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YUCK It was ugly, but UK downed the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay 74-62 last night. Story, page 3.



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Dead week hardly dead

Broken policies can be reported

By Mandy Caswood
Contributing Writer

The UK campus is full of life this week; the computer labs are crammed, classrooms are packed, and the library has become home to many students.

Students are preparing for final exams, finishing papers and researching class projects.

The picture hardly fits the name given to the week before final exams — "dead week."

According to Selected Rules of the University Senate Governing Academic Relationships, "no exam shall be given during the last week of regular session classes, and no take home finals shall be due before the regularly scheduled exam time."

Faculty are also told not to assign unreasonable class exercises or fail to give students ample time to prepare for an assignment, said

Lee A. Edgerton, UK's academic ombud.

"Announcing a requirement on Friday before dead week for a major oral presentation to be given during dead week is not in the spirit," Edgerton said.

So what exactly is reasonable during dead week?

A reasonable class exercise might be an impromptu oral presentation in a speech class. Any exercise that may occur on a normal class day is acceptable.

There are exceptions to the rule, of course.

A completion date during dead week for a project assigned early in the semester is acceptable. Laboratory practicums and make-up examinations may also be given during dead week.

Many students, however, are frustrated during this time of the semester with faculty members who pile the work on them and do not give students a break to study.

"I haven't even been able to begin studying for finals yet because I have both a project and a paper due this week," said Emily

Bitman, a nursing senior.

Edgerton suggests faculty members plan less intensive activities and communicate their schedules and expectations in advance.

"I suspect most of (faculty and students) agree that the intent is to provide a week with a reduced load, not an increased load," Edgerton said.

The office of the UK Ombud receives and considers the complaints and grievances of students.

"Every semester we get around 15 to 20 complaints from students during dead week," said Michelle Solner, assistant to the ombud.

This week is Edgerton's first exposure to dead week, having only been in office since July of this year, and so far it hasn't been too overwhelming.

"A few students have raised questions concerning the legitimacy of an assignment," Edgerton said, "but the phone's not ringing off the wall."

Complaints or questions concerning dead week should be directed to the office of the ombud at 257-3737 or 257-7530.



BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL Economics sophomore Gabriel Reynolds gets ready for finals week studying at the Margaret I. King Library. Final exams start on Monday.

Semester break a serious holiday for thieves

By Chris Padgett
Staff Writer

An unlocked window was all that burglars needed to gain entry into Lexington Community College sophomore Ellen Matthews' Aylesford Place apartment during Christmas break last year.

Unfortunately for Matthews the burglars were able to steal more than \$1,500 worth of merchandise.

"Fortunately, they didn't take any of my personal belongings," Matthews said. "I do not understand why anyone would want to break into a college student's apartment over the Christmas break."

Matthews resolved to never leave any window or door open in her apartment again while she is away.

"The people who broke into my apartment are the scum of the earth," she added.

Stephanie Bastin, UK crime prevention coordinator, said it is important for students to take crime prevention techniques to make sure their belongings are not stolen over the break.

"Students need to act responsibly and secure their rooms over the break," Bastin said.

"Unfortunately, burglars do not discriminate on which apartment rooms they choose to burglarize."

Bastin recommends students secure their rooms by locking windows and doors. Apartment dwellers should leave both a light timer and a radio turned on.

"Students should contact the post office and have a stop placed on your mail and or newspaper and better yet, if a friend or neighbor will be staying in the neighborhood, have them monitor the area and pick up the mail and newspaper," Bastin said.

Bastin also said that is impor-

Prevent burglary over Holiday Break

Dorm rooms

- Lock all windows and doors.
- Turn off all major appliances.
- Take valuable possessions with you or hide them.
- Follow all guidelines from your hall director.

Apartments

- Use a timer for a well lit room at night.
- Leave a radio turned on.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery or have a neighbor pick this up for you.
- Do not change your answering machine or allude to your absence on your outgoing message.

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tant to tell others about your holiday plans.

"It is very important that someone know where you are going and when you will be back," Bastin said. "It would also be a good idea to leave a number that you can be reached at with a friend or neighbor that will be staying in Lexington."

Residence hall students should lock their doors, close the blinds and turn off all appliances.

If possible, residents should take valuable possessions with them and place all valuable possessions left behind in an inconspicuous place.

Also bicycles should not be left on campus bike racks and should be locked away in storage. Students can check with individual hall directors to find out if it is all right to leave bicycles in residence hall rooms.



BREAKING AND ENTERING There are many tips students can follow to keep their apartments and residence hall rooms safe during the holiday break.

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CHE task force to analyze relationship between UK, Community College System

By Lindsay Hendrix
Staff Writer

A Council on Higher Education task force repealed its original suggestion of merging the governance of community colleges and vocational schools yesterday, and said that it will substitute another study on the issue.

The report also endorsed the proposal from the council to increase higher education funding over a two year period.

The Task Force on Higher Education's first draft of the proposal suggested a merger of the governance of community colleges and vocational schools.

But yesterday the committee decided to conduct a study of the relationship between Kentucky's community colleges, vocational schools and universities.

"The study needs to collect information and talk with people who are actively involved," said UK

President Charles Wethington.

"Such a study should get opinions from students, faculty, staff, businesses and industry to determine how Kentucky can be best served in the vocational and technical schools and community colleges."

The study should help determine the fate of the community colleges.

Although they currently operate throughout the state by UK, the other seven state universities consider them competition and would like to play a role in their governance.

Representative Freed Card, the chairman of the House Education Committee, said he expected legislation in the 1996 General Assembly that would address the issue of governing higher education.

He said that he thought the committee ducked the issue of control of the community colleges because it was too controversial.

In addition to announcing the study, the task force also emphasized the need for increased funding for the state's higher education establishments.

The report endorsed the council's recommendation of an 8.4 percent increase in higher education funding next year and 9.8 percent the following year. "The proposal has singled out the funding problem on higher education in Kentucky," Wethington said.

"It has focused on the need for deferred maintenance moneys."

House Speaker Jody Richards, the chairman of the task force, said the importance of the report is that it recommends more money for all of higher education.

Wethington said he hopes the task force's proposal will help to clarify many issues that the public may not understand about institutions of higher education's financial situation.

"One of the purposes (of the report) is that of informing our publics of what is occurring in our schools today," Wethington said.

"I think we've got a good story to tell."

The Associated Press also contributed to this article.



Wethington

NEWSbytes

NATION Clinton to unveil new federal budget plan

WASHINGTON — The White House began unveiling its new seven-year budget-balancing proposal to congressional Democrats on yesterday, even as President Clinton delivered his long-promised coup-de-grace to a Republican plan he said bore "wringheaded cuts and misplaced priorities."

Clinton dispatched Leon Panetta, his chief of staff, to the Capitol to brief House and Senate Democrats about the package, which the administration plans to present to Republicans when budget talks resume today.

Compared with a proposal Clinton made in June, the new plan will have deeper cuts in welfare and many domestic programs and additional limits on business tax breaks. It will call for the same savings of \$124 billion from Medicare and \$54 billion from Medicaid that he had sought earlier, and about the same \$98 billion tax cut for families he had proposed.

Simpson agrees to television interview

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson has agreed to an unrestricted interview with CNN — at an undetermined date — and is reportedly negotiating to proclaim his innocence in a multi-million dollar video and infomercial.

Greta Van Susteren, a lawyer who helped analyze Simpson's murder case for CNN, said he promised the network an interview with no ground rules during a four-hour conversation with her last weekend.

Simpson backed out of a scheduled NBC-TV interview in October after his lawyers warned that anything he said could be used against him in pending civil suits.

Ethics committee to investigate Gingrich

WASHINGTON — The House ethics committee yesterday approved an outside counsel to investigate Rep. Newt Gingrich's conduct, ensuring a protracted probe extending well into the 1996 election year. The vote was 10-0.

Gingrich's spokesman, Tony Blankley, and congressional sources said the counsel would investigate a college course taught by the House speaker and financed with tax-deductible donations.

The committee also found Gingrich violated a rule that prohibits mingling official and unofficial resources, according to sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

NAMEdropping

Michael Jackson taken to hospital

NEW YORK — Michael Jackson collapsed on stage yesterday while rehearsing for a national television special and was taken to a hospital suffering from apparent dehydration.

Jackson was in stable condition and was undergoing tests, according to a statement from Beth Israel Medical Center North. He was being held overnight. A police source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said singer Janet Jackson went into the hospital to visit her ailing brother.

Emergency workers found a semiconscious Jackson lying on the side of the stage when they arrived at the Beacon Theater shortly after 5 p.m. Emergency Medical Service technician Kevin Barwick said.

"He was lethargic. He was speaking slowly, mumbling," said Barwick, who treated the pop star. The 37-year-old singer appeared dehydrated and was treated with oxygen and intravenous fluids.

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UP AND OVER The 40-member equestrian team competes in horse shows around the region. They are making a run at Nationals the first week in May.

Equestrian team riding way to top

Team aiming for nationals

By Jason Dattilo
Sports Editor

Central Kentucky is world famous for its thoroughbred horses, but equine activity is not limited to the multi-million dollar business of race horses.

The UK equestrian travels to horse shows around the region competing against teams from various colleges, including Midway, Morehead State and Tennessee.

The equestrian team at UK competes as a club sport and is a member of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. The 40 participants pay a \$10 membership fee entitling them to compete at

college horse shows around the nation.

As a club sport, the team has to cover all its own expenses from lessons to travel time. The squad doesn't have its own barn or animals so team members are forced to pursue individual instruction on their own.

UK head coach Shelly Mann operates out of Champaign Run, a local barn, and teaches lessons in Hunt seat riding. Hunt seat is basically an English style of riding that includes the jumping of fences. The saddle in Hunt seat is of English design and includes a saddle horn.

Most of the instruction in Western riding takes place at the High Point Equestrian Center in Georgetown, Ky. In Western riding, participants are judged on a

variety of techniques from trotting, walking and cantering. Jumping is not part of a Western competition where participants use a hornless saddle.

"The two events are judged totally different," said junior team member Kate Schwegman. "Judges want the Western horses to be slower, calmer and head low. They want the Hunt horses to be more forward."

When teams travel to shows, they use horses provided by the host school. Participants draw the name of a particular horse and are forced to compete without ever riding or even seeing the animal.

"You're led out into the ring and you ride," Mann said. "It can be kind of scary."

The Cats have competed at four shows so far this season and

are preparing for the postseason tournaments next semester.

Regional competition is scheduled for the end of March at Tennessee. Hunt seat riders finishing first, second or third move on to zone competition. The top two riders at zones move on to national competition slated for the first week in May in Hollywood, Calif.

In Western competition the top two riders in the regional show advance to nationals.

"They get better every show," Mann said. "We got a lot of people who have never horse-shod before and they're winning ribbons."

"We've had a lot more team spirit this year," said Julie LaFleur, the team's president. "Everybody goes out to the shows and supports everybody else."

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**Charging UK students to attend the
JV basketball games is ridiculous**

A few random observations as basketball season begins to get in full-swing.

I understand UK basketball is big, and that the athletic department makes a lot of money off of it. But please. Making the students pay \$2 to attend a junior varsity game is a little ridiculous. The students don't even have to pay to attend varsity women's game. Why should they have to pay to get into see junior varsity basketball?

Now I'm not trying to put down the guys who play on the team, they are giving everything they can to impress the coaching staff and get playing time. Heck, I only wish I could play basketball at UK, even at the junior varsity level. But why?

Who knows, maybe next start charging students to attend cross country meets?

Last Saturday, Duke suffered its first non-conference loss at Cameron Indoor Stadium since Louisville beat them in January of 1983, a string of 95 games. Cameron is arguably the toughest arena to play in because of the sheer enthusiasm that Duke students show throughout the game, hence the nickname "Cameron Crazyes."

Now if UK fans could give Rupp Arena that same type of atmosphere, the Cats would have the biggest home-court advantage

in the country. It's not that Cat fans don't make a lot of noise during the big games, such as U of L or Arkansas, but it does not even come close to the mayhem that reigns at Cameron for any game, be it North Carolina or Towson State.

For all I care, Kansas can have the number one ranking in December. As long as UK can have the national championship in April.

After suffering through two seasons of fashion abuse, it's good to see the Cats attired much more conservatively, but speaking of fashion, could someone please explain why Rick Pitino was wearing that tie he wore against Massachusetts. It had to be the ugliest thing I've ever seen. I'll chalk it up to a bad tie-day, or maybe it was a gift. C'mon Armani man, sport the good stuff.

It appears Bernadette Lockemattox has the women's basketball team heading in the right direction. Maybe some of Pitino's magic rubbed off on her and she can turn this program around much like Pitino did when he arrived in Lexington.

It would be great publicity for the Southeastern Conference if Florida's football team could knock off Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2 to win the national championship. Then to top it off UK could run the table in the

NCAA Tournament in March to win the basketball title.

With the SEC also having at least three or four women's basketball teams ranked highly by the polls, there is a possibility the conference could become one of the first, if not the first, to have three national champs in the same season.

Throw in UK gymnast Jenny Hansen, already a three-time national champ, and the SEC is looking at a big year in national competition.

Derek Anderson was ranked heading into the 1991-92 season as the 16th best high school player in the state of Kentucky. Ranked ahead of him, U of L's Jason Osborne and Tick Rogers.

Shows you how much the so-called experts know.

I, for one, was disappointed that Indiana's coach Bob Knight had skipped his postgame news conference after UK beat his Hoosiers on Saturday.

I was looking forward to hearing a explosive-filled tirade much like the one he had after IU was knocked out in the first round of last year's NCAA Tourney by Missouri.

I wonder if former Arkansas star and UK heartbreaker Scotty Thurman would have gotten an agent last year if had known he would be unemployed in December.

Assistant Sports Editor Chris Easterling is a journalism freshman.



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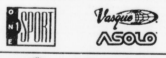
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**U of L blows out
Morehead State**

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — DeJuan Wheat scored 23 points to lead seven Cardinals in double figures

as Louisville routed Morehead State 119-61 last night in Freedom Hall.

Tick Rogers scored 19 points for U of L.

Louisville (4-2) scored the most points in a game since a 132-87 victory over George Mason on Jan. 4, 1994.

Mark Kinnaird scored 14 points for Morehead State (3-2).

The 58-point victory matched the most lopsided in Denny Crum's 25 seasons. Louisville defeated Bellarmine 116-58 in 1971.

Twelve Cards saw action in the first half. Sophomore center Samaki Walker sprained his ankle in practice Tuesday. Walker dressed but did not play Wednesday.

Cats beat Phoenix despite sloppy play

By Jason Dattilo
Sports Editor

It wasn't a Picasso and it certainly wasn't much fun to watch, but when all the ugliness cleared, UK emerged with an uneventful 74-62 victory over the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay last night at Rupp Arena.

The Phoenix brought its slow-down style to town, while the Cats spent most of the night trying to turn up the tempo. It looked as though the physically superior Wildcat squad was going to put away the Phoenix early — the Cats led by as many as 22 points in the first stanza — but Green Bay just wouldn't go away.

"It's very tough to knock out this team," said UK head coach Rick Pitino, whose squad raised its record to 3-1.

"They just stay with their tempo. You're not going to beat this team by 30 or 35 points," Pitino said.

Each time UK seemed poised to make a run, Green Bay's only legitimate scoring threat, Jeff Nordgaard, shot the Phoenix back into contention.

If it wasn't Nordgaard, who led all scorers with 29 points, including 18 in the second half, it was the Cats' fumbling and fumbling the ball on offense.

At one point early in the second half the Cats — always aiming for the spectacular — missed a follow-up dunk and mishandled two lob passes during a two-minute span.

"I told the team rather than get dirty, get down the floor first, block out and do the right things they were trying to turn on the

crowd," Pitino said. "We'll be a great lob team and have some spectacular dunks and we'll lose by 15 or 20 points in our conference each night."

While the Cats needed to get back to the basics on offense, it was the defensive performance that really irked Pitino, especially in the second half when the Phoenix shot 51 percent and cut the Wildcats' lead to 10 at 55-45 with 9:53 left.

The Green Bay run prompted Pitino to whistle for a :20 timeout. Following the break, UK guard Tony Delk nailed a 10 footer, but Nordgaard answered with a dunk off a baseline drive. UK again traded baskets with Nordgaard, but a Walter McCarty layup and two Antoine Walker free throws gave the Cats a 14-point lead with timeout on the floor and 7:52 left.

Green Bay (2-2) never got closer than 10 the rest of the way, but the defensive performance still led to sarcasm from Pitino.

"I'm just going to go out and get the best bottle of wine and celebrate with my wife," Pitino quipped.

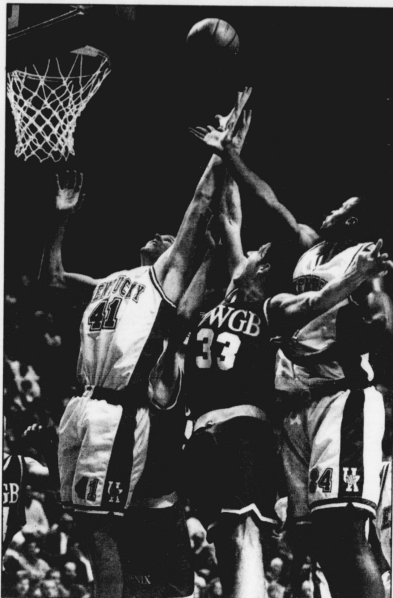
"... but she'll probably have nothing to do with me because of our defense."

"What's the problem?"

"We're not showing the kind of heart and determination that we

need on defense," said Walker, who finished with 13 points. "We always play hard, but it's one thing to play hard and it's another thing to go out and execute and follow the game plan."

"They outworked us. They



JAMES CRISP Herald staff

BATTLE ON THE BOARDS UK's Mark Pope and Antoine Walker battle UWGB's Jeff Nordgaard for a rebound in the Cats' 74-62 win last night.

didn't just come in here to play Kentucky on their schedule."

In the first half, Delk looked unstoppable, scoring nine of the Cats' first 12 points as the Wildcats built a 35-13 lead with 3:37 left. But the Phoenix closed the half with an 11-3 run.

"It was the early press and falling into that big hole that killed us," Nordgaard said. "After that I think we played them out even."

Green Bay's defense didn't help its cause. The Phoenix committed 23 personal fouls, and the Wildcats were able to sink 26-of-33 from the charity stripe.

Delk led the Cats with 17 points with Mercer (11), McCarty (10) and Derek Anderson (10) all reaching double figures.

College athletes being bombarded by agents

By Chris Hayward
Contributing Writer

UK tailback Moe Williams is a rising star on the collegiate gridiron whose exploits are sure to draw attention and action from sports agents around the nation.

"I can guarantee, he's getting plenty of free advice right now from another source — the agents," said UK football coach Bill Curry.

Bob Bradley, UK's assistant athletic director, acts as a liaison between agents and student athletes. Bradley and UK's head coaches can talk with agents, but not players or assistant coaches.

"I would tell Moe that he needs to get help, since there are good ones and bad ones," Bradley said.

Bradley said that the "good" agents deal through him for football and baseball players. UK basketball coach Rick Pitino handles the basketball players.

But the dishonest agents are not going to deal through the administration, and this is where the problem begins.

Kentucky State Law defines a sports agent as "a person who solicits, personally or through an agent employee, a student athlete to enter into an contractual relationship." The legislation also defines what are considered unlawful activities by the agents. Unlawful practices can be classified as a Class D felony.

Unlawful activities occur when agents shower prospective professional athletes with money and gifts, with hopes their involvement with the youngster will pay dividends when the athlete signs a professional contract.

Frequently agents use a middle man called a "runner," who serves as a contact between player and agent, and also distributes money and gifts to the student athlete. This practice is an violation, but the NCAA's meticulous monitoring of college athletics is rendered ineffective when it comes to controlling this problem.

"The reason we are having problems with agents is that they are not part of the NCAA," said UK's Compliance Director John Butler. He said the NCAA cannot levy penalties against agents because of their lack of affiliation.

But the NCAA can penalize the student athletes by revoking their eligibility while remaining powerless in deterring agents from soliciting talented college athletes.

"It's a very insidious and difficult thing to police," said Thomas C. Hansen, commissioner of the Pacific-10 Conference in an opinion written for *NCAA News*.

"I think we've only seen the tip of the mountain. If we have more of this, I'm at the stage where we ought to let kids get agents," the opinion said.

But agents already keep score with the athlete of how much money changes hands. As reported in *NCAA News*, one former Florida football player who, after receiving a signing bonus from an NFL team, was surprised at how little of the money was actually his.

Rather than a hefty check to deposit, the athlete received a detailed statement from his agent that included interest on gifts received during college.

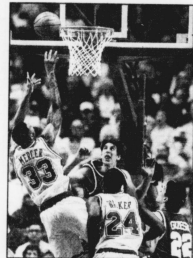
So why do college athletes continue to accept the cash and gifts, even though they know it could ruin their NCAA eligibility?

Second-year Kansas City running back Greg Hill states several reasons, but as he told the *NCAA News*, the main reason is the NCAA Manual.

"I think that's (the NCAA's) fault because of the strict restrictions on how long guys can work and how much (financial aid) guys get," said Hill, who played football at Texas A&M.

The NCAA's Manual also drew criticism from Royce L. Money, president of Ablene Christian University.

"The NCAA has become a very cumbersome bureaucracy, in my opinion," Money said. "The regulations that are contained in the NCAA Manual seem to be endless."



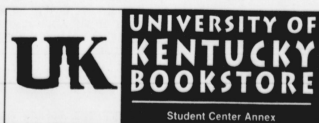
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IT'S UP Ron Mercer puts up a shot against Wisconsin-Green Bay last night at Rupp Arena.

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Empty SGA Senate OKs dorm proposal

Group also gives Fine Arts money

By Stephen Trimble
Senior Staff Writer

With a meager attendance that barely met quorum last night, the Student Government Association Senate supported a trial period for a 24-hour residence hall visitation policy.

"It's about time," said Senator at Large Drew Alvarez, who was joined by 17 other senators in support of the resolution that would allow students to check-in at any time at Blanding II residence hall starting next fall.

SGA Vice President Heather Hennel said UK officials would monitor whether disciplinary actions or acts of vandalism increase throughout that semester.

If either statistic remains level or drops, Hennel said the residence hall officials most likely would allow open visitation the

following spring at Blanding II, as well as a few other halls.

"This proposal will potentially increase revenue for the University, the retention rate, and increase student satisfaction with on-campus living," the resolution says.

Only one senator, College of Architecture Senator Michael Uyheli, voted against the resolution.

"If it's for studying, usually bedrooms are not very good studying environments in the first place," he said, "especially for the opposite sex. ... I'd rather be able to study in my room than hear people through the wall."

Uyheli promised to raise his objections next month when the resolution reaches the University Senate, which can either support the bill or vote it down at its first session after the Christmas break.

Either way, the plan can still go to the Board of Trustees for a vote.

But as the final vote indicates

— 18 years, one nay and one abstention — there were only just enough senators present to allow a vote.

The SGA Constitution mandates that at least half, plus one of the entire Senate must be present for any official action. There are 38 senators, which means 20 senators have to attend a meeting to reach quorum.

But since the Senate managed to reach quorum, one student group got their wish.

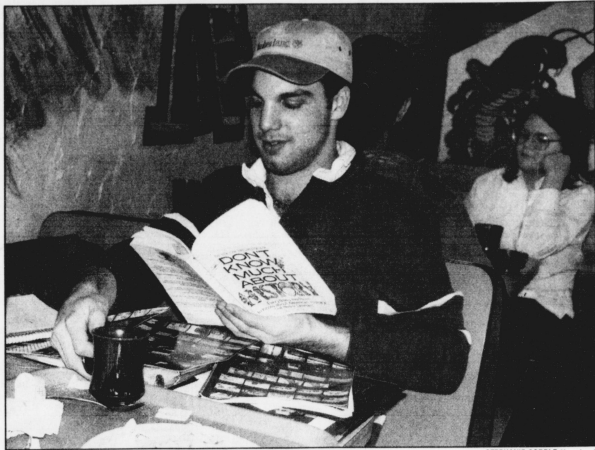
The Senate voted to spend \$1,100 of their remaining \$18,000 budget to help the University's Arts Administration Program and the UK Theatre Department to help bring Pulitzer prize winning playwright Robert Schenkkan to campus next month.

Schenkkan wrote "The Kentucky Cycle," a play covering the history of the last 200 years in Eastern Kentucky.

During his three-day visit in late January, Schenkkan will meet with the cast of University students who will perform the play in February, host a seminar and give a public presentation, the bill's proposal said.

"I applaud you when you bring people to campus to enlighten us all," Senator at Large Tim Niebel said.

FINALS FRENZY



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MIDNIGHT MARATHON Matt Marriott, an anthropology junior, studies for his history and photography finals at the Tally-Ho earlier this week.

Students scope out studying and relaxing techniques for next week

By Ashley Page
Contributing Writer

If you look closely you can see it in the eyes of each passing student.

No, not the happy gleam of holiday cheer, or even relief resulting from thoughts of a month-long break.

Right now, with the impending horror of finals week weighing on the shoulders of the student body, the most prevalent look among students is one of stress.

Education junior Lesley Barsotti said procrastination during the semester is what makes finals week so stressful for her.

"Every year I plan on getting papers done and studying early," Barsotti said.

"But every year I wait until the last minute. Then during finals week I have so much to do I almost lose my mind."

Perri Kersh, a learning skills instructor with UK's Counseling and Testing Center, said starting

making sure he works out every night.

"I really feel much more relaxed after a work out," Boyer said.

"It clears my head so I can think about what I'm trying to study."

Finally, Kersh said that the best way to ensure that studying gets done is to plan a reward for yourself so you have something to look forward to.

Ideally, Kersh said these rewards should be healthy and positive, but that you should plan to reward yourself with whatever appeals to you.

Accounting freshman Jeremy Conner said this is the study plan that works best for him.

"Every time I start to get discouraged when I'm studying I just think about getting drunk after the test," Conner said.

"It works really well — I usually get A's."

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UK English professor's son missing

Rescue teams still searching for his plane

By Brenna Reilly
News Editor

A UK English professor's son has been missing in the mountains of West Virginia since he lost contact with an air traffic controller five minutes after he took off in a twin engine plane.

Colin Campbell, 31, took off from Westover County at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 28 and was last heard from at 9:35 a.m. He was flying to his home Lynchburg, Va., said Don McCourt, director of Emergency Services for Westover County.

Campbell is the son of associate professor William Campbell, who has been teaching at UK for 28 years.

The area where the plane disappeared in southwest Westover County is a very dense forest, making it very difficult to search, McCourt said.

In addition to the thick forest rescue efforts were hindered by five inches of snow that covered the mountain. McCourt said the snow is beginning to melt and may help the search.

Emergency rescue efforts will be shut down Nov. 12, seven days after it began, McCourt said.

"We will find the (plane) eventually," McCourt said.

He said the chances of finding Colin Campbell alive may be slim.

"Imagine having to survive in a house with no food or water for eight days," McCourt said. "Much less having to survive in the elements."

KYSPILL designed to test pollution around the world

By Robin M. Barnett
Contributing Writer

Tracking a chemical spill or testing a new landfill design normally would require a complex computer program and an expert to run it.

But a program called KYSPILL, developed by UK's Sergio Serrano makes the job easier.

KYSPILL makes groundwater pollution analysis a simple procedure.

The program allows its' users to simply input basic data, while

Serrano, a UK civil engineering associate professor, worked 10 years to develop KYSPILL.

Initially, he used the program to teach his students, but after 1993 he developed it for commercial uses.

Now, as president of HydroScience, he is marketing KYSPILL to businesses and environmental groups around the world.

"I did it because it is what I think I should do," Serrano said, "because of a philosophical sense that I am doing something useful rather than just theoretical."

Serrano offers KYSPILL to non-profit groups for one-third the normal cost to other companies.

"We are getting a warm response from the environmental community," Serrano said. "It's very nice, very friendly."

The program does all the dirty work.

For example, the program could determine whether a chemical spill caused by a truck wreck could contaminate a nearby water source.

The program will simulate the progress of the spill over time after information such as chemical concentration, annual rainfall, and temperature and soil composition is entered.

"We are getting a warm response from the environmental community," Serrano said. "It's very nice, very friendly."

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New major may help Americanize students

By Janna Lea Chalfant
Contributing Writer

Students at UK may have a new major added to the curriculum, but only if it is approved by the Council on Higher Education, which may take awhile.

A proposal has been made by UK to establish an undergraduate major in American Culture. "This issue is really tricky, for now the main objective is to get the minor approved," said Steven Weisenberger, an English faculty member working on the implementation of the program. Weisenberger said he thinks it is a shame the council is putting a "numbing effect on academics with the block."

Although he believes the program will make its way into the schedule books, he tries to be optimistic in thinking it will only take 2-3 years.

The approvals needed by the council may not be completed for another 2-3 years, and then the proposal must go through the channels at the University. This could mean the major would not go into effect until the 1998-99 academic year.

Although, an undergraduate minor in the program can be in the schedule books for the 1996-97 academic year.

An interest in this area of study has been raised by many students and colleagues alike.

The program in American culture will offer an approach to the analysis of American civilization. The required classes will be taught by a conglomerate of professors in English, history, sociology, psychology, film studies, fine arts, geography, political science, African-American and women's studies.

The emphasis being on how these different studies, when combined, all complement and relate to each other.

Because the council has put a block on any new major programs at state universities this serves as a major road block in the path toward establishing the new American culture program. The history and English departments at UK are trying to persuade the council to ease this regulation.

Once the council passes the issue there are many channels the program will have to go through to get its feet off the ground. After passing the approval of the Arts and Sciences Dean the issue of the program is then sent to the University Senate. Only after it has approved the program is a formal minor established.

An issue the council will consider is the fact that no new faculty members or money will be needed to start the program.



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Say cheese

Students who are graduating in December pose with Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Elisabeth Zinser (left) and Dean of the College of Human Environmental Science Retia Walker (third from right) for a photo during a ceremony at Erikson Hall yesterday.

GOP working to agree on Clinton's Bosnia plan

By Donald Rothberg
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans moved closer to agreement yesterday on a response to President Clinton's plan to deploy 20,000 U.S. troops in Bosnia as part of a NATO peacekeeping force. "I think it will come together," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

At the same time, Clinton sought to build bipartisan backing for the hazardous mission, telling a White House gathering: "Leadership is not a spectator sport."

McCain and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole were backing a resolution that supports the deployment but insists on a U.S. commitment to arm and train the Bosnian army and prohibits U.S. troops from becoming involved in civil administration.

Dole has expressed reservations about the deployment but said Congress has little choice but to support the president. But some Republicans, including Assistant Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Dole's presidential rival Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, have said they flatly oppose sending troops to Bosnia.

McCain said those backing deployment with conditions will meet today with opponents. "We're only at the point where we're going to compare proposals," he said.

But he also indicated that he would agree to a strategy in which the Senate would vote first on a resolution flatly opposing deployment. If that is defeated, the Senate would then vote on the Dole-McCain resolution.

In any case, no Senate vote on the issue is expected before next week.

Rep. Bob Inglis, R-S.C., who has gathered 160 signatures on a letter opposing deployment, said he expects a House vote on the issue early next week.

"Some thought we should wait until the Senate votes and vote after that," he said. "I'd prefer to vote and vote as quickly as possible."

The commander of U.N. forces in Bosnia, meanwhile, appeared on Capitol Hill and said concerns about an attack on American forces were overblown.

"I don't think your fears are of a very high or even a very great probability at all," British Gen. Rupert Smith told the House International Relations Committee.

Smith said that Bosnia was a society that "recognizes very clearly force, it understands force."

The greatest protection for the NATO peacekeeping force beginning to deploy in Bosnia, he said, "is its numbers, its mass and the weapon capabilities it has, none of which have I had until very recently."

Congress is not expected to vote on the Bosnia deployment plan until next week, action being delayed by the problems drafting a resolution that would satisfy the widely conflicting views on Capitol Hill.

The first sign of the difficulty Dole was encountering came when a Senate vote was put off until next week. The House planned to act only after the Senate vote.

The peace agreement reached last month at Dayton, Ohio, will be signed in Paris on Dec. 14, and congressional leaders hope to vote on a resolution before then.

At a news conference in the

Capitol, Republican senators pressed their case for a resolution opposing the deployment. "I think the president has made a mistake," said Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla. "I think it's important that Congress express itself."

At the same time, Nickles conceded that "this resolution is not going to stop the deployment of troops."

In the House, about 160 members have signed a one-sentence letter to Clinton that said, "We urge you not to send ground troops to Bosnia."

While Dole and McCain worked on the wording of a resolution, the early stages of the deployment already were under way. The first U.S. Air Force cargo plane arrived at Tuzla in northern Bosnia on Wednesday, carrying communications gear and technicians to prepare the massive operation to supply the American military headquarters in Bosnia.

Clinton dispatched U.S. negotiators to the former Yugoslavia to meet with leaders in Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia, to discuss final plans for implementing the Dayton peace agreement.

The president also sought to maintain momentum in support of the deployment of 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia.

Senior administration officials continued their round of appearances on Capitol Hill and the president restated his case at a White House meeting.

A cross section of supporters of the military mission met with Clinton at the White House. They included Alexander Haig, secretary of state in the Reagan administration, and Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security adviser to Jimmy Carter.

"Today you have joined across partisan lines to make a strong case for America's leadership in Bosnia," Clinton said.

"Europe's stability is threatened as long as this war burns at its center. We have to stand with the Europeans on Bosnia."

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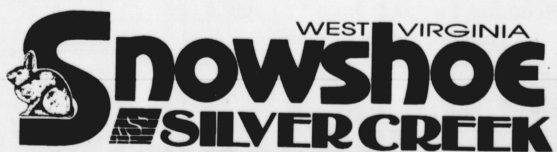
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▼Lucas Ray Gore, 32, 362 Withrow Way, alcohol intoxication.
Dec. 4
▼Michael E. Sweitzer, 23, driving under the influence.
Dec. 3
▼Marcus Cross, 30, 117 Roach Fulton, Tn., driving under the influence.
Peter Kelder, 30, 1115 Merrick Pl., alcohol intoxication.
Dec. 2
▼David Durham, 21, 507 Laketower no. 427, driving under the influence.

Complaints filed with UK Police

Dec. 5
▼Unauthorized use of a credit card: Blanding Tower, complainant stated unknown subjects removed his card from his wallet on or about Nov. 8 and charged about \$500 worth of merchandise.

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▼Subject placed the complainant's card back in his wallet when it was found Dec. 5.
Dec. 4
▼Theft by unlawful taking over \$300: 705 Woodland Ave. Sigma Chi social fraternity house, complainant stated that unknown people removed his bike from the inside of the Sigma Chi house. The bike was not locked.
▼Third degree criminal mischief: Stadium green lot, complainant advised subject did damage to vehicle.
▼Theft by unlawful taking over \$300: 321 Columbia Terrace, complainant stated listed property was removed from a red box which was in her top dresser drawer.
▼Theft by unlawful taking over \$300: Funkhouser Drive, complainant stated unknown subject removed the listed property. It is unknown how they removed property.



▼Theft by unlawful taking over \$300: Sprindtop Hall, complainant stated unknown people removed listed property from the location.
Dec. 3
▼Theft by unlawful taking over \$300: 366 Kirwan Tower, subject stated listed items were taken from desk in an unsecured room.
Dec. 2
▼Third degree criminal mischief: third floor Kirwan Tower, unknown persons broke out the window in the lobby area.
Dec. 1
▼First degree arson, 112 Kirwan Tower, persons unknown lit a piece of paper on fire and dropped onto the floor causing damage to the carpeting in front of the room.
▼Theft by unlawful taking over \$300: 105 Old Fine Arts Building, subjects stated that listed property was taken.
Nov. 30
▼Theft by unlawful taking over \$300: HG 614 UK Chandler Medical Center, complainant stated that someone removed property from the auditorium on the 6th floor of the Medical Center.
▼Third degree criminal mischief: 287 Commonwealth Dr., complainant advised that her vehicle was damaged at her apartment in Greg Page Apartments.

Teacher shortage in state

By Scott Blair
Contributing Writer

Kentucky is facing a severe shortage of home economics teachers. Sandra Miller, director of the Center for Home Economics Education at UK, said there will be more than two times as many job openings as job seekers in home economics education in the state by the year 2000 if current trends continue. UK's College of Human Environmental Sciences is helping the demand by recruiting students into a combined master's degree/teaching certification program. The program, which began in 1993, prepares people with undergraduate degrees in other disciplines to teach home economics. Miller traces today's shortage of home economics teachers to the late 1970s, when the feminist

movement encouraged women to enter careers previously dominated by males, such as law and engineering. At the same time, women began to stay in the work force after having children, thus creating a stagnant job market in the traditionally female fields. Miller said these events caused enrollment in home economics education programs to decline, creating the current shortage. "Today, a third of Kentucky's home economics teachers are near retirement and schools are challenged to find replacements," Miller said. A study published earlier this year by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences listed Kentucky as one of 13 states with a particularly acute shortage of home economics teachers. The study also said that 77 percent of home economics teaching vacancies across the

country will go unfilled through the year 2000. "The job market is anything but stagnant, yet it is difficult to get that communicated." The study projected that Kentucky would need 270 new home economics educators through 2000 to replace retirees, but noted that only 99 undergraduates across the state were enrolled in home economics education programs. Miller said she received calls regularly from concerned middle school and high school principals and teachers who understand if they cannot find qualified people to teach home economics, their programs will be in danger. Currently, UK has 21 students in its home economics teacher education programs. "Three will graduate in December, and we expect seven more to graduate in the spring," Miller said. "I feel good about that."

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UK economists predict growth

By Chad Preston
Contributing Writer

Kentucky's economy should grow at a rate of 2.7 percent in 1996, say economists at UK's College of Business and Economics. This growth will be fueled mostly by modest growth in the manufacturing sector, even though the growth may be slower than in recent years. Eric Thompson, an economist at UK's Center for Business and Economic Research, noted Kentucky's manufacturing sector has outperformed the nation during the last five years. "While manufacturing industries are expected to contract nationally, Kentucky remains a good and competitive place to do business," he said. The predicted change in the state's economy is not solely because of manufacturing. "Overall job growth is forecast to be higher than nationally," Thompson said. A 2.1 percent growth in Kentucky employment in 1996 is expected, which is better than the predicted 1.9 percent growth nationally, he said. An exception would be in coal mining, which Thompson said is expected to experience further job loss. The number of employees in the coal mining business will

decrease by 1.6 percent because of improved technology, he said. At the same time, UK finance professor Charles Haywood sees a slowing in the growth of personal income in the state for 1996. The growth rate of personal income will decrease from 6 percent a year to between 5.2 and 5.5 percent a year, he said. Haywood also said that he is seeing signs that not as many people will be seeking jobs in the new year. "We've sort of used up our available supply of labor in some part of the state," he said. Thompson said the largest effect on graduating and non-graduating students would be in getting jobs. "For graduating seniors who will be looking for jobs in Kentucky, (economic growth) is good now because a growth in the economy means a better chance of getting a good job," he said. The Director of UK's Center for Business and Economic Research Mark Berger said that the growth in the economy could make jobs for students and graduates more plentiful and possibly lead to higher wages. Berger also thinks the growth in the economy could mean better things for the University itself. He said that 30 to 45 percent of UK's budget comes from the state, which in turn comes from tax revenue. The growth in the economy could mean more money for the University. "The better the economy is," he said, "the better the possibility of funds for higher education."

McCreary County man charged with murder

Staff report

Police arrested a McCreary County man when they connected the suspect to the 1994 disappearance of a parent of a UK student. Porter Morrow, Jr., 27, was arrested on Tuesday and charged with the murder of Michael Hall, who was reported missing since Aug. 15, 1994. On Tuesday, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government in conjunction with the U.S. Forestry Service and the McCreary County Sheriff's Office found what they believe are Hall's skeletal remains. Porter, who had been found with Hall's car in his possession a year ago by police, was arrested the same day. Police said Hall came to Lexington from Madison County on Aug. 12 to visit his daughter, who was a UK student. They said he checked into a motel on Winchester Road that night. The next morning, police said witnesses saw an unidentified male drive away the next day in Hall's automobile. It was found in Morrow's possession three days later. Police obtained an arrest warrant Tuesday after the skeletal remains were found. Morrow was taken into custody and returned to Lexington on Tuesday. He is currently being held in the Fayette County Detention center under a \$250,000 full cash bond. Investigators have sent the remains to the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office for a positive identification of the remains, which were found in a remote section of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area.

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Congress chewing up lunch plan

By Christopher Cornell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite arm-twisting by GOP leaders, two Republican committee chairmen failed yesterday to resolve a dispute over the school lunch program that is thwarting Congress from finishing a welfare overhaul.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., the chairman of the Senate agriculture committee, said he remained unalterably opposed to folding the school lunch program into block grants to states.

Rep. William Goodling, R-Pa., the chairman of the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee, was just as insistent on keeping it in the welfare bill.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich planned to try again today to work out the impasse, which is keeping the Republicans from sending President Clinton a bill to impose limits on how long families can draw welfare checks and save \$82 billion over seven

years.

The sweeping plan would replace the 60-year-old federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children program with block grants, trim food stamp benefits and curb aid to immigrants, disabled children and drug addicts and alcoholics.

The House Republicans want to give 22 states the option of folding their school lunch money into the block grant. Goodling, a former school superintendent and principal, insists states can do a better job that way. He suggested compromises to Lugar to no avail.

Lugar, who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination, told reporters outside Dole's office, "I've said from the beginning that children's programs are not on the table. Children are defenseless. With food stamps, you can move from state to state if things don't work out well. Children can't move."

His aides contend it would be a major political blunder for the Republicans to jeopardize the school lunch program in any way. Democrats still make hay of the Reagan administration's attempt to define ketchup as a vegetable.

Lugar and Sen. Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., another welfare conferee, both oppose the school lunch change. Without their votes, the Republicans can't report the bill to the floor.

Clinton once praised the Senate-passed welfare bill, but the

Cereal suit pending

Associated Press

BOSTON — Radioactive cereal fed to 15 children at a state home for the retarded during the 1940s and '50s was intended to give Quaker Oats an advantage over rival Cream of Wheat, a lawsuit contends.

The federal lawsuit against the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Quaker Oats and several doctors at the Fernald School in Waltham was filed last week on behalf of the children used as secret test subjects.

The children, according to the lawsuit, were told they were part of a science club to trick them into participating and some were exposed to more radiation than federal limits allow, though there have been no ill effects.

Michael Matthen, the lawyer who filed the lawsuit, said much of the research done at Fernald was for the commercial benefit of Quaker Oats.

Small amounts of calcium and iron tagged with radioactive tracers were put in the boys' cereal, allowing researchers to track the absorption of those nutrients as the oatmeal was digested.

"What was the genesis of these particular experiments? It seems simply to be what are the

relative benefits of oatmeal and Cream of Wheat," Matthen said. "There was an utter failure to treat these kids with any human decency."

Some experiments were carried out during the Cold War for military or medical purposes, but Matthen said the federal government had a relatively small role at the Fernald School.

A spokesman for Quaker Oats did not immediately return calls yesterday.

MIT made the radioactive isotopes and scientists from there and Harvard carried out the experiments, he said.

Last year, a state panel said the small amounts of radioactive calcium and iron eaten by 74 residents of the Fernald School had no effect on their health.

But the panel said researchers violated the children's human rights.

President Clinton apologized last October to members of the "science club" at the Fernald School and to other subjects of radiation experiments sanctioned by the federal government during the same era.

His task force said the experiments at the Fernald School were unethical but the subjects were not hurt and so deserved no federal compensation.

CROSSWORD puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Type of star
- 5 Cupid
- 9 Some exams
- 14 — eleven
- 15 Thick wool
- 16 Western entertainment
- 17 — Queen of Scots
- 18 Become fainter
- 19 "Cheaper by the —"
- 20 — Games
- 22 Likes better
- 23 Should
- 26 Consume
- 27 Amber-colored wine
- 30 Winter resort
- 33 Ontario's — Point
- 36 Vital organ
- 37 British baby buggy
- 38 Petroleum
- 39 Dazzling
- 42 French friend
- 43 Poems
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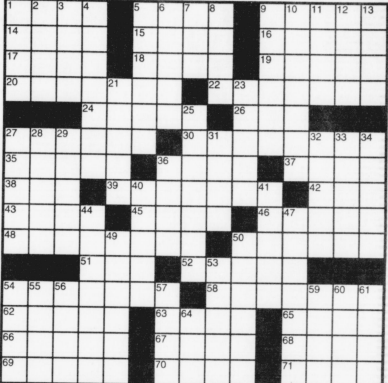
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Companies may not be allowed to transmit sexual materials

By Jeannine Avers
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House lawmakers agreed yesterday on a plan that would make it illegal for a company to knowingly transmit sexually explicit and other "indecent" material to minors over computers.

The agreement makes it all but certain that if legislation outlawing the nation's telecommunications laws is enacted, it will contain some of the most sweeping anti-smut provisions ever imposed on computer communications.

The plan is part of negotiations on a larger telecommunications bill and settles differences among House members who were deeply divided over how to best limit

children's exposure to smut carried on computer services, including the global network, Internet.

The plan not only toughens an anti-smut provision contained in a House telecommunications bill, but brings it in line with a provision in the Senate's telecommunications bill.

"We're on the road to an agreement that most can agree to," said Sen. J. James Exon, D-Neb., author of Senate's anti-smut provision, which like the House plan also outlaws the transmission of indecent material to minors.

House and Senate lawmakers serving on a committee to reconcile House- and Senate-passed telecommunications bills met for the second time in six weeks yesterday.

"I'm determined to finish this bill," said Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., architect of the Senate's telecommunications measure and chairman of the conference committee.

Supporters are scrambling to bring a final bill to each chamber for a vote by Dec. 15. Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., the primary author of the House bill, said the conference could be completed within days.

While the panel ended up reconciling nearly three dozen lengthy non-controversial provisions contained in both bills, it has yet to resolve differences on the most contentious issues — the conditions by which Bell companies may enter the long-distance business and media ownership.

A tentative agreement on another contentious issue — cable deregulation — would lift existing price regulations on all but the smallest cable TV systems in at least three years. Small systems would be deregulated upon enactment.

The House's anti-smut plan — a combination of dueling proposals from Rep. Rick White, R-Wash., and Henry Hyde, R-Ill. — would prohibit content providers on a computer service from "knowingly sending or directly sending" sexually explicit material to anyone 18 years old or younger.

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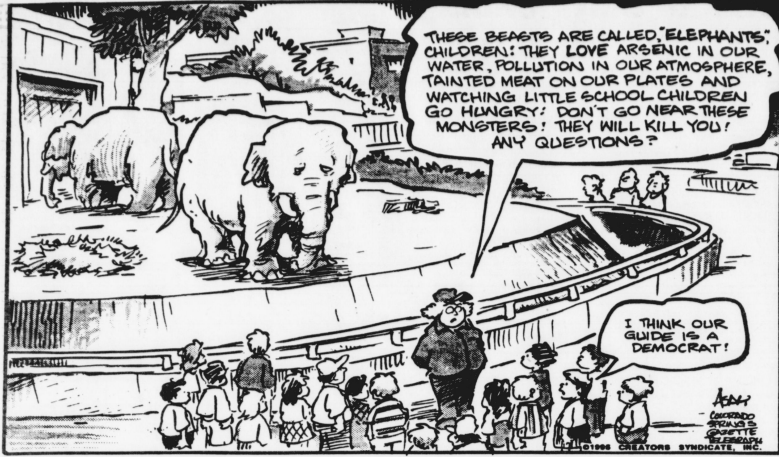
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Viewpoint



Consequences of drunk driving go beyond penalties

Lisa was our daughter and our only child. ... She touched more lives than we ever imagined. ... Her future was our reason for living. When Lisa died we did too. Brad Shipman's sentence should include a visit to Lisa's room in her home and a look at her past. Let him read her diaries and view the home movies we can only cry through. Ask him to go through the photo albums she spent hours assembling for us last Christmas, her gift to us. ... Perhaps his arrogance will be replaced with an understanding of what Lisa has lost and what we have all lost.

than twenty ravaged families from the act of a single drunk driver. Larry Mahoney killed children and mothers and fathers and siblings. Those are the consequences of drunk driving. Brad Shipman and Larry Mahoney are felons. They both went to prison. They are reviled, and yet they are not so different from anyone else who drives drunk. They both sobbed during their trials. They didn't set out to kill anyone. In 1994, 2,400 people were convicted of DUI in Lexington. None of them happened to hit a bus full of children, but they all accepted that risk.



GUEST opinion

Cyndi Weaver is the UK Student Government Association student legal adviser.

Penalties for DUI*

- *assuming no victims were injured. Other charges can include manslaughter and assault.
- ▼FIRST OFFENSE: \$250 - \$500 and/or two to 30 days in jail. License revoked 90 days.
- ▼SECOND OFFENSE: \$300 - \$500 and seven days to six months in jail and may additionally be sentenced to community labor from 10 days to six months. License revoked one year.
- ▼THIRD OFFENSE: \$500 - \$1000 and 30 days to one year in jail and may additionally be sentenced to community labor from 10 days to 12 months. License revoked two years.
- ▼FOURTH OFFENSE: Class D Felony. License revoked five years.

Of course, the guy at my seminar really just wanted to know the legal penalties. I wonder why it is that when you tell people the standard penalties for first offense DUI you get their attention. Stricter laws have a deterrent effect. But why? You could lose your license, pay a hefty fine and even go to jail. That makes people stop and think. But the fact that they could kill someone doesn't seem to sink in. I guess it has to do with what is fathomable. Most of us could imagine ourselves pulled over and charged with DUI. But being responsible for killing and maiming other people is a consequence we do not imagine could happen to us. Brad Shipman was relieved of that delusion in an instant and so could you be. They say that for every DUI conviction, 2,000 go undetected. That means there are millions of drunks on the road in this country.

What I want to tell them is that if you drive when you are drunk, the only difference between you and Brad Shipman is the grace of God. We did a seminar on DUI last year and someone inquired as to the maximum penalty.

"What's the worst that could happen to you?" he asked.

You could kill somebody. You could cause the kind of suffering Brad Shipman has caused Lisa Whalen's family. In my home town of Radcliff, there are more

each year. Forty percent of all accident fatalities are determined to be caused by drunk drivers.

My advice to you this holiday season and beyond is that you drive sober and buckle up in case you are victimized by someone who doesn't.

INFORMED SOURCES

"Remember Pearl Harbor," Morse code message that drafted dentist E.J. Mallory drilled into the dentures of Japanese Gen. Hideki Tojo, his patient at a Tokyo prisoner-of-war camp in 1946.

Bright idea

UK should turn on the Green Lights program, or at the very least, check to see if it's worth doing.

The Green Lights program targets wasteful lighting in corporations and universities, electric utilities and state and city governments.

Student Government Association Environmental Concerns Chair Trista Claxton is pitching the program to the UK administration.

Green Lights is a voluntary pollution prevention program which to date has more than 1,400 participants, and is growing all the time.

It seems a sure enough bet to at least test its waters.

The first step would be to sign up with the program, so that the school can begin an audit of all the light fixtures around the campus. Claxton figured the cost would be around \$1,500 and could be finished in a couple of months.

The price is not too much to ask if it means finding ways UK can help the environment and save money.

At the end of the audit, UK would find out what areas of campus could be updated with more environment-friendly fixtures and bulbs. The big concern for UK could come at this point.

Depending on the number of changes it would need to make, UK could be looking at a price tag of almost \$15 million. In times of budget crunches and rising tuition costs, spending that much on light bulbs can almost seem silly, but a deeper look shows it could make sense.

The program is designed to let schools make the changes in a way that is easiest financially. They can make the changes over a period of several years, and only in places where the school could get the most benefits. In fact, by using the new lighting fixtures, schools could be in for quite a savings on its energy bills.

If UK doesn't like the final plan, it can always back out — no question's asked.

By not signing on to the program, UK is only wasting time and money on old systems that don't shed as much light as they used to.

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READERS' forum

Choices of words regarding Bosnia were offensive

To the editor:

Yesterday I had a chance to read your viewpoint on Bosnia.

I am writing to tell you that even though I am respectful of everyone's opinion, I was rather surprised that anyone could use words such as "what's left of Bosnian civilization" and "the whole thing sucks" to associate with the country torn apart by war where so many lives have been lost. Do you not think it deserves more than vocabulary "sucks"?

Just as well, I am sorry that you are able to see only a limited reaction to President Bill Clinton ending troops to my country and

not even consider other issues such as the initial arms embargo and American involvement from the very beginning. You also reflect back on "the smiles of Muslim children" rather sarcastically. If I was able to put a smile on any unknown child's face after he has been through so much, I would like to think that I would do all possible, and 'steal' my own Christmas away.

Ajlina Karamehic
Communication freshman

Dismount zones are just a wasted effort

To the editor:

Your solution to the dismount zone in Wednesday's paper is ineffective. The whole problem is compounded by the lack of communication on this issue. Number one, cyclists run over pedestrians

because their lack of communication. No one would experience near-misses if there was a way of communicating on whether or not bicycles are near. Number two, what the article included about the dismount zone signs is true; they are stolen, and non-effective to start with.

The third is the media, the paper misrepresents the common bicyclist as a lunatic with a death wish. The truth is, no one on a bicycle wants to die or injure others, if they did, they would sit behind the wheel of a 3,000 pound death machine, the ordinary automobile.

With as much money the administration has wasted on it's non-effective means of preventing bicycle accidents, they could have outfitted every willing cyclist with a bell. This would end the lack of communication experienced by cyclists, and end the administration's effort of providing "dismount zone" signs for people to steal.

Josiah Royse
Electrical engineering freshman

TALKback!

Readers are encouraged to submit letters and guest opinions to the Viewpoint page in person or by mail.

Address your comments to "Letters to the Editor," Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor, 035 Enoch J. Greban Journalism Building, UK, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042. Send electronic mail to kernel@pop.uky.edu.

Letters should be no more than 300 words; guest opinions should be about 850 words.

All material should be typed and double-spaced, but hand-written will be accepted if it is legible.

Include your name and major, as well as your address and telephone number for verification.

We reserve the right to edit all material.

Memorial walk exemplified the values for which Greek organizations exist

Administration should take a good look at positive aspects of Greek unity

Oct. 6 was not a particularly cold night. There was a cool breeze that gave the walkers keeping their candles lit.

These walkers, by far mostly Greek, continued their march from Memorial Coliseum to the Sigma Nu social fraternity house, then on to the Delta Delta Delta social sorority house in an impressive show of compassion, concern, and unity.

They marched to honor the memory of two Greeks killed two and a half weeks ago in a car accident. But they also marched for something else. The march was a show to the entire campus that despite the recent problems with the administration and other campus officials, the Greek community

still has the desire to fulfill their obligations to one another. They have not lost track of the basis of their organizations: brotherhood and sisterhood.

There is a bond between members of a Greek organization that is unsurpassed in the realm of friendship.

The walk held was not a walk for Greeks alone, but it was Greeks that made the walk a success and filled the ranks of the marching columns from one destination to another.

Why? Friendship.

I know how devastating it would be to lose one of my own brothers, and I feel deeply for the brothers and sisters of the students killed.



Bill Straub
Contributing Columnist

That is what brought me to the walk. If that bond between all students, there have been more than 10 percent of the people at the walk not wearing Greek letters. Instead, nearly everyone at the walk wore letters of some Greek house on campus. There were no fights between rival fraternities, no drinking to make the experience more fun, and no hazing. Instead the Greeks organized in a show of unity unseen from

organizations of other types. They truly exemplified the meaning of fraternity and sorority.

This was a great reassurance to me, and I am sure it was a great comfort to those brothers and sisters of the students lost in the wreck.

It was a great reassurance to me to know for a fact that there is much more to a Greek organization than parties. Keg stands and beer bong aside, there is much that defines a fraternity or sorority.

The walk only drove that point home. I believe that the Greek community on this campus is on the right track. The bond shared between the organizations is a unifying force. It draws the fraternities and sororities together as one organization of brothers and sisters. When one of the organizations is hurt, they all must feel the pain.

I only hope now that the administration took note. I hope they realize what this march meant.

It was something for the administration to rally behind. It was something for Greeks to rally behind. And it was something for this campus to rally behind. It was a show of compassion for two members of the student body who were tragically lost. And though it was organized by the Student Government Association, it succeeded because Greeks know what brotherhood and sisterhood means.

If the administration decided to take notice of these acts of the Greek community rather than the two or three mistakes every few years, the campus would be a much stronger and unified place.

But most likely, a fraternity in the next two or three years will make a mistake, possibly their first

in decades, and will pay a severe penalty because when the time comes for judgment from the administration, it will look at the stereotypes that all Greeks face.

They will be told they are a corrupting influence, or a place to join when you want to get a lot of beer.

And the administration totally will ignore events such as this candle walk, or the community service projects done by these organizations.

They will be kicked off campus, or placed on social probation.

But though this may happen, the students on this campus will remember that these Greeks care about their fellow students and will never lose track of what it means to call someone brother, and they always will know the meaning of sister.

Contributing Columnist Bill Straub is a political science sophomore.

Pearl Harbor remembered

By Meiki Cox
Associated Press

HONOLULU — He heard the roar of war planes swooping down and saw the fury of the Japanese — all five minutes sooner than most during the attack on Pearl Harbor 54 years ago.

So John Finn will pause five minutes earlier than other survivors Thursday to pay tribute to those who died. His moment of silence will come at 7:50 a.m., the time Japanese planes swept over the Marine Corps base at Kaneohe Bay in Windward Oahu.

"Kaneohe Bay was hit first," said Finn, who was stationed there on Dec. 7, 1941. "Although I had never seen a picture of a Japanese plane, the minute I saw them, I knew what it was. It was the real McCoy."

Finn, who will be the keynote speaker yesterday at the National Park Service's annual memorial

program at the USS Arizona Visitor Center, is one of 15 survivors who received the Medal of Honor for heroism the day of the attack. He was the only person stationed at Kaneohe to receive the medal.

Adm. Richard Macke, outgoing commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, will speak at the Navy's ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial.

Macke resigned recently following remarks he made about three U.S. servicemen accused of raping a 12-year-old girl on Okinawa, Japan. He will remain on the job until President Clinton names a successor.

"I just did my job like anyone would have. Just like a mason, or a barber, or a cook would," Finn said. Now 86, he lives on a cattle ranch in Southern California.

With Navy patrol planes burning and sinking into the bay, the military's only reliable defense was blasted away in seconds, said

Finn, who had 15 years of Navy service at the time.

The Navy's head gunnery officer at Kaneohe, Finn was in charge of ordnance. For two hours, he initiated the only counterattack possible. With only a 30-man crew, he managed to fight off the bombers with the extra machine guns originally meant to be attached to the planes that were burning on the ground.

"I thought the Navy could beat the whole world until I saw all the planes burning and melting," he said.

"And the thing that bugged me the whole time was that I was so damned mad at the way we got caught."

Finn is still eager to tell the rarely heard story of the attack on Kaneohe Bay.

"It's the cross you have to bear once they hang that Medal of Honor around your neck," he said.

Town's name disrupts county

By Allen G. Breed
Associated Press

LAKEVILLE, Ky. — A stream bubbles from the hollow, past tobacco barns, corn patches and well-kept houses. Blanketed during a recent snow, the place looked like a picture postcard of Appalachia.

It's a pretty place with a dirty name.

The map identifies it as Patton Fork. Locals call it "Nigger Fork."

The hollow is one of two in rural Magoffin County with the racial slur in their names.

The other, "Negro Branch," actually appears that way on state maps — but it is widely referred to in the same manner as Patton Fork.

A group of citizens is working to change that. However, the group's efforts have not been greeted with unanimous approval.

Patton Fork resident Betty McCarty, who is white, told county officials that the road was named in honor of a well-respected black midwife. The emancipated slave and some of her descendants are buried in a cemetery there.

"Colored Mary was a well-liked person," McCarty wrote in a letter to the weekly Salyersville Independent. "Back then, the name 'nigger' was used when people could not pronounce or think of the word negro."

McCarty suggested naming the

road C. Mary Hollow, "if 'nigger' or negro offends anyone." But Magistrate Kenneth Auxier said others have suggested the road sign use the slur or nothing at all.

"I've been told that," he said. "They'll probably tear the sign down."

The county chapter of the Kentucky Local Governance Project found the names while doing a road inventory to prepare for an enhanced 911 system. When signs are installed on the county's roads next spring, the Rev. Ewell Sammons says they "will be no more 'n' roads."

"I'm not a real big fan of being politically correct," said Sammons, a United Methodist minister and coordinator of the project. "But I can't think of any good reason to leave a name like that."

Of Magoffin County's 13,077 residents, just eight are black, according to the State Data Center at the University of Louisville. But Judge-Executive Charles "Doc" Hardin said the size of a minority group is no excuse for insulting it.

"We're from eastern Kentucky," he said. "We understand what it feels like to have negative

things said about us. I identify with African-Americans."

Similar situations have surfaced in other eastern Kentucky counties.

The Kentucky Human Rights Commission got Knox County officials to change the names of two roads last year. Years ago, the slur was ended as a name for a hollow in Sammons' native Martin County.

Sammons said eastern Kentuckians have become inured to racism because there just aren't many blacks around.

Magoffin County resident James "Nigger" Howell, so nicknamed because of his dark complexion, is listed that way on the ballot whenever he runs for public office.

He said he grew up in a household where racial slurs weren't tolerated. His convictions were strengthened by his experiences working with a grocery store chain in Washington, D.C., during the civil rights marches and demonstrations of 1968.

"If eastern Kentuckians could only see, we share a lot in common with African-Americans — their struggle for their culture and their roots," said Sammons, who once sued a county to get the road up to a black church paved.

Back then, the name 'nigger' was used when people could not pronounce or think of the word negro.

Betty McCarty
resident of the controversial road

Man's voice worries a neighborhood

By Sharon Theimer
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Beverly Echols turns on the radio and hears her neighbor.

She turns on the television and hears her neighbor. She picks up the telephone and hears ... her neighbor.

For a year, the boisterous broadcasts of "Black Jack," a middle-aged handyman and part-time citizens band radio enthusiast, have crackled through neighborhood telephones, radios and baby monitors at all hours of the day and nights.

"Come suck the mud from between my toes," Black Jack once suggested over the airwaves, according to one neighbor, who spoke about the problems on condition of anonymity.

The neighbor said her 7- and 8-year-old children ran out of the room when they hear the man's voice coming through the television.

"They think it's a ghost," she said.

Echols said Black Jack curses and calls his listeners "mud runners" and cotton pickers. "He tells people he rides around with his gun," she said.

The city plans to declare Black Jack's home a nuisance and fine his landlord in hopes that the radio rascal will be evicted, said City Council member Fredrick Gordon.

"We've done just about everything we can do. I've been cursed out by him and the landlord," he said.

Gordon said the transmissions of the man he identified as John Williams reach at least 20 to 30 households.

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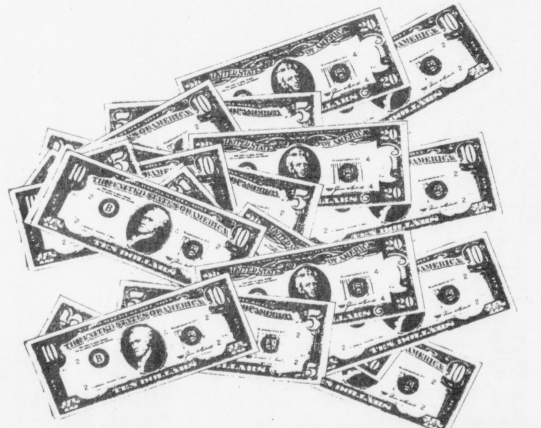


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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Nutcracker

By The Lexington Ballet. 8 p.m. tomorrow; 2 and 8 p.m. Sat.; 2 and 7 p.m. Sun.; 7 p.m. Dec. 12, 13. The Opera House, 401 W. Short St. \$8-\$18. (606) 257-4929.

Murder at the Prom

By Whodunit Dinner Theatre. 8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 16. deSha's Restaurant, 101 N. Broadway. \$29.50 includes dinner. Reservations required. (606) 278-4988.

Jeff Foxworthy

9 p.m. Dec. 31. Rupp Arena. \$29.75, \$25.75, \$21.75. TicketMaster. (606) 281-6644, (606) 233-3535.

A...My Name is Still Alice

By Actors' Guild of Lexington. 8 p.m. today through Sat., Dec. 14-16; 2 p.m. Sun., Dec. 17. 139 W. Short St. \$8-\$14. (606) 233-0663.

She Loves Me

By Lexington Musical Theatre. 8 p.m. today through Sat. Kentucky Horse Center, 3380 Paris Pk. \$12 adults, \$10 students, \$8 children. (606) 257-4929.

The Butterfingers Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut and The Slaughter of 12 Hit Carols in a Pear Tree.

By BunBury Theatre. Today through Dec. 17. 8 p.m. Thurs. - Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun. 112 S. Seventh St., Louisville. \$7-\$12. (502) 585-5306.

A Christmas Carol

By Actors Theatre of Louisville. 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Fri.; 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun. Through Dec. 30. 316 W. Main St., Pamela Brown Auditorium, Louisville. \$7.50-\$21. (502) 584-1205.

Amahl and the Night Visitors

By Opera of Central Kentucky. 7 p.m. Dec. 15, 16. Wesley United Methodist Church, 1825 Russell Cave Rd. \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. (606) 257-4929.

Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley

By the West T. Hill Community Theatre. 8 p.m. tomorrow and Sat.; 3 p.m.

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REGIONAL LIVE MUSIC

Donovan Scholars Winter Concert

3-4 p.m. today. Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts, Recital Hall. (606) 257-2658.

Lee Roy Parnell

10 p.m. today. Coyote's, 133 W. Liberty St., Louisville. \$10. (502) 589-3866.

Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra and the Chorale and Chorists Holiday Festival Concert

8 p.m. tomorrow. Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts, Concert Hall. \$10-\$20. (606) 233-4226.

Cincinnati Pops Orchestra

Featuring Mel Torme, Indiana University Singing Hoosiers, Studio Cloggers and the School For Creative and Performing Arts Childrens' Chorus. 8 p.m. tomorrow through Sun. Music Hall, Elm St., Cincinnati. \$15-\$40. (513) 381-3300.

The Freddy Jones Band

8:30 p.m. Sat. Bogart's, 2621 Vine St., Cincinnati. \$8, \$9. TicketMaster. (606) 281-6644.

Central Kentucky Concert Band

3 p.m., Sun. Transylvania University, Haggin Auditorium. \$3.

Choral Christmas Concert

7:30 p.m. Dec. 11. Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts, Concert Hall. \$1, \$2. (606) 257-4929.

Kentucky Christmas Chorus

7:30 - 9 p.m., Dec. 12. Rupp Arena. Group registration needed for reserved seating. (606) 258-3100.

Reverend Horton Heat

8 p.m. Dec. 13. The Brewery, 426 Baxter Ave., Louisville. \$8 advance, \$10 door. TicketMaster. (606) 281-6644 or Brewery. (502) 583-3420.

Gwar, Meatmen, Brutal Juice

8 p.m. Dec. 13. Bogart's, 2621 Vine St., Cincinnati. \$12.50. TicketMaster. (606) 281-6644.

Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra Holiday Benefit Concert

7 p.m. Dec. 13. Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts, Concert Hall. \$5. (606) 257-4929.

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The Gift of the Magi

By Actors Theatre of Louisville. Today through Dec. 23. Noon and 8 p.m. Thurs.; 8 p.m. Fri.; 2 and 8 p.m. Sat. and Sun. Bingham Theatre, 316 W. Main St., Louisville. \$7.50-\$9. (502) 584-1205.



LOCAL LIVE MUSIC

Jose Coyotes

348 Southland Dr., Thurs., Bruce Lyon, 8 p.m.; Fri., John Crance, 8 p.m.; Sat., Bruce Lyon, 8 p.m. No cover.

Lynagh's

388 Woodland Ave., Thurs., Catawampus; Fri., G-Funk All Stars (Groovezilla's 70s Funk Tribute); Sat., Mojo Filter Kings.

Mesa Bar & Grille

Victorian Square, Fri., Bruce Lyon, 9 p.m.

Millennium

156 West Main St., Thurs., Cain's Rage; Fri. and Sat., Thumper and the Plaid Rabbits. \$3 Wed.-Sat., \$1 Thurs. with college ID.

Sundance/The Brewery

509 W. Main St., Thurs., Larry Redmon, Ladies free, men \$2; Fri., Greg Austin Band, \$3; Sat., Larry Redmon, 9 p.m., \$3.

Two Keys Tavern

333 S. Limestone, Thurs. and Fri., Big Head; Sat., Rumors.

Wrocktage

361 W. Short St., Thurs., The Yonders; Fri., Rabbi Fever; Sat., The Prayers.

A1A Sand Bar & Grille/Riptides

367 E. Main St., Thurs., Toxic Eden, \$3; Fri., War Hippies, \$3; Sat., Stephenwolf, 10 p.m. \$10 advance, \$14 door.

Blues On Broadway

142 N. Broadway, Fri. and Sat., Snaper Mitchum, 9 p.m., \$3

Cheapside Bar & Grille

131 Cheapside. Fri. and Sat., Stormy Monday with Tenita Gaines, 10 p.m., \$3.

Club Heresy

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CD adds twist to carols

By Robert Duffy
Assistant Arts Editor

Christmas wouldn't be anything without Christmas carols. And Christmas carols wouldn't be anything without albums full of great holiday tunes.

A Christmas Present For You from Zero Hour Records brings out the best of the best. By taking classic holiday tunes and some originals, Zero Hour works some Santa magic and puts together one of the best Christmas compilations to date.

The band, Grover, open up with Kevin Salem on the Pogues classic, "Fairytale of New York." This folksy song opens with Salem wailing a pleasant Christmas message to everyone, young and old.

Grover then busts loose to do a duet with Salem and the story of a New York Christmas unfolds. It's the type of song you can listen to when it's not anywhere near the Christmas season and still enjoy it.

The next song on the album is a shallow original, "Santa Claus, You Broke My Heart." It starts off really spacey, with synthesizers all over the place, but soon it comes into focus. Lead singer Julie Shields drones the tear-jerker lyrics as crunchy guitar mixed with, of all things, jingle bells, rock in the background.

It's sometimes hard to tell that it is a Christmas song, but if you pay close enough attention to the song's lyrics you'll hear the sad sad story of a broken heart. Dirt Merchants pick up the pace a bit with "Jingle Jangle Corral (Jingle Bells)." This compunk version of "Jingle



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QUIRKY CAROLS Yuletide classics are given a new twist by such artists as Shallow and Dirt Merchants in Zero Hour Records compilation CD.

Bells" is one of the most fun with "What I Want For Christmas," a spoken word rant that was recorded via pay telephone direct to tape after a show she did in New York.

Now, the idea of the album came from Jeff Gatland and Jud Ehrbar of Space Needle. It's only fitting that the song that stands out the most on the album is their rendition of "Silent Night." I sat here for minutes trying to describe the song, but I just can't do it. It's unique, it's different, it's original. Check it out. Words just don't do it here.

The album concludes with the Zero Hour Quintet. Ending with the words, "Thank you, so very much, for letting us spend this Christmas with you," it's a fine conclusion to a great compilation album.

Nicole Blackman's up next



Holiday eating tips from former model

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. — If you're seeking dispensation for holiday gluttony, don't bother appealing to Kim Alexis.

The former model, host of the syndicated fitness show "Your Mind & Body," is as likely to grant forgiveness as she is to make a pick from the dessert side of the menu.

"I just have to say — I'm not ordering it — but chocolate bourbon pecan cake with chocolate sauce?" a wide-eyed Alexis murmurs, scanning a restaurant's offerings. "Who would do that?"

Alexis refuses to spoil her fish-and-salad lunch with a sugar chaser. And she accepts no excuses from those who enter a plea of insufficient time or energy to eat right and exercise.

"Then live with your body," Alexis says. "That's the way it is. If you want to change, then drop something or prioritize ... You don't need to go with your friend for a second cup of coffee. That's not healthy. Go work out."

Americans, she says, "are thinking with their tongue." The 5-foot-10 Alexis, glowing with blondness and vigor, is certainly a great example of the virtue of living right. In fact, her beauty nearly kept her from getting the "Mind & Body" hosting job.

"The first thing (test audiences) said was they did not want a supermodel, that they couldn't relate to them," said Alexis, recounting what she was told by the show's producers.

But after considering dozens of other candidates, Alexis emerged as the winner for the series based on *Health* magazine.

And Alexis had the right image, looks notwithstanding.

"It came back to me because I was a model, but I was beyond that. I'd done many other things,

including gaining quite a bit of weight with babies, coming back and running marathons," she said. "I'm perceived more as a real person who's hands-on approachable."

"Your Mind & Body" wears that same air of practicality. It includes easily swallowed, bite-sized bits on self-improvement for women, ranging from stress-busters to the joys of at-home facials and mud baths.

The program avoids the lavish indulgences, like expensive spas, that send a "tough luck if you can't afford it" message, Alexis says.

For the body, there are exercise tips on yoga, running and 10-minute muscle-firming routines presented by fitness expert Kathy Kaehler.

Sports adventures include rock climbing, kayaking and fly fishing.

Nutritionist Carrie Latt Watt offers ways to eat healthfully, with meal make-overs and suggestions on how to resist cravings and learn portion control.

For the mind, Alexis looks at ways to deal with stress, work, family and love, with advice from psychologist Ellen McGrath.

"It's real issues that real women have," the ex-model says.

"We try to make the sports fun," she says.

"We're encouraging women to have more information about what the sport is so they might try it."

Her own regimen includes two-hour workouts three times a week with a women's "survival group" in her suburban community in Orange County, south of Los Angeles. She's a dedicated runner — and diet policeman — as well.

"It's the way I live my life," she says. "I'm into nutrition and I try to preach it. I want to be an inspiration to other women."

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Christmas diversions, Yuletide traditions

The holiday season in the Bluegrass offers plenty to do and see in the area

It's that time of year again. Christmas is upon us. The season means the inner-peace you get from obligatory holiday smiles, the echoing sound of a Salvation Army bell, the smell of nutmeg and fir needles and the comfortable predictability of television specials and holiday plays. Or maybe the holidays are screaming children, crowded malls and rude people and another excuse for your parents to harp on your shortcomings. Whatever the Yuletide season means to you, here are some Christmas diversions.

Favorite harbingers of Christmas, "A Christmas Carol" and "The Gift of the Magi" will be performed by the Actors Theatre of Louisville. "A Christmas Carol," the story of crochety miser Ebenezer Scrooge and his journey with Christmas spirits has been a popular Christmas draw for the theater for the past 20 years.

"The Gift of the Magi," is Peter Ekstrom's musical adaptation of O. Henry's legendary short story of a poor young couple who find their love is an invaluable Christmas gift.

If you would rather see dancing rats and snow princesses, the Lexington Ballet will hold their annual production of *The Nutcracker*.

This year's performances will feature new scenes choreographed by guest choreographer Alain Charron.

The Tchaikovsky score is the same and there are still dancing sugar plum fairies and ominous rats chasing innocent Clara, but the ballet will change its formula that has sustained the tradition for almost twenty years.

The first act will feature new choreography by Charron, who is the Ballet Master of the Charleston Ballet Theatre in South Carolina. Charron's name may sound familiar to followers of the Lexington Ballet, because he was the choreographer of *Romeo and Juliet* which was well received last year and will be performed again in February.

The annual production always brings in sell-out crowds of children and adults alike. The company will stage eight matinees exclusively for children in addition to the seven public perfor-

mances.

The production will showcase the resident company, as well as guest dancers and over 65 area children, from the School of the Lexington Ballet.

If ballet is not your style and you would prefer to enjoy the ornate decorations of the season, the Kentucky Horse Park holds Southern Lights, where you can enjoy a jaunt through light displays around the park. The park also offers crafts and entertainment as part of the annual event.

Didn't get enough crisp air? Bardstown offers holiday candlelight tours of historic My Old Kentucky Home.

You can nurse that cold from being outside too much with plenty of holiday music.

The Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra and the Choral and Choisters Holiday Festival Concert will combine sinuous sounds of chorales and the classic sounds of string, wind and brass instruments. The Central Kentucky Concert will bring thousands of Kentuckians together in holiday song in Rupp Arena.

Whatever diversion you choose, if you can pry yourself away from your new found niche on the couch, enjoy the season. Take in the lights and the sounds and the smells. Notice the lingering smell of fruitcake in the house two days after it was thrown away, look at the tacky decorations your neighbor put up, kiss someone under mistletoe and hug your parents. Enjoy.

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Other holiday events and diversions:

A Christmas Carol by Actors Theatre of Louisville in the Pamela Brown Auditorium on 316 W. Main St. in Louisville at 7:30 tonight and tomorrow Sat. and Dec. 10 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Through Dec. 31. \$7.50-\$21. (502) 584-1205.

A Christmas Carol by the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park on Robert S. Marx Theatre in Cincinnati. Fri. at 7 p.m. and Sat., Sun. through Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. \$22-\$34. (513) 412-3888.



The Nutcracker has become a tradition for many families during the holiday season. The ballet is performed annually by the Lexington Ballet (top right). The Lexington Opera House will host Rodgers and Hammerstein's holiday musical, "Cinderella" this month (above). The Actors Theatre of Louisville will perform a play based on O. Henry's classic novel, "The Gift of the Magi," for Christmas (right).



Christmas Carol: Serouge and Marley by the West Hill Community Theatre at the West T. Hill Community Theatre in Danville on Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. Tomorrow and Sat. \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. (606) 236-1310.

The Nutcracker by the Lexington Ballet at the Lexington Opera House on 401 W. Short St. Tomorrow at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dec. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. \$15, \$18 and \$12. All 2nd balcony tickets are \$8. 257-4929. Group discounts are available to groups of 10 or more.

The Nutcracker by the Louisville Ballet. Dec. 15-17, 21, 22 at 7:30 p.m. 10, 16, 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$15-\$43. For more information call, (800) 775-7777. (502) 584-7777.

The Nutcracker by the Cincinnati Ballet. Dec. 15-17, 19-23, 26, 27 at 7:30 p.m. 16, 17, 23, 26, 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Music Hall in Cincinnati. Tickets are \$8-\$36. (513) 241-7469.

The Gift of the Magi by Actors Theatre of Louisville in the Bingham Theatre on 316 W. Main St. in Louisville. Tonight at 8 p.m. tomorrow at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 through Dec. 23. \$7.50-\$9. (502) 584-1205.

A Tuna Christmas by the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park at the Thompson Shelterhouse Theatre in Eden Park, Cincinnati. Tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. 5 and 9 p.m. Sat., Sun. Runs through Dec. 24. \$23-\$30. (513) 412-3888.

The Butterfingers Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut and the Slaughter of 12 Hit Carols in a Pear Tree by Branbury Theatre at 112 S. Seventh St. in Louisville. Tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. Sun. at 2 p.m. Runs through Dec. 17. \$7-\$12. (502) 585-5306.

Cinderella at the Lexington Opera

House on 401 W. Short St. Dec. 15 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. \$15-\$36. (606) 253-3536.

Snow Queen by Stage One: The Louisville Children's Theatre at the Kentucky Center for Arts, Bomhard Theater in Louisville, on Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sat. Dec. 23. \$10. (502) 584-7777. (800) 775-7777.

Southern Lights at the Kentucky Horse Park, featuring arts and crafts, light displays, miniature trains entertainment, through Dec. 31. 5:30-10 p.m. \$10 car (holds up to 10 people), \$25 extended van (up to 15) and \$50 mini-bus, \$75 school bus, \$100 motor coach. (606) 255-5727. (800) 845-3959.

My Old Kentucky Home Candlelight Tours at Federal Hill in Bardstown. Features holiday decorations, musicians and carolers. Daily through Sat. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

African Marketplace at the Robert H. Williams Cultural Center, 644 Georgetown St. Featuring Afro-centric Christmas items, art, books jewelry and clothing. Noon to 6 p.m. Sat.

Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra and the Choral and Choisters Holiday Festival Concert at the Singletary Center on Fri. at 8 p.m. \$10-20. (606) 233-4226.

Central Kentucky Concert Band at Transylvania University in the Haggin Auditorium at 3 p.m. on Dec. 10. \$3.

Kentucky Christmas Chorus in Rupp Arena on Dec. 12. 7:30-9 p.m. Registration needed for advanced seating. (606) 258-3100.

Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra Holiday Benefit Concert in the Singletary Center Concert Hall at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13. \$5. 257-4929.

The King's Singers in the Singletary Center Concert Hall on Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. \$12, \$18, \$20. 257-4929.

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Underrated show gets second chance

Sliders is coming back! I loved this catchy Fox science-fiction show, which debuted last year on Wednesday nights. After its first run, which was depressingly low in the Nielsens, Fox benevolently decided to give the plucky little program a second chance, and rewarded it with what is possibly the worst time slot in television today: 7 p.m. on Sundays, right up against that venerable institution, "60 Minutes."

And it died. Fancy that. But an outpouring of fan support — no doubt exacerbated by the cliffhanger season-ender wherein the main character is shot in the neck — raised "Sliders" from the Graveyard of Worthwhile But Low-Rated Shows. Fox has promised to reinstate it in midseason, once stinkers like "The Crew" start crapping out.

Watch for it. In "Sliders," Quinn Mallory is a collegiate ultra-genius who

invites a method of opening up gateways to parallel dimensions, a process he calls "sliding."

In these alternate Earths, some historical event didn't happen as it did in our reality, causing everything to turn out differently.

There are worlds where the Chicago Cubs win three straight World series, where red lights mean go and green lights mean stop. The possibilities are endless.

Quinn decides to invite along his friend/ought-to-be-his-girlfriend-but-he's-too-dumb-to-figure-it-out, Wade Wells (an odd name for a female, no?), and one of his professors, Maximilian Arturo, to join him on what Wade terms "a spin around the universe." Quinn turns up the power too high, and the three unintentionally suck in Rembrandt Brown, a washed-up soul singer.

On their first journey to an alternate reality, the four adventurers (or "Sliders") suffer an accident that destroys the control device Quinn uses to manipulate the gateway. Their lifeline to their own world is severed. They are forced to bounce from dimension to dimension, hoping



John Abbott
KeG Columnist

that the next gateway will be the way home.

The show is fairly similar to NBC's now-deceased "Quantum Leap" — fans of that show may recognize that I cribbed the previous sentence from the voiceover which preceded every "Leap" show — but with one important distinction: they don't necessarily have to do anything. Unlike "Leap" hero Sam Beckett, they don't have a mission to change things for the better or mend broken lives. They could sit on their asses if they wanted. They just have to survive.

Some of the alternate earths to which they traveled were, though fairly well-executed, a trifle obvious, such as the world where this country was still a British colony due to the failure of the American Revolution, and the world where communism took over the world.

The brightest minds were the ones pictured on cereal boxes, not Michael Jordan or Joe Montana.

In another, atomic weapons were never invented.

Albert Einstein, who couldn't bear to allow his work to be used for mass destruction, faked his research to make it look like the atomic bomb was a theoretical impossibility.

Unfortunately, a large meteoroid capable of destroying all life as we know it was hurtling toward the Earth, and without the atomic bomb, that world didn't have anything powerful enough to knock it out of the sky.

I thought this scenario — a world where life would be destroyed without atomic weapons instead of because of them — was cleverly ironic.

I hope that "Sliders" clicks the second time around. It's not without precedent: "Designing Women" was rescued by its fans after being axed and continued for two or three more seasons.

Others were fascinating. The Sliders traveled to a dimension in which antibiotics were never discovered, and a deadly plague was sweeping the globe.

In another world, intellectual achievement was prized in the same way we prize athletic superiority.

It's an imaginative, entertaining show.

Plus, the actress who plays Wade is quite a babe, and that's no small consideration.

Of course, Fox, in its infinite wisdom, will probably put it on against "Friends."

Jerks.

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The top 10 movies at the box office, ending Dec. 5.

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2. Goldeneye
3. Casino
4. Money Train
5. Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls
6. The American President
7. It Takes Two
8. White Man's Burden
9. Get Shorty
10. Nick of Time

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Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls
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The American President
 Southpark: 1:15, 2:00, 3:45, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30; Woodhill: 12:05, 12:30, 2:30, 2:55, 4:55, 5:25, 7:30, 7:50, 10:00, 10:15. **PG-13.**

Apollo 13
 Northpark: 2:10, 5:10, 8:15. **PG.**

Babe
 Northpark: 1:30, 3:45, 6:30, 8:45. **G.**

Bad Boys
 Northpark: 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:50. **R.**

Casino
 Southpark: 1:00, 4:45, 9:00; Man O' War: 12:45, 5:00, 8:45. **R.**

Clueless
 Northpark: 1:20, 3:30, 6:15, 9:00. **PG-13.**

Copycat
 Lex. Green: 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Woodhill: 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55. **R.**

Devil in a Blue Dress
 Northpark: 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:30. **R.**

Father of the Bride 2
 Southpark: 1:45, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00; Woodhill: 11:50, 12:35, 2:20, 2:55, 4:45, 5:15, 7:10, 7:40, 9:35, 10:05. **PG.**

Get Shorty
 Woodhill: 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:10. **R.**

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Goldeneye
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Home for the Holidays
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It Takes Two
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Mighty Aphrodite
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Money Train
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A Month by the Lake
 Fayette Mall: 3:50, 9:00. **PG.**

Mortal Kombat
 Northpark: 2:00, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30. **PG-13.**

Never Talk to Strangers
 Northpark: 1:40, 4:10, 7:20, 9:20. **R.**

Nick of Time
 Southpark: 7:30, 10:30, (No 7:30 show Sat.); Woodhill: 7:30, 9:40 (No shows on Sat.). **R.**

Now and Then
 Fayette Mall: 1:30, 6:45; Lex. Mall: 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:10. **PG-13.**

Postman
 Fayette Mall: 1:00, 3:15, 6:15, 8:30. **R.**

Powder
 Man O' War: 11:40, 2:10, 4:40. **PG-13.**

Sabrina
 Southpark: Sneak Preview 7:30 Sat.; Woodhill: 7:30 Sat. **PG.**

The Scarlett Letter
 Northpark: 1:50, 4:40, 8:00. **R.**

Seven
 Man O' War: 17:20, 10:10. **R.**

Too Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar
 Northpark: 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00. **PG-13.**

Toy Story
 Lex. Green: 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 3:50, 5:10, 5:45, 7:05, 7:40, 9:10, 9:30; Woodhill: 11:45, 12:00, 1:40, 2:05, 3:35, 4:10, 5:30, 6:10, 7:25, 8:05, 9:20, 10:00. **G.**

A Walk in the Clouds
 Northpark: 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10. **PG-13.**

White Man's Burden
 Lex. Green: 12:10, 2:15, 4:45, 7:35, 9:45 (No 2:15 or 4:45 show on Fri.); Woodhill: 12:25, 2:35, 4:50. **R.**

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'95 a stellar year in hip hop

The year of 1995 was a very different year in the world of hip hop. With so many things happening, it was probably my most memorable year of hip hop in my short life.

One thing for sure is that gangsta rap will never die and in my opinion is getting even bigger as time passes, considering that gangsters are popping up in more states than ever before.

Don't get me wrong because I will support hip hop of any kind, but at the same time — what is true gangster rap?

Most of the songs I hear are people shooting or killing for self-defense. Actually it seems as if more people are becoming gangsters in their rhymes instead of on the streets.

Or are they?

It may be just me, but I heard a lot of different things in different songs by people from both coasts this past year and I wonder what is going to happen next.

One thing is for sure, Tupac is out of jail on \$1.4 million dollar bail and is a new member of Death Row Records. My thinking is this, what happened to Thug Life, the group that he made? Were they not so musically inclined that he ditched them for better colleagues?

I am also wondering his true intentions behind going to Death Row. He claimed he was set up by another rapper, but he won't give any names. He added a lot of tension in hip hop and his street credibility is under major attack.

Considering that Tupac lived a Thug Life lifestyle, he should

have been watching his back more carefully. To see him jumping around on MTV while outside the courtroom makes you wonder where his head was anyway.



Jason Alexander
KeG Columnist

Tupac has a large following of fans, but is he respected anywhere in the hip hop world? It seems as if a lot of rappers are letting him know where he fits with them since his raps are not "poetically harder."

Is there a hip hop battle going on and will more rappers get shot, or is it just entertainment as Dr. Dre says on *The Show*—

sound—

track?

Speaking of death, Eazy E's demise cause by AIDS was the most shocking incidents in hip hop.

At that point I felt like I had lost someone close to me. It was strange to hear that Eazy E was dead, because I listened to him when I was just 14. Eazy E gangstarized hip hop through N.W.A. and left a mark in the industry that will leave

him as the pioneer of gangsta rap, something no one can touch. He opened up the world to Los Angeles, and his death opened the world's eyes concerning AIDS and the spread of the

disease in the black community.

The hip hop world revolves so fast so far that no one can deny that Wu-Tang Clan is and probably will be more dominant than N.W.A. was in their prime. Of course we will never hear another N.W.A. album, but Wu-Tang will keep releasing solo acts to appease you until they come back as a group.

Method Man, Ol' Dirty Bastard, Raekwon the Chef, and the Gza all released albums in a one year span. Their plan is domination and it is being executed perfectly as the first three have all reached gold, with Method Man and Raekwon making platinum. The Gza is a new release so

allow a little more time for his gold status to be reached, but believe it will be reached by this member belonging to the group of the year. It is just a matter of time.

I wonder what 1996 will bring. Hopefully an album from A Tribe Called Quest, an EPMD reunion, and some local

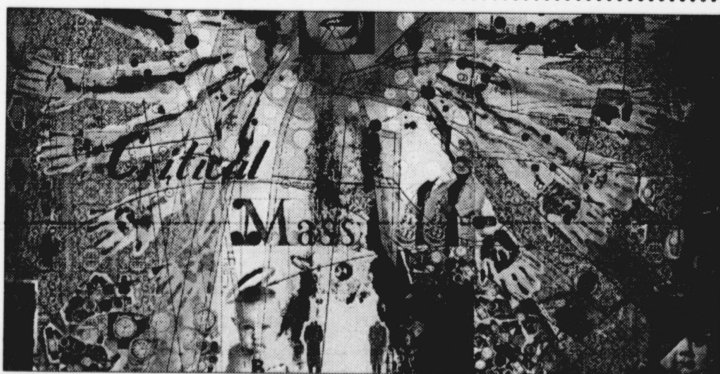
talent coming up in the game. That would be nice for my own personal wants, but I like surprises — as long as they are good.

KeG Columnist Jason Alexander is a non-degree student.

Top 5 hip hop albums of 1995

These are the top five hip hop album picks of the year by KeG Columnist Jason Alexander.

- ▼ Ready to Die Notorious B.I.G.
- ▼ Only Built for Cuban Linx Raekwon the Chef
- ▼ Darezta Darksider Redman
- ▼ Dog Food The Dogg Pound
- ▼ On Top of the World Eightball and MJG



Critical thinking

Lucinda Alston Chapman will exhibit her collection of recent body print collages in the President's Room of the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts. The exhibit will run until Dec. 15. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday noon to 5 p.m. and Friday noon to 6 p.m. and by appointment.



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