resources."

According to the memo. Ofto first denied using Brown and said he was auditing the classes. Clevidence wrote that Otto later changed his story and said he was a receiving letter grades for the classes.

"This change of story leaves me with the impression that you are deliberately attempting to be mislead-tiberately attempting to be misleading." Clevidence wrote. "Finally, I

"Your decision to use Mr. Brown for personal gain shows extremely poor judgment and exhibits questionable ethical behavior." In an interview, Clevidence declined to comment further on the mility of the personnel issue, and we don't comment on personnel issue," he said.

Neither Brown nor Otto were available for comment for this story.

No search yet

Todd said Friday that UK has not started a search for a new police chief nor is there a timetable set for

UNC 91, UK 78 Cats fall head over Heels

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Chuck Hayes could do nothing but place his hands on his knees and stare at the floor of the Dean Smith Cen-ter.

ter.

There was 1:35 remaining on the game clock, but the UK senior forward's day was over.

His team was trailing by eight points. He had just picked up his fifth foul. He had been defeated, and he knew it.

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With the senior relegated to the bench. North Carolina scored seven of the game's final nine points to earn a 91-78 victory and hand the Cats their first loss of the season Saturday in Chapel Hill.

For the second straight game, tayes picked up two fouls in the opening minutes and was forced to sit on the bench for much of the first half.

UK head coach Tubby Smith said the senior's excitement to play the No. 9 Tar Heels might have caused him to play too aggressive early.

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play "Swith said." And his game is, all about being physical and ag-gressive and rebounding. I'll have to watch the film to see if he was fouling as much as they said he was fouling."

Hayes finished with four points and six rebounds — both season lows — and was only on the court for 22 minutes. It was the first time Hayes had fouled out of a game since his sophomore sea-son.

stayed with him for the rest of the afternoon.

"It's frustrating," Hayes said, "You get so excited to play and then (with the fouls) you can't real, play the way you want to play. I got those two quick fouls and it took me the whole game to try to get over that hump, "It was so hard. I wanted to help contribute but I just couldn't. INV.



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UNC head coach Roy Williams said shutting down Hayes was a key to the Tar Heels victory.

"Chuck Hayes is one of my favorite players of all time."

"Williams said." It was unfortunate for Kentucky that Chuck got in old trouble, the gives them a great deal of leadership. Chuck is a big time player."

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By Elizabeth Troofman

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HITTING A HIGH NOTE



more Jeremiah Muwanga belts out "The Last Month of the Year" yesterday at Collage, the UK School of Music's holiday concert. The annual event featured the UK Chorale, Women's Choir, Men's Chorus, Hega-Sax Quartet, Paws and Listen, acoUstikats and the Lexington Singers Children's Choir and Alluring, a hand bell group, it was held at the Singletary Center yesterday and Saturday.

Chief

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the search. In the meantime, Clevidence has been named the director of public safety. Assistant Chief Stephanie Bastin and Lt. Joe Monroe will co-manage the daily oper-ation of the police depart-ment and will report to Clevi-dence.

dence.
Todd said he wants attention to focus on the future of he police department, not on Otto's departure.
"My focus isn't really on the reason why (Otto resigned) so much as where do we so from here," he said.

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Todd said he was aware of the graduate student issue but was not directly involved.

"There have been some issues that were brought to make the tendent of the

"That was the first I heard of it," he said.

'Saddened and disappointed'

Otto is working on a master's in loss prevention and safety at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky. According to his personnel file, UK paid his tuition for two classes this semester—a topical studies class in loss prevention administration.

prevention administration.
EKU associate professor Michael Schumann teaches the loss prevention administration class and said he was shocked when he learned Saturday of the reprimand.
"The saddened and disappointed with the allegations,

because he's made such strong contributions in class." Schumann said.
He said he had not heard the contribution of the said that the heard that the contribution of th



"My focus isn't really on the reason why (Otto resigned) so much as where do we go from here."

Otto resigned Nov. 23 after going on a leave of absence Nov. 18 for personal issues. A UK press release said Otto resigned to "pursue educational opportunities" but made no mention of Clevidence's reprimand.

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According to a Nov. 23
memorandum of agreement
in Otto's personnel file. Otto
will remain a regular, fulltime "employee on special assignment" and will continue
to receive his regular pay for
Gour months through March
357,000.
Clevidence will assign
Otto work, according to the
memo, but Otto will not have
an office and will be expected
to complete his work at home.
Clevidence said he will be

meeting with Otto this week.

The memo says that if Otto takes another job between now and March 31, he will forfeit the rest of his pay. The memo also states that Otto will receive paid vacation time during those four months.

In addition, Otto will be allowed to continue to stay in allow him to rest there allows him to rent there for six more months.

The memo also outlines how the resignation will be publicly discussed.

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Teresa Isaac's request to become the new public safety commissioner:

Before coming to UK, Otto worked as the police chief at the University of Missouri-Columbia. A native of Fort Thomas, Ky, he has also worked as the assistant director for public safety at Miami University in Ohio, public safety director at Northern Kentucky University, police chief for the city of Highland Heights, Ky, and as a Kentucky state trooper.

Otto earned a bachelor's degree in police administration from EKU in 1976, and he holds two master's degrees, one from EKU and one from Xaviet University in Clincinnati. He also completed training at the FBI National Academy.

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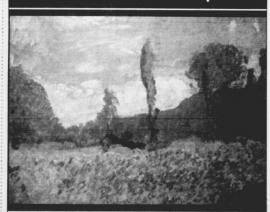
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I'm saddened and disappointed with the allegations ...

- Michael Schumann, EKU associate professor who has Otto in class

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ISRAEL IS THE CANARY IN THE MINE

The war between Arabs and Jews is not the cause of the war on terror, as apologists for Muslim radicals claim; it is the war on terror.

Twenty-five years ago, there were two non-Islamic democracies in the Middle East: Israel and Lebanon. This was too much for Islamic radicals, Syrian irredentists and Palestinians who joined forces to destroy Lebanon and make it a base for terror.

The goal of the post-Oslo Intifada is not to establish a Palestinian state alongside a Jewish state. Its goal is an Islamic umma extending "from the Jordan to the sea." That is why Oslo was rejected by Arafat even though Barak and Clinton offered him an independent state on virtually all of the land Palestinians claimed in the West Bank of the Jordan and Gaza. That is why the very birth of Israel is referred to by all the present Palestinian leadership as the "Naqba" - the "catastrophe." To Islamic radicals at war with the West, the very creation of Israel is a catastrophe.

American apologists for Arab aggression are also apologists for Islamic aggression. In their eyes, Arab terror in the Middle East has a root cause in the policies of Israel, whom terrorists refer to as the "little Satan." For apologists of

the Islamic terror of 9/11 and the Zarqawi terror in Iraq, jihad is not a self-generating creed but has a "root cause" in the policies of "the Great Satan," which is us. Unholy

Peace in the Middle East and peace in the war with al-Qaeda and Zarqawi will come only when the terrorists surrender or are defeated, and when Arab governments cease their incitement of hatred against Israel and the United States.

~ David Horowitz



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Illinois dominates fight-filled series with Cool Cats

Mounting frustration mixed with the need for a break equaled an explosion of emotion for the Cool Cats this weekend, as they lost a fight-filled series to fillinois, 84 Priday and 50 Saturday.

Illinois got open shots in bunches around the net and bunch a few feet from the goal with no defenders in position to stop them. With the sweep, the Illinia extended the Cool Cats' losing streak to five losses — the Cats' longest streak of the season.

"We just played absolute justified," said UK coach Mike Sosnowski. "We work on the game being 80 percent mental every week, we talk

about it and stress it, and we didn't think."

Illinois (13:11-1) defeated the Big Muddy Invitational Tournament in St. Louis Oct. 8 by a 21 margin, and Sosnowski said the team knew what they were getting in to and didn't stop it from happening.

"The game in St. Louis was pretty clean overall." Sosnowski, so were the strength of th



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rassed last year. But we just tried to put it behind us."

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UK mounted a series of runs in the second half, but the Tar Heels always answered with a scoring streak of their own.

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The Cats closed the scoring margin to seven points late in the second half after back-to-back 3-pointers by reserves Ravi Moss and Bobby Perry, but that was as close as they would get.

Smith said his team's failure to close the gap was due to a lack of leadership. "They came down and took a couple of ill-advised shots that weren't part of our offense," he said. "The leadership we needed at that point just wasn't there."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cards rally past Cats

the Carus China game.

UK's leading scorer, senior forward Sara Potts, was held to two points on 1-0f9 shooting, including 0-0f4 from 3-point range. She had been averaging 18.2 points coming

UK names offensive coordinator

UK head coach Rich Brooks
named Joker Phillips the Cats' new
offensive coordinator, UK Athletics
announced yesterday,
For the past two seasons,
Phillips has served as the UK wide
receivers coach and recruiting cofrom Ron Hudson, who resigned
Nov 22 Phillips helped call the
plays in UK's final game, a 37-31
loss at Tennessee.

UK's offense finished the season
ranked 112th out of 117 NCAA Division 1-A teams in scoring.

Cards rally past Cats
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — With a 15-0
run in the second half, Louisville
turned a close game into a blowout
and defeated the UK women's basketball team 68-19 yesterday afFreedom Hall
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Forward Jennifer
Humphrey led the Cats with 14
points and 13 rebounds for her
sixth career double-double and
hird of the season.
The Cats (4-3), however, committed 15 turnovers that the Cards
turned into 19 points.
The Cats led by four points at
halftime and as many as eight in
the second half, but those
turnovers coupled with a five
minute UK secoring drought helped
the Cards climb back into the
game.

Cats

and not be disappointed by your rebounding," said UK assistant David Hobbs. "You've got to get in there and put your body on somebody and box them out. We didn't do that."

McCants scored a season-low four points and committed five turnovers in UNC's 61-56 loss to UK last season at Runn Arena.

ipp Arena.

He said he tried to put that perforance out of his mind going into this

game.
"I really didn't think about it at all,"
McCants said. "There's nothing you can
do about it from last year. We got embar-

bounded the Cats 51-50 cm.

40 free throws.

It was a loss that should get the Cats' stration.

attention.

UNC revealed UK's greatest flaws—
its youth and its thin front line. UNC
took advantage of both and blew out the

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In games against Coppin State, Ball State, Georgia State and Tennessee Tech, UK had seen nothing like the Tar Heels.

During the first four minutes, UK experienced a Chapel Hill version of shock and awe, as the Tar Heels built a 16-lead.

After that, UK settled in and played UNC almost even, with the freshmen doing much of the damage.

The four frosh combined for 35 points, and after that disastrous opening, they seemed to get comfortable.

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Still, it was clearly one-sided from the beginning, as UNC purished Unc. Cats down the floor. The Tar Heels outrebounded the Cats 51-30 and made 27 of 40 free throws.

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**Paptist Student Union TINT. 7:30pm. 429
**Columbia Ave.
**UK Berean Bible Study. 8:00pm-9:00pm. Student Center. Room
113
**UK Pre-Dental Society Meeting. 7:00pm. College of Dentistry
Building. Room 393

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Art Gallery, Student Center
"Classic Tuesdays, "Oceans 11," 8:00pm, Worsham Theatre,
Student Cente
"UK Anims presents Figure 17, 6:00pm, Student Center, Center

Room 228

**Chest For Christ Mts... 7:00pm. Student Center, Room 230

**UK Fallowship of Christian Athletes Mts...8:00pm. Upstairs of
the Commons Market. Scutt Campus

**Baptist Student Union. "The Rock". 3:00pm. 429 Columbia Av

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**Lutheran-Episcopel Campus Ministru's Worship and Dinner.

7:00pm. St. Augustinu's Chapel on Rose St.

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of Woodland and Columbia
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LETTERSTOTHEEDITOR

Columnist's call for censorship is disconcerting in time of war

Josh Sullivan's column on Dec. 3 was highly disturbing. His careless use of the word "terrorist" exemplifies why some are so opposed to the administration of George W. Bush. When anyone can be labeled a terrorist by our government, no one is safe from being stripped of his or her civil rights or humanity.

Just because it hasn't happened to a Christian yet doesn't mean that it can't. It is especially disturbing to hear Sullivan say that Geneva Convention rules shouldn't apply to terrorists. This opens the door for the government to wage unconventional war and inflict torture upon anyone they feel like, Sullivan rited to justify the murder of an unarmed Flag by saying that the marine had witnessed a fellow soldier's death, the day before, by booby trap. The marine's past experiences are irrelevant. He is a professionally trained soldier. Reaping vengeance by murdering an injured man is inexcusable.

The killing was also justified by saying that the Iraqi

IN OUR OPINION

Dead week's rules inane, demand prompt funeral

appropriate name.

The last week
of classes is here,
and UK guidelines
supposedly allow
students

and UK guidelines supposedly allow students some breathing room so they can begin to prepare for finals. If students weren't so overworked during this last stretch, the comparison between the ideals set forth by the administration and the reality set forth by faculty would be laughable.

Although the UK Student Rights and Responsibili-

Although the UK Student Rights and Responsibilities spells out rules week the state of the students are really no help to students of the stud

nations.

In cases of "Take Home' final examinations, students
shall not be required to return the completed examination before the regularly
scheduled examination periodd"



MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

projects, papers, presentations or any other work instructors might give students. It also allows exceptions for faculty members. So students are pelted machinegun style with countless other assignments in addition to finals preparation between Thanksgiving and chals week in the fall semester—making the last couple —making the last couple —making the last couple dense four days at the beginning of tweeks a lesson about what hell is like. May be the last couple dense four days to prepare be weekend after the last day of classes and whatever days they may have by chance of the state of

— but that suggestion was rejected by the University Senate.

tive against and the would have extremely benefited students. It's time for administrators, students and faculty to sit down and discuts a workable compromise to the problem.

The regulations should be comprehensive so that they cannot be easily avoided.

Don't worry, faculty members, pushing back finals would still leave most students feeling dead enough.

Reaping vengeance by murdering an injured man is inexcusable.

The killing was also justified by saying that the Iraqi kept silent, while another one spoke up. The man was probably afraid of being taken to a secret military prison and tortured to death. The marine didn't even attempt to communicate with the man, ensuring that he never had a chance to espouse his innocence.

Tensions might run high on the battlefield, but that does not excuse the marine from exercising rational judgment for the sake of human life.

The most disturbing part of Sullivan's column was his call for the temporary suspension of the First Amendment. He uses the example of Lincoln and the Civil War hat the Civil War had a clearly defined purpose and an enemy who flew the stars and bard a clearly defined purpose and an enemy who flew the stars and bard in the stars and bard in the control of the root is subjective. If our rights are taken from us under the guise of a perpetual war with an enemy who can't be clearly defined, those rights will never feeturned.

Citizens deserve to be informed about the actions of their troops

I just finished reading Josh Sullivan's recent column about removing embedded reporters from the war zone. Personally, I agree with him. By removing reporters, we can give the military the full media blackout they need to promote atrocities, create featurement in the civilian populace and set up another dictatorship unfriendly to the United States years down the road so that our children can go out and fight another war against the same group of people we liberated this time around.

this time around.

Let's just get rid of all those nasty checks that keep the military adhering to the "rules of war" as Sullivan so proudly declared. All those whiny civilians who the military serves? Well, they don't deserve to know what's going or the sullivant was the sullivant which was supported by the sullivant was the sullivant was supported by the sullivant was the sullivant was

on! Embedded reporters (fancy words for "war correspondents") have always been part of the 20th century's American military. Think Brnie Pyle. Think John Steinbeck, While we're thinking Steinbeck, let's also remember that not all of his reports showed Allied troops during World War II in a shining light, a much more dangerous thing to do then than it is today.

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These reporters hold to a tenant of the media and of all journalists; to provide the information to the public. The problem isn't the reporters but the slant the papers and the readers demand be placed on their works.

Of course, I don't expect the Kernel to be familiar with the concept of journalistic integrity and an unbiased viewpoint in providing the news. But let's pretend you are. Then you should remember the words of Steinbeck in his collection of war correspondence. Once There Was A War: "The American military is not made of heroes. It has cowards and thieves as well as honor and bravery... it is a military of men."

WEEK IN REVIEW

• Student Government passed an amendment to the Initiative and Referendum Act Wednesday The amendment removes the restrictions on the number of referendums or initiatives that can appear on the ballot. The SG Senate approved the measure because they felt restricting the number of amendments would be undemocratic. The original rule, which limited the ballot to two referendums and two initiatives on a "first come, first served" basis, could have potentially eliminated more meritorious issues from landing on the ballot. Now the only possible problems are room on the ballot, which the Senate can surely take care of, and the remote possibility of too many ballot initiatives and referendums to inform oneself on. But that, too, is doubtful. On the whole, it's pretty good legislation.

• Tuesdav, the Kernel reported that

employers expect to increase college hiring by 13 percent this year. Most of those surveyed said they plan to increase salaries as well. Campus recruitment of seniors for full-time employment is up 28 percent. And job postings are up 20 percent at UK's James Stuckert Career Center. In October, 337,000 jobs were added to the national payroll and 112,000 in November. Wait a minute. Wasn't this supposed to be the worst economy since the Hoover administration?

economy since the House authors to the control of the first defeat by archrival North Carolina since 1995, 91-78. Although the Cats made several raillies in the second half, the 15-point Tar Heel lead at halftime was insurmountable. The Cats never led the entire game as North Carolina behavior as many rebounds and

Carolina's experience and UK's younger team—on the road for the first time this season—may have had some bearing. It's the first loss of the season for the Cats—but it's still early, and any reasonable fan has cause to believe that Coach Tubby Smith will use the experience constructivals.

Coach Tubby Smith will use the experience constructively.

• Thursday, UK Provost Mike Nietzel said UK must limit he size of incoming freshman classes to control class sizes. Freshman classes the grown dramatically over the last three years, but so have class sizes. For 200 level courses, class sizes have grown from an average of 42 to 45 students. The balance between access and quality is a delicate one, and Nietzel should be commended for taking it seriously.

Meaningful national intelligence reform is wise



The United States is currently in the process of enacting the most consequential intelligence reform of our history. By creating an intelligence care, presumably one with the capability to oversee all pertinent information-gathering agencies, the bill's proponents believe it will make the United States safer.

The 9/11 Commission, many affected spouses, a sizable majority in the U.S. Senate, a bare majority of House members and even (ostensibly) the president support this measure—yet authority of the content of the same than the doubt and the same than the same than the drought of the same than th

proposition at best may in fact have a legitimate point, but when members of Congress properties of the point of the point

curity and a garrison state.

We could propose a plan to significantly curtail immigration, prevent illegal aliens from flying on airplanes and enact a bevy of other draconian measures. Worthwhile intelligence requires active personnel on the ground in the usual countries, but we do not have those people in ready supply and furthermore remain wary of potential intelligence abuse, should we enable the ClA and others, given our nation's track record. One must ask: What is safety, and what is freedom, and at what point is America no longer America?

The United States is a bastion of freedom, if the state of the state is a bastion of the contained of the state of

Thus steen as the observation of the 9/11 Commission did an impressive job, but merely following its edict will not make America safer. Only imaginative and substantial reform can make that possible.

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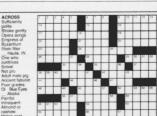
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THEATER REVIEW

'SantaLand' offers humorous dose of holiday cheer

On a cold winter's day, when everything is gray a little sarcasm and anger can go a long way toward curing your seasonal affective disorder. In Joe Mantello's adaptation of David Sedaris' short story "The Santal.and Diaries," a rookie New Yorker is forced to take a job as a Maxy's eff.

The best part about this situation is that Sedaris' doesn't write fiction.

Scott Wichmann does more with this script than you could ever imagine. Sort with the state of the show.

out of character, and he never misses a beat.

From the beginning of the show, Wichmann is running at going full speed. Each voice has been carefully invented and perfected. Although Scott looks just like Sedaris — 5°5° and wiry — he can make himself sound about a foot taller and 100 pounds heavier.

Scott describes his dismay at having to select an elf name the eventually settled on Crumpet) after decoding the different stations of SantaLand. The Actors' Guild stage is perfect for this type of extended monologue and allows Wichmann to connect deeply with the audience.

The set was complete with two trees and a giant throne in which Scott looks even smaller, except for the cotton snow, which just seemed to get caught on his eff shoes. He's in constant motion, and the lighting design worked well with his blocking.

One of the funniest scenes showcased Scot's wocal stylings. Santa asks him to sing little Katherine's favorite Christmas song. 'Away in a Manger.'



Scott Wichmann, a Richmond, Va., native, delivers unique Christmas spirit in the Actors' Guil Lexington's production of "The SantaLand Diaries," based on a short story by David Sedaris.

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Near the end of his rope with this
truly dedicated Santa, he decides to sing
as if Billie Holiday were to perform the
song. This scene alone makes the price
of admission worth it.
Although it's tough not to be funny
when performing Sedaris, Scott has such
remarkable timing that the words are
even funnier. Even when he isn't speaking while putting on his eff uniform for
the first time, Wichmann is able to dress
with cynicism.
If SAD has taken a hold of you this
December, head to see "SantaLand Diaries" and you'll be cured — at least until you walk out into the cold wind.

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Open Studio a student 'learning experience'

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Top: Post-baccalaureate student Glenna Hamilton (left) and Norway native Kirsti Anderssen talk about some of the pieces in Friday's Open Studio student showcase.

Left: Non-raditional sculpture student Jason Surrette loads aluminum into the kiln for his sculpture at the Open Studio metal pour.

Above: Professor Geri Masse helps pour the molten aluminum into Surrette's freeform

their work.

"We helped start this whole thing as a marketing initiative for students," Bibbs said.

Bibbs is one of the founding fathers of Open Studing fathers of Open Studio, He helped create it for the graduate students 13 years ago, to solve the issue of

graduate students not being able to show their work in a major public venue. "This show helps them understand how things are on the outside," he said. "It really is more of a learning experience."

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