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Student says she was sexually abused near library

A 19-year-old female UK student reported to police that an unknown man sexually abused her outside W. T. Young Library Tuesday night, UK police said.

The assailant, believed to be in his late 20s or early 30s, walked up to the woman and grabbed her chest as she walked by said Cmdr. Travis Manley UK Police's public information officer.

Manley ON Pointe 3 pages 16 formation officer. "He nonchalantly grabbed her chest area and kept on walking." Manley

said.

It happened as the woman exited through the University Drive entrance of the library and was walking on the sidewalk next to Ovid's Café at around 9 p.m., Manley

said.

The woman suffered no injuries. "The best way to describe here is distressed," Manley said.

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The day before classes began this semester, a student said an unknown man approached her and sexually abused her in a library parking lot, police said Police never found the man.

On Nov. 4, a woman was walking from the library to her home in sorority circle when a man she didn't know sexually abused her behind the Boone Faculty Center, according to police. Police later

arrested EKU student Avery C. Rowland, 25, in conjunction with the case.

Rowland remains housed at the Fayette County Detention Center, awaiting a great price of the case of

"That's still scary," said Tencza. "It'll make me more aware of where I'm walking and who I'm walking with." Within the last two weeks, two high school women around Fayette Coun-

uary, according to police reports.

Manley said UK police will be on extra patrols "either on foot or in cars, to serve as a deterrent and to help students feel more atease."

The library is open 24 hours through finals week, from Sunday through Friday.

Amanda Tencza, a biology senior, first heard the news about Thesday's abuse case while eating lunch at Ovids yesterday.

"That's still scary," said Tencza. "I'll make me more reported being chased by strange men. Manley said UK notified Lexington Police, and there seems to be no connection be seems to he no con 30s, is 6 feet tall, has a medium build and light brown hair combed straight back. He is white and has a dark complexion. He was wearing a cream-colored fleece with a print on it and faded blue jeans.

Ky. Supreme Court to hear smoking ban case in March



Expecting it to be the final night before the smoking ban, Fish Tank organized a "Smoke 'Em if You Got 'Em: Part Deux" party last night. The Kentucky Supreme Court haited the ban, but that didn't stop the festivities. John Tresaleni, owner of Fish Tank, handed out packs of cigarettes to patrons.

By Dariush Shafa

With only seven hours to spare before it was slat-ed to go into effect, Lex-ington's smoking ban was yet again brought to a screeching halt.

The Kentucky Appeals

ban on hold until the case can be heard in early March.

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that the ban would cause severe economic damage to area businesses.

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The attorneys to the Food and Beverage Association filed an appeal with the Supreme Court 30 minutes after the Court of Ap-

Keg tagging: a common policy

About 20 other states have keg tagging rules; Lexington's is set to start early next year

When it comes to keg tagging, Lexington isn't

Alone.

The policy requiring keg buyers to hand over personal information starts on Jan. 1. On that day, Lexington will join more than 20 other states that have the

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As in Lexington, keg tagging has caused controversy in other states, dividing politicians, police, parents and partiers.

Under the policy, the purchaser will have to fill out a form with his or her name, address, telephone number and valid driver's license number before he or she can purchase a keg.

According to keg-tagging advocate Lisa Johnson, this new policy is designed to help police officers track down people who supply alcohol to underage drinkers. "The motivation for the keg-tagging ordinance is for the adults not to be able to buy alcohol for minors," Johnson said. "I'm not trying to keep you from partying. I'm not trying to keep you from having fun. I'm just trying to keep you from having fun. I'm just trying to keep you from partyings. Tim so the keg ordinance was passed in Bowling Green, Ky, in 1998, it has helped more people than just the police, said Davis Cooper, a Bowling Green Alcoholic Beverage Control affiliate.

"Both police officers and distributors have found this ordinance to be effective," Cooper said. "It helps the police because it allows them to easily track down the buyer of the keg. It also helps the distributors because they don't have to worry about being responsible for distributing alcohol to minors."

When purchasing a keg in Bowling Green, the distributor must record the driver's license number to See KEG on 2

See KEG on 2

'Best transition time' is now for UK housing

New dorm construction prompted UK to end its lease with the Commons; no housing shortage is expected

Students living in the University Commons won't have to abide by UK residence hall rules next fall. UK declined to renew its two-year lease with the Commons after it ends in the spring semester. There wasn't anything wrong with the Commons that prompted the decision, said Brenda Stamper, director of housing.

"When we entered into the contract, it was a temporary measure to combat a housing shortage," she said. "It was never seen as a permanent solution."

In its first year, UK leased 288 spaces out of 672. This fall, UK leased the entire Commons, which is located at 945 Red Mile Road.

"We saw the numbers were there," Stamper said.
Sarah Nikirk, associate auxiliary services director, said that UK has a good rela-

tionship with the Commons management and enjoys working with them.

"The university just saw this as the best transition time" she said as to why the lease wasn't renewed. UK is building four new dorms, scheduled to be ready in the fall of 2006. Three will be on South campus and one on North campus.

The need to offer any off-campus housing through the university simply won't be necessary after the enviversity simply won't be necessary after who dorms are built, Stamper said. Students presently living in the Commons have nothing to worry about, Nikirk said.

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peals denied the motion to delay the ban.

The smoking ban was expected to go into effect unhindered at midnight last night, but just before 5 p.m., the Kentucky Supreme Court announced its decision.

The hearing is set for March 10, 2004, clearing the way for the ban to be heard in the highest court of law in the state of Kentucky.

Before word came from the Supreme Court, both sides were anxious to hear the decision.

"We're hopeful," said John Walters, an attorney for the Food and Beverage Association.

"We have our fingers crossed," said Phil Scott, attorney for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and Health Department.

Scott is still hopeful

Department.
Scott is still hopeful
the ban will go through,
despite the fact it will take

many months.

"We remain confident that the law is well-settled (and) not even in dispute and that Lexington will have a smoking ban," Scott said. "It's going to save lives."

Walters' thoughts were focused on the work ahead of him.

"We still feel very strongly about our arguments, and we will present them before the Supreme Court," Walters said.

John Tresaloni, owner

Supreme Court," Walters said.

John Tresaloni, owner of the Fish Tank Bar and Grill, was "pretty happy" with the Supreme Court's decision.

Despite the fact that the smoking ban was delayed until March, the Fish Tank still threw a "Smoke Em If You Got Em: Part Deux" party last night.

Tresaloni handed out packs of cigarettes but not some of the bar's other smoker-friendly items.

"Tm still holding on the ashtrays for now," Tresaloni said.

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July 1: The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council voted 11-3 to enact a smoking ban. Sept. 23: Fayette Circuit Judge Larry VanMeter ruled against an injunction on the ban.

Dec. 11: The ban was set to take effect. March 10, 2004: Kentucky Supreme Court is set to hear

Sept. 29: The ban was original ly supposed to begin. Oct. 6: The Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled to maintain the injunction until a lower court can rule on the ban's merits.

Wednesday it is calling on its 750,000 employees to contact 53ndy Grushow, chairman of Fox Entertainment Group, to protest the sketch on Saturday's episode of "Mad Tw." it is asking millions more employees of its private-sector partners to protest, too.

The skit features "disgruntled postal workers at odds with one another over who has the right to go on a shooting spree first," according to the program's Web site. In a statement, Azeezaly S. Jaffer, the Postal Service's vice president of public af-Dec. 10: The Kentucky Court of Appeals denied an injunction. Dec. 10: The Kentucky Supreme Court halted the ban until it can rule on the ban's merits.

at 'Mad TV' comedy sketch

Postal Service irritated

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service is going ballistic over a Fox television comedy sketch about mail employees going postal.

The Postal Service said Wednesday it is calling on its 750,000 employees to contact Sandy Grushow, chairman of Fox Entertainment Group, the said.

Fox spokesman Joe Earley School or Spokesman Joe Earley said she hadn't seen the postal Service To post the sketch on Saturday's episode of "Mad TV" to protest the sketch on Saturday's episode of "Mad TV" to said and TV" a satire and and TV" a satire and polyees of its private-section partners to protest, too.

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alcohol, the less likely it is that underage kids will drink, he said.

Indiana is another state that recently passed a kegtagging ordinance.

"People sometimes complain about going through the hassle of filling out the form and having to take responsibility wild kacade entered the said of the prove identification was given. Also, the consumer is required to sign a contract agreeing not to serve the alcohol to a minor.

This legal documentation limits the distributor's liability, which decreases its insurance rate by as much as 20 percent. Cooper said.

However, contrary to Cooper's belief, not all beer distributors are enthusiasticabout a keg-tagging ordinance.

Legislators in Richmond Kx, are also looking into a keg registration policy.

"I don't think it will work at all." said Scott Rowsell, a Liquor Barn manager in Richmond.

"Just because you're not buying kegs doesn't men you're going to stop underage drinking, which is with they're trying to do in the first place." Russell said.

"You can just buy cases of beer or go to another town to buy kegs instead."

Cooper agreed people anget around the keg ordinance but argued it's a more expensive way to party.

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from the freedom of the whole college experience," he said.
Georgia has also recently started enforcing a keg ordinance.
"It's keeping beer out of the hands of kids and probably saving lives at the same time," said Ron Fuller, a Jax Liquors employee in Rocky Face, Ga. "It's a hassle, but it's better than bringing your kid home in a box."
Regardless, the ordinance may stop some underage drinkers from taking a sip, Cooper said.
sip, Cooper said. The same the word of the same way the country of the same with the same the word it's a good tool to have at your disposal," Cooper said. "And it's a step to solving the bigger problem of underage drinking."

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Keg ordinance

On Jan. 1, 2004, the keg-tagging ordinance will go into effect
in Lexington.

Consumers wishing to purchase a keg after this date will
be required to provide personal
information including name, address, telephone number and driver's license number. which will

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With the presence of finals hanging over my head like a ton of bricks. I figured I would lay low this past week. Gower in true Barly fashion this close to finals would not be in my best interest.

So I dropped into Lynagh's for a quick pint with one of my trusty Barly minions. It's so weird how you can go to a place a thousand times but notice something nevery time you go.

Lynagh's has so much crap decorating its space, it's hard to take it all in in one visit.

A bright neon sign flashes "All actors must pay in advance." I don't get it — Lynagh's doesn't host plays.

Above the bar is a menagerie of brewery promotional items circ of brewery pr



JONATHAN PALMER | KERNEL STAFF

phere for conversating with bud-dies and enjoying a good meal.

For a study break this finals
week, I recommend meeting up
with friends at Lynagh's for some
brain food and a pint — just remember the theory of state-dependent longing!

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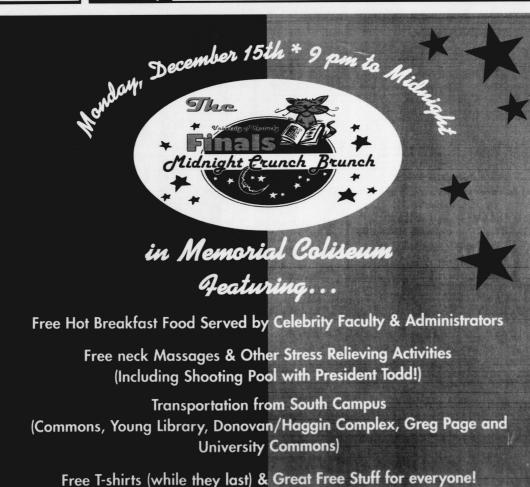
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Kentucky band moving up with album It Still Moves









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My Morning Jacket, a five-piece band from Louisville, takes this ethic a step further, blending the pastoral tone of folk rock with the aquatic and celestial ammendation of the step of the step

All one really has to know about the group, though, is that it is technical-ly a local band that is receiv-ing international acclaim for major label debut, It Still

Moves.

My Morning Jacket has built a rabid following through consistently hypotric performances and remarkable recordings. The recordings include vocals from James that were recorded inside a large hollow grain silon adding an acoustic dimension of enormity to the music.

James the songwriter.

James, the songwriter, helps clarify what My Morn-ing Jacket hopes to accom-

is incennitely-changing music.
Before the release of It
Still Moves, James talked
about what he hopes the music would do and where the
band is going.
How would you describe
the current sound of My
Morning Jacket? Is the current sound close to the
sounds and ideas you have in
your mind?
I can only say rock and

Jour mind?

I can only say rock and roll, in my description, because it's the only thing that's not limiting. It can be fast, slow, happy, sap — anything you want it to be. Yes, I'm very happy with the current state of the band. It would be impossible with today's technology to get things to sound exactly like they do in my head, but they sound pretty damn close.

This is probably a

damn close.

This is probably a loaded question. What do you want to achieve or express with your music?

I just want our music to mean something deeply to people. It doesn't matter how many or how few. I want to have fun and have it always mean something to me ... I want to help people see past what they see with their eyes and just worry about their ears.

and just worry about their ears.

Your band has been compared to the likes of the Flaming Lips and Neil Young. But comparisons don't necessarily constitute one's true influences. What groups or musical movements have inspired the design of the music?

Everything inspires me. I go through different phases. I hate comparisons. I have been listening to tons of OutKast lately I got The Genius of Ray Charles the other week, and I have not stopped listening since. "Dor't Let the Sun Catch You Cryim" is probably one of the single most beautiful works of art ever laid on this planet.

Mowing the grass also influences our work.

fluences our work.

On tracks Run Thru and
Just One Thing, you all utilize electronic textures, such
as phasing and Moog synths.
Do you pian on taking anymore steps in the electronic
or experimental direction?
Do you currently have a plan
for the direction of My
Morning Jackset?

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for the direction of My Morning Jacket?

The plan is always "there is no plan." Other than trying to make each record new and different and in a place where they fit in, there just has to be change. If there's no change, we go bye bye.

Assuming indie rock is an aesthetic more than just a description a band's label, do you think you fit in with he "indie rock" scene? If so, how?

I don't think we fit in with any scene. I feel really out of syne with the world to day on almost every level. But yet I don't really feel like it would've been better in the past either. I don't like labeling things with scenes. I wish I could erase the human database of laziness that has erod our minds. Ah, wishes.

Louisville is widely known for the "math rock"

scene in the early 90s with Slint and their splinter groups, and has carried over with groups like Parlour and, to an extent, VHS or Beta. What best describes the Louisville scene?

the Louisville scene?

I wish Louisville wasn't known for that I love VHS or Beta Listening to them is like being wrapped in a warm electronic cocon. Louisville has no scene, but there are lenty of talented musicians there, though.

How do you feel the sound of My Morning Jacketh as matured since earlier releases like Tennessee Fire?

I think we've become

I think we've become more of a band. Like at the end of Pinnochio, when he becomes a real boy.

What groups do you have an interest in touring with or collaborating with in the future?

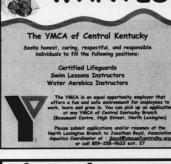
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the Beatles...
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Jacket apart from other
groups with a similar musical approach?
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bands. I like those bands, and
they are nice people, but it's
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group things together because of how you look ...
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Finally, what thoughts, ideas or emotions do you want the listener to take away from *It Still Moves?*I want the listener to feel moved. Finally, what thoughts,

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Musketeers fire down cold-shooting C

The 40-minute game between UK and Xavier can be summed up in two words: Tara Boothe.

Boothe, a sophomore forward from Fort Thomas, Ky, was sensational in her Kentucky homecoming. She scored a game-high 29 points and 12 rebounds.

Boothe led Xavier to a 75.00 win over UK Wednesday night in front of 5.216 fans at Memorial Coliseum.

Xavier (5-2) held the Wildeats (44) scoreless in the second half until just over the 13-minute mark.

"We went the left has the second to the second half until the terms."

the 13-minute mark.

"We went on that drought and it killed us," said UK head coach Mickie DeMoss. "We are not a good enough defensive team yet to go on a seven minute drought and shut somebody else down for scoring for seven minutes.

else down for scoring to: en minutes. "I think that is what re-ally got us in a hole in the second half."



tire game. The three was a little late when junior for-ward Sara Potts connected with just 51 seconds remain-ing in the game. DeMoss called the game the worst performance of the

ally got us in a hole in the second half usecond half use second half use hot 21.9 percent from the field, while Xavier shot 44.4 percent. For the game, Use hot 52.1 percent.

Boothe shot 11-for-17 from the field and a perfect 2-for 2 from three-point range.

"I thought they shot the ball probably better from the ball probably better from the cutside than what we had scouted," DeMoss aid.

Xavier was 5-for-13 from the three-point line, but they were 5-for-8 in the first half, scoring nearly half their points from behind the are in that half.

We did not shoot the end wery well; and we did not rebound very well; and we did not rebound very well, and we did not rebound very well. The only positive she could find in the game was the use of the point Xavier lead down to 1 on a pair of free throws by symphomore guard Jenny Feiffer.

After UK's 7-0 run, UK seemed poised to make a commendation of the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties.

would answer every comeback attempt by the Cats.

UK jumic forward Kelko
Tate agreed with DeMoss' recount of UK's performance.

"Our defense was not on
tonight," Tate said. "And our
thought," Tate said. "And our
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The was not an easy victory, the was not an conight.

"The was not an easy victory, the was not an easy victory, was not an easy vic"For us to come and
fight back was just too late
in the game," Tate said. "It
was a bad loss, but we will
bounce back."

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Louisville quard's brother killed
LOUISVILLE — The brother of University of Louisville basketball forward Francisco Garcia was fatally shot in the Brons, N.Y., according to coach Rick Pitino.

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fatally shot in the Bronx,
NY, according to coach Rick
Pitino.
Hector Lopez, 18, died
Monday night, according to
New York authorities.
Pitino issued a statement
that said Garcia was devastate
d over the loss of his brother.
"Our thoughts and

ed over the loss of his brother.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his freshman All-American team

"We will make every effort to help him through this grieving process day-by-day," Pitino added.

UK nose tackle Lamar Mills and linebacker Durrell White have been named Freshman All-Americans by The Sporting News.
Mills was selected to the first team with 52 tackles during the season and two sacks.
White was a third-team choice with 43 tackles during he season, including seven tackles for loss and 2.5 quarterback sacks. He also had three pass breakups, stylenterback sacks the also had three pass breakups, and recovered one fumble.

Oklahoma QB earns AP award

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma quarterback Jason White capped his return from two serious knee in-

juries by being honored Wednesday as The Associat-ed Press College Player of the Year.

White emerged as the na-

White emerged as the nation's top-rated passer; leading the Sooners to an undefeated regular season and a berth in the Bowl Championship Series title game.
Oklahoma (12-1) will play No. 2 LSU (12-1) in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4.
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IN OUR OPINION

Separation from UK best option for LCC

President Todd and the UK Board of Trustees will soon decide whether or not LCC will remain a part of UK.

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Under a current proposal, UK would hand over control of the college to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

A task force charged with solving accreditation issues raised by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools created the proposal.

Though closely tied to UK, LCC enjoys separate accreditation by the SACS. But this summer, the organization told LCC it didn't have enough independence from UK to maintain its autonomous accreditation.

The SACS requested significant changes from LCC in order to maintain its status. It

from LCC in order to maintain its status. It called for separate fund-raising and an independent curriculum, among other things.

That means LCC must either give up its autonomous status and fully become a part of UK or join the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. It looks like Todd and the Board of Trustees are leaning toward the latter.

Becoming a part of UK would mean that

LCC could no longer be open to any student with a high school degree, something LCC President Jim Kerley says is unacceptable.

Separation is the best option for LCC, given the demands from the SACS. LCC is a great alternative to UK for students who had trouble getting into UK because of grades or finances. It's also great for those who didn't want to jump into such a big environment straight out of

It's also great for those who didn't want to jump into such a big environment straight out of high school. Officials have said that even if LCC separates, students will still be able to transfer to UK with all of their class credits. Todd and the board made a very responsible decision to hold off on any final plans until some smaller, but important, issues could be worked out. Officials must consider whether LCC students will still be eligible for UK student tickets to athletic events. UK residence dent tickets to athletic events. UK residence

dent tickets to athletic events, UK residence hall rooms and parking spaces.

Though separation is the best option for LCC, UK officials should go out of their way to accommodate students and make sure they aren't wrongfully burdened in the effort to comply with the SACS.

Holidays generate welcome optimism

Welcome optimism.

The holidays are my favorite time of the year. This is a very busy time for most people, and college students are no exception. It seems that many people get so busy around this time that they don't get a chance to truly enjoy it. And the few who do rarely carry the feeling of good will and reflection much past the new year.

Regardless of anyone's creed, they can take something useful from the holidays. Right now, most students are probably somewhat it beas early a state of the state of mind.

Some may maintain this feeling of optimism over Christmas break, but the first few days after classes begin in January, a lot of us already feel weighted down again. I'm not trying to preach here — I'm guilty of this myself. When I think about it, it seems funny to me. Why does everyone get so stressed out and down about things we pretty much know are inevitable?

I think the pessimistic outlook that tends to plague so many people is a design of our lifestyle.

What interests us as humans? Conflict. It's in all of our newspapers, books and movies. Many conversations that we have with family and friends involve altercations we may have had or heard about. Politicians get more votes if they run their big yaps about what's wrong with his country rather than what's riggine gettree elements of the properties of the

why has cynicism become so prevalent? Bitter humor is one thing, but coming to the point where you believe there is little hope for humanity or happiness is not only unhealthy, but unproductive.

Cynicism or pessimism don't give birth to solutions to any of our problems. In addition, if people want to be able to help others, they first need to look at themselves. It an individual cannot help his or herself, how can they begin to help others?

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Former Democratic favorite barely alive in race

From the time Al Gore formally announced he would not seek the Democratic nomination in 2004, experts have looked to Sen. John F. Kerry as the favorite to triumph in Boston. They pointed to his distinguished Vietnam record, his 18 years in the Senate and the charms of his wife Teresa (not to mention her enormous fortune as heir to the Heinz Company).

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These same people also conceived that New Hampshire, the nation's first primary state, would give the Kerry campaign a big win heading into Super Tuesday After all, the Granite State was literally in Kerry's backyard. Kerry's campaign appeared to snap up all the top Democratic strategists, and many saw the liberal-centrist candidate as the person who could defeat the president.

Kerry has received endorsements from New Hampshire's former governor and a key southern Democratic legislator, Harold Ford, D-Tenn., and may garner more in the future. In the meantime, his campaign can only look at two numbers: Dean, 42 percent, Kerry, 12 percent (from the latest Zogby poil of likely voters in New Hampshire).

Thirty points, and the gulf has been widening. Howard Dean and John Kerry used to be neck-and-neck, each in the 20s — but now Kerry's support has all but croded, this in a state in which he was supposed to be a heavy favorite. For months, the flailing Kerry campaign

dismissed the brusque Vermont governor as a second-tier candidate, boasting that they could "knock out Dean anytime they wanted." Perhaps they are waiting for January.

But if they continue to fail to bring down the Dean campaign, who will? Perhaps Sen. Edwards or Gen. Wesley Clark in South Carolina. But Dean might be able to tail to the "pick-up truck" vote and complete a magical (once-thought unimaginable) sweep to the Democration of the Democration of the Serving Kery's claims is attributed to Dean, who has simply captured something in the Angry Left that other candidates have missed or ignored. The truth is that Kerry's dissolving campaign is not due to Dean or his grassroots political organization; it is due, almost entirely, to one man: President George W. Bush.

If Bush had chosen not to pursue regime change in Iraq, Kerry might be waltzing to the Democratic nomination right now. Instead he seems to drift aimlessly, no doubt muttering the words, "I only voted for the threat of force to compel Saddam Hussein to comply," just as surely as Al Gore still mutters "Florida." Kerry faced reelection in 2002, and thus had to carefully consider his vote on the two most important matters before the 107th Congress: the USA Patriot Act and the resolution authorizing the President to use force in Iraq.

Like 97 fellow members of his brethren, Kerry voted for the Patriot Act; unlike most of them, the senator halled from a state that did not regard Attorney General Joha Asheroft's measure with 90 percent approval; the GOP was not going after his seat anyway (he ran unop-

posed) and Kerry could have survived politically. But he, like Richard Gephardt, John Edwards and Hillary Clinton fully understood one thing: No one who voted against the Patriot Act would ever be elected president (sorry Demis Kucinich).

Yet, Kerry could be forgiven for consenting to that bill. But with one audacious stroke, President Bush took all the wind out of the Kerry campaign, because he forced the senator to do something he did not want to do, understanding, once again, that anyone who voted against the resolution was not likely ever to win election to the matton's highest office.

Kerry was one of the most outspoken legislators on the Iraq question, but too often people were confused by what he said, seeing him as trying to have it both ways. In effect, Kerry may well be trying to reconcile the Bush position with the liberal position, and perhaps we should appreciate his mannee. But it is not something we're confused by the confused



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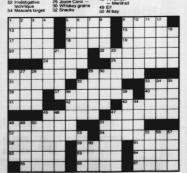
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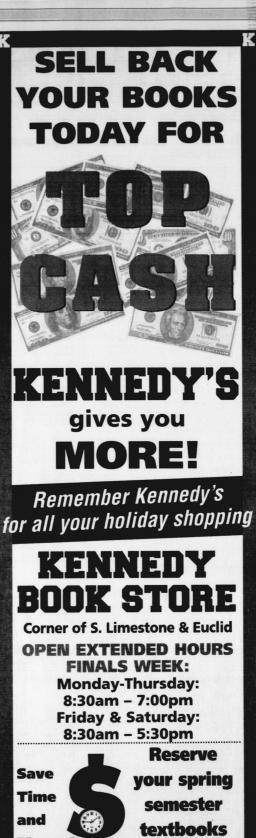
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