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## Jones breaking campaign promises, state workers say

**Associated Press**  
FRANKFORT, Ky. — The leader of a state workers organization says Gov. Breton Jones is breaking campaign promises by proposing to hold off raises for most state workers next year and suspending layoff laws.

Lee Jackson, president of the Kentucky Association of State Employees, said that his members want

to fight both recommendations. During the gubernatorial race, Jones' campaign placed fliers on the windshields of state employees' cars, declaring that: "As governor, Breton Jones will:

"1) Fully support funding for 5 percent annual increments for state employees.

"2) Value the merit system and fight attempts to weaken it."

Diana Taylor, Jones' chief of

staff, confirmed Tuesday that she approved the language in the fliers before they were issued.

The fliers were distributed in state employee parking lots by Jones' Franklin County organization before the May Democratic primary, said Mark Suter, who led the Franklin County group.

Taylor said Jones had not broken his promises.

"I don't think you'll find anybody

in this administration who doesn't continue to support the 5 percent annual increase for state employees," she said.

If the national economy turns around and money is available, she still expects the administration to back 5 percent raises in the final two years' of Jones' administration, Taylor said.

She also said that Jones was not backtracking on his commitment to

the merit system.

"We don't see suspending the layoff laws as an attempt to weaken the merit system," she said.

"That's exactly what it is," countered Jackson, whose group represents 3,000 state workers.

There are 33,600 merit system employees covered by state layoff laws.

Jackson agreed with several key lawmakers who have criticized

Jones' proposal to suspend the layoff laws. The existing laws generally protect permanent employees with more seniority.

"Changing the layoff plan now would interject politics in the decision-making process," he said. "... Your political friends are going to be the ones retained if you do away with the layoff plan."



KAREN BALLARD/Kernal Staff

Student Government Association President Scott Crosbie asked for K.C. Watts' hand in marriage last night at Rupp Arena during halftime of the UK-Alabama basketball game. Watts is president of the Student Activities Board. She and Crosbie are seniors.

## Crosbie makes Watts offer of lifetime

**By JOE BRAUN**  
Assistant Editorial Director

Cupid's arrow struck at Rupp Arena last night, as UK Student Government Association President Scott Crosbie proposed a merger with the Student Activities Board president.

Well, sort of a merger.

After promoting Excelsior, this weekend's campuswide semi-formal dance co-sponsored by

SGA and SAB, Crosbie asked SAB President K.C. Watts to marry him.

"In the four years I've been at this institution, I've had the opportunity to advance myself ... and meet a very special girl — the girl I would like to spend the rest of my life with, and I would like to ask Ms. K.C. Watts to be my wife," he said from midcourt during halftime of last night's UK-Alabama basketball game.

Crosbie got down on one knee in front of Watts and a near-capacity crowd and presented her with a ring. A surprised Watts happily accepted his offer.

"Scott told me I had to help with the Excelsior speech ... but I wasn't expecting this at all," Watts said after the announcement. "I've got to call my mom."

After the newly engaged couple left the court, they immediately ran to pay phones to call their fam-

ilies.

Crosbie said he asked Watts' father for his blessing last Sunday to marry her, but he only recently decided on the time and place.

Jay Ingle, a philosophy and political science junior, said, "I've been calling Watts the first lady of SGA for awhile." Ingle, SGA Arts and Sciences senator, said that title now has some substance.

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## Monthly TV show showcases LCC

**By TAMMY GAY**  
Staff Writer

To help people learn more about Lexington Community College, officials recently began showing "LCC Connections," a local access TV program.

Each month, the show will focus on a different subject.

Janelle Spencer, a member of LCC's dental hygiene faculty, and LCC President Allen Edwards developed the program.

"We want people in the community to know about LCC," Spencer said.

She said some people in the community do not know that Lexington has a community college, and they do not know what the college of-

fers.

The show follows a discussion format, and Peggy Allen, LCC associate professor of Humanities, acts as moderator.

"I was hoping that it (the program) would make the public aware of what we are offering," Allen said.

Each 30-minute show airs about 14 times per month on Channel 9 and six times on Channel 16.

The next installment will air tonight on Channel 16 at 7:30 and on Channel 9 at 10 p.m.

The February show features the Center for Community Partnerships, which offers business and industry training and continuing education courses.

## UK offers master's degree via satellite

**By SEAN MCGUIRK**  
Contributing Writer

Picking up a telephone, charging up your credit card and becoming a terminal couch potato may earn you a master's degree.

Television long has served as an entertainment and information device. But now it allows viewers to shop at home, indulge in karate lessons, learn to cook and enables engineers to get a master's degree from UK.

"The classes are aimed at the non-traditional student, those engineers who are working who want to upgrade their skills or obtain a degree but can't get to Lexington," said Lee Saperstein, chairman of UK's mining engineering department.

Saperstein said the program is the first in the nation to offer a master's degree in mining engineering by satellite TV.

UK students who take the graduate courses will work in the usual classroom setting — with the exception of the presence of a camera or two. The lecture will be transmitted live via satellite to various receiving sites, which include all the UK community colleges and locations in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

"What we are doing is taking advantage of modern technology," he said. "This is a means to get the faculty to the students who can't come to the faculty."

While the lecture is being conducted on campus, students at the receiving sites watch the class on TV. If they have any questions concerning the material, they can dial a 1-800-325-2766 (ext. 73377) to talk with the instructor during or after the lecture. Additionally, each

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## Engineering phonathon continues

**By KYLE FOSTER**  
News Editor

The third annual UK College of Engineering "Building for the '90s" phonathon will continue today in Scovel Hall.

Students have been manning the phones for three days, asking alumni to make contributions to help establish an endowment fund for long-term professional development of students and to financially assist UK student organizations.

Their efforts have raised a total of \$15,940. Last night the phonathon raised \$6,120.

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## Valentine, Va., expecting mail rush this week

**Associated Press**  
VALENTINES, Va. — Remember that old tourism slogan, "Virginia is for Lovers"? It's certainly true here at this time of year.

About 50,000 cards and letters are expected to pass through the tiny post office in Valentines for Valentine's Day mailing.

Postmaster Willie R. Wright estimates he has handled more than 600,000 valentines in his 41 years in the job.

Only Loveland, Colo., handles more, the U.S. Postal Service said.

Wright works up to 18 hours a day during the three-week valentine season.

His wife, Frances, their daughter, Sandra Griffin, and a postal clerk from another city help with the effort.

"Good work and publicity will work you to death," said Wright, whose office normally handles mail for 200 families.

They hand-cancel every stamp with the Valentines, Va., postmark, and stamp every envelope with a

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## Vick, Baker seek top two SGA positions

**By KYLE FOSTER**  
News Editor

Alan Vick and Nathan Baker don't like what they've seen in UK's student government and want to make a difference by becoming its next leaders.

"We've been here for three years and SGA has done nothing for me," said Vick, who is running for Student Government Association president.

"SGA is basically a joke in our eyes."

Vick's running mate, Baker, said

he is tired of ordinary students getting nothing out of student government.

"We're ordinary average guys and we represent the students," said Baker, a psychology junior from Paducah, Ky.

Baker said he and Vick want to see better representation of the student body through SGA.

"We want to see some representatives in office that support the common student, and we haven't seen that since we've been here," he

said.

Vick, a secondary mathematics junior from Paducah, said he thinks a big problem with the University is that students don't know what SGA has the authority to do on campus.

"We want to make the information available to the students and let them know what SGA can do," he said.

Baker said, "We want the people that follow us to know what they can do, and we just want to expose the whole system."

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## CORRECTIONS

An article that appeared in the Feb. 6 Kentucky Kernel quoted a letter written by Kevin E. Charles, past president of the Mid-America College Health Association, which indicated Charles was opposed to a law requiring student health insurance. Charles actually is opposed the regulations of the law as implemented by the Department of Education, which require a specific health insurance policy.

Also, an article in yesterday's paper incorrectly referred to the victim in the Mike Tyson rape case as the defendant in some instances.

Kirk Haynes and Bryan Beauman, who are running in the 1992 spring elections for Student Government Association president and vice president, respectively, were incorrectly identified in yesterday's Kernel. Both presently are UK juniors.

SPORTS	UK TODAY	INSIDE
Wildcats stomped the Alabama Crimson Tide 107 to 83 last night at Rupp Arena. Story, Page 2.	The UK Albert B. Chandler Medical Center Book Fair will feature Kentucky author and "Voice of the Wildcats" Cawood Ledford. For information call 233-6415.	The Foreigner opens tonight at Guignol Theatre. Story, Page 3.
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SPORTS

No. 19 Cats regain momentum, whip No. 15 Bama 107-83

Martinez dominates, scoring career high

By JOHN KELLY  
Assistant Sports Editor

Sophomore center Gimel Martinez continued his resurgence in the paint last night as UK defeated Alabama 107-83 in a physical, emotion-packed thriller at Rupp Arena.

Martinez scored 26 points, crashed the boards for 10 rebounds and even exchanged a few punches with an adversary en route to his best-ever performance in a Big Blue uniform.

"(Robert) Horry wasn't playing me," Martinez said. "He was just roaming around pretty much on the inside and blocking shots. That opened it up for myself and I just got a lot of easy buckets."

But Martinez wasn't the only story last night as UK had yet another all-around solid performance that included all the emotion you could handle. To say this team was fired up would be an understatement.

"We're going to the tail end of the season and every one of these games means a lot more," senior forward Deron Feldhaus said. "You have to play emotional or else you're going to get beaten."

The UK players weren't the only emotional people in the building, either. With the Rupp crowd unleashing its true potential for only the second time this season, UK and Alabama traded shots for the bulk of their first half.

But the momentum turned the way of the Wildcats, and they slowly climbed to a lead that reached 10

points in the half. UK went to the locker room ahead only 42-35.

The second stanza began with some minor fisticuffs involving UK center Gimel Martinez and Alabama forward Robert Horry. Laying on the floor beneath the basket, Martinez anchored Horry to the court grasping his leg. Martinez said later that he was only protecting himself from several kicks he was receiving from Horry.

The incident led to a near brawl with both benches emptying to get a closer look, but nothing more than that took place.

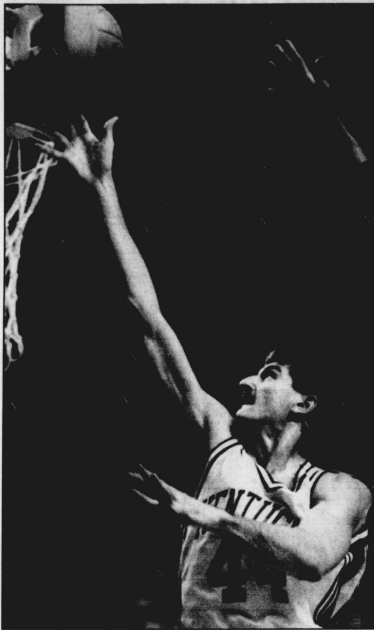
Both teams were assessed a contact technical foul and each converted on its chances.

Horry exited the game less than five minutes later when he was assessed his second technical foul of the night. The incident also resulted in a technical foul on Woods. Again, both teams connected on their free throws.

That was enough to spark the Crimson Tide, which clawed its way to within four before UK finally pulled away with a 13-4 run midway through the half — including a John Pelphey steal sandwiched between back-to-back Deron Feldhaus three-pointers.

UK coach Rick Pitino was more than satisfied with the performance against such a physical opponent.

"This was a very intense ballgame to say the least," Pitino said. "It was very, very physical and very aggressive."



KAREN BALLARD/Kernell Staff  
PLAYER OF THE GAME: UK's Gimel Martinez scored a career-high 26 points against the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Up-and-coming Gimel rises above Crimson Tide

By TIM WIESENHANN  
Sports Editor

After 1:38 into the game last night at Rupp Arena, sophomore forward Gimel Martinez had transformed the 122nd edition of "Bama vs. the Boys in the Bluegrass" into the second-consecutive airing of "A Player on the Rise." And when the long-running melodrama concluded, Martinez had led the Wildcats to a 107-83 win over the Crimson Tide and a star was born.

"Big people, at any level, take time to develop," UK coach Rick Pitino said of Martinez after the game. "He was very, very physical."

Martinez, who finished with 26 points and 10 rebounds, began the game on the bench. Freshman Andre Riddick started at his position. But with 18:22 remaining in the first half, Riddick exited the game and the Martinez soliloquy began.

Playing forward as if it were his 1,000th performance, Martinez didn't miss a cue. He moved to the basket with strength and quickness. The hesitation was gone. The uncertainty was gone. The fear was gone. All the things that had hampered his game for nearly two seasons had exited stage right. Thus, at the half-time intermission, Martinez led UK's scores with 12 points.

"I feel a lot more confident and loose on the court," Martinez said. "I just don't feel as tense as I had been."

But like all accomplished players, he saved his best performance for last. And as the second half opened, Martinez brought the house down.

Less than five minutes into Act II Martinez became entangled with Alabama forward Robert Horry. Martinez, seemingly pinned to the floor by Horry's sneakers, became engulfed in an epic struggle. He leaped to his feet, hit Horry with a barrage of verbal slurs and then hit him with a barrage of closed fists. When the scene ended, both players were hit with technical fouls.

But Martinez had won the battle.

and his troupe would go on to win the war.

Horry received his second technical foul about five minutes later, forcing the Alabama star to leave the game. His exit coupled with Martinez's arrival drew rave reviews from all in attendance — including UK's main draw, Jamal Mashburn.

"Now he's a threat," Mashburn said of Martinez.

With 1:13 remaining to play, Pitino pulled Martinez from the game and let the evening's most valuable player take a bow. Rupp paid tribute to Martinez with a thundering roar — the industry's highest honor.

UK 107, ALABAMA 83

ALABAMA (19-5)  
Horry 9-17 3-7 22, Sprewell 10-20 8-10 31, Moore 5-6 2-6 12, Washington 0-2 0-0 0, Robinson 4-12 3-5 12, Perry 1-4 0-0 2, Caffey 2-7 0-1 4, Rice 0-1 0-0 0, Rich 0-0 0-0, Lowell 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 31-69 16-29 83.

UK (17-5)  
Mashburn 6-15 3-4 17, Pelphey 2-8 2-2 7, Riddick 0-1 0-0 0, Woods 6-8 3-5 16, Farmer 5-10 4-4 16, Martinez 8-15 10-11 26, Feldhaus 6-7 1-1 16, Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Ford 1-2 2-2 5, Timberlake 0-1 0-0 0, Braddy 0-0 0-0 0, Harrison 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 36-72 25-29 107.

Halftime — UK 42, Alabama 35. Three-point goals — Alabama 5-15 (Horry 1-1, Sprewell 3-7, Washington 0-2, Robinson 1-4, Rice 0-1), UK 10-20 (Mashburn 2-4, Pelphey 1-3, Woods 1-1, Farmer 2-5, Martinez 0-2, Feldhaus 3-3, Brown 0-1, Ford 1-1). Fouled out — Sprewell, Washington. Rebounds—Alabama 36 (Horry 10), UK (Martinez 10, Assists — Alabama 14 (Washington 4), UK 19 (Pelphey 7). Total fouls — Alabama 24, UK 21. Technicals—Woods, Martinez, Horry 2. A — 24, 188.

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# DIVERSIONS

## Love Jones brings own blend of funk, rock and jazz to town

By MICHAEL JONES  
Senior Staff Writer

Hey you! Yeah, you, Joe Student. Put those books away for a few hours and "live up yourself!"

Face it: Shakespeare's still going to be English tomorrow; algebra looks nothing like the stuff they taught you in high school; and you're not exactly in a hurry to graduate into the unemployment line, anyway.

What you need is a good time, and I have just the recipe. It's one part Latin jazz, a sprinkle of Motown and a little '70s funk thrown in for good taste. You mix it, dance to it and call it Love Jones.

Over the last two years, this five-man band from Louisville, Ky., has built a large following for its infectious grooves and off-beat sense of humor.

This is even more amazing when you consider they come from a city that is notorious for its love of cover bands.

"When 1978 hit, Louisville said: 'This is great. This is where we want to be,'" said Ben Daughtry, the band's co-lead vocalist and congo player.

Daughtry, 26, said, "there is only a certain amount of people who listen to original music in Louisville, but we always seem to draw a good crowd."

The band not only has been making a lot of noise in its hometown, but as far away as heavy metal-mad Los Angeles where band members were asked to be the house band for a club after only a one-week visit.

"All of the musicians — I mean everybody — like us," said bassist Barry Thomas.

Thomas, 29, said things happened so fast for the band in LA

that they're looking forward to moving there permanently in May.

"If we were a rock band there might have been a feeling of competition from other musicians," Thomas added, "But everyone was great. We even got to play at a record producer's party after he heard us in a club. Things like that just don't happen in Louisville."

Love Jones also includes 23-year-old guitarist Chris Hawpe; 27-year-old drummer Stewart Johnson, formerly of Dominant; and 26-year-old co-vocalist Johnathan Palmer.

Thomas said the band is anxious to go back into the studio before moving to LA to record a follow up to *Social Dance*, which is available at Cut Corner Records, 377 S. Limestone St.

"I'm looking forward to recording new music," Thomas said, "because we are adding little things every time we play."

"I won't go so far as to say we write great songs, but we do write catchy ones."

Daughtry said the band probably will concentrate a little more on vocals on the next release and possibly add a horn section.

"I'm glad that I'm not playing rock 'n' roll," he said, "it's been so twisted and turned around by the business side that it's all pop garbage or rehash."

Daughtry has years of experience on both sides of the music business.

"While still in high school, he was the drummer for punk rock heroes, Squirrel Bait.

After Bait disbanded, Daughtry fronted the funk group Fanci Panti and helped start Payback Records to release music by Louisville artists.

Thomas was Daughtry's partner in Payback, and when Fanci Panti

disbanded, Love Jones was created.

The band started out as a purely funk unit, but its own style quickly evolved.

"We were at a party and Ben turned over a garbage can and started playing it," Thomas said. "At the time, none of us were really listening to rock music. We were more into Latin music, Brazilian jazz and samba."

"This is the music we grew up listening to. This, not British rock, is the music our parents played at parties."

Daughtry said Love Jones is the first band he has been in with which he has been really content.

"I joined Squirrel Bait because they heard that I played drums," he said. "I really didn't know anything about hardcore or punk rock music. I was listening to R&B."

Daughtry added that if he has any regrets about music, it's that he and Love Jones didn't come 15 years earlier.

"I think it would have been great to be one of the bands invited to Elvis' house," he said. "Can you imagine us jammin' with the King?"

Hell, maybe he'll show up at Lynagh's.

Love Jones will perform at 10 tonight at Lynagh's Music Emporium, University Plaza Shopping Center. Admission is \$2.

For more information, call 255-6614.

## 'Foreigner' opens tonight at UK

By JOHN DYER FORT  
Assistant Arts Editor

Charlie hopes that he won't have to bother with anybody.

The twist is not a frivolous one. Charlie is terrified of people, especially having to talk to them.

"Even idle conversation terrifies me," he confides to Froggy. "Simply knowing that in a moment it's going to be my turn to talk."

In an ironic — and ultimately hilarious — twist, Charlie's foreignness doesn't repel the locals but attracts them. They are fascinated by the stranger in their midst. They want to help him and teach him to speak English. They end up taking Charlie under their wing and treating him like a special, skittish visitor.

The Southerners teach Charlie several words, including "fawwerk" (fork), "aigs" (eggs) and "layump" (lamp). The rather in-

nocent, or ignorant, locals inadvertently help Charlie with his more troubling problem — his morbid fear of people.

In the end, Charlie comes to care for these people and wants to help them. Because no one thinks he understands English, a plot to take over the lodge by the local Klan is revealed right in front of him. Charlie also unknowingly is let in on other local secrets.

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## UK lost battle, should win war in library project

UK President Charles Wethington returned from Thursday night's budget presentation in Frankfort with a mixed bag for UK's new library.

The question is does it contain more goodies than rocks? Gov. Brereton Jones rejected Wethington's request for a \$46 million bond issue in his 1992-93 budget but hinted he would make the library a priority for the next biennium. Wethington has tried to put the best possible face on the situation. However, he must be disappointed. He had hoped to ingratiate himself with UK's still suspicious faculty with the library, and now that is postponed.

The bright side is that UK was given the go-ahead to spend its \$12 million in private construction funds on the project. A cynic merely would respond "Thanks for nothing." By giving the go-ahead for the library, however, Jones has made a commitment that must be followed up with state financing to avoid complete embarrassment in the future.

And it's not as though the bulldozers were ready to roll anyway (they're too busy behind the Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building). Neither a site — nor an architect for the library — has been chosen. It certainly would be some time before construction begins and the serious money is spent. In realistic terms, the library has not been set back very much.

The action allowing the project to go forward with UK's private funds also rewards UK for being so aggressive in its fund-raising efforts. The \$14 million raised shows UK's commitment to the project and proves that such a private fund-raising strategy can be successful.

If anything, UK's ability to continue with the project at all in such trying economic times is a tribute to Wethington and John Gaines.

While we had hoped for more from Frankfort, UK's perseverance in its drive to build the library will win out.

## Letters

### Greeks didn't ask for senate seat

To the editor:

In reference to the Kentucky Kernel editorial on Monday, Feb. 10, the statement was made that the Student Government Association Senator Adrian Jones is relying "on powerful greek voting blocks who greedily want their own senators in SGA."

Please be advised that the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council have in no way pursued the matter of attaining senators to represent them in the SGA Senate, nor

do they intend to do so in the future. We basically are indifferent to this entire matter. This is something that has been offered to our councils and we simply stated that we support Jones' amendment, but we do not feel strongly about his amendment.

Valerie Shinnfessel  
President, Panhellenic Council

Jeremy Bates  
President, Interfraternity Council  
Feb. 10, 1992

### Rivalry 'fundamental' to basketball

To the editor:

I am writing in response to a recent letter concerning the recent UK-Arkansas game. I am quite outraged by the accusations made toward the UK fans. I believe them to be a little blown out of proportion.

Anyone from this state should realize how much Kentuckians love their basketball. Kentucky fans are of the most decent (for lack of a better word) fans around. Anyone in favor of the opposition is asking for some confrontations. I do admit there are a select few who take it too far, but that cannot represent the fans as a whole. Rivalry is just as much as a fundamental of basket-

ball as the game itself.

As a member of the UK Marching Band, I have ventured into "enemy territory." I have been cursed, ridiculed and, among other things, been a human target for ice. To take these criticisms seriously would be mindless. I simply laughed and accepted these actions as part of college rivalry.

In defense to the rest of the letter, I simply say, "We'll see who wins the Southeastern Conference!"

Ray Sexton  
English sophomore  
Feb. 5, 1992

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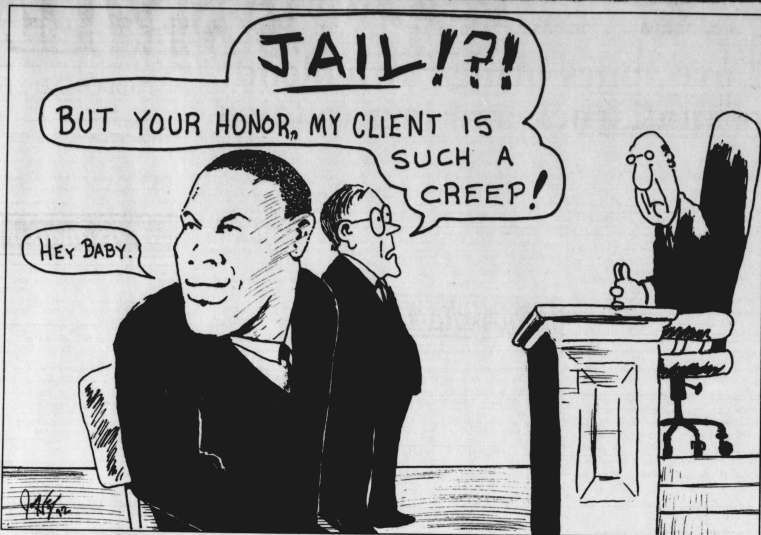
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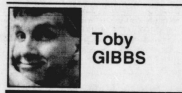


## Cartoons poisoning America with filth

I'm postponing my "Salute to Cole Slaw," which was slated to appear as this week's column, for an article of extreme importance. As a columnist, I simply could not sit idly by while "The Family Circus," "Beetle Bailey" and other so-called "cartoons" of that ilk continue to poison the comics pages of our nation's daily newspapers. The exploits of Billy, Dolly, Sgt. Snorkel, Hi, Lois, Sluggo, Mr. Wilson et al. — disturbing as they may be — need to be discussed. I simply cannot remain silent any longer.

Believe me, I know the risks. Controversy has surrounded "Apartment 3-C" for years, and any criticism of it stirs up a hornet's nest. I'm no stranger to the foul-mouthed anonymous phone calls, the hate mail, the obscene bomb threats that accompany a "Dennis the Menace" probe. But sometimes you have to say "Damn the torpedos!" and press onward.

The bizarre, surreal imagery in "The Family Circus" leaves John Q. Reader confused and disoriented. Once, I saw Billy standing next to Mommy. Billy came up to her knees — her knees, for heaven's sake! In other words, the kid is around 15 inches tall! Between that and the oval shaped heads, a



Toby GIBBS

sensitive, impressionable reader like myself could wind up scarred for life.

Mostly apparitions called "Not Me" and "I'm Know" show up from time to time to break vases or spill beverages on carpets. Is this meant to instill a belief in the occult? Bill Keane, the twisted genius behind "The Family Circus," is perhaps the laziest cartoonist in the Western world. (Case in point: He's too lazy to even finish spelling his private name.) The man makes an annual salary the approximate size as the national debt. Given that, you would think he could show up for work a little more often. Don't send your 7-year-old son in to draw a week's worth of strips. Have some pride in your work, sir.

Does anyone with an actual life love "Mary Worth" or "Rex Morgan, M.D.?" After all, when you have a soap opera written only three or four lines of dialogue a day, a character might take three months

to butter his toast. Hence, plots tend to drag on for decades at a time. Fans who have been following the strip since Gutenberg began printing can only pray that they'll see a plot resolved before Armageddon.

On a side note, "Mary Worth" is written by three — count 'em, three — different cartoonists. Amazingly, each guy puts in a grueling 40-minute work week. On the laziness scale, they may even surpass Bill Keane. Regardless of who's more lazy, all four seem so laid back they could be run down by a glacier.

I'm really not sure that "Beetle Bailey" paints an accurate picture of the military. If the real army is anything like that, I can't see how we won any wars. Is the Pentagon aware that Beetle, who has been a private forever, just loaf's around, doing no work? Do they know that General Halltrack is a leering, alcoholic geezer with no real duties? Are they aware of Sgt. Snorkel's habit of dressing up a bulldog to resemble him in detail? I'm surprised we're not all speaking Russian now as a result of such sloppiness.

The sick, surreal world of "Nancy" deserves comment, but for obvious reasons of taste, I cannot bring myself to discuss the long-standing controversy surrounding

Sluggo.

Some strips have gone downhill. "B.C." abandoned its gritty, realistic edge sometime in the late 1970s. You may remember when that lovable gang of cavemen were given situations and dialogue specially designed to be historically accurate.

To some, grunts, moans and primal screams may not have been the greatest rib-tickers in the world. Seeing newly-evolved neanderthal men feasting on a raw mastodon carcass for weeks in between bloody red fights might have bothered the squeamish. But since they switched to cutesy jokes and modern-day dialogue, they lost that unique style I so loved as a child. (The old version made for one heck of a colorful lunchbox.)

The comics page is a warped world of wisecracking animals, unbelievable situations, and people with huge heads and little bodies leading sadly two-dimensional lives. It's tragic that a supposedly civilized society gets its jollies indulging at such human misery. Funny page? Hardly. Horror page seems appropriate.

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## Conservatives don't deserve their scapegoats

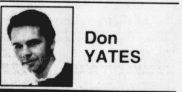
Pity the political conservative. To hear them talk, you would think that there is not a more misunderstood group in America. Though not as paranoid as they were during the McCarthy era, modern conservatives (a term as ridiculous as "jumbo shrimp" or "bureaucratic efficiency") still believe that they are bedeviled by a host of enemies.

Conservatives' sharpest embarrassment, besides Vice President Dan Quayle and his energy-saving IQ, is the fact that 12 years after their supposed rebirth, the country still refuses to adopt the conservative philosophy as the guiding national political force. Preferring to finger-point rather than shoulder blame, conservatives accuse a variety of villains for culminating in their failures.

The first offender is, of course, the mass media. Next in line for blame are corrupt political institutions such as Congress, the bureaucracy or the Democratic Party.

Conservatives also are frustrated by the machinations of liberals themselves. And, finally, there are a number of people and groups who are out to get them like the National Education Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Automobile Association, Bob Barker, Ren & Stimpy and Madame Whal, who is paid by the Democrats to cast spells upon voters' minds. The conservatives do not suspect that their real trouble may lie within themselves. The American people, however, will never embrace the conservative movement so long as they see its proponents elevating their dogma over human beings and their needs.

Conservatives love ideology. Indeed, to be a conservative, a potential recruit must first learn to narrow the teachings of President Reagan



Don YATES

and William F. Buckley. But instead of using ideology as a badge to establish their identities, conservatives view dogma as an excuse for disdaring flexibility and compassion.

For a historical example, recall the conservatives' rabid, fanatical fear of communism. Though this nation never was in serious peril of internal Marxist subversion, conservatives allowed their hatred of the Reds to overpower their common sense and respect for their fellow citizens. Conservatives, under the sway of the Pied Piper of paranoia Joe McCarthy, wasted money that their best hope lies in allowing a wealthy, white male to deduct another \$5,000 from his taxes in beyond contempt and the realm of intellectual decency.

The conservatives' instinctual preference for dogma is manifested in a variety of otherwise inexplicable ideas. The constitutional necromancy of original intent has led to the lax enforcement of civil-rights laws and indifference to protected political freedoms. Social programs that assist the truly vulnerable in our society, such as the elderly or poor children, are slashed as sacrifices to the principle of hate for big government.

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share fails to satisfy our national economic needs. But to dress up a bunch of selfish, special-interest concessions as a bold proposal for ending the recession insults our citizens' intelligence. Middle-class taxpayers, poor urban families and unemployed factory workers will never be convinced that permitting the affluent to blot their coffers will provide a better future for their children.

I think that conservatives finally would have reached the point where shame would keep them from dispensing the old mental drivel of economic paternalism. Unfortunately, when it comes to the fawnish adoration of the rich, conservatives have yet to find a standard of dignity or common sense that they respect. To tell truthfully a people that demand improvement in their educational system, health care and economy that their best hope lies in allowing a wealthy, white male to deduct another \$5,000 from his taxes is beyond contempt and the realm of intellectual decency.

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they have to be inspiring leaders or forces for progress. When confronted with a problem, be it economic, political or social, conservatives always react by immediately, vigorously calling for the cautious maintenance of the status quo. Some conservatives out there sincerely will lecture anyone who dares to support the Supreme Court's decision in Brown vs. the Board of Education. The Brown opinion ended the Southern practice of separating children by color when they attended school. Some conservatives, however, maintain that the court should have respected the constitutional tradition of entrusting social issues to the states. While common sense tells us that you never allow the criminal to decide his own guilt, conservatives have no problem with doing just that when one of their precious principles conflicts with a moral duty.

Conservatives believe the status quo should never be altered hastily by anyone who might not be technically authorized by 1,000 years of tradition or God himself. Unsurprisingly, conservatives always are able to think of yet another important political principle, which forbids them from improving civil rights, the environment or the economy.

It doesn't require a cynic to believe that if conservatives were the targets of discrimination or victims of injustice, they would howl and whine to the highest reaches of the decaying ozone layer. Indeed, the slightest perceived discourtesy to their ideology is enough to provoke conservatives into charging bias and slinging accusations. But pay them no mind — what you see and hear is only the intellectual equivalent of ripping away the security blanket from an easily panicked child.

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## San Francisco Zoo officials promoting safe animal sex

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Violet the orangutan is on the pill. King Lear the bison was rendered harmless with a bovine vasectomy. And Maxine the cougar is pushing high-tech boundaries with a Norplant-style implant.

Birds do it. Bees do it. But at the San Francisco Zoo, some of the romantically inclined are taking precautions.

Responsible zoo sex has been promoted at American zoos for more than a decade. Zoos that are pressed for space want better breeding management to prevent unwanted offspring ending up in dismal roadside attractions or being used as quarry at private big-game ranches.

"It's nice to have little bodies, it's a crowd pleaser and things like that, but we've got an overall responsibility," said zoo veterinarian Dr. Fredland Dunker.

In honor of Valentine's Day, the zoo is running a special R-rated sex tour jam packed with fascinating facts. Foreplay can last from over a

month for rhinos to hours for the aptly named slow loris, a tree-dwelling primate.

Orangutans take it out upside down, while rhinos carry on for up to an hour. Lions take pride in engaging up to 50 times in a 24-hour span, koalas exercise restraint with 40 seconds three times a year.

Then there are the zoo's two female Canada Geese, who have laid more than 40 unfertilized eggs for each other and an inseparable. Named Gertrude and Alice — after Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas — the pair are favorites of animal keeper Jane Tollini.

"They show no interest in being apart," she said. "If one is gone, the other one stands here just screaming."

As guide for the no-children Valentine tour, Tollini takes a keen interest in the sex lives of her charges.

On a recent tour, Tollini pointed out contraceptive star Violet, who since 1986, has been taking human birth control pills, straight from the supermarket.



## President Bush launches '92 re-election campaign

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush today formally launched his re-election campaign, telling a cheering crowd, "I want to serve as your president four more years."

Today's announcement was hardly a surprise. Bush already has raised \$11 million for his re-election drive and is on the ballot in

26 states.

He enters the race with diminished popularity in polls amid widespread anxiety about the economy. Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle launched their campaign at a Lincoln's birthday rally at a downtown hotel before 1,000 of their most loyal supporters. The audience cheered them with calls of "four more years."

## Pitino sports 'second half' clothing line at McAlpins

Staff reports

UK Basketball coach Rick Pitino will launch the "Second Half of the Season" tonight at McAlpins Turf-land Mall.

Pitino will be on hand to celebrate the new additions to his "Rick Pitino Apparel Line" and to have free photos taken with fans from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Promoters of the line said although they don't know how many

people to expect, they are hoping for a large crowd.

Kentucky Textiles, manufacturer of the Pitino apparel, reports sales in nearing \$250,000 since the line was introduced in November. Similar sales are expected with the second half.

The new line includes two styles of sweatshirts, which will be available for \$36 each.

## Mining

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site will be lead by a coordinator, who plays the role of police officer.

They are responsible for upholding UK classroom policy, handing out exams, mailing the students

class work to UK and distributing grades.

By taking a sequence of 10 courses, one offered each semester, students eventually can receive 30 hours of credit to achieve a master's degree.

However, Saperstein admits the program is "not just total magic."

In the past, the mailing system has thrown a monkey wrench into the cogs of high-tech teaching.

"Once a bag of mail containing exams disappeared. When we were about to give up, the mail showed up out of nowhere," Saperstein said.

He also added that troubles might be alleviated if the college can find

a dependable courier or overnight mailing service.

Although the college of mining engineering made televised graduate classes available last spring and fall, department officials weren't permitted to call the courses "degree" work until this semester.

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"The numbers are probably a little low, but with the economy the way it is, you've got to be pretty pleased," said Jon Embry, president of the Engineering Student Council and a fifth-year electrical engineering student.

The first two phonathons raised a combined total of more than \$50,000. Money from the first phonathon, totaling \$26,058, was used to purchase furniture for the student commons area and equipment for student organizations.

The \$26,735 contributed to the first phonathon in 1990 is being used to assist the organizations and aid in student professional develop-

ment.

Each participating student organization can receive up to 50 percent of the money the organization raises. The remaining half of the money goes into the Student Development Fund, which will be applied to furthering the professional and technical skill of engineering students.

"We're great so far and (today) ought to be the best day so far," said Mitch Coetz, a civil engineering junior and one of the student organizers.

She said they may not have had as much success reaching alumni last night because of the UK-Alabama basketball game at Rupp Arena.

## Valentine

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special pink heart Wright designed in the mid-1970s.

Wright also holds each valentine until just the right time before sending it to Richmond, 70 miles to the north, for sorting.

"I like them to arrive at homes the day before or on Valentine's Day," he said. "I try to time them out as best I can."

Some people mail their cards to Wright and ask him to send them out at the appropriate time.

Others come by in person, including Melinda Speight, who drove 25

miles from Roanoke Rapids, N.C., last Saturday to bring 30 cards to be postmarked.

Speight, 38, said she has driven her cards up to Valentines each February since she got her driver's license.

A couple will get married in the post office tomorrow. Last year, two couples were married there.

But some people aren't caught up in the Valentine's Day spirit, Wright said.

Last year, he said, one man looked at the valentine-filled boxes and said, "There's some lies in them boxes. Shame on this world for all them lies told."

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