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Around campus

Do you see what I see?

Some things were seen and heard around campus recently that we feel everyone should be a part of.

Have you seen the new mascot at one of the sororities? A little dog named Spencer. He's cute and cuddly, say females on campus, and was spotted on campus with a friend (i.e. babysitter). To help recognize him, just remember that Spencer is the Shii Thzi.

Empty beer cans - on campus. For shame. Surely they were left by people who went to the stadium and have nothing to do with the students. Unfortunately they were all very empty.

Did you see the size of some of the umbrellas on campus yesterday? "They look at me with my very large umbrella - it's bigger than yours!" Some of these things were big enough for Al Roker and Dom Deluise to share. Please share the wealth for those of us without the Weather Channel. Oh and by the way, size may count, but not in the umbrella department. Size matters among important things like engine displacement, pizza, and mugs. Very large mugs.

Speeding bicyclist on the sidewalks. I love to cycle all over the place too, but hey friendly, sneaky, bike officers - I believe that you could help this situation of us pedestrians getting run over on paths specifically marked against bike riding.

Saw my first inside out boy! You know we are getting into the swing of things when someone has their shirt on inside out at a class that starts at 2 p.m. Oops!

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THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Part of the sky will be cloudy, part will not.

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College students deal with disorder

Whitney Smith
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Frustration, inattention, memory problems, and depression.

Some UK students cope with these problems everyday, because they suffer from Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). "I find it very difficult to concentrate without complete silence," said Stacey Hazle, a nursing sophomore diagnosed with ADHD.

ADHD, also known as ADD, is a medical condition classified by inattentiveness and hyperactivity, said Dr. Bowlin-Reece, director of the UK Counseling and Testing Center.

"There are 3 categories of ADHD: one classified mainly by inattentiveness; one characterized by hyperactivity; and one which is a combination of the two," Bowlin-Reece explained.

The disorder affects all intelligence levels, she added.

Due to the inability to pay attention to detail, students with the disorder may miss critical words such as "not" or "excluding," explained Bowlin-Reece.

"For those who aren't diagnosed or don't tell their teachers, there can be miscommunication and misunderstandings," Bowlin-Reece said. "Students with ADHD may need additional time on tests, or they may not follow instructions properly."

ADHD also can affect an individual's time management skills.

"I have trouble ordering tasks and activities for the day," said

John Kearns, an undeclared freshman with ADHD. "Sometimes I'll completely forget about appointments or assignments."

Often people with ADHD also have problems with interpersonal relationships, Bowlin-Reece said. For instance, someone may think that someone who has ADHD is not paying attention to them, when the individual is actually trying as hard as they can.

ADHD can cause interpersonal problems in other ways as well.

"I have trouble, because sometimes I will completely insult somebody without realizing it. I will say something totally rude just because I didn't think of it," said a student with ADHD, who did not want to be identified by name due to the stigma he said is sometimes associated with the

disorder.

ADHD affects each person differently and can change over time, Bowlin-Reece said.

"Often by the time an individual reaches college the inattentive symptoms persists more," she added.

Currently there is no complete cure available for ADHD. The disorder remains with an individual for the duration of their lifetime but can be treated with a combination of therapy, counseling, self-awareness and sometimes drugs, such as Ritalin and Adderall.

Other treatments include working on such learning time management skills.

"It's not as if the disorder has gone away, people may just learn to compensate for it by learning certain skills," said Bowlin-Reece.

The facts

Know the options

Many options are available to UK students suffering from ADHD. The UK Counseling and Testing Center offers learning skill services, which cover test taking, time management, and academic skills. These services are free to any UK or LCC student carrying six hours.

In October, Bowlin-Reece and Dr. Tim Nolan, head of the student mental health unit, will be leading a LD/ADHD support group to provide a chance for discussion and an exchange of information. For more information concerning such programs call the testing center at 257-8701.

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION



MIKE COSTIGLIA | KERNEL STAFF

UK president Charles Wethington delivers the opening address at the ground breaking for the Kentucky Clinic North.

Clinic dreams made of bricks

By Jessica Stevens
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Since it opened in December of 1996, the Kentucky Clinic North has been operating out of a triple-wide trailer.

"When we first opened, I asked the staff to just believe," said Travis Lawson, the clinic's medical director. "Close your eyes and envision a brick, and allow that brick to grow."

Yesterday, the staff at the clinic got their wish.

Ground was broken for what will be the clinic's permanent site on East Third Street and Elm Tree Lane on Lexington's north side. The clinic is scheduled to be completed in April 2000.

At a press conference yesterday, James Holsinger, chancellor of the Chandler Medical Center, said the new clinic will give much-needed health care to medically underserved people in that area.

"Kentucky Clinic North is a place for the people, and we want residents to be proud of their clinic," Holsinger said.

The \$1.9 million clinic will be 9,600 square feet and equipped with 11 exam rooms, a laboratory, a patient education room, four dental exam chairs, and X-ray and EKG capabilities.

Taxpayer dollars will not be

used to build the clinic, Holsinger said. The money to build the clinic initially came from a Medicaid payment made to UK Hospital in 1995. This money enabled the hospital to extend care to medically-overlooked areas of the city.

The staff of Kentucky Clinic North will include Lawson, the clinic's medical director, as well as a dentist, a pharmacist, a nurse practitioner, several medical assistants and receptionists and a case worker from the Kentucky Department of Social Insurance.

Lawson said he hopes each person will leave the clinic feeling refreshed, regardless of how much money the patient has.

"Anyone who has come to our door has been served," said Lawson. "That's the right thing to do."

The clinic will operate financially like any other clinic, said Joe Claypool, chief of operations at UK Hospital.

"Payment will be expected," Claypool said.

For those patients seeking services who do not have the proper fi-

nanacial capabilities to pay their bills, though, the center will look to other resources to supplement the difference, he added.

Whether or not care is appropriate at the time patients present themselves at the clinic is more of an issue than payment is, said Claypool.

Fayette County Councilman George Brown, who represents the north side of town, said the new clinic is tremendous for the residents of the area because they don't have to travel so far to get care.

Before, he said, the closest health care facilities were the Fayette County Health Department on Newtown Pike, or emergency care units at area hospitals.

UK's involvement with Kentucky Clinic North is an example of UK's desire to provide valuable healthcare services to the north part of the Lexington community, UK president Charles Wethington said.

"Today reaffirms our commitment to the area," he said. "We must have a vision beyond our own walls."

Kentucky Clinic North is a place for the people, and we want residents to be proud of their clinic.

- James Holsinger, Chancellor of the Chandler Medical Center

CAMPUS

Battling the binge

Campaign seeks to raise awareness of the dangers of excessive drinking

By Mat Herron
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UK joined more than a hundred other colleges and universities last Friday in a nationwide media campaign to stop binge drinking.

"It's all about raising awareness," said University spokesman Lloyd Axelrod.

The campaign, put together by the Washington-based National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, targets parents, legislators and community leaders to respond to the increased number of deaths related to binge drinking among college students over the last few years.

The campaign's black-and-white, full-page ads feature a picture of a beer entitled "Binge Beer," with the headline "Hitting college campuses this fall." The rest of the ad uses satire to address the very serious and non-humorous issue of binge drinking.

The ad, which appeared in last Friday's edition of the Kernel, also ran last Friday in the New York Times, The Washington Post, The Boston Globe, The San Francisco Chronicle and other major newspapers around the country.

The campaign is also launching a website containing more information on how binge drinking affects the nation's college students, and lists campus programs to fight binge drinking.

Supporters of the movement say it's not just another "Just Say No" campaign, because it also seeks to make parents and community leaders more aware of the culture of drinking on campus.

"We would have a lot of alumni say, 'Why are we talking about this?'" said Stephen MacCarthy, a spokesman for Penn State University. "There was a very strong sense that people who are of an older generation are very unfamiliar to the problem that exists today."

According to national surveys, binge drinking is defined as the consumption of five or more drinks in one sitting by a male, or four or more by a female.

In fact, students are starting sooner, MacCarthy said. One-third of freshman in college arrive as binge drinkers, according to a study by the Harvard School of Public Health.

Dean of Students David Stockham said the research also shows that, unlike past generations, students are more inclined to drink during the week.

With this campaign, he said, "you want to dispel the notion that to be a student, you have to be a high-risk user of alcohol."

A perfect solution to the binge-drinking problem, he said, may not exist. "This is a positive effort to try to get at a difficult issue," he said, "because it will get people to talk."

Many students and higher education officials agree binge drinking is a problem, but some aren't sure the ads will have the desired effect for several reasons.

First, some students may miss the ad's message.

"I thought, 'Is there some kind of new beer that's coming out?'" said Keisha Carter, Arts and Sciences senator for the Student Government Association.

Second, Carter said that universities need to change what she called the "social conscience" she thought that drinking is an inherent part of college life. To keep students from binge drinking, she said, "You have to get within a social conscience to change it."



ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Florida Tells 1 Million To Flee Storm

MIAMI — More than 1 million people were told to evacuate the Atlantic coast Monday and NASA all but abandoned Cape Canaveral as Hurricane Floyd — one of the most powerful storms ever to threaten the United States — charged toward Florida with potentially catastrophic 155 mph winds. Forecasters said Floyd would brush past the Bahamas overnight and could hit land in the next couple of days between central Florida and South Carolina. Bahamas residents abandoned beachfront homes and scrambled for emergency supplies in preparation for the 155 mph winds.

I'm not nominated this year, because apparently there's a little rule that you have to have a show on the air—it's always something."

—Garry Shandling, formerly of "The Larry Sanders Show," on stage at Sunday's 51st annual Emmy Awards.

Democrat Criticizes Former Waco Probe

WASHINGTON — The congressional Republican leading an inquiry into the 1993 Waco siege overlooked evidence the Justice Department sent his committee four years ago showing federal agents used potentially incendiary tear gas near the fiery end of the Branch Davidian standoff, a House Democrat said. "Contrary to the allegations of cover-up, substantial evidence of the use of military tear gas rounds was, in fact, provided to Congress in 1995," said Waxman, D-Calif., the committee's top Democrat.

Clinton Optimistic on E. Timor, N. Korea

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — President Clinton said the international peacekeeping force headed for East Timor, which will probably include "a few hundred" Americans, would hopefully begin its work in a matter of days. Clinton urged Indonesian leaders to act responsibly until a force can be assembled and sent to East Timor under Australian leadership. Clinton also welcomed a tentative deal reached with North Korea in Berlin under which, "we understand and expect North Korea will refrain from testing long-range missiles of any kind" while a firmer accord is negotiated. He said he was considering easing trade sanctions against North Korea.



FARM AID: Musicians led by country icon Willie Nelson appealed for new agricultural policies at the Farm Aid '99 concert Sunday. The concert gathered a variety of musical acts and hundreds of activists to press for laws to help independent growers hurt by weak farm prices and to stave off corporate control of the food sector.



EMERGENCY LANDING: John Travolta's private Boeing 707, carrying the star and seven others, was forced to make an emergency landing at Boston's Logan International Airport after one of the engines overheated. Travolta and company went home on another aircraft.

Coast Guard Fires at Drug Boats

WASHINGTON — Coast Guard officials today disclosed that sharpshooters have been firing from helicopters to knock out the engines of cocaine-laden boats in the Caribbean. The tactic not used since the 1920s Prohibition era has already netted three tons of cocaine. "We have made the drug smugglers afraid. We will now make them disappear," said Barry McCaffrey, White House drug control director.

Talks Under Way for Mideast Accord

EREZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip — Israelis and Palestinians today opened talks on a final peace accord, intending to tackle issues like Palestinian statehood, the rights of refugees and the status of Jerusalem. The Palestinians want to establish a state in all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with east Jerusalem as its capital. Israel says it will never relinquish parts of Jerusalem, which it insists will remain the undivided capital of the Jewish state.

French Oil Cos. Agree To \$54.3B Merger

PARIS — A fierce, two-month takeover battle between French oil companies Total Fina and Elf Aquitaine ended today, as a \$54.3 billion merger agreement was reached to create the world's fourth largest oil group. The friendly deal caps a summer of intense merger activity in France, where two of the country's largest banks have agreed to join forces and two retail powerhouses have also said they would ally.

Dow Ends Up 1.90

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 1.90 at 11,030.33. But broader stock indicators were lower. On the NYSE, losers led gainers 1,753-1,220. The Nasdaq fell 42.29 to 2,844.77.

Brewers' Stadium To Open in 2001

MILWAUKEE — A construction accident will push back the Milwaukee Brewers' first game in the new Miller Park to April 2001, a year later than its scheduled opening day, stadium board officials said today. The ballpark was originally slated to make its debut with the Brewers' first home game in April 2000.

NATION

Gore put on the defensive

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vice President Al Gore says he has no fear that so-called Clinton fatigue will make voters yawn about his own presidential ambitions.

By his own hopeful reading of history, voters often get antsy as a two-term president begins to wind down but show a "renewed burst of energy and positive feeling" in the final year in office.

That burst, he suggested in an interview with The Associated Press, should give him a boost.

Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, both campaigning in Iowa on Sunday in their races for the Democratic and Republican nominations, traded a few long-distance bars.

"I trust people to make the right decisions for their lives," Bush said when asked to distinguish himself from Gore. "It seems like the potential nominee of the Democratic Party trusts government."

Gore shot back: "I'm going to let him take the negative risk."

Bush was in the state to accept the formal endorsement of former Gov. Terry Branstad; he said Branstad will advise his campaign on farm issues.

While Gore leads in most polls for the Democratic nomination, those surveys suggest he would face general-election trouble against Bush, front-runner in the Republican race.

Some analysts say Gore is

suffering from his association with Clinton because voters are tired of the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the president's other controversies. And former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley argues for a "fresh start" in his nomination contest with Gore.

Gore argued there's little new in public sentiment at this stage of a two-term president's mandate.

"History shows that there's a well-established pattern that, regardless of the individual, regardless of the party, whenever our country has a two-term president, there's a feeling in the seventh year that has been described by different labels," Gore said.

"In the eighth year there's a renewed burst of energy and positive feeling about what's been done and the reasons why a president has had two terms."

Gore refused to be drawn into the debate over Clinton's granting of clemency to a group of Puerto Rican nationalists. "Under the Constitution our founders gave that power to the president, without any checks or balances," said Gore. "I'm not going to stand in judgment of his decision."

GOP presidential candidate Steve Forbes had challenged Gore to take a stand, calling Clinton's clemency offer a "terrorists-for-votes deal" to help Hillary Rodham Clinton win a Senate seat in New York.

Mrs. Clinton said she opposed her husband's offer.

CAMPUS BRIEF

Hang out with the Archbishop

UK students will have a chance to share in an open dialogue with Archbishop Desmond Tutu at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Recital Hall of the Singletary Center for the Arts. The event is free, but students must get a ticket from the Student Center Box Office to attend. Seating is limited to 400. A movie about Tutu's life and work will be shown for free tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Student Center Theater.



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Terror in Moscow

Smoke rises from a destroyed apartment building as Russian Emergency Situations Ministry officers and firefighters try to rescue people from the rubble in Moscow, early Thursday, Sept. 9. A massive explosion shattered the nine-story apartment building destroying scores of apartments and leaving 13 people dead and about 90 injured. Another explosion - possibly caused by a bomb - pulverized an eight-story apartment building in Moscow yesterday, killing at least 73 people. Russian President Boris Yeltsin linked the two latest blasts to fighting in the southern Russian region of Dagestan, where government troops are battling Islamic rebels who have occupied several villages.

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East Timor fury increases

Deportations and burning of houses were reported in bloodied East Timor after Indonesia's decision on Sunday to let in international peacekeepers.

"We are determined to move in a force as quickly as we can and without any conditions," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan told reporters.

Amid reports of near-starvation and militias issuing orders to kill independence supporters, Ian Martin, head of the United Nations mission in East Timor, said peacekeepers must be deployed urgently.

"It is critical that that negotiation (in New York) does not result in any further delay. Those international forces have to be on the ground very quickly indeed if a major humanitarian tragedy can now be averted or at least very rapidly mitigated."



A demonstrator burns an Indonesian flag during a demonstration outside the Indonesian embassy in Madrid Sunday, to protest the violence in East Timor following the Aug. 30 independence referendum.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is produced weekly by the Office of Student Activities. Postings in the calendar are free to all registered student organizations and UK Departments. Information can be submitted in Rm. 203 Student Center or by completing a request form on line at <http://www.uky.edu/StudentCenter>. Posting requests are due ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Monday information is to appear in the calendar. For more information call 257-8867.

TUESDAY 9/14

- Academic: Free Math 109 and 123 Tutoring, call 7-6959 for more info
- Meetings: Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Rm 106 Student Center
- Arts/Movies: Movie: Pink Floyd The Wall, 7:30pm, Worsham Theatre, \$2, sponsored by SAB
- Exhibit: A Tale of Two Cities, UK Art Museum
- Exhibit: 100 Giants of Chair Design, UK Art Museum
- Exhibit: Town and Country, 12-4pm, UK Art Museum
- Exhibit: Modern Fiction and Art, 12-4pm, UK Art Museum
- Special Events: Poster Sale! Room 206 Student Center, 9am-5pm, sponsored by SAB

WEDNESDAY 9/15

- Meetings: Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting, 9pm, CSF Bldg (Corner of Woodland & Columbia)
- Student Health Advisory Council Meeting, 5pm, Kentucky Clinic, Free Pizza, call Mary Brenkman at 3-9823 for info
- Intramurals/Recreation: Women's Club Volleyball Tryouts, 9:30pm, Alumni Gym, call Karrie at 237-9378 for info
- Special Events: Poster Sale! Room 206 Student Center, 9am-5pm, sponsored by SAB

THURSDAY 9/16

- CONCERT: Scott Ainsie, blues guitarist, 8pm, Center Theatre, FREE
- Academic: Free Math 109 and 123 Tutoring, call 7-6959 for more info
- Arts/Movies: Exhibit: 100 Giants of Chair Design, UK Art Museum
- Exhibit: Town and Country, 12-4pm, UK Art Museum
- Exhibit: Modern Fiction and Art, 12-4pm, UK Art Museum
- Special Events: Poster Sale! Room 206 Student Center, 9am-5pm, sponsored by SAB

FRIDAY 9/17

- Lectures: J. Richard Gruber, Deputy Director, Morris Museum of Art, Opening of A Place Not Forgotten Exhibit, 5:30pm, UK Art Museum, FREE
- Special Events: Poster Sale! Room 206 Student Center, 9am-5pm, sponsored by SAB

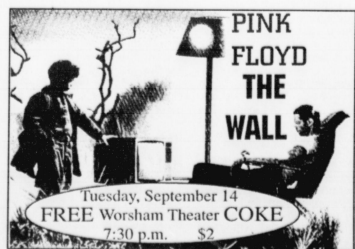
SATURDAY 9/18

- Sports: UK Football at Indiana, 2pm

SUNDAY 9/19

- Arts/Movies: Exhibit: ON THE BRINK, The Millenium Nears, UK Art Museum, 12-5pm

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The 51st Annual Primetime Emmy Awards were held this past Sunday in Los Angeles. The programs eligible for recognition were aired between June 1, 1998, and May 31, 1999. Nominations are determined by a broad popular vote and narrowed down by panels composed of six to 75 established TV professionals.

Here's a little history behind one of the biggest nights in TV.

1949

The first year the Emmys were presented.

1949-50

Harry Lubcke served as president of the Academy. During this time he gave the famous awards statue its name - "Emmy."

The statue is of a winged woman holding an electron symbol. Emmy is a feminized form of "immy," a nickname for the image orthicon tube that equipped televisions of the time.

1955

The awards ceremony was broadcast nationwide.

1969

The International Council (as part of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences) was formed to award the International Emmy to the best programs made outside the U.S.

1977

Long-time tension finally eased Los Angeles and New York industry factions to split the Academy. The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, in Los Angeles, now presents the prime-time Emmys. The New York-based National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences handles the rest, including those for daytime, sports, news and documentary shows.

1998

TV turned 50 years old. To celebrate the milestone, the awards show was an unprecedented four hours long.

Sources: www.cnn.com, www.natascoto.org/history.html

Chain reaction

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Letters should be approximately 250 words; guest opinions should be no longer than 850 words.

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READERS' FORUM



Expressions

To the editor:

The following is a response to the Dialogue article entitled "Let's Not Relive the Past: Start Anew" by Dave Gorman.

Faggot, queer, fruit, dyke, pansy; these are just a few of the monikers that ignorance has bestowed upon gay and lesbian people.

So too, has ignorance coined terms for African-Americans and other ethnic groups.

As a homosexual male, I have heard almost every hostile term referring to my sexual orientation. Coming from a stranger or someone who is not a friend, these terms are generally offensive.

On the other hand, when friends or other homosexuals use these terms, it is usually in jest. Many people have chosen to use the word "queer" as a benign umbrella term to denote all homosexual, bisexual, and transgendered persons.

To heterosexuals, "queer" may seem offensive, but among others it is not. Those of differing sexual orientations have chosen to utilize traditionally offensive words in or-

der to combat them. If people hear terms used positively, it may dissuade negative use or may eliminate use altogether.

Why do people continue to quote the Bible when its passages have probably done more harm to humanity than any single term? Most would like to quote biblical passages in a positive and redeeming context to vanquish negativity.

In that same way, offensive terms can be redirected. Although the case with African-Americans may not be exactly like that of homosexuals, there are many similarities.

If you want to represent minorities because they are lacking on the Kernel staff, I suggest you consult with a few before you commence such a venture.

I see no need for groups to discontinue the use of certain terms if the connotation is positive.

To the editor:

We are writing this letter in lieu of the negative publicity that was generated by Thursday's article concerning the Delta Zeta social sorority. As former members, and current Delta Zeta alumni, it causes us great pain to read that our sisters are faulting all that we have held in the highest regard for the last several years.

Reorganizing a chapter is a difficult task without added stress and negative publicity. Such a process needs continual support from its Alumni Members. As new Alumni, we are willing to give 100% support to the reorganization of Delta Zeta's Alpha Theta Chapter and we fully support the new members on their journey into the Delta Zeta sisterhood.

As stated in our creed, we encourage the "crusade for justice, seeking of the truth, and the defending of it always." We hope the new members are aware that many Alumna are in accordance with our feelings and fully support their new endeavor on the University of Kentucky's campus.

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Bible thumpers put Kentucky in bad light

Growing up in Lexington for the majority of my life (and now attending college here as well), I've heard my share of Appalachian, inbred, illiterate, share-music-lovin' Kentuckian stereotypes, not to mention a healthy dose of related insults and "humor." But we Lexingtonians have to admit that compared to many other parts of the country, we have it made.

Sure, we may never have the bustling night life of New York City or be an international cultural center like Washington, D.C. But we do possess some of the most tolerant, open-minded, intelligent citizens in the south (no matter what some of your cousins or friends living "up north" might imply with their snide jokes about our lack of shoes or indoor plumbing).

Unfortunately, not everyone in Kentucky is as unbiased or progressive as we'd like. In districts like Russell County, school boards have taken to posting the Ten Commandments in public classrooms, despite a 1980 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that such an act violates the Constitutional ban on government-sanctioned religion. Sadly enough, board members in these counties have decided that the religion of the majority takes precedent over all others—even at the expense of others.

What would our founding father Thomas Jefferson think? Unfortunately, the citizens of these counties don't care, and they certainly have no problem bending (and blatantly breaking) Constitutional law to serve their own interests.

Funny how the same people who would cry "discrimination" if anyone were to limit their freedom of religion

have no problem depriving others of their most basic right.

Thankfully, however, there is an opposition to this movement, and it's in the form of... an insurance company?

Yes, you read that correctly. The Kentucky School Board

Association announced last week that the insurance company that covers 150 of Kentucky's 176 school boards will NOT cover any legal costs incurred if a district attempts to post the Commandments in a public school building.

And while I'd like to think that the company is doing this because they have a strong commitment to protecting and upholding our laws, I think we all know that's... well, completely untrue. In all likelihood their decision stems from a reluctance to cover the expenses of a case centered around an intentional violation of the law. After all, it's not as if the school boards don't know it's unlawful.

Still, regardless of the motivations behind the decision, it's nice to see that someone is doing the right thing. As a result of this decision, any school board that would attempt to post the Commandments would be on their own if they had to cover legal expenses. And maybe, just maybe, having to shell out their own hard-earned dollars would force a misguided school board to rethink its actions before making a decision.

If we can finally get all the closed-minded, religious fanatics in this state to start thinking more responsibly, then maybe I won't have to hear so many hick jokes.

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Jim Scott

SENIOR KERNEL COLUMNIST

Get your millennium dates right

I'm only going to say this once. But first, an anecdotal parallel.

One of my favorite cartoons shows a picture of a chain link fence, behind which can be seen the distant silo of a nuclear power plant.

The sign on the fence says "No one who says 'nuclear' admitted beyond this point."

The word is nuclear. May every news anchor and college professor who ever once said "nuclear" be burned at the stake and banished to hell for eternal torment.

Man, that's irritating. It just wears me out. But it's not today's topic.

Today's concept is equally irrelevant in the grand scheme of things. Also equally irritating. Also equally widespread.

The next millennium does not begin with the year 2000. The 2000th year of recorded history begins with the year 2000.

We have to finish one millennium before we start the new one, folks. Like a piece of pizza or a beer. You can pop a fresh one and start chugging, but calling it your second beer doesn't make it so. The first one is still sitting there getting warm.

Hey, I realize this doesn't matter. We've got global warming, terrorist bombings and 8 a.m. classes to worry about. In fact, I only write this at the request of a friend of mine who can't take it anymore. So I'll say it this once and then move on.

Let's try it together. The calendar starts and we are in the first year. We don't call it year zero. It's year one. So on the day year two starts we have completed...?

That's right, one year. Not two years. Not three or five or 700 years. One frickin' year.

On the day year 2000 starts, we will have completed 1999 years.

The amazing thing is not that so

IN OUR OPINION

Drunken Disabilities

High school basketball star sues to play hoops again

Two of the most popular lines ever sung by Silkk the Shocker are "It ain't my fault. Did I do that?"

Well, those were the same words high school basketball star and self-proclaimed alcoholic Rickey Higgins is singing.

Last spring, to top off his team's second-place finish in the Illinois state tournament, he was arrested for two alcohol-related offenses, one of which included drunken driving. The school said his high school athletic career was over.

Now he's filed a lawsuit in federal court, claiming to be a recovering alcoholic and arguing that his school's disciplinary action amounts to discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This is one of the most blatant attempts to misuse the law that we have heard in a long time.

This high school kid (and more shamefully his parents and lawyer) are trying to twist legal terminology to selfishly suit their own self-imposed situation.

We thought parents were supposed to try to teach their children responsibility, not how to weasel their way out of their own sticky predicaments.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, as wide-ranging legislation intended to make American society more accessible to people with disabilities. It was meant to protect the 43 million Americans with physical or mental impairments that substantially limit their daily activities—not people with substance abuse problems. True, the ADA does cover recovering alcoholics and drug abusers, but not current users. Moreover, Higgins is under-21, so by suing under the ADA, he's asking the law to pardon him from an activity he legally should never have engaged in in the first place.

We most wholeheartedly agree with the attorney for the Warren Township High School when he said, "The ADA cannot be used as a shield against the consequences of illegal conduct." Using Higgins' logic, people charged with driving and driving, using illegal drugs or engaging in any other illegal activity could whine that they have a disability that prevents them from owning up to their actions.

It's sad when laws that have good intentions are abused. It cheapens the law and makes it more difficult for those with legitimate claims to be taken seriously.

The 17-year-old high school senior says he deserves a second chance. Higgins was cited in April when he was the passenger in a car that contained open alcohol and was convicted of driving under the influence after he ran into a tree in May. He already had his second chance.

The next time he decides to drink to excess he might not be able to walk away. So, Rickey Higgins, please, for your sake and for the safety of those around you, please use this new free time you have and seek help for your alcohol problem.

many lay people say "nuclear" or that so many advertisers are learning to spell millennium. Heck, I've left out the spare "n" three times so far myself. The spell checker keeps waving it in my face.

There is no shame in making a mistake if you can admit it and fix the problem. The problem lies in those who know the truth and ignore it.

Not meaning the advertisers, of course, it's their job to ignore the truth. But what about the responsible citizens who keep hammering on and on about the arrival of the new millennium and the passing of the old one?

College professors and graduate students and preachers alike have heard the truth and dispensed with it like day old bread—nutritious but unpalatable. Perhaps humanity has waited long enough for this "event" and just isn't willing to let it happen in its own time.

Maybe people just don't want to see the truth.

Look, there goes the last Wimbledon of the old millennium. What, next year is canceled?

Oh, my, it's our last semester before the new millennium. For some of us, no doubt.

Heavens, it looks like the Cubs will end the old millennium as the worst team in baseball.

Um... Well, okay, maybe that's not such a bad bet. Enough said. Anyone who hadn't heard has now been baptized with the holy fire of knowledge.

One plus one equals two. Zero plus 1999 equals 1999. Write it down. Those who still don't comprehend it's need to stay after class and pound the erasers until the chalk dust aerates their brains. Oh, yes, and one more thing.

The word is nuclear.

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NEW MOVIE

Bacon saves 'Stir' from itself

Strong acting compensates for shortcomings of look-alike film

By Matt Mulcahey
STAFF CRITIC

Stir of Echoes would've been an incredibly inventive and original idea if it hadn't been beaten to the screen by the similarly themed and immensely successful *The Sixth Sense*.

The latest of these films about people who see the dead focuses on an ordinary family man (Kevin Bacon) who gains his frightening ability after being hypnotized at a party. Soon after, grisly images and the ghost of a missing girl haunt him.

What *Stir of Echoes* lacks most is the unexpected ending of *The Sixth Sense*. If you haven't guessed the contrived conclusion or the thinly veiled villains halfway through, you aren't paying close

enough attention. The narrative simply isn't focused enough, going off on unrelated tangents and leaving plot threads dangling.

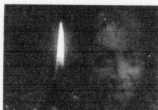
The characters are also overly simplistic, lacking depth and believability (especially Bacon's wife). However, it seems as if all that's missing from these other characters have been put into Bacon's.

His complexly-layered character and gutsy performance are two reasons why, despite many flaws, *Stir of Echoes* remains gripping throughout. Unlike most characters in these types of movies, Bacon has a deeper motivation than forced heroism.

Disappointed by his mediocrity and haunted by unfulfilled dreams, Bacon overcomes the initial terror of the images and embraces them as a means of escaping his mundane existence.

Accompanying Bacon on his spiraling descent into obsession is a terrifying array of dark visuals and violent images that both disturb and engulf. The unpredictable, pounding intensity of these images provide more than the prerequisite number of jolts that make these type movies so enjoyable to watch in a darkened theatre.

Stir of Echoes is a movie whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Although it reaches a familiar destination, its path there makes *Stir of Echoes* worthwhile.



Hilana Douglas also co-starring

Grade: B-

WHAT'S GOING ON

Dance meets history in "Beloved"

"Historic Beloved" uniquely combines dance with the stories of women from history

By Amanda York
STAFF WRITER

Leslie Freedman adds twists and turns to history, interpreting the lives of historical women through dance.

Freedman choreographed and performs in *Historic Beloved*, dubbed "a concert and collection of dances about important women from history." The performance includes sketches of Harriet Tubman and Clara Schumann.

Freedman says the idea for "*Historic Beloved*" originated from dances she has choreographed in the past.

"I wanted to make a concert that would be like an art gallery of art and music," Freedman said.

Freedman has a doctorate in Modern British History from Stanford University and has taught at prominent universities in the United States and overseas and says this education lends her a different point of view as a dancer.

"My background gives me a different perspective on what I perform," she said. "I always wanted to make dances that touch people with different types of interests."

While Freedman's dances are about historical women, she says they are not history lectures.

"The dance tries to capture and express something about the energy and soul of the character. I want the audience to feel what is going on," Freedman said.

Freedman's dancing has carried her across continents and through political barriers. She was the first American to dance and teach in China with joint U.S. and Chinese sponsorship. She was also the first American to perform in the U.S.S.R. in public with joint sponsorship after a 14-year break in U.S. and Soviet relations.

In addition, Freedman is the founder and artistic director of the Lively Foundation. The Lively Foundation is devoted to the production of artistic and educational programs in dance, music and related arts.

Francie Chassen-Lopez, professor of history and director of Latin American Studies at UK, organized the event for women's studies.

Chassen-Lopez called Freedman's dancing "fabulously dazzling."

"*Historic Beloved*" is made possible by a grant from the Kentucky Humanities Council. The show is Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Singletary Center.

NEW MUSIC

Rioters fail to excite on album

By Joe Marrett
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The Rioters
Crucial
(Duppy Music)

One would think that a band with a name like the Rioters would push the envelope a little bit. The musical equivalent to a riot would be a sonic wall of chaos, causing the faint of heart to run for shelter while the rest of the kids slam their heads into the bass drum.

Too bad the actual Rioters didn't see it the same way. On *Crucial*, the Lexington based trio follows the straight path of formulaic reggae to create a rather lifeless album. No envelope pushing here. The band is tight, the production is crisp, but nothing here separates it from the pack.

I was a bit put off by the singer's Jamaican impersonation. It seems to suck some credibility from the band. This band's music has all the parts in place: the dub bass, up-stroked guitars, tight harmonies, and occasional hippie solo are there. Unfortunately, the effort comes across as a paint-by-

numbers creation that seems to lack real passion.

This is the kind of band some would go see at the bar, do their little drunk twirly dance, and go home happy. The songs just aren't very engaging in your bedroom.

Grade: C

By Matt Herron
STAFF CRITIC

Grade
Under the Radar
(Victory Records)

Under the Radar could describe Grade's sound: It speaks up on you unannounced and gives you a nice, swift uppercut.

Good screams and pulverizing guitar are used over and over to the point of absurdity on Grade's debut for hardcore institution Victory Records.

The band has gotten a lot better at treating the vocals as just another instrument. This was not the case on *Separate the Magnets*, the



The Rioters

band's previous release, where a bunch of screams were thrown together over music.

The group still holds the record for the longest titles ever. A few examples are "A Year in the Past Forever in the Future" and "Stolen Bikes Ride Faster."

Grade: B+

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