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Bowling fun

Most of you are probably reading the title of this article and thinking to yourself how lame this is going to be. Meanwhile, the rest of you are saying it aloud. You're all correct in a way though; bowling is kind of a lame sport — if you can even call it one. I'm sure Wheaties would have a hard time selling their cereal with pictures of beer-bellied pro-bowlers highlighted on the box. But a night with your buddies making fun of each other after every gutter ball can be worthwhile, as long as you have a good game plan. Here are some tips to make your night out a little more interesting.

Pick out a ball to use for the game, but insist that the person behind the counter add some extra holes because you have five fingers, not three. Be persistent and even offer a small bribe.

Take notes on how all the bowling alley regulars hit on women. Someday, your life might be as sad as theirs and you'll go there to try and score.

The only way to actually fit in with the crowd of bowlers is to start flaunting your mullet right off the bat. No one believes me when I say the greatest hairstyle of all time is making a comeback.

You can always tell if someone is a regular bowler because they'll usually be wearing a wrist brace. I say go all out and fashion an armor plated arm brace complete with power meter and scope.

— Jonathan Ray
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Bring on the snow. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" has aired, and no snow's falling any time soon. Without snow, we'll have Burt's Bees' ghost after us all (he was Sam the Snowman in the television special).

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FOOTBALL

Morriss will return next year

Back again: Ivy to honor contract extension

By Steve Jones
ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Guy Morriss will remain UK's head football coach. President Lee Todd and Athletics Director Larry Ivy said at a Monday news conference.

UK's competitive performances in the second half of the 2001 season coupled with Morriss' handling of academics and discipline were reason enough to retain the coach, Ivy and Todd said.

"We have been very pleased with what this football staff has accomplished this year," Ivy said.

In February, Morriss signed a one-year deal worth \$400,000.

In August, Ivy, citing recruiting concerns, extended Morriss' contract four more years through 2005.

The extension was not guaranteed as UK and Morriss stipulated that the coach would be subject to a performance evaluation at the end of the season to determine his future with the team.

Todd said the strong relationship Morriss and his staff have built with the players was a key sign that he should remain on the sidelines next season.

"Our best recruiting tool is to expose our potential players to what these existing players feel like (with Morriss)," Todd said.

Morriss led the Cats to a 29 record in his debut season. UK lost to LSU and Tennessee — the divisional champions of the Southeastern Conference — by a combined total of seven points. The Cats also narrowly lost to SEC foes Georgia and Mississippi State.

Morriss said he was pleased to have Ivy's and Todd's backing throughout the season. "I don't care what kind of facilities you've got, what kind of stadium or anything else — if you don't have the support of your administration, you're not going to go anywhere," he said.

According to the terms of the August extension, if Ivy was not satisfied with Morriss' season, Morriss could be fired without a severance payout.

Ivy said Morriss was comfortable with the deal, which allows UK to fire him and pay him only that year's salary.

"Guy was satisfied with the contract when we put it into play," Ivy said. "He said all along, 'If I can't get the job done, I'll knock before you do.'" I don't think the contract is any point of contention at all.

Ivy shunned the idea that Morriss' non-guaranteed contract would harm UK's recruiting potential by causing them to doubt the coach's future.

"We've made the commitment to Guy Morriss that he's going to be on our football coach for four years. Hopefully, everybody we're recruiting is not going to be looking at a contract. They're going to be looking at UK," Ivy said.

While Morriss said some recruits have been skeptical of the contract, others view the performance evaluation clause positively, as a testament to his character.

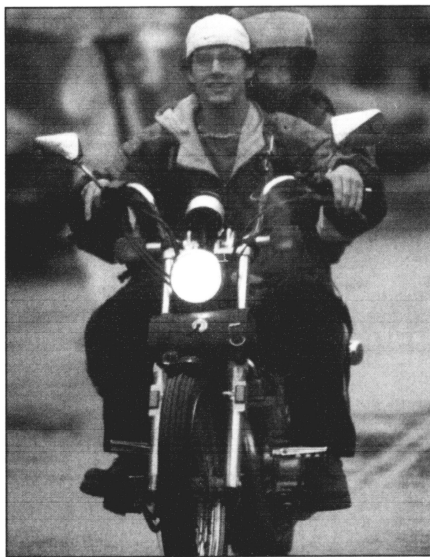
"Some guys get kind of fired up thinking about it, saying, 'Here's a guy who's laying it on the line based on his ability to coach and get it done. Maybe there is a little something unique going on at Kentucky,'" he said.

The recruiting effort will be more difficult for UK, considering the loss of scholarships as a result of an ongoing NCAA investigation. Morriss said he is confident his staff will be able to bring in talent to the program.

"I think our staff is going to prove that they can recruit as well as coach."

EASY RIDER

Fewer wheels mean better campus parking



Hogg on a hog

Matt Hogg, an undeclared sophomore, and on the back, Kyla Goure, an undeclared freshman, ride a Honda Rebel to class in the rain.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

Motorcycle facts

- Approximately three-fourths of motorcycle accidents involved a collision with another vehicle, which was usually a passenger automobile
- Approximately one-fourth of motorcycle accidents were single vehicle accidents involving the motorcycle colliding with the roadway or some fixed object in the environment
- Vehicle failure accounted for less than 3 percent of motorcycle accidents, and most are due to a puncture flat
- Roadway defects (pavement ridges, potholes, etc.) were the accident cause in 2 percent of the accidents; animals were involved in 1 percent of the accidents
- This information is from a study that consisted of 4,500 motorcycles, on motorcycle-accidents.com

Get your motor runnin': Motorcycle riders pay less for passes, have closer parking spots

By Christy Ditty
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Despite cheaper parking passes and closer spaces for motorcycles and mopeds, the parking and transportation office has sold only 178 motorcycle permits since April.

"I'm surprised that motorcycle parking hasn't increased," said UK law professor Richard Westin.

"If anything there has been a slight decline in my particular parking area."

Westin drives a motorcycle instead of a car to campus because of parking.

He said riding is advantageous because he can park 100 feet away from the law school and it only cost \$1 a week for gas.

He has had few problems in the three years he has ridden.

Student commuter permits for cars cost \$156 a year, but "M" permits can be purchased at the parking office for only \$60 a year

for students.

Students could save almost \$100 on parking by driving their motorcycles instead of cars, yet few students take advantage of the offer.

Sixty eight parking areas are available for motorcycles and more are being added as needed.

"We're trying to figure out ways to encourage people who have motorcycles to bring them on campus," said Don Thornton, director of parking and transportation services.

"The new parking garage will have a separate entry and exit for motorcycles," he said.

"They can pull right in and have parking places."

Motorcycle parking has been available on UK's campus for more than 30 years.

"It's kind of a fad, more some years than others," Thornton said.

Kyla Goure, an undeclared freshman, said when she rides with her friend Matt Hogg, an un-

declared sophomore, on his bike, they rarely have problems finding parking.

"You don't have to have a parking pass ... where we park," Goure said.

Gabe Treesh, an economics senior, used to have a motorcycle, but sold it.

"I just bundled up if it was cold and on rainy days I lived close enough I could walk."

Thomas Szczygielski, a computer science sophomore, said the cold won't stop him riding his motorcycle. But when there is a lot of snow, he will probably walk.

"I just wanted a motorcycle, but parking is definitely a nice benefit," he said.

Huston Combs, a second year law student has a motorcycle, but opts to ride his bicycle to campus so he can park right next to his class.

"I ride my bike to class all year unless it's snowing and then I have to walk," Combs said.

Combs got the motorcycle for easier parking, and because it's just fun to ride.

"I just got it this fall. I'll wait until next semester to get the permit."

TELEVISION

UK finance class to be on CNBC

'This is international': Eight students will discuss the economy on national TV

By Emily Hagedorn
STAFF WRITER

To many students the chance to appear on nationwide television may be overwhelming. For the students involved in the Tennessee Valley Authority Investment Challenge, an independent study course, the chance at television fame is a reality. They'll appear on CNBC during the Power Lunch television show to discuss financial issues and the economy.

Finance 395 became incorporated into the TVA Investment Challenge after receiving a \$100,000 grant from TVA to invest. Each of the 19 schools involved competes for the highest annual return and the winning school receives \$15 thousand to split between the members.

Their major holdings include Tyco, Morgan Stanley, Best Buy and MBNA Financial.

The group is excited to be on the show.

"This is international!" said Travis Gleason, a finance and economics senior.

Their break came after Bucknell University appeared on CNBC. In hopes UK could participate as well, Louis Davis, a finance and management senior, wrote Peter Frangie, the Power Lunch producer, and to their surprise, they were invited to appear.

The class will appear on CNBC Dec. 6 at 1:40 p.m. during the Power Lunch television show to discuss financial issues and the economy.

WORLD NEWS

Israel responds to attacks, destroys Arafat's helicopters

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared war on terror Monday, and Israeli airstrikes destroyed two of the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's helicopters in Gaza and hit West Bank security installations.

Ten Palestinians were wounded in the missile attack by Israeli helicopter gunships near Arafat's seaside headquarters, which raised a plume of black smoke over Gaza City. Arafat was in the West Bank at the time of the attack.

Early Tuesday, Palestinian security officials said Israeli armored vehicles and bulldozers entered Gaza Airport, damaging the runway. Palestinians said Israeli forces cut an access road to the airport. Raanan Gissin, Sharon's spokesman, said Israel was "making sure no one can take off from this airport."

Israeli tanks and troops moved closer to several West Bank towns early Tuesday, Palestinians said. The Israeli military had no immediate comment. After the bombings, Israeli forces encircled towns and banned Palestinians from West Bank roads.

Sharon convened an emergency Cabinet meeting to decide the scope of Israel's response to suicide bombings and shootings by Islamic militant groups that killed 26 people in Israel on Saturday and Sunday.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said Sharon's speech, coupled with the airstrikes, signaled an Israeli attempt to "overthrow the Palestinian Authority." Palestinian officials said the harsh reprisals undermined a sincere Arafat effort to crack down on Islamic militants in the wake of the suicide bombings.

However, Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer told reporters that Israel has no intention of bringing down Arafat's administration.

Brig. Gen. Ron Kitzrey, the Israeli military spokesman, said helicopters used by Arafat to shuttle between the West Bank and Gaza were targeted because "they were symbols of his mobility and freedom."

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Monday night on CNN's "Larry King Live" that Arafat must outlaw "the three organizations that have arms and bombs and use them" if he wants to satisfy Israel's concerns.

FAMILY FEUD

Siblings serve up tennis competition

UK's tennis bloodline: Brother and sister have ties to Lexington, now finding success at UK by leading the Cats on the hard court

By Alex Williams
STAFF WRITER

Maybe it's just good genes, but Jesse and Sarah Witten of the UK men's and women's tennis teams have the ability to do just about anything they want on the court.

Growing up in Naples, Fla., the Wittens have been life-long Cat fans. With their father growing up in Kentucky and family members still residing in Lexington, the transition has been



Jesse Witten

made much easier for the brother and sister.

The two Cats' experiences together growing up and playing together were also key.

"We've always had brutal matches with each other and always we've been very competitive," Sarah said.

Sarah said she usually got the best of younger brother on the court until high school.

"I usually beat him until he was 16, but I still don't think he has an official win over me," she said.

Sarah, a junior, and Jesse, a freshman, have already made an impression on the national scene when they became the first brother and sister duo to compete in the Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Tennis Championships at the same time. It was great exposure for not only Jesse and Sarah but also for UK.

"I think it was a great experience for the two of them," said Kathy Herring, UK women's assistant tennis coach. "They got good exposure and even had a feature everyday in the tournament. It was good experience for them and for our program as a whole."

Sarah accomplished a breakout fall season. She competed in both singles and doubles competition in the grand slam event, making to the round of 16 in both.

In his first season as a Cat, Jesse is quickly making a name for himself by advancing to the second round of the NITC championship.

After having a successful season and being the only freshman at the indoor championships, Jesse said he enjoyed the attention he received.

"I always knew I could do it," he said. "There wasn't a lot of pressure on me (being the only freshman), but it was nice to have people recognize me and take a second look."

Besides serious goals of winning a national championship and aspiring to make it on the ATP tour, one thing Jesse jokingly said he wants to achieve is to someday have more banners up in the "Boone Barn" than assistant coach and fellow Naples dweller Greg Van Emburgh.

Sarah said the siblings still practice together every now and then when they are away from

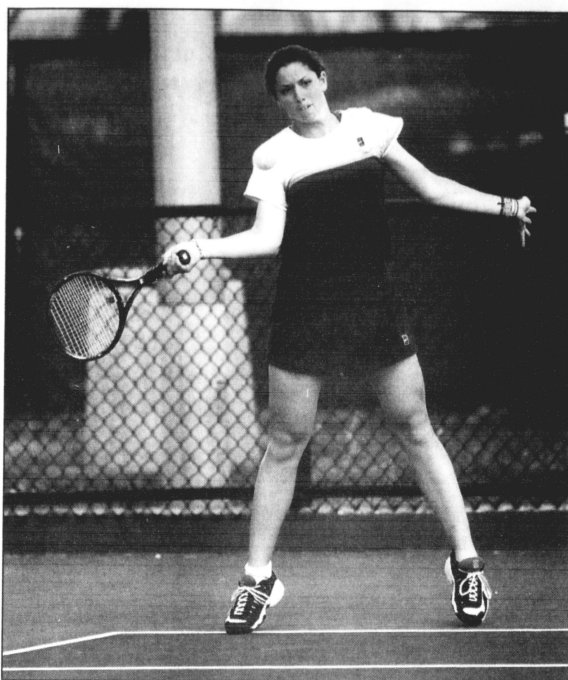


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Big sister

UK junior Sarah Witten arrived at UK three years ago and has quickly become one of coach Mark Gullbeau's top performers. Witten and her brother, Jesse, have gained notoriety after early success this season.

their UK teammates.

Both Wittens agree that there are similarities in their games. Sarah said she and her brother both have strong forehand volley shots. Jesse added that they play a power game and want to be victorious every time they step on the court.

Even though the Wittens have many likenesses on the court, don't try to compare them to one another. Sarah and Jesse have their own opinions on playing styles.

"I don't model my game after her, but she surely models her game after me," Jesse said.

All joking aside, the Wittens have a bright future at UK and hope to lead the tennis teams to new places. With their hard work and savvy court experience it is likely they can do just that.

Wittens lead UK tennis teams

National Intercollegiate Tennis Championships - Jesse and Sarah Witten became the first brother-sister duo to compete in the event. Both advanced to the second round of the event.

Double dip - Sarah, a junior, and partner Carolina Mayorga are the No. 10 doubles team in the nation. The duo also advanced to the Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Tennis Championships round of 16.

Next - The UK tennis teams return to action after the holiday break. Both teams will open up the spring season at home. The women host Cincinnati and Marshall at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 19. The men host Western Kentucky and Butler at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. All matches are at the Boone Tennis Center.

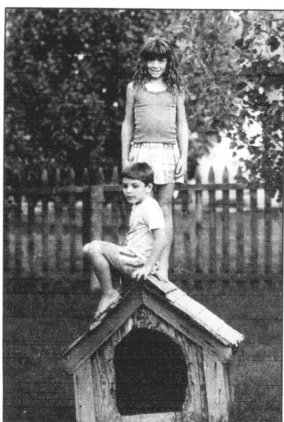
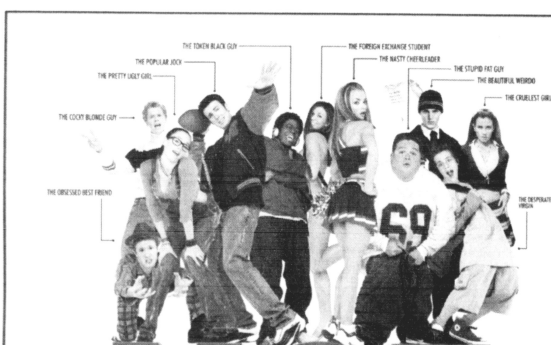


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Looking back

Jesse and Sarah Witten are shown together at ages 6 and 8, respectively. The siblings said they played tennis together throughout their childhoods.



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Straight Off the runway

This year's seasonal styles a mix of past eras

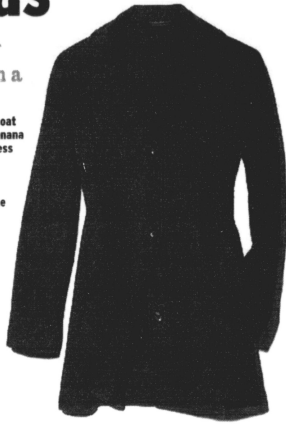


Punk leather returns

The men's 3/4 length leather jacket can be found at Banana Republic and Guess stores. This style is a spinoff of the '80s punk leather that many rockers of that generation wore.

The era of romance in a coat

The women's car coat can be found at Banana Republic and Express stores. The floor length jacket is influenced by the Victorian Era of the late 1800's.



Cowl necks double as a scarf

The Cowl neck sweater can be found this season at Land's End, J.Crew and Express. With its big, cuddly neck, the Cowl sweater can double as a scarf under your winter coat.



Knee length boots are fun and fashionable

These Candles knee length boots for the ladies can be found at almost any local retailer. The classic knee length look will never go out of style.



Stripped for style

This striped-style shirt can be found at J.Crew and almost any other department store around town. This classy look with simple variation allows for the men to add some personality to their wardrobe.

Shop these local spots for the same style at a much lower price

Target Stores, 1940 Pavilion Way, 263-7448; 3275 Nicholasville Pike Road, 273-9403.
Fashion Shop, 1970 Pavilion Way, 263-9200; 2141 Harrodsburg Road, 278-9054.
Zing Vintage Shop, 214 W. Maxwell St., 255-3749.
Wal-mart, 1024 N. Main Nicholasville Road, 885-3299; 500 W. New Circle Road, 381-9370.
I.J. Maxx, 2555 Regency Road, 277-6193.
Old Navy, 1960 Pavilion Way, 873-5630.
Kohl's Department Store, 1988 Pavilion Way, 543-1772.
Goody's Family Clothing, 2150 Sir Barton Way, 263-8082.

Timeless fashions available at local stores: Clothes are returning from the 1800's and the '80s with a revived flare and versatility

By Sarah Zopfi
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

To be in style this winter means to layer yourself with Victorian era jackets, chunky cowl neck sweaters, anything leather, and above all, bold, versatile pieces.

While most cutting edge fashion is left to grace the runway, there are a few local stores where college students can find that trendy flare and imagination for this season.

"This winter, it's all about the Victorian era coming back for both men and women," said Jennifer Quinn, manager of Express at Fayette Mall.

"We are selling a lot of the sheer peasant tops with the micro twill pants as well as the long jackets, which are extremely versatile."

A piece of stylish clothing that is not only versatile but stylish is a wonderful option for college students trying to save a few dollars.

"I own two of those long jacket coats which I wear with just about anything, and I al-

ways get compliments wherever I go," said Maria Espinosa, a music education junior.

The '80s punk era is also making a huge comeback in clothing style at some local stores, including Guess and Express at Fayette Mall.

"Leather — '80s Pat Benatar leathers, none the less — is making a return on the scene," said Chris Wiglesworth, Guess manager.

"I have seen both men and women leave here with tons of leather... both pants and jackets," he said.

Along with the leather scene, the winter's fashion also revisits '80s looks including the chain link belt, geometric prints and rhinestone shirts.

"We have sold a ton of the Madonna-esque chain belts, which are to be worn below your waist as an added accessory," said Quinn.

If punk leather is not your idea of a cool addition for style, Guess and Express stores also carry this season's chunky turtle-necks and antique jeans.

"I have sold a lot of the an-

tique jeans with the lace-up fly for women, but both sexes have been buying the big cowl neck sweaters which can also double as a scarf with one of those leather jackets, making for more versatility," Wiglesworth said.

While the Victorian Era and '80s glam are abruptly making their way into the stores of Lexington, the classic look is still a popular choice.

"Men's and women's outfits usually stay pretty classic here, but this year we have more alteration in the fabrications of the clothing," said Cherhonda Lyles, associate manager of J.Crew at Fayette Mall.

"We are seeing men stepping out and purchasing the ribbed, textured sweaters and polo shirts in the bold patterns we offer," said Lyles.

From the romantics to the classic poloist, this winter's fashion repertoire has revisited several time periods, all of them promoting versatility. This season's selection is sure to offer something for every college student's personality.



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Watch for the cure

The Visionary Films of Lexington will present the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Race for the Cure short film at 9 p.m., Dec. 4, at the W.T. Young Library Auditorium. There will be time for questions following the showing of the film. This showing is open to all students, faculty and staff.

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WASHINGTON — The federal government has opened an investigation into the 2002 Toyota Sienna minivan after two owners reported a fire in the engine compartment. No one was injured, but investigators say small children had to be evacuated from the vans in both cases.

John Hanson, the product news manager for Toyota, said the company has begun its own preliminary investigation at the request of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "We are investigating to find out what the problem might be and how widespread it might be," Hanson said. Hanson said he didn't know when the preliminary report would be complete.

The vans were built this summer at Toyota's assembly plant in Georgetown, Ky. The fires reportedly occurred with no warning, shortly after the owners took the vehicles home from the dealerships.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration disclosed the investigation Friday in a monthly report of defect investigations. The agency's investigations can lead to a recall, but many are dropped.

No more chads?

Ga. adopts new voting standards

SAVANNAH — A state panel on election reform agreed unanimously Monday that Georgia should adopt a statewide, computerized voting system that eliminates paper ballots.

If Gov. Roy Barnes and state lawmakers accept the recommendation, some Georgians could cast votes with the new technology in the August 2002 primary elections.

The new system would be in place statewide in 2004.

"We're looking to move real fast," Secretary of State Cathy Cox told the 21st Century Voting Commission during a meeting in Savannah.

"There is a good possibility that we could have a lot of this equipment by August."

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IN OUR OPINION

Marriage is answer to same-sex benefits

UK's Commission on the Status of Women is asking the university to guarantee employees with same-sex partners the right to purchase healthcare for their partners and children.

The attempt to provide health benefits to UK employees and their families regardless of sexual orientation should be applauded, but implementation will face significant hurdles.

For one, the state of Kentucky does not recognize gay marriages, whether they are the result of a ceremony or common law. Without the recognition of gay marriages as legal unions, the burden falls on the commission and UK to determine what is and what is not a same-sex relationship. Does the couple have to be living together for six months prior to enrollment? Or should it be a year? Five years?

Regardless, this would bring up another sticky issue. What about heterosexual couples who have been living together for just as long? If they are not provided with similar benefits, this could be interpreted as a case of reverse discrimination.

The intention of the commission is an excellent one, but they are addressing a symptom of a much larger disease. That disease is intolerance and is prevalent everywhere.

The majority of Kentucky lawmakers, who no doubt represent the majority opinion on this issue, have consistently refused to extend the institution of marriage to same-sex couples. By doing so, they have indirectly denied gays and lesbians the health benefits to which traditional married couples have access.

Given these difficulties, the notion that health benefits will be granted indiscriminately seems more like wishful thinking than reality. These problems could be solved, though, by the legalization of gay marriage.

There would be no arbitrary definitions of a relationship. They would be treated just like a traditional marriage, and the lawmakers would be the ones in support rather than in opposition. But before a majority of lawmakers will support gay marriage, they must be convinced by the people that the gay community deserves equal benefits.

And while achieving that end would be extremely difficult, it is not impossible.

READERS' FORUM



Expressions

Classroom atmosphere unsettling

I am a painter, a filmmaker and a writer. I would not consider myself accomplished at any of those tasks, but I do practice the arts. After eight years of wasted time I have found what I wish to do with my life — tell stories via motion picture. I have found deep satisfaction as well as a creative outlet in this art form. For this reason, I wish to pursue a degree, at some level, in film production.

This degree is not offered at UK, and I was aware of this when planning to attend UK. What is offered is a "field of concentration" in film studies, which I gladly accepted to pursue. Something is better than nothing.

But what has disappointed me is the "terroristic" attitude — yes, I will use that term, for that is what this practice is called — that the instructors have been using to what result I am not sure.

As required to graduate with an English degree from UK, I have enrolled in a Spanish class. The message I have received from this course is, "Succumb to societal pressure. It is not important that you learn anything, rather know the correct answer, and you must fight for everything you earn/learn in this classroom."

Maybe I've missed the point, but I thought I was required by graduation guidelines to take this class to think critically, to learn, to adapt to ever-changing environments and to make informed judgments.

I guess I'm being taught to "think critically" by not being taught to think critically, to "learn" that the test passed around the class is the only way I'll pass, to "adapt" to the ever-changing environment of the instructor's mood, and to "make informed judgments" as to what class and with what instructor I should take so I will not have to ask why I am paying for an education.

I should not have to fear the classroom setting and

receive unsatisfactory answers to questions that should never have been posed in the first place.

I am not the most brilliant, nor the hardest working student on campus, but I feel my collegiate work is far from sub-par. I came to UK proud to attend and I will leave UK proud to have attended, but during my undergraduate education here, is it too much to ask that I not leave having felt cheated? Can I not reflect upon the experience as a mere procedural hurdle over which I had to jump to attend film-production school? This is an institution of higher learning, and I wish to leave educated, not humiliated.

JOSHUA S. ALLEN
ENGLISH JUNIOR

Media biased in news about war

I'm an international student and have been living in the United States for a substantial amount of time now. I have followed the media on many occasions, and what I have come up with is that the U.S. media is heavily one-sided.

It is also not very well informed (actually, I'm just hoping it is just not informed at all because otherwise they are holding back information). The only news stories reported are the ones considered important.

Afghanistan, for example. There are three major forces involved at the moment — American, Turkish and British. And even though there are more Turkish forces and more feedback from the Turkish side, there is still no information (information, not recognition).

It would mean a great deal for any misinformed person to learn about the war and who the real problem people are (I do not mean that Afghan people are to blame). Maybe, just maybe, they would think it

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U.S. should lead in fighting AIDS

As our nation heals from its wound of terrorism, we cannot forget the millions of people who live with the terror of AIDS epidemic everyday. AIDS is ravaging the developing world, killing 10 people every minute. Nearly 35 percent of the almost 15,000 new HIV infections per day occur in developing countries.

The effect of the AIDS crisis has been most severe in Sub-Saharan Africa. Of the 36 million people currently infected with HIV and AIDS, more than 25 million of them live in Sub-Saharan Africa. In many African countries, one in four people are infected. AIDS is projected to kill more people by the year 2010 than the bubonic plague did almost a millennium ago.

Because most infections occur between the ages of 15 and 23, infected people are dying in the prime of their lives, leaving their children orphans and their nation without a labor force. If current mortality rates remain, by 2010 Sub-Saharan Africa will have 40 million orphans, as many children as are in the entire U.S. public school system. This will have a devastating effect, crippling the country's productive capacity and burdening the governments with the care of the old and young. This creates severe economic, political and social instability that will spread beyond Sub-Saharan Africa.

AIDS-affected nations face three major problems: lack of treatment, lack of a domestic health care budget and lack of global support. Treatment is especially important for several reasons. Anti-retroviral drugs will extend the lives of infected people significantly so that they may raise their children and prevent their economies from collapsing. Also, accessible treatment has been shown to reduce stigma surrounding the disease, making prevention and education become more effective.

In 1996, the government of Brazil implemented a policy of universal access to antiretroviral drugs. According to the UNAIDS Epidemic Update Report of June 2000, not only did the introduction of this policy reach almost every infected person in Brazil, the combined anti-retroviral therapy nearly halved the annual number of AIDS deaths between 1996 and 1999.

In addition, the demand for voluntary HIV testing and counseling rose 35 percent between 1996 and 1998, while the rate of infection began to stabilize. For most countries however, treatment is currently inaccessible because pharmaceutical companies with patents on these drugs charge prices far beyond the reach of most infected people in the developing world. Currently, only .01 percent of the 25 million infected in Sub-Saharan Africa have the ability to pay these prices.

This is in part because they shoulder a huge burden of debt. Africa pays a total of \$13 billion every year on debt repayment, yet the debt continues to grow. Without the debt, these countries would be able to invest much more heavily on national health, a change that could make a huge difference in the number of lives saved.

In order to save Africa from imminent destruction, three steps must be taken. First, the governments of wealthy nations must devote more funding to the U.N. Fund, as well as to research and development regarding treatment of infectious diseases of the developing world. Second, further efforts must be made to relieve the burden of debt on countries hugely impacted by AIDS, so that they have more money of their own to devote to domestic health care and prevention. Third, pharmaceutical companies must give voluntary production licenses to generic producers so that they can provide antiretroviral drugs at affordable prices, as has been shown to be so successful in Brazil. The more awareness there is in this country about the AIDS epidemic, the more likely our government will take steps to fight AIDS.

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over before they attack, harass or tease people in the United States who are here for the sole purpose of studying or just simply living in a better environment.

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Students should register and vote

I'd like to bring up a couple of points on some of the latest news and views, if I may.

Dick DeCamp is the city council member who represents the part of Lexington that includes the campus and its immediate surroundings and proposed the Lexington Area Party Plan that has caused such a furor. He once said that he doesn't represent the students who live on and around campus including, one may presume, those who may even be voters.

Now that we know where Dick stands I encourage everyone who possibly can to register to vote here in Lexington, and illustrate to Dick whom we'd like to represent us in the hallowed halls of city government. He has our own indifference on his side, but who knows — we could maybe beat him.

Finally, Clay McDaniel can bait us Democrats all he wants. Making fun of Ted Kennedy is as easy as doing the same to any of paradigms of virtue on the GOP side of the aisle, like Jesse Helms or Strom Thurmond. We all know the President takes the heat when the economy goes south (just ask Poppy Bush) and can have nearly any sin wiped clean as long as the economy is going strong (just ask Bill).

By McDaniel's own admission, the recession started a full two or three months into the Bush presidency, therefore the Democratic leadership has the right to lead the criticism of Bush. Believe me, if Gore had been elected, McDaniel and the gang would begrudge Gore every effort to stimulate the economy. In regard to partisanship and the economy, that is not a lesson for the GOP to teach!

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