



Politically correct Santa

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's wreck How to live in a world that's politically correct.

Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety, Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.

And equal employment had made it quite clear That Santa had better not use just reindeer.

So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid, Were replaced with four pigs, and boy that looked stupid!

And people had started to call for the cops When they heard sled noises on their rooftops.

Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened. His fur-trimmed red suit was called "Unenlightened."

And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows, Rudolf sued over unauthorized use of his nose

And as for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion That making a choice could cause so much commotion.

No candy or sweets ... they were bad for the tooth. Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.

Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passe. And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.

Santa tried to be merry, tried to be gay, But you've got to be careful with that word today.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might Give to all without angering the left or the right.

A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision, Each group of people, every religion;

Every ethnicity, every hue, Everyone, everywhere ... even you.

So here is that gift, its price beyond worth ... "May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth."

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THE 411

Tomorrow's weather

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Now it starts to feel a bit more like winter as the cold and rain start to head into the area.

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RETAIL

J. Peterman is back in town



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Hello again

Pam Miller (above, second from left) tries on cloths at the re-opening of the J. Peterman Company Store.

Back from the dead: Lexington Mayor Pam Miller on hand for re-opening of high-end outfitter

By Nicholas Hatch

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The J. Peterman Company Store is back. After declaring Chapter 11 Bankruptcy earlier this year following disappointingly sluggish Christmas sales in 1998, the store has reopened with a new owner and a commitment to Lexington.

The new owner is Paul Harris Stores, Inc., retailer of private label casual women's wear, and Wednesday the company symbolized its commitment to the city by making a donation at the grand re-opening of J. Peterman's Lexington store.

On the receiving end was Glen Krebs, Chairman of the Lexington Sister Cities Commission. With Mayor Pam Miller on hand, wielding a large pair of scissors to cut the ribbon, Chairman, President and CEO Charlotte Fischer of Paul Harris Stores, Inc. presented a check for \$3,000 to Krebs.

"I'm delighted to be here today," said Fischer, as she presented the check. "Since Paul Harris acquired J. Peterman, we have been

dedicated to reopening the Lexington store."

This sentiment was echoed by Krebs as he received the check. "We at the Lexington Sister Cities Commission take the best of our culture abroad and bring the best of others back," a theme similarly reflected in the J. Peterman philosophy of focusing on items inspired by romantic places, remarkable people, and a good story.

J. Peterman Company began in Lexington as a catalogue company run by John Peterman, his wife Audrey, and co-founder Don Staley. From their first item, a duster coat designed after one that Peterman brought home after a trip, a \$65 million company, with thirteen stores nationwide developed, before they closed in 1998.

Across campus, students generally do not identify with the J. Peterman brand name or feel it is overpriced.

Stephanie Shenefelt, family studies senior, admitted she did not know much about the company.

SCHOLASTICS

Dead Week still has signs of life

Some classes might be cancelled in future

By Allen Silvey

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

and Kevin Thacker

STAFF WRITER

Some students are finding out that dead week does not quite live up to its name.

UK designates the week before finals — called "dead week" — a week free of any exams with the exception of make up tests. But what goes on in the classroom does not always follow the rule.

Josh Ives, an architectural sophomore, has tests in his major courses this week. "I've got architectural tests due this week, then I have finals in my university studies classes next week," Ives said. "It has already been a tough few days of studying, then I have to study some more for the rest, which will be pretty close to when those finals are given."

Jacob Dallenbach, a business and finance freshman, must take three tests this week. "I think it's

extremely unfair," he said. "I should be getting ready for finals instead of taking tests on new material."

Academic ombudsman Jeff Dembo said dead week is like any other week, with the exception that finals cannot be given. Students must have advance notice of any work to be covered during dead week.

"The intent of the policy is to essentially forbid the moving of final exams to anywhere but after dead week," Dembo said. Assignments and quizzes are considered routine class work, and can still be turned in during dead week.

Loys Mather, a faculty trustee who was a member of the University Senate when the dead week rule was passed, said he thinks the rule is useful.

"I think it's made a difference," Mather said. "We had quite a few classes that gave exams, Thursday and Friday became exam days, while other classes were trying to cover course work."

But Vincent Fields, chairman of the Student Center, said the current dead week policy gives students false hopes of a week to dedicate to studying for finals.

"I know them from Seinfeld," said, "Elaine Benice worked there." And Chris Shaffer, an English and political science major, likes their stuff, "but I'd better wait until I get that student loan!"

Manager Rebecca Wilson hopes to attract more college-aged people.

"We really have a lot of things for them too, and some of them are priced as low as ten or fifteen dollars."

Miller was excited at the company's return, calling J. Peterman "synonymous with style," something she feels belongs in Lexington.

"I'm just delighted that J. Peterman's is open again in Lexington," she said.

If you go

J. Peterman's is located in the Village Shoppes at 3094 Richmond Rd.

Hours 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Mon.-Sat 12 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun.

FAREWELL

Air Force ROTC mentor retires

"Encouraging" and "inspirational" leader calls it quits in order to work at museum

By Nick Tomecek

PHOTO EDITOR

UK professor Col. James Steven Parker, the highest-ranking Air Force officer in the state, is retiring today, ending a 29-year career.

Parker, 50, was professor of UK's Aerospace Studies and mentor for its Air Force ROTC program.

Since Parker's arrival at the University two years ago, he has been responsible for leading the effort in acquiring new cadets. This effort has succeeded, with the number of commissioned cadets steadily increasing, said Sgt. Scott Russell, a UK AFROTC staff member.

Parker brought his experience training leaders around the world to UK. Many cadets say they have benefited.

"When I think of Col. Parker, I think not only of a distinguished Air Force officer but of a devoted and generous leader," said Sarah Timmons, a psychology sophomore and third-class cadet. "To me, he has been nothing less than encouraging and inspirational."

Parker was commissioned into the United States Air Force in June of

1971 from the AFROTC program at the University of New Mexico. He holds a postgraduate degree in human relations and public administration. In the Air Force, he served as a command pilot. He received an Air Force Accommodation Medal with three oak clusters, and the Defense Superior Service Medal.

Many say he has influenced students through his actions and his example. "When Col. Parker speaks, you can hear 29 years of experience," said Cadet Col. Jon Caldwell, a mechanical engineering senior and "He mentors almost instinctively."

Parker said he plans on working at the Kentucky Aviation Museum as the head administrator of the organization.

"The museum runs camps for kids to teach them about aviation, and honors people within the state who were involved in aviation. He will spend the rest of his time as president of the Air Force Association."

Many said he will be missed. "It's going to be a great loss, because he loves his country," he's a great aviator and has a humanitarian spirit," Sgt. Russell said.



Parker

HEALTH

Feeling stressed out?

By Allen Silvey

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Multiple assignments, finals, holiday shopping and get-togethers crammed into a three week period can overwhelm even the most stable student.

Stress can become a big problem for some students if left unchecked.

"Stress is a mental, emotional, and physical reaction the body has designed to react to some environmental threat," Dr. Timothy Nolan, Director of Mental Health Services, which is a part of the University Health Service.

Prolonged stress is a danger to many people. Getting to the point where stress becomes a problem is a gradual process. Many students report that as they lose sleep they start missing meals and exercise. Many are not even aware that it is happening.

"I've been up until 4:00 a.m. most nights and get up at 8:00 a.m. for class. I haven't had a good meal or decent nights sleep since Thanksgiving. This will probably go on until finals are over," said Brent Bohannon, an architectural senior.

Headaches, fatigue, trouble concentrating, difficulty sleeping and decreased appetite are the physical symptoms of stress. Depression, frustration, short-temper, and becoming academically ineffective are the emotional effects. It is important to learn to identify these first signs," Nolan said.

Nolan said stress prevention includes getting adequate sleep, proper nutrition and exercise.

Larry Geiger, a mechanical engineering sophomore, has a novel approach to fulfilling his dietary needs. Geiger incorporates a reward system for studying hard.

"I try not to change my diet. What I do is reward myself with food for staying up extra hours studying."

Michael White, a criminal justice freshman, has been dealing with stress by drinking.

"After last week when every professor assigns those end of semester assignments and tests, I was stressing. They're all over with now and I am finally able to relax. Drinking helped ease me back to life."

Dr. Nolan warns against quick fixes like alcohol, drugs, and the overuse of stimulants because they make the situation worse.

Dr. Nolan says that if physical and emotional symptoms continue to manifest themselves, it may be time to seek care.

Information

Need help with your stress?

If you feel that you need to take that extra step and make an appointment with Mental Health Services at 323-5555.

They are open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students will be scheduled as soon as possible. They suggest that students call as soon as they suspect they might need help, rather than waiting. Students must present their student ID upon arrival.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Conspiracy found in King killing

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A jury hearing a lawsuit filed by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s family found yesterday that the civil rights leader was the victim of a vast murder conspiracy, not a lone assassin. The King family had sued Loyd Jowers, a retired businessman who claimed six years ago that he paid someone other than James Earl Ray to kill King in Memphis in 1968. The family's lawyer claimed that the FBI, CIA, the Mafia and the military were involved.

Soldier found guilty of murder

My figure looks exactly the same. My clothes fit exactly the same. All I lost was \$6,000."

—Kathy Griffin, comedian and star on "Suddenly Susan," on how she feels six months after having liposuction done.

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — An Army private was found guilty of premeditated murder yesterday for bludgeoning to death a fellow soldier in a beating prosecutors said was motivated by his hatred of homosexuals. Pvt. Calvin N. Glover, 18, was convicted of using a baseball bat to crush Pfc. Barry Winchell's skull as he slept on a cot at their Fort Campbell barracks on July 5. The military jury deliberated for little more than an hour. A sentencing hearing for Glover, who is from Sulphur, Okla., was set for today.

Israel, Palestinians resuming talks

JERUSALEM — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright announced yesterday that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had agreed to resume negotiations with Israel on a Middle East settlement. Albright said Arafat pledged a "good faith" effort to conclude an accord and to find a way to settle a monthlong dispute over terms of an Israeli pullback from 5 percent of the area. But neither Albright nor Arafat gave any indication that the tough problems standing in the way of a final accord had been resolved or even eased. These include Arafat's demand for a state with its capital in Jerusalem.

Montenegro Airport blocked by army

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia — Yugoslav troops on yesterday seized the main airport in Montenegro, raising tensions between authorities under President Slobodan Milosevic and the independence-minded republic. The Yugoslav government made no statement about the move. Late yesterday, however, independent Belgrade television station Studio B reported that the "misunderstanding" between the Montenegrins and the army had been resolved and the airport would re-open today. But a Montenegro source at the airport said the standoff was continuing and denied knowledge of any agreement.



INDUCTEES: Solo rock stars Eric Clapton, Bonnie Raitt and James Taylor along with the bands the Lovin' Spoonful, Earth, Wind and Fire and the Moonglows will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame next year, officials said Tuesday.

Gov't seeks to narrow PC divide

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is searching for ways to narrow a growing "digital divide" in which minorities are falling behind in their access to computers and the Internet. President Clinton will devote his next "New Markets" poverty tour in the spring to highlighting the problem and plans to issue a number of directives aimed at increasing government efforts in this area, Commerce Secretary William Daley said yesterday.

France continues British beef ban

PARIS — France yesterday decided to continue its ban on British beef imports over fears of mad cow disease, setting the stage for a legal battle with London. In a statement, Prime Minister Lionel Jospin's government attributed its decision to a "lack of sufficient guarantees" on several points. France's food safety agency, known as AFSSA, advised the government Monday that new British and European measures reduce the risk of the illness known as mad cow disease but do not eradicate it completely.

Tokyo stocks fall 88.68

TOKYO — Japanese stocks fell moderately Thursday following an overnight retreat on Wall Street. The Nikkei Stock Average shed 88.68 points to 18,312.52 in early trading. On Wednesday, the average closed down 192.76 points. In New York yesterday, the Dow Jones Industrial average fell 38.53 points to close at 11,066.12.

Barkley ruptures knee, career over?

PHILADELPHIA — Houston Rockets forward Charles Barkley ruptured a tendon in his knee yesterday and will need surgery that could put him out for the season. Barkley, playing his farewell game in Philadelphia, was going up to block a shot by Tyrone Hill when he lost his balance and hit the floor hard with 4:09 left in the first quarter. Barkley, who says he is retiring after the season, did not put weight on his left leg as he was helped off the court and to the locker room. Sixers team doctor Jack McPhilemy announced an update on Barkley's injury at halftime.

Yankees set new salary record

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees became the first baseball team to pay an average \$3 million to each of its players this season. The Yankees had an average salary of \$3,217,914, \$400,000 more than any other team and a 44 percent jump from their \$2.23 million average when they won the first of their consecutive World Series titles in 1998. Nine teams, nearly a third of the major leagues, had averages of \$2 million or more, the Major League Baseball Players Association said yesterday in its annual salary study. Compiled from wire reports.

BENEVOLENCE

Students asked to give to needy

The season of giving: The Lexington Feed the Hungry Program gears up for charity

By Nick Smith
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It is the time of the year for generosity. The "Feed the Hungry Program of Lexington" will provide food, clothes, and other items to needy families in the city. Students can donate food, clothes, and toys that are in reasonably good shape at bins in all the residence halls.

"Anything will be appreciated and will be put to good use. There are so many people in this city...we don't realize the extra stress and strain on the needy; they expect to have gifts for their kids," said Ginny Ramsey, coordinator of the program.

Jennifer Crawford directs the Residence Life Recycling Program. Commenting on the hardships facing the needy this Christmas, she said that medical bills and other bills go sky-high at this time of year, and that jackets, hats, gloves, warm socks, and good foods are all appropriate items to give, especially in these winter months. "Give something you would want," she said, "what you think is a basic need for winter survival."

"One shirt or one can of food is going to help one individual. No gift is too small. It's cold. It's Christmas. There are people who are less fortunate than us."

The toys given will be wrapped and given out to needy families at four distribution centers. This drive is sponsored by the Cathedral of Christ the King, the Golden Key Program, and 131 faith communities. Delta Delta Delta social sorority also provided a lot of help, said Ramsey.

Across the campus, students seem to be unified in support of the drive. "It's an excellent idea, a lot of students rely on the 'I'm a poor college student excuse, but, in actuality, we are a lot more fortunate than so many others,'" said Carrie Russ, a journalism and anthropology senior.

To some, the spirit of Christmas relates strongly to their religious beliefs. "It helps everybody no matter what you give; one person can benefit from another person's charities; in Judaism, my religion, we call it 'Mitzvot,' which means 'acts of loving kindness.' No matter how much you have or how little you have, you should give as much as you can to help somebody else," said Jeff Newman, a marketing freshman.

Some students look back on previous experiences of helping those in need with fondness. "I have done that sort of stuff for my church before. I took clothes to a mission and toys to a children's hospital. Christmas is a great time of year to remind people that you should give all year," said Jake Walz, a business management and Spanish sophomore.

UK vs LOUISVILLE

Feed the Hungry Program Drive

When: Dec. 11-18
Where: All residence halls will have bins on the dates listed.
What to bring: Anything, preferably warm clothes (jackets, hats, gloves, socks and scarves), food and toys in good condition.

TWO, FOUR, SIX, EIGHT WHO DO WE APPRECIATE?



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BACK ON TRACK

Cats' offense on rebound after slump

Smothering defense, improved offense on display in UK romp over UNC Asheville

By Matt Ellison
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Say what you will about the UK offense. The defense has stepped to the forefront so far this season.

Fifty points allowed against Penn. Forty-eight against Utah. Sixty-three against Arizona.

And Tuesday night, UK allowed only 41 to the UNC Asheville Bulldogs, an impressive defensive performance regardless of the opponent.

"With our depth and athleticism, I think we were really able to get out and establish tempo and show a defensive presence," coach Tubby Smith said.

Senior center Jamaal Magloire agreed. "We were able to pressure the ball well, box out on defense and rebound well," Magloire said. "Those were all areas we improved in."

The Cats forced missed shots and turnovers and capitalized: UK notched 37 points off 29 Asheville turnovers. "We played our type of transition game," said sophomore Jules Camara, who got into the act with three steals and two

blocked shots. "We got the easy baskets we needed."

"If you can stop people, that helps you get out on the break," point guard Saul Smith said.

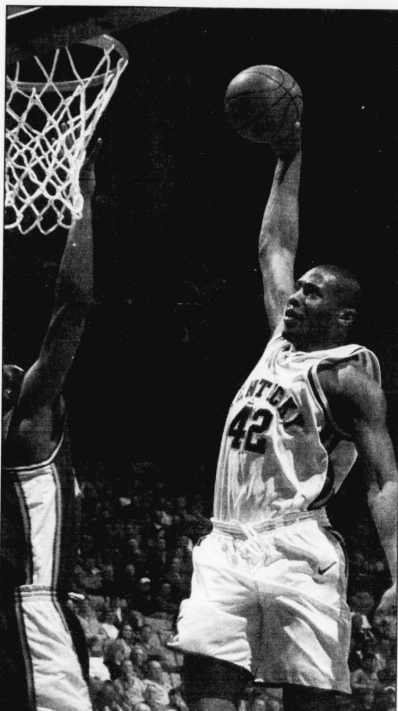
UK's 86 points were the most in a 40-minute game since they netted 88 in last season's Senior Night win over Vanderbilt. The win over UNC Asheville helped the Cats end the three-game losing streak that has been the subject of every call-in show in the Commonwealth.

"Haven't you heard? The apocalypse is near!" Smith exclaimed after a question on the Cats' recent struggles.

Maryland looms large on the horizon, and the Terps are seeking revenge for that NIT semifinal loss the Cats hung on them in November.

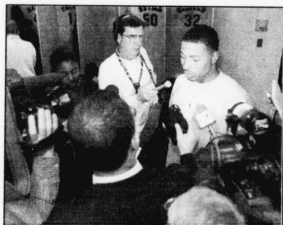
"They will play us tough," sophomore Tayshaun Prince said. "We know what they're going to do and they know what we're going to do."

And in between now and the game, the Cats will continue to do one thing — work hard. "We will just continue to work hard on our fundamentals," Magloire said. "Hopefully we will start off against Maryland where we left off tonight."



Senior Jamaal Magloire goes up strong for a dunk in Tuesday's game against UNC Asheville. The Cats' center scored 14 points in the 86-41 victory.

Desmond Allison addressed the media after his career-best 15-point performance against Asheville.



JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF

ICE CAPADES

Cats lose weekend series to Spartans

Coach chastises officials: "They're idiots, and that's all it comes down to."

By Nathan Hutchinson
STAFF WRITER

With Rebecca Gayheart posters being handed out to the crowd last weekend, perhaps it was fate that the Cool Cats had a horror plot better than either of the *Scream* movies.

Bad bounces, missed opportunities, injuries and questionable officiating were all factors as UK was beaten by Michigan State 4-2 and 5-1.

Friday night's game was delayed 30 minutes because Michigan State was late to arrive in Lexington. When the game did get underway, UK took the lead when Pasi Holopainen ripped a right point slap shot at 9:08 on a power play.

It didn't take long for State to even the score. 40 seconds later, Shawn Hogan let fly from the left circle, beating UK goaltender Jason Smith high to the glove side. Hogan struck again at the 2:02 of the first, this time beating Smith from the right circle. UK tied the game when Jason Painter scored on a turnaround shot.

After that, State took control. Hogan finished off his hat trick in the second period when he picked up a loose puck Smith thought he had covered and slipped it into an empty net.

UK played most of the game with only three defenders after Davin McLeod left the game in the

first period with an injury. UK was already short-handed because forward Aaron Stephenson had been hospitalized earlier in the week.

Coach Brian Graham was still impressed by his team's effort.

"It was the best effort I've seen out of those guys in a while, everyone tried from start to finish," Graham said.

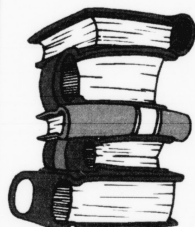
Saturday's game may have started on time, but the result was the same for UK. After a goal early in the third period, State led 2-0 even though they were being outshot 25-15. UK cut the lead in half with 11:02 to go in the third when Corey Callahan pinched in from the point and roofed a backhandler into the net.

State then scored four unanswered goals in a game that turned ugly. "When you're playing your hearts out and things aren't going your way, frustration sets in and you take bad penalties," Callahan said.

Graham had harsh words for the officials.

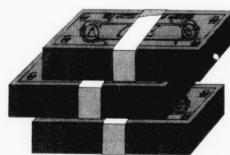
"I've been here for four years now and I've never seen them (the officials) call something in our favor even when it's right in front of their eyes, they look at us and laugh about it. It's ridiculous. They're idiots, and that's all it comes down to."

"Two nights in a row of not getting any bounces to go our way. They got all the bounces tonight. Three goals all weekend, we probably should have had 10," Graham said.



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- 1. Sugar Bowl**

 Florida State (11-0) vs Virginia Tech (11-4)
 New Orleans
 Jan. 4, 2000
- 2. Fiesta Bowl**

 Nebraska (11-1) vs Tennessee (9-2)
 Tempe, Ariz.
 Jan. 2, 2000
- 3. The Rose Bowl**

 Stanford (9-3) vs Wisconsin (9-2)
 Pasadena, Calif.
 Jan. 1, 2000
- 4. Orange Bowl**

 Alabama (10-2) vs Michigan (9-2)
 Miami
 Jan. 1, 2000
- 5. Outback Bowl**

 Purdue (7-4) vs Georgia (7-4)
 Tampa, Fla.
 Jan. 1, 2000
- 6. Gator Bowl**

 Miami (7-4) vs Georgia Tech (8-3)
 Jacksonville, Fla.
 Jan. 1, 2000
- 7. Cotton Bowl**

 Texas (9-4) vs Arkansas (7-4)
 Dallas, Tex.
 Jan. 1, 2000
- 8. Citrus Bowl**

 Florida (9-3) vs Michigan State (9-2)
 Orlando, Fla.
 Jan. 1, 2000
- 9. Sun Bowl**

 Oregon (9-3) vs Minnesota (9-3)
 El Paso, Texas
 Dec. 31, 1999
- 10. Liberty Bowl**

 Southern Miss (8-3) vs Colorado State (8-3)
 Memphis, Tenn.
 Dec. 31, 1999
- 11. Independence Bowl**

 Ole Miss (7-4) vs Oklahoma (7-4)
 Shreveport, La.
 Dec. 31, 1999
- 12. Insight.com Bowl**

 Boston College (8-3) vs Colorado (6-5)
 Tucson, Ariz.
 Dec. 31, 1999
- 13. Peach Bowl**

 Mississippi State (9-2) vs Clemson (6-5)
 Atlanta
 Dec. 30, 1999
- 14. Miron PG Bowl**

 Virginia (7-4) vs Illinois (7-4)
 Miami
 Dec. 30, 1999
- 15. Humanitarian Bowl**

 Louisville (7-4) vs Boise State (9-3)
 Boise, Idaho
 Dec. 30, 1999
- 16. Holiday Bowl**

 Kansas State (10-1) vs Washington (7-4)
 San Diego
 Dec. 29, 1999
- 17. Music City Bowl**

 Syracuse (6-5) vs Kentucky (6-5)
 Nashville, Tenn.
 Dec. 29, 1999
- 18. Alamo Bowl**

 Penn State (9-3) vs Texas A&M (8-3)
 San Antonio, Texas
 Dec. 28, 1999
- 19. Motor City Bowl**

 Marshall (12-0) vs BYU (8-3)
 Detroit
 Dec. 27, 1999
- 20. Oahu Bowl**

 Oregon State (7-4) vs Hawaii (8-3)
 Honolulu, Haw.
 Dec. 25, 1999
- 21. Aloha Bowl**

 Arizona State (6-5) vs Wake Forest (6-5)
 Honolulu, Haw.
 Dec. 25, 1999
- 22. Mobile Bowl**

 TCU (7-4) vs East Carolina (9-2)
 Mobile, Ala.
 Dec. 22, 1999
- 23. Las Vegas Bowl**

 Fresno State (8-4) vs Utah (8-3)
 Las Vegas
 Dec. 18, 1999

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Nebraska	Tennessee	Nebraska	Nebraska
Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
Michigan	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Purdue	Purdue	Georgia	Georgia
Miami	Georgia Tech	Miami	Georgia Tech
Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Michigan State	Florida	Florida	Florida
Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Oregon
Southern Miss	Southern Miss	Colorado State	Colorado State
Ole Miss	Oklahoma	Ole Miss	Oklahoma
Boston College	Boston College	Colorado	Boston College
Mississippi State	Mississippi State	Mississippi State	Mississippi State
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HINDSIGHTS

Volleyball Cats' season: a bittersweet symphony

By John Dobson
ASST. SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

While they aren't exactly bidding it adieu with good riddance, it wasn't the time of their lives either.

The UK volleyball team completed its 23rd season with a 16-15 record, a sixth place in the Southeastern Conference, the second round of the SEC tournament, and the program's second consecutive winning season after four straight years with a sub-.500 record.

Not too bad. But for a team that expected to accomplish so much more, the memories of 1999 cannot help but be tinged with a shadow of regret.

Senior outside hitter Katie Eiserman said that, while the season was better than some in her career, it fell short of expectations.

"It was good and bad, kind of bittersweet," Eiserman said. "We accomplished more than we did in my first couple of years, but we were hoping to do better things in conference play. It was a letdown overall."

A problem for the Cats was that they were unable to establish a good winning streak. After a roaring start, when the Cats won four in a row to open the year, UK's next highest string of wins was two — achieved only twice.

The Cats' longest losing streak of the year was two games, a point reached six times — not enough to destroy the year, but enough to keep the team from ever really taking off.

Coach Jona Braden took comfort in the fact that, while the Cats didn't display the consistency hoped for at the season's beginning, the team's abil-

ity to adapt kept it from falling completely out of control.

"Looking back, there were some moments when you wondered why we weren't making more progress, but we never really went into a tailspin," Braden said. "When we were not on track, we were able to adapt, regroup and adjust."

The Cats do take some good things along as they leave the season behind.

For Eiserman, the dramatic win against South Carolina on Nov. 14 was 1999's high point. With a berth in the SEC Tournament on the line, the Cats rallied from two games down to win 3-2.

She also remembers sterling play from two UK defensive standouts.

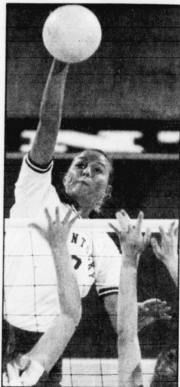
"I am really proud of (junior) Stacey Wallace and (freshman) Aleisha Craven," Eiserman said. "Our defense is what kept us in a lot of games, and they really stepped up for us. Aleisha never played like a freshman, and Stacey did really well after getting her scholarship."

Senior Jaclyn Homan was impressed by the play of April Barnhorst, who took her spot when she was sidelined with a broken finger.

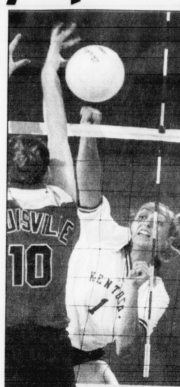
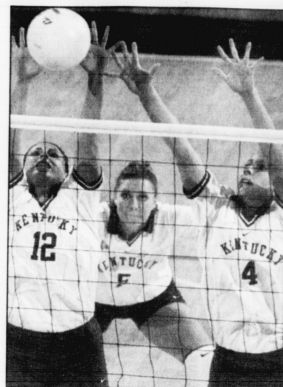
"April filled in for me and did a great job, even though she didn't have much experience," said Homan. "Her attitude was great too. She never had a letdown — she always wanted to improve."

Homan also noted the improved play of junior Megan Weiskircher.

"Megan really stepped it up," said Homan. "She was one of our leading hitters, a major factor in our team's attack. If she was having a good game, it usually meant a good game for



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Left: Whitney Sample (12) and Megan Weiskircher (4) go for the block as Stacey Wallace (5) looks on. Right: Katie Eiserman pounds the ball into the opposition.

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Senior middle blocker Jaclyn Homan forces the ball over the net in the Cats' win against Louisville earlier this season.

the whole team."

Despite their many accomplishments, the outgoing seniors feel some disappointment in the fact that they were unable to take UK volleyball to elite status.

They take solace in the prospects for success by those they leave behind.

"They are going to be very talented. If not next year, then two years from now, they will have put UK volleyball back on the map," said Homan. "I'm really proud to have been a part of that."

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- JACLYN HOMAN, SENIOR



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The Beatles. Do we really need to say more? They've influenced almost every aspect of culture in the late 20th century by popularizing rock. MTV, concerts that pack arenas, even the sound of music in the last half of the century, you can thank the Beatles.

The artists that defined our century

The top ten: Besides computers, if the 20th century has seen any one thing change radically it's music. Here are some of the artists that made it happen.

By Tim Staley
SMARTEST MAN ALIVE

As I'm sure everyone knows, the century draws to a close. I'm also sure everyone is aware of the massive number of lists that have been appearing recently as well. We at the Kernel have decided to join the melee.

First, allow me to describe the rigorous selection process. A star-studded cast of Kernel employees, including Robert Quan, Mark Vanderhoff, Luke Saladin and myself, along with assistance from Chris Rosenthal and UK music professor Ron Fen, prepared a list of the personal top 10. Then after what seemed hours of arguing, yelling, pleading, fistcuffs and eye gouging, the lists were molded into one final top 10.

To be considered for the list, the artist had to make a significant contribution to the musical landscape of the 20th century, but to be the greatest, they must have done much more than just that. They had to define a genre. Their music must have had an impact not only on their contemporaries, following generations as well. Furthermore, their music had to be of such a caliber that it would be able to stand on its own merits.

Included with each artist is a suggestion for all of those unfamiliar with their work. We tried to include their most impressive and representative album, avoiding greatest hits collections when possible.

Now without further ado, we bring you the list to end all lists, the definitive list of the greatest musical artist of the past 100 years. Drumroll please:

10. Bessie Smith

Smith was one of the first recorded blues artists and one of the best. Her charisma and power paved the way for female artists such as Aretha Franklin and Janis Joplin. Her rivet-

ing vocal performances rightly earned her the title of "Empress of the Blues" and are still as impressive now as they were over 80 years ago.

Bessie Smith: Maters

9. Bill Monroe

No list would be complete without Kentucky's own, the Father of Bluegrass, Bill Monroe. Monroe not only created the genre practically single-handedly, but was one of its most eminent performers and ambassadors for over 50 years. His influence can be heard not only in the bluegrass artists of today, but country music as well. Not to mention the fact that the roots of rock 'n' roll lie not only in the blues, but in bluegrass.

Bill Monroe: Father of Bluegrass, the Early Years

8. James Brown

What really needs to be said here? Come on, The Godfather of Soul, The Hardest Working Man in Showbusiness, Soul Brother Number One. Brown took soul and made it funky. Not only was he one of the greatest showmen of all time and laid down some of the most serious grooves ever, but he also laid the groundwork for hip-hop. There is a reason why he is the most sampled man ever in rap music.

Sex Machine

7. George Gershwin

Gershwin defined the standard. One of the greatest and most prolific composers of all times, he created the works that became the backbone of jazz music. His arrangements became the springboards which artists like John Coltrane and countless others used to catapult into musical nirvana.

Greatest Hits performed by the Boston Pops

6. Bob Dylan

Dylan took the skill, craftsmanship and consciousness of folk music and translated it into popular cul-

ture. While many may not think of him as a phenomenal performer, his albums are filled with emotional rawness rarely found anywhere. His songs have been covered by everyone from Jimi Hendrix to Garth Brooks, making him one of the most covered artists ever and rightly so.

Highway 61 Revisited

5. Duke Ellington

Ellington was a man that could do it all. He composed thousands of songs, many becoming standards. For 50 years he led the best bands in the world. He was also a renowned stride pianist. He not only created some of the finest jazz known to man, but also nurtured the swing era on-

Ellington Legacy

4. Robert Johnson

While not one of the first blues artists to be recorded or one of the most prolific, he is perhaps the most influential. Mystery surrounds the man: He was reported to have sold his soul to the Devil to play guitar and died a mysterious death. Amidst all this, his playing stands out as some of the most chilling and technically blues ever to be recorded.

The Complete Recordings

3. Miles Davis

Miles Davis, if nothing else, was an innovator. He began his career during the Bebop era with Charlie Parker and from there he helped spawn the Cool Jazz, Modal and Fusion movements. His playing may not have been as technically impressive as someone like Dizzy Gillespie, but he more than made up for it in tone. He also has an uncanny ability to recognize and nurture talent. Performers that passed through his groups include John Coltrane, Cannonball Adderley and Herbie Hancock.

Kinda Blue

2. Elvis

The man is not called the King of Rock for nothing. If the blues had a baby and called it rock 'n' roll like Muddy Waters said, then Elvis was its midwife. He blended the country and bluegrass of his youth along with a healthy dose of the blues to give us the music we all know and love. In the process he became the first true rock star. Regardless of what he did later in his career, good or bad, his place in history could be secured on the basis of those Sun recordings alone.

Early: Elvis '56 Later: From Elvis in Memphis

1. Beatles

These four lads from Liverpool changed every possible aspect of popular music. They changed the way it was written, recorded and marketed. The music they recorded in those few short years left an indelible mark on every facet of society and music around the world. They were true musical geniuses the likes of which we may never hear again.

Abbey Road

Alternates

Since this was a top 10 list, of course there could only be 10. Unfortunately that means there were other artists that we wanted to include. Among these are Frank Sinatra, Igor Stravinsky, Charles Ives, Run DMC and The Velvet Underground.

THE TOP TEN



The Godfather of Soul

James Brown. A living legend, Brown, seen here in court, took the Motown sound and brought it into the seventies.

"The King"

If the Beatles helped to popularize rock, spawning that whole genre of pop-rock that's so prevalent today, Elvis gave the sound its distinct edge. Sure, the last half of "The King's" career had its tacky moments, but Elvis' place in the mythology of the 20th century is guaranteed by not only those moments of black velvet and rhinestones but by his contributions to the most popular musical movement in history: Rock.



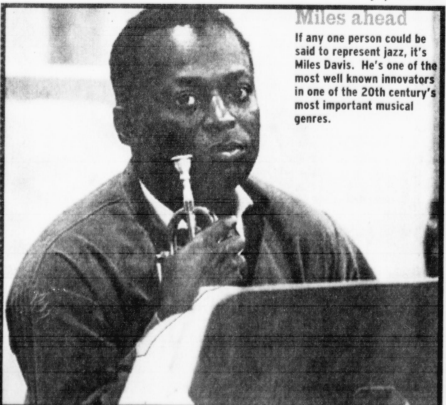
Bob Dylan

The quintessential singer-song writer, Dylan made good lyrics cool again. Dylan's impact can be seen in artists as diverse as Ani Difrancia and Jimi Hendrix.



Bill Monroe

Our own Kentucky boy, Monroe took the genre named after our own little corner of the world and introduced it to John O Public. His influence can be seen in the work of Elvis, modern country music and modern rock.



Miles ahead

If any one person could be said to represent jazz, it's Miles Davis. He's one of the most well known innovators in one of the 20th century's most important musical genres.



That Christian rock thing
Jars of Clay, one of the only bands from that whole bizarre Christian rock thing to eke out any mainstream fame is playing at Bogart's Saturday.

A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND UK

On Tap...

The week of Dec. 9 to Dec. 15

Music

THURSDAY

The Why Store. w/ the Spook Floaters. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. \$6 advanced \$7 at the door.

FRIDAY

Blueberries w/ Anna Fermion's Trigger Gospel. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. \$3.

Dark Star Orchestra. Headliners Music Hall, Louisville. 8 p.m. \$10 advanced \$12 at the door.

Vic Chesnut w/ Rose Polenzani. Twice told Coffeehouse, Louisville. 8 p.m. \$10.

Lexington Philharmonic performing Handel's

Messiah. Singletary Center for the Arts. 8 p.m. \$16 to \$29.

SATURDAY
G-Funk all Stars, their last public performance. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. \$6.

The Pillars w/ the Drive-Thrus and Perpetrators. Top Cats, Cincinnati. 8 p.m. \$8 advanced \$10 at the door.

Jars of Clay. Bogart's, Cincinnati. 8:30 p.m. \$17.50 advanced \$20 at the door.

UK Opera: Amahl and the Night Visitors. Lexington Public Library. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are free from the Singletary Center box office.

Lexington Men's Chorus. Singletary Center for the Arts. 8 p.m.

MONDAY

Steve Brunton. Twice Told Coffee House, Louisville. 8 p.m. \$10.

TUESDAY

Burning Spear. Headliners Music Hall, Louisville. 8 p.m. \$15.

The Riverside Project. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. \$2.

Larry Barnes. ArtsPlace. Noon. Free.

WEDNESDAY

Frank and Mary Schaa w/ Justin Earle. Lynagh's. 9:30 p.m. \$2.

Over Break

New Year's Eve bash w/ Catawampus Universe. Lynagh's, Dec. 31. 10 p.m. \$10.

G Love and Special Sauce. Bogart's Cincinnati. Dec. 18. 8 p.m. \$13.50.

Benefit for WRVG by Green Genes. Lynagh's, Dec. 18. 10 p.m. \$4.

Art

A Place Not Forgotten. Landscape paintings of the South from the Morris Museum of Art. University of Kentucky Art

Museum. Gallery hours: Tues. - Sun. noon to 5 p.m.

Undecorate the Tree. Original ornaments created by Living Arts and Science teachers and local artists, prices range from \$3 to \$10. Living Arts and Science Center. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Modern fiction and Art. Prints by famous contemporary authors. University of Kentucky Art Museum. Gallery hours: Tues. - Sun. noon to 5 p.m.

Henry Chodkowski: Mavros Labyrinth Series. Paintings and drawings. University of Kentucky Art Museum. Gallery hours: Tues. - Sun. noon to 5 p.m.

On the Brink: the Millennium Nears. Works dating from 1500 to present. University of Kentucky Art Museum. Gallery hours: Tues. - Sun. noon to 5 p.m.

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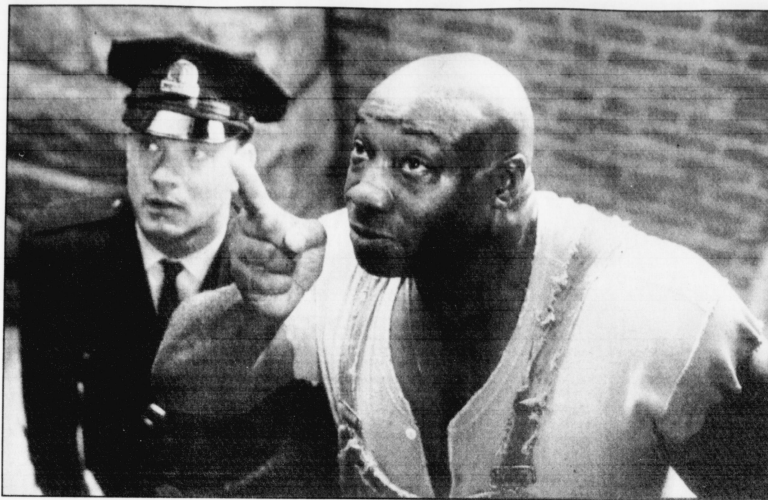
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Do you believe in miracles?

Tom Hanks (left) Michael Clarke Duncan star in *The Green Mile*, a prison film set during the Great Depression. Duncan is a Death Row murderer who possesses the unusual gift of healing. Hanks plays a penitentiary guard who, upon discovering the inmate's miraculous power and gentle nature, begins to question the man's guilt. Based on Stephen King's 1996 best-selling novel. Playing at Man o' War and South Park.

AT THE PICTURE SHOW

Frame by Frame

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Anywhere But Here. Susan Sarandon plays the eccentric mother of Natalie Portman, while Portman just wishes to get away from her dead-end mom. Playing at Lexington Green.

The Bachelor. In order to gain a substantial inheritance, burnt-out actor Chris O'Donnell tries to resurrect his career in this sappy flick by getting married before he turns 33. Playing at Woodhill.

The Bone Collector. A paralyzed forensic expert (Denzel Washington) helps a street cop (Angela Jolie) solve a series of brutal murders. The movie is a suspenseful thriller with plenty of quality plot twists. Queen Latifa also stars. Playing at Man o' War and South Park.

Dogma. The great-grandniece of Jesus Christ is enlisted to prevent two angels from reentering Heaven and thus undoing the fabric of the universe. Along with the way, she is aided by two prophets, Jay and Silent Bob. Playing at Lexington Green and Man o' War.

Double Jeopardy. Ashley Judd plays wrongly-accused woman to Tommy Lee Jones'

parole officer (which closely resembles his *Fugitive* and *U.S. Marshals* role as Sam Gerard). Judd hunts down her former husband who she thought was dead. Playing at Lexington Green and Woodhill.

End of Days. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Kevin Pollack play two cops on the way out, but must stop Satan (Gabriel Byrne) from making his match before the end of the millennium and ending life as we know it. Lots of action, but the dialogue is thin. Playing Lexington Green and Woodhill.

The Insider. Russell Crowe is tobacco whistle-blower Jeffrey Wigand, who hooks up with TV producer Al Pacino to reveal the

cover-up of company secrets over nicotine for "60 Minutes." Playing Lexington Green and Woodhill.

No More Baths Timothy J. Nelson directs this film, an empowering movie about children and their ability to cope with serious issues such as race relations, but in an intelligent way. Victoria Jackson is among the stars. Playing at Woodhill.

Pokemon. Ten-year-old Ash aspires to be the greatest Pokemon (pocket monster) in the world. To do this, he enlists the help of two friends, Misty and Brock, and his own Pokemon, Pikachu. Playing at Lexington Green and Man o' War.

The Sixth Sense. Bruce Willis

and a child who can see dead people. Sound silly? Wrong; this film is making a killing at the box office after 15 weeks. Check it out before it hits video, it's a must-see. Playing at Woodhill.

Sleepy Hollow. Johnny Depp stars as Ichabod Crane, a New York inspector called out in this beautiful horror movie from director Tim Burton. Christina Ricci is the heroine, and a strong-willed one in a time when women were to be obedient. A wonderful film. Playing at Man o' War and South Park.

Toy Story 2. The whole gang returns (with a few new friends) in this sequel to the 1995 hit. Tim Allen returns as the voice of Buzz Lightyear, and Tom

Hanks reprises the role of Woody. Playing at Man o' War and South Park. **The World Is Not Enough.** Pierce Brosnan is back as the world's most loved and action-packed superagent. In the 19th installment of the Bond series, James tries to protect the daughter of a wealthy oil tycoon. Sophie Marceau and Denise Richards star as the newest Bond babes. Playing at Lexington Green and Woodhill.

Sneak Preview

Anna and the King. Sure, this film looks like another *The King and I*, but director Andy Tennant and its stars (Jodie Foster and Chow-Yun Fat) are touting it as a serious examination of the relationship between a British woman and the King of Siam during the 1860s. Plays at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Lexington Green.

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OPENING THIS WEEK

Keep 'SNL' stars on TV

Rob Schneider film misses by a lot

There is going to come a point when all these former "Saturday Night Live" stars will not be able to make another dumb movie with the same cookie-cutter plot. Once again, some idiot (this time, Rob Schneider) has a certain amount of time to amass some exorbitant amount of money or else he will die. Boy, this kind of plot line has never been used before by Adam Sandler, Chris Farley, David Spade or any other '90s "SNL" alum. Thankfully, it seems Lorne Michaels saw the ignorance of this film and would not even put his name in the producers slot. Mike Mitchell directs the movie, which hopefully will not last long in theaters. Playing Lexington Green and Woodhill.

— CHRIS CAMPBELL
KERNEL DESIGNER



NEW RELEASES - DEC. 14

Domestic



Video
Drop Dead Gorgeous. Panned by the critics, this mock-documentary was perhaps one of the funniest and most intelligent comedies from the summer. The film stars Denise Richards (above) and Kirstie Alley as an overbearing, civic-minded mother will stop at nothing to ensure that her daughter wins a teen beauty contest.

My father was a drunk, a gambler and a womanizer. I worshiped him."

— John Travolta, from the Simon West film *The General's Daughter*.

The General's Daughter. John Travolta stars as an undercover detective who investigates the rape and murder of the daughter of a well-known and well-respected base commander at West Point military base.



CBS NABS BOND'S 'WORLD': CBS has nabbed first network broadcast rights to MGM's *The World Is Not Enough* for an estimated \$20 million. Pierce Brosnan's third go-round as Agent 007 has already raked in \$91 million at the domestic box office.



'X-MEN' PEEK POSTPONED: Fans aching for a peek at Patrick Stewart as Professor X in Bryan Singer's *X-Men* movie will have to wait a little longer, as plans to show the trailer before the forthcoming *Bicentennial Man* have been scrapped. Apparently, they still haven't got the right material for the teaser.

Box office

Top weekend movies

Weekend of Dec. 3-5, 1999

All dollar figures in millions

Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens

Weekend '99

1 **Toy Story 2** \$16.8, three weeks, 3,238 screens

2 **The World Is Not Enough** \$10.7 \$90.4, three weeks, 3,163 screens

3 **End of Days** \$45.8, two weeks, 2,599 screens

4 **Sleepy Hollow** \$141, three weeks, 3,069 screens

5 **The Bone Collector** \$58.1, five weeks, 2,918 screens

6 **Pokemon** \$80.8, four weeks, 3,043 screens

7 **Dogma** \$24.4, four weeks, 1,292 screens

8 **Being John Malkovich** \$13.9, six weeks, 624 screens

9 **The Insider** \$23.9, five weeks, 1,483 screens

10 **Anywhere But Here** \$1.31 \$16.0, four weeks, 1,628 screens

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(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — While most high school students depend on Number 2 pencils and study books to get through the SAT, a group of New York City students will get to use Legos as they face tests for college admissions.

Deborah Bial, a Ph.D. candidate at Harvard's Graduate School of Education (GSE), has designed a new college aptitude test centered around communication skills and small group activities — testing that

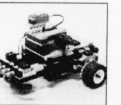


includes building robots with Legos.

Bial described the test as a series of interactive workshops. One hundred students undergo testing at the same time, in groups of 10 or 12. Each group takes a different test, aimed at measuring skills students need in their college careers: communication, leadership, strategic thinking and organizational skills. The students are tested in different groups for a total of three hours, and trained evaluators score each student individually.

In one section, students must use a set of Lego building blocks to construct a duplicate of a robot sitting in another room.

Only one student is allowed to view the robot at a time and must orally report his or her findings to the rest of the group. The goal isn't necessarily to finish building the robot, Bial said, but rather to demonstrate initiative and an ability to solve complicated problems.

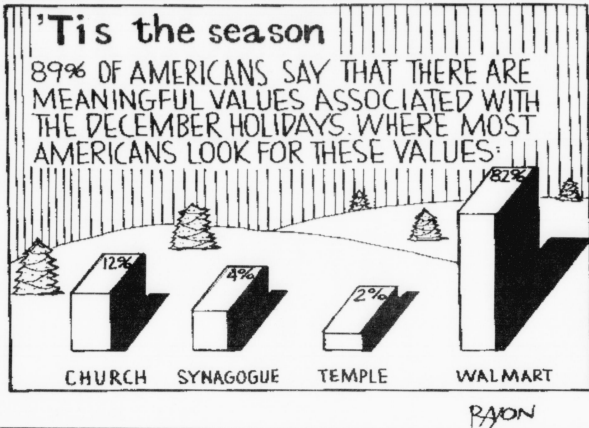


To calculate the final score, evaluators also interview students individually.

With a number of U.S. colleges and universities reducing or eliminating their affirmative action programs, Bial said her test was as a way to help continue to recruit diverse student groups.

Larry A. Griffith, director of admissions at the University of Delaware, emphasized that this test will be used in addition to grades and test scores. According to Griffith, the research will be used to determine whether "life experience, motivation, potential to work well in groups" can be "measured and quantified."

Lego robot pictures from <http://www.cs.uu.nl/poepie/markov/lego/>, <http://st.upc.es/toni/index.htm>



Tyler Smith
GUEST COLUMNIST

Commandments in classroom endorse religion

The push towards allowing the Ten Commandments to remain in several Kentucky schools systems directly undermines the separation of church and state. In fact keeping the commandments in school challenges what we attempt to instill in our children. As an educational body we promote freethinking and the autonomous mind that is free to pursue any realm of thought. One great aspect of attending public school is that it allows the individual to develop through free exploration of knowledge.

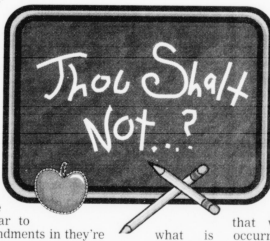
Although the inference may be subtle the act of just posting the Commandments is a promotion of one religion over another. The conflict is not whether or not the principles held within the Commandments are decent and worthy of following. In fact, would contend that most individuals up hold some moral code similar to that of the commandments in their own lives.

What is under fire is the endorsement of fundamental Christian principles within the public schools as a body of the state. As children we are made to attend school, whether it be at home, private, or public its presence is an important part of our socialization. During this influential period we are taught to speak and think freely without unreasonable inhibition. In fact just by posting the Commandments we as educators of our children make a statement that says, "we promote Christianity, here are the tenants of Christianity live by them at all times."

This may not seem like such a problem in communities where Christianity is a religion shared by the majority. Religious homogeneity is a rarity in reality. The fact of the matter is that we are a diverse culture and perhaps the most crucial aspect as to why such diversity exists is due to our liberal take on individual belief and freedom of religion. We take for granted one of the greatest freedoms this world has to offer a simple, yet fragile, freedom of choice. When the state allows a public school system to endorse an organized religion it is virtually stating that

we as a state are choosing what we think should be the ideal religion. From a legal aspect the idea of posting the Commandments in schools is prohibited. I am reminded of my Civil Liberties class where my professor used an example to illustrate a breach of separation of church and state that was analogous to what is occurring in several communities throughout Kentucky. The Commandments do not belong in public school because they are not decent enough or don't hold high enough morals. They don't belong in school because they're not good principles to follow. The Ten Commandments don't belong in public institutions because they are the backbone of Christianity, and they're presence directly legitimizes Christianity as a state endorsed religion.

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Christianity absurd religion

To the Editor:

Joseph Dewees states, "Give Christianity a chance ... God Loves us! In fact, he loved us enough to send his only son to die for us, so that we might have eternal life." What an absurd concept. Think about it, God (an OMNIPOTENT being), knowingly sends his son to be nailed to a cross to give you eternal life. If God is all powerful, he could have given everyone eternal life by his mere whim. If God was all loving and all good, he would not have created someone for the explicit purpose of being murdered just to communicate a message. If I were a loving father, I would not have a son for the specific reason of having his life ended to serve my own means. Even if I did not do so intentionally so that he could be killed, if I was omniscient (like the Christian God), then I would know he would be put to death anyway. In either instance, intentional or not, this kind of behavior is morally reprehensible. Believing such a God is all loving and deserving of worship is irrational. Basing a religion around such a being is nonsense.

GREG BURGERT
UNDECLARED FRESHMAN

Preacher has a purpose

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to "Thou Shall Not ... Turmoil at the Student Center," printed on Monday, Dec. 6. Undoubtedly, students all over campus have at some point witnessed preachers occupying the Free Speech Area. Many students also take offense and question the authority of these "men of God." May I remind you that Jesus was not joking when he said, "... go and I will make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) And yet, people laugh. All believers in Christ are to spread the word of God (Acts 10:24). I do, however, question the harsh wording on some of their signs, and why they only focus on specific sins (i.e. homosexuality). Any sin is separation from God. Therefore, all sins are equally bad. Preachers are called to tell unbelievers they are sinful and can only receive salvation through Christ. However, they need to do it "gently" (2 Timothy 2:25), not with hate. Regarding Childer's remark that the minister declared "righteous hatred" for homosexuals — it's doubtful that the minister hates homosexual individuals. If he follows Christ's teachings, as he claims, then he loves the sinner and hates only the sin. As a Christian, I refuse to watch the biblically ignorant mob preachers. If you doubt the preachers, study to see what the Bible says about sin. God wants all of us to love Christ. "He (the Lord) is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). God is patient, but time is running out. So, when Jesus comes to rapture the church, don't say the preacher didn't warn you.

AMY WILD
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SOPHOMORE

Attack ultimate hypocrisy

To the Editor:

By now, most of you have seen the people that come here with Bibles in hand to "save" campus. They come with big signs bearing their judgment down on homosexuals, feminists and an array of general sinners. They preach about hate, wrath, judgment, and condemnation. Last Friday, I witnessed the ultimate hypocrisy from these God-fearing, Bible-quoting citizens. One of the preachers was having words with a young man about homosexuality. The self-proclaimed man-of-God spouted angry words and condemned homosexuals in a very derogatory manner. The young Lambda member pushed the "man of God" and spit on the "Friends don't let friends be homosexual" banner. Then the preacher proceeded to punch the young man in the face.

At that moment of ultimate hypocrisy, something inside me screamed. I ran down there and demanded the preacher to defend his actions. To my dismay, the arrogant "I'm justified to heaven and you're not, nana-mama-poo-poo" preacher justified his actions by saying in a very first-graderish way, "He pushed me first." Is this a man of God? Actions speak louder than words, guys. These men come here to judge. Where is it written that people have the right to hand out God's judgment as if they'd been appointed? Frankly, I'd rather hear, "God loves you" than, "God hates you and He's gonna put you in hell for eternity."

MEGGAN TAYLOR
SOCIOLOGY SOPHOMORE

Know the protocol of traffic stops



Tia Chilton
CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

It's called the pucker factor. It's the feeling you get when you see a police cruiser in your rearview mirror. You know the one. It begins with the automatic glance at the speedometer, followed by removing your foot from the gas pedal and applying it to the brake pedal, feeling the sweat bead up on your forehead and that second glance in the rearview mirror to see if we are still behind you.

You may not even be breaking any laws, but your body still goes through the motions.

I don't know if it's the fear of getting a ticket, paying a fine, going to jail or possibly all three that causes your body to go

through such turmoil. Whatever it is, it's enough to make some people make an extra turn just to get away from us, your police officers.

Two things help prevent getting stopped in the first place. The first is a gimmie — do not drive under the influence of any substance! You will get caught. Secondly, do not draw attention to yourself and your car. This means no blaring stereos, no squealing tires, no blowing past the stop sign at University and Huguelet at 30 mph, and no stunts that defy the law of physics. The whole idea is to be as unnoticeable as possible.

If you do get stopped, there are some things that you need to know and understand.

You can expect to see red and blue lights and a bright spotlight in your mirror. The intention is that you can't see our location as we get out of the car — this is a safety issue for us, not something to make you mad.

While this is happening,

place your hands on the steering wheel so we may see them. Do not get out of the car! That will startle us, and we will ask you to get back in. Staying in the car is another safety issue for us and you — it protects you from getting hit by other motorists.

Being stopped is not the time to take off your seat belt so you can get your wallet. We need to see that you were wearing one.

Also, do not go digging around in the glove box for your proof of insurance.

You may be legitimately looking for something, but we think you are trying to hide something or are getting a weapon out against us. Wait until we approach the car, and we will tell you what we need.

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these be in your vehicle if it is being operated.

After you show us this paperwork, we will be happy to explain why we stopped you.

Many people seem to be offended by this order, but there is a reason for it. We want to see your license first so we know to whom we are speaking.

You already know who we are — our names are on our uniform. It's nothing personal, just another safety measure. After showing the required paperwork, if we do not tolerate the reason for stopping you, now is the time to ask and offer any explanations. Please don't be nasty about it, and be honest.

Remember, this includes all passengers' remarks, and yes, you are responsible for them.

These few seconds are critical for you. This is usually the point at which we are deciding whether to write you a citation or just give you a warning.

We then go back to our cars and check your operator's license

through the computer via police telecommunications. Sometimes this takes longer than you or I would like, but there is nothing we can do to speed it up.

When we return it, we will explain the citation or the warning and you may feel free to ask any questions.

If you have received a citation, it is too late to argue your point — you'll have to do that in court.

After we return to our car, we expect you to pull away first. This is to help protect you while you get back into traffic.

The best news is this. Of all the officers I know, we let more people go with a warning than a citation.

So the next time you get that "being followed" feeling, at least take heart in knowing that the odds are in your favor.

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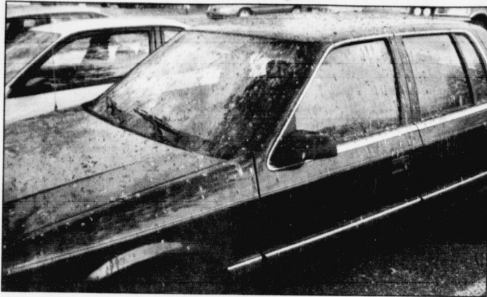
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Birds causing havoc at UK



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Evil birds invading area: Starlings' droppings can cause serious health hazards

By John Wampler
NEWS EDITOR

Walking home from class late at night, many students may notice the large flocks of starlings populating many of the trees on UK's campus, which often fly off in droves when people draw near.

"It's probably because it's unseasonably warm, and they're confused," said Cristy MacDermott, an integrated strategic communications senior.

It doesn't matter what the temperature is, the starlings won't leave UK's campus, explained James Krupa, an assistant professor in biology. They stay in Kentucky year-round, and interestingly enough, only gather in large groups in the winter. One hypothesis is that they flock together to conserve body

heat, he added.

Starlings aren't the only bird that flocks in this manner, Krupa said. Crows also behave in a similar manner, but Krupa said since his arrival at UK 10 years ago, there have been no instances of crow flockings.

Aside from their size, starlings differ from crows in that they are not native to Kentucky or even to America. They came over in the late 1800's from England, Krupa said.

Starlings have caused a number of troubles for people.

Bill Reesor, a worker for UK's Physical Plant, said the bird droppings caused by the starlings' flocking create a serious health hazard.

In alleviating the problem of starlings on campus, PPD has been helped by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has

provided advice and assistance.

Currently, PPD deals with the starlings by firing off noisemakers, devices which contain gunpowder, and are shot from a pellet pistol, Reesor said. The noisemakers are fired starting about an hour before it is dark until darkness falls, wherever on campus the birds are found.

Besides the health risks, the birds have irked students with their tendency to use student vehicles for aerial target practice.

"It's a good thing we don't have more parking on campus, because then we would have more crap on cars (from the starlings)," said Travis Westerfield, an ISC senior.

While methods such as the noisemakers solves the problem in the short-term, there is really no long-term solution currently in sight.

"They're here forever, we'll never get rid of them," Krupa said.

Photo editor Nick Tomacek contributed to this article.



Birds are bombarding many of the cars on campus.

AMY CRAWFORD | KERNEL STAFF



A PPD worker shoots off a noise maker to scare away starlings.

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E-commerce is big business

Net shopping: Online shopping is up, but customer satisfaction is going down

By Barbara Martin
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On the day after Thanksgiving, Karen Adamson, of Maysville, Ky. woke up at 3:45am in order to arrive at Fayette Mall by 6:00 am. She and her family weren't going to miss out on the biggest shopping day of the year.

"We've been doing this for 13 years and we really enjoy it," Adamson said.

Despite the increase in buying merchandise over the Internet, many UK students share Adamson's loyalty to mall shopping.

Matt Graves, a business junior, said being able to take home the item he just paid for was an incentive for choosing the mall over the Web.

"Besides, with all the shipping and handling charges the Internet doesn't make it any cheaper," Graves said.

However, although traditional stores still have a large pull on consumers, the number of Internet holiday sales are projected to increase dramatically.

Jupiter Communications, an Internet commerce researcher, reported that consumers will spend some \$5 billion between November and December. This amount is up from the \$3.1 billion that was spent during the same period in 1998. However, not all consumers are happy with online shopping. Jupiter reported a 14% drop in customer satisfaction from last Christmas.

Jeff Janes, the Brand Central manager at Sears, has noticed customers' lack of satisfaction with online shopping. Janes says that

shoppers need more customer service that the Internet can provide. He finds that many people, instead of shopping on the internet, just go there to research the product and then take that information to their local stores which has boosted their sales.

Another reason many students still choose traditional stores instead of the Internet is security concerns when purchasing gifts with a credit card. Erin O'Hara, an integrated strategic communications senior, says she will do all her Christmas shopping at stores in Lexington because she doesn't want take the risk of buying anything online.

"When you give out your credit card number you don't know where it's going to go," said O'Hara.

However, some students enjoy shopping over the Internet. Joe Henderson, a computer science freshman, says that he has done most of his Christmas shopping online. He says the web offers a wider variety than many stores in town.

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