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WEATHER Cloudy with patchy drizzle today, high 55 to 60; showers tonight, low 40s; showers likely tomorrow, high 50.

TOURNEY TIME? UK's Lady Kats hopes for an effort that will send them back to the NCAA Tournament. Stories, page 3.



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Students bemoan return of living dead week

By Stephen Trimble
Executive Editor

Dead week is not really dead. Rather, both students and faculty seem to feel that the week before finals, dubbed as "dead" by students, is busier than their actual week of exams.

"There seems to be some confusion by both students and faculty about what dead week is supposed to be," said Raymond Cox, University Senate Council chairman.

During dead week, professors are not allowed to schedule tests and some quizzes. However, homework assignments, research papers and special projects are still

allowed, Cox said.

The original policy adopted by the University Senate in 1986 prohibits instructors from scheduling final exams a week earlier, fabricating a longer vacation for both themselves and their students.

Since then, Cox said, students and campus media have coined the inaccurate phrase "dead week," although campus remains very much alive.

"It's not very dead," said English senior Eric Anderson. "We still have to do papers, those tests that we're-not-supposed-to-have-but-we-get-

anyway and projects."

John Moore, a computer science and civil engineering junior, said that dead week represented nothing more than "good intentions."

"But that's about all it is," he said.

Academic Ombud Horst Schach said the policy's modern intent is to give students a respite from the final week.

Major projects, such as term papers or presentations, are discouraged except when instructors give students adequate time to prepare,

Schach said. Preferably, Schach said, instructors should announce major assignments in the class syllabus.

If a professor breaks the policy, Schach said his office only has power to advise and negotiate. A student can take a case before the UK Appeals Board to reverse a final grade after the case passes through Schach's office.

Schach said office has received few complaints from students about dead week policies, and he said he didn't think it was much of an issue on campus.

Meanwhile, UK's Student Government Association is currently reviewing the dead week policy, said SGA President Benny Ray Bailey.

He said his staff, led by Executive Director of Academic Affairs, Avi Weitzman,

is working to establish a "reading period" of two or three days in the place of dead week.

If the University Senate were to approve the projected proposal, classes two or three days before finals week would be optional for students, and no new course material could be introduced, Bailey said.

"That system, already in place in UK's College of Law and several Ivy League schools, gives students extra time to prepare for the exams, Bailey said.

Weitzman would not comment on the proposal, but he agreed that UK's current dead week system

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Other schools handle dead week differently. See story, Back page.

DEAD
During the last week of classes of a regular session, no examination shall be given except for laboratory practicals or 'make-up' examinations. In cases of 'Take Home' final examinations, students shall not be required to return the completed examination before the regularly scheduled examination period. (University Senate Rules 5.2.4.6)

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UK behind 1990 goal for women

By Jennifer Smith
Staff Writer

Four years after a University Senate committee scathed UK for its lack of women in administrative roles, the University still is dragging its heels, the committee chair said yesterday.

"Close your eyes and imagine the faces of all of the main administrators," said law professor Carolyn Bratt, the committee chair. "They're all white, and they're all male."



Bratt

Bratt said UK President Charles Wethington has not done enough to hire women to high-ranking administrative positions. There are currently no women in chancellor, vice president or vice chancellor roles at UK.

Wethington said he has not had very many opportunities to hire women at higher levels. He noted he did hire UK's first female vice president, Linda "Lee" Magid, former vice president of research and graduate studies. Magid left UK last year to pursue work in Tennessee.

Wethington said the University is considering both women and minorities to replace Magid. He said her successor will be named in January 1995.

Wethington said he takes the ad hoc committee's recommendations very seriously. He said he thinks he has been "working hard" with the committee.

"I've reported to the committee myself personally on all of the issues and recommendations they made on their first report," he said.

In October 1990, the Senate approved the committee's 120 written recommendations to improve the quality of life on campus for female faculty and staff.

The report suggested that Wethington appoint a committee and administrator to explore and develop solutions to the ad hoc committee's findings.

Bratt said Wethington has neglected to respond with an appointment to the position.

"Part of the problem is some of the recommendations require spending money, and after state funding cuts, we cannot always meet the needs," Bratt said.

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Forum to gather opinions on bikes

By Aaron O. Hall
Staff Writer

A UK committee studying how to alleviate the growing clash between pedestrians and bikers on campus will hold an open forum tomorrow to gather the opinions of students.

The forum is sponsored by the Student Bicycle Committee, made up of student and administration officials, which will provide Lexington Campus Chancellor Robert Hemenway next semester a list of options to solve bicycle parking and transportation problems.

Committee leader David Stockham, dean of students, said the forum is the chance for UK students — both bikers and pedestrians — to give the committee their opinions and ideas.

"We are acting like a sponge," Stockham said.

Committee members include one representative from the Student Government Association, one from the Residence Life Association and two greek representatives.

Already students have given Stockham some input on how to eliminate problems through the use of technology.

"My prime source of information right now is e-

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LOOKING ahead

The bicycle forum will be tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 228 Student Center.

IT CAME FROM OUTER SPACE



Geological Sciences looks into probable space debris

By Carrie Morrison
Campus Editor

One day, at the Burgans', there arose such a clatter, Mr. Burgan went down to see what was the matter. And what to his wondering eye should appear, but mystery metal from the atmosphere.

On Wednesday, what appeared to be a meteorite crashed through the front door of the home of Robert and Pam Burgan on Delmont Drive at about 4 p.m. The approximately 2-pound, egg-sized piece of metal smashed through a window and some of the framing above the door.

After examination, members of the UK Geological Sciences department believe the metal is "space junk," debris from satellites



GREG EANS/Kannel staff
SPACE INVADER
Pam Burgan (above) stands by her front door window, which was damaged by possible space debris on Wednesday (left).

The piece of metal "Didn't look normal, like an average rock," said Burgan. "It looked like parts around the edges were burned."

"There is a hole in the middle that looks like a bolt hole," said Howell. "We think that might mean it's from a satellite."

Mark Kulp was one of the students who went to the scene last week. He pointed out that meteors are composed of heavy iron and nickel, but the metal found at the Dugans' house was heavier than normal.

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NEWSbytes

WORLD Veltsin claims NATO is excluding Russia

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Upstaging a 52-nation security summit, Russian President Boris Veltsin accused the United States and its NATO allies yesterday of trying to exclude and isolate it.

Russia was outraged when NATO agreed last week to draw up conditions for letting Moscow's former Warsaw Pact partners join the Western alliance. Russia isn't welcome.

Russia wants a commanding role in European security affairs through the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, its only major link to other European nations.

PLO says Israel won't leave border

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Heading into critical negotiations on extending Palestinian autonomy, PLO leaders accused Israel yesterday of trying to renege on a promise to withdraw troops from the West Bank.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin indicated he was in no rush to pull the soldiers out because of security concerns, including a rise in attacks on Israelis by Islamic militants.

NATION Panetta: Gingrich must behave

WASHINGTON — Suggesting a pattern of Republican recklessness, President Clinton's top adviser said yesterday "we cannot do business" with Newt Gingrich if the new House speaker insists on making unfounded allegations. "Nonsense," retorted Gingrich.

From chief of staff Leon Panetta to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the administration pounced on Gingrich for his charges that up to a quarter of the White House staff had used illegal drugs.

"The time has come when he has to understand that he has to stop behaving like an out-of-control radio talk show host and begin behaving like the speaker of the House of Representatives," Panetta said.

Bentsen may retire from Cabinet

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen is planning to resign early next year to return to Texas, administration officials said yesterday. The Cabinet departure would cost President Clinton one of his most respected policy-makers.

Robert Rubin, who has headed the president's National Economic Council for two years, is widely believed to be in line for Bentsen's job.

The administration officials said that Bentsen has long wanted to return to Texas and believed that now was a good time given that Congress has finally passed the world trade agreement.

CAMPUS Registration fee due tomorrow

Tomorrow is the last day to pay the \$50 registration confirmation fee for Spring 1995 semester. Failure to pay the fee will result in a cancelled registration.

Students must then late register and pay an additional \$40 late registration fee. Students may pay in person at the Office of Student Billing Services in 257 Student Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NAMEdropping

Bono getting crash course in politics
PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Sonny Bono's head is spinning after a Capitol Hill orientation.

The newly elected congressman and his fellow Republican freshmen are in Washington for nearly three weeks of classes and retreats.

"I cannot believe how hectic this is," the former singer and Palm Springs mayor said. "They even lecture at us during breakfast. It never ends."

The nearly three weeks of orientation began Nov. 29 with a group photo on the Capitol steps.



Bono

Compiled from wire, staff reports

DiVersions

Kwanzaa to be commemorated

By Claire Johnston
Staff Writer

Amidst celebrations of Christmas and Hanukkah, a less well-known holiday is celebrated by



Photo courtesy of the King Cultural Center
COBB and Chavunduka will sing.

more than 18 million blacks from Dec. 26 to New Years Day.

Tomorrow the Student Center Theater will host performances that celebrate Kwanzaa in, "It's Kwanzaa Time," presented by the U.K. Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Steve Cobb and Chavunduka, a husband and wife vocal team, will perform. Their message and rhythms correlate to the seven principles of the Kwanzaa holiday.

The duo will perform from their CD, *The Seven Principles*, an original collection of songs, which is dedicated to "Nguzo Saba," the principles that Kwanzaa is based on.

Singing the praises of such values, Cobb and Chavunduka reaffirm Kwanzaa beliefs with a combination of jazz, R&B and African rhythms.

The Seven Principles is the product of Cobbala Records which Cobb established. "(Its) mission is to produce and promote music that can help to inspire positive thought and action in the global African community," according to his press release.

Seven Principles became the catalyst for the tour, *Indestructible Consciousness* and their Cultural Intervention workshops.

Chester Grundy, director of African-American Student Affairs, explains the choice of Cobb and Chavunduka as representative of music that is specifically devoted to cultural expression of the values associated with Kwanzaa.

"The celebration will promote 'the core of the observance; promoting values of positive, productive community and family life,'" says Grundy. Accompanying rhythmic celebration will be poetic expression of the holiday.

Nikki Finney, poet and assistant professor in the UK English department, will speak on the meaning of Kwanzaa.

"It's Kwanzaa Time" is free of admission and will begin at 7 p.m.



LOOKING ahead

Steve Cobb and Chavunduka will perform 'It's Kwanzaa Time' at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Old Student Center Theater.

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Celebration grows

By Ernest Jasmin
Arts Editor

Kwanzaa, a seven-day celebration beginning Dec. 26, is celebrated by larger groups of blacks across the United States yearly. Kwanzaa, which means "the first fruits of the harvest" centers around seven principles which are collectively called "Nguzo Saba."

California professor Maulana Karenga is credited with developing the holiday in 1966.

"To me, it's the real vital time during the course of the year when people who identify with African-American culture come together to give thanks for the blessings of the past year ... and make a commitment for a positive, productive new year," said Chester Grundy, director of African-American Student Affairs.

He said the holiday is especially valuable because of its emphasis on a values "that are the moral minimum for positive and productive family and community life for African-American people," Grundy said.

There are variations of the Kwanzaa celebration but many have included greeting guests with the Swahili phrase "habari gani" (what's new?) with the response being the value emphasized for that day; preparation of a meal of traditional African-American foods, with each guest contributing; and sharing libation while passing a "Kikombe cha umoja (communal cup)."

The seven values of Kwanzaa, in Swahili and English, are:
Umoja - Unity
Kujichagulia - Self-Determination
Ujima - Collective Work and Responsibility
Ujamaa - Cooperative Economics
Nia - Purpose
Kwamba - Creativity
Imani - Faith

Upcoming year will bear many surprises

During this year, the movie industry has given America a Gump, a heavy dose of Speed, a crowd of bloodsuckers, and one guy who was everybody's huckleberry.

In music, R. Kelly got married (maybe), Aerosmith made a comeback (again), and Michael Jackson got married to the King's daughter. Lisa Marie would now be the Princess of Rock and Queen of Pop. Heck of a year in the entertainment world, eh? Well, as you've probably guessed, we've got a lot more in store next year. The only way to handle the barrage is one month at a time.

January: Pearl Jam's *Vitalogy*, having sold 724 million copies in its first month of release inspires the formation of a new religion, Vedderism. Eddie himself gets pissed and swears to never write another song.

WCBS continues to rebound, this time picking up all the rights to broadcast the first annual "Forrest Gump Ping-Pong Extrava-

ganza."
March: With the release of "Death: An Autobiography," the guy with the scythe names Quentin Tarantino as his eventual muse on the set of "Batman Forever." Concern about the marketability of the film continues, with the knowledge that \$428 million is needed to pay the cast alone.

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August: "Speed 2" is released, affirming Keanu Reeves as an action hero. This time, Reeves and Sandra Bullock are trapped in a taxi with an overly happy Australian and must diffuse a bomb planted in the cab's fare counter before it reaches \$500.00. Paul Hogan plays the cab driver, seeing as he's the only Australian actor on the planet.

September: R. Kelly and Aaliyah confirm their rumored marriage, stating that they were part of a double wedding with Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley. Jackson's publicist denies

everything, including his client's existence.
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SPORTS

Lady Kats seeking turnaround

By Doc Purcell
Senior Staff Writer

In the past three seasons, the UK women's basketball accomplishments have not been particularly impressive.

In that span, the team has posted a combined record of 51-35 and failed to snag a berth in the NCAA Tournament, all the while wallowing in or near the Southeastern Conference cellar.

This season, though, the Cats are determined for a different outcome, and they just might have the blend of talent and chemistry to make it happen.

"Our goals this season are to finish fourth in the SEC and make the (NCAA) tournament," UK coach Sharon Fanning said.

If the Kats are to achieve those lofty goals, they will have to improve on the 17-11 mark they posted a season ago. That mark included a 5-6 mark in the conference, which earned them a seventh place finish.

It's a task that won't be easy, as the squad competes in arguably the nation's toughest women's hoops league, but it's a task that the Kats are confident they can successfully fulfill.

Leading the UK charge this season is senior guard/forward Stacey Reed, a preseason All-SEC selection, who led the team in scoring (18.2 ppg) and rebounding (6.8 rpg) last season.

She is the nucleus of a backcourt that ranks among the conference's finest. Joining her in this area, the squad's unquestioned strength, is a myriad of interchangeable talent.

Junior Christina Jansen, a defensive firecracker for the team last season, returns to her starting point guard slot, after averaging 7.6 points and 2.3 assists a year ago.

"Christina's confidence, execution, and leadership on the floor developed tremendously as a sophomore," Fanning said. "She is a key defensive player and the point guard we will call on to run

the team. We anticipate her offense to go to the next level."

But, despite the backcourt's obvious strength, Fanning doesn't see UK as a perimeter-oriented squad. Because of a barrage of talented swing players and an influx of frontcourt youth, the coach is expecting a balanced inside-outside attack.

But, Fanning knows the key lies in the hands of a youthful albeit promising group of players.

The squad lost some marquee inside talent last season including forward Tedra Eberhart, who averaged 16.2 points an outing in her senior season, forward/center Christie Jordan who contributed 7.3 points a game, and center Jennifer Gray, who pitched in 6.1 points a game.

But, just as that trio prepared to leave the hardwood, Fanning pulled off a recruiting coup, reeling in one of the country's finest freshmen classes to fill the gaping holes created by graduation.

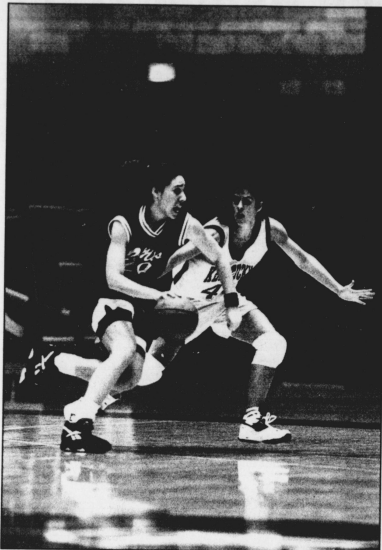
Included in this group are former Louisville Manual star Latasha Peterson, former Clay County standout Vonda Jackson, Nicholas County product Kim Denkins and Toledo, Ohio native and St. Ursula Academy grad Shaunda Roberts.

Peterson and Roberts, a pair of versatile swing players, come to Lexington following star-studded prep careers.

Peterson averaged over 26 points a game in her senior campaign, while Roberts contributed 21 an outing. Fanning is expecting both to make an impact almost immediately.

Jackson, a 6-2 forward, and Denkins, a 6-3 center, should add some much needed bulk inside. Both dominated the paint in high school, earning first-team all-state honors, while averaging 14 and 21 points a night respectively.

The only proven players that the Lady Kats return inside are 6-4 senior center Karri Koach and 5-8 forward Stephanie Baker. Fanning was impressed with the Koach's on-court growth during a



JOSEPH REY AU Kernel staff

BACK TO BACKCOURT Julie Swarens-Beickman is one of the key returnees among the Lady Kats' group of experienced guards.

UK relying on Reed to guide talented guards

By Jason Datillo
Assistant Sports Editor

Almost every great basketball team in history has had one thing in common — solid play from the backcourt.

This year's Lady Kat squad has this key ingredient in the form of senior Stacey Reed, juniors Christina Jansen and Julie Swarens-Beickman and sophomore Chrissy Roberts.

Reed averaged 18.2 points last season to lead the team. While Jansen is not a prolific scorer, the junior from Louisville Mercy engineers the Kats' offensive attack from her point guard position.

"CJ is doing a much better job at penetrating and hitting the open person this season," UK head coach Sharon Fanning said.

When pieced together with three-point specialists Roberts and Swarens-Beickman, the dynamic Lady Kat backcourt is one of the best in the SEC.

"We feel like we have great balance," said Fanning, who is beginning her eighth season at Lady Kat helm. "I think we just need to get a little bit more confidence and get used to playing with each other."

Although the UK backcourt has earned a combined eight varsity letters, the influx of untested talent could create execution problems for the team, Fanning said.

Finding someone to step up and score when Reed is not in the Lady Kat backcourt poses another dilemma for the UK coach. The other UK guards, — Jansen,

Swarens-Beickman and Roberts — only averaged a combined 14.4 points a year ago.

"What we're going to have to do is learn to execute as a team when Stacey is not in the game for us," Fanning said. "I think by January this could be a really consistent basketball team."

In a quest to gain some much-needed experience, two Lady Kat guards competed for USA national teams last summer.

Reed played for the USA Select Team, which won a gold medal, while Roberts competed in the U.S. Olympic Festival and also brought home gold for the summer's work.

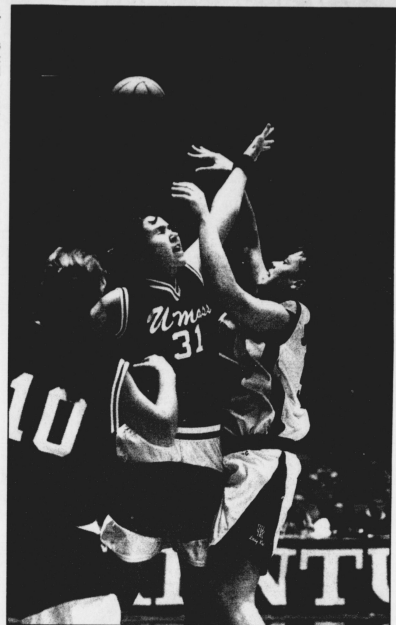
"I think just the experience was tremendous and should carry over into this season," Fanning said. "It should give them a lot of confidence."

Another adjustment the UK backcourt will be forced to make involves Swarens-Beickman. The junior from Ramsey, Ind., said playing 20 or 30 minutes per contest will be a big change. Swarens-Beickman averaged only 7.5 minutes a game on the 1993-94 campaign.

"More time on the court will give me more opportunities," Swarens-Beickman said. "Being a junior, I have to be more of a leader this year."

Fanning said Swarens-Beickman possesses the work ethic necessary to elevate her play to the next level.

"Julie is a real competitor and a student of the game," Fanning added. "You're not going to find anyone who will play any harder for you."



JOSEPH REY AU Kernel staff

MISSING THE DANCE The UK Lady Kats haven't made it to the NCAA Tournament since the 1990-91 season.

junior season in which she averaged just over six points a game.

Baker, who originally joined the program as a walk-on, should battle for a starting spot this year.

A pair of sophomore centers, 5-11 Stephanie Higginbotham and 6-2 Anne Sarkalaiti, are expected to provide some extra depth in the middle.

Fanning said the junior and senior classes are excellent mentors for her younger players, and she is hopeful their teachings can translate into consistency and intensity for the entire team, two attributes that she said usually mean winning games and receiving an invitation to the tournament in early March.

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Newton says football fans deserve explanation

Athletic director's letter gives ticket-holders apology

By Brett Dawson
Sports Editor

If they haven't already, UK football season ticket holders soon will be receiving what they probably think they deserve from C.M. Newton — a letter of explanation and an apology.

Newton, UK's athletic director, has sent letters to each of UK's football season ticket-holders, explaining to them that he sympa-

thizes with their disgust over the Wildcats' 1-10 season.

"I am writing to let you know that I share your frustration and disappointment," the letter reads. "Further, I will do everything possible to bring our football program to the competitive level we all desire."

Newton went on to say in the letter that he plans to evaluate the entire football program in the near future, including the coaching

staff, talent level, recruiting, schedule, support program, strength program, academic support program and training program.

The letter said that he will make changes as he sees fit following that evaluation.

"I think the letter is pretty self-explanatory," Newton said yesterday. "I think it's obvious if you read the letter that I wanted to let the people who have supported us know what is going on in their football program."

Although Newton says in the

letter that he hopes he can "count on (season ticket-holders) to purchase season tickets in the future," he insisted that his writing the letter was not a ploy to persuade fans to buy the season tickets for next year.

Newton said he hasn't yet considered how difficult it might be to lure back ticket buyers next season.

"I didn't have any underlying reasons for writing the letter," Newton said. "I just felt that these are people who are the backbone of our support and they deserve to know what's going on relative to their football program."

In the letter, Newton said his goal is to build a UK football pro-

gram that: "(1) wins in the most competitive conference in the country (the Southeastern Conference); (2) puts a student-athlete at the heart of the program; (3) is totally compliant with SEC and NCAA rules; and (4) excudes recognizable class."

Newton has already made one ultimatum toward turning around the UK program. UK Coach Bill Curry said recently that Newton has given him one year to reverse

I should be responsible for letting (season ticket-holders) know what's going on."

C.M. Newton
UK athletic director, on a letter to football ticket buyers.

the Cats' struggles. Newton closed the letter to fans by telling the season ticket-holders that he planned to keep them updated regarding his evaluation of the program and the changes he plans to make.

He said yesterday that he feels he owes them that much.

"(Season ticket-holders) are the people who are out there week after week," Newton said. "I should be responsible for letting them know what's going on."

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Hoops conjures memories

The return of the basketball season to my microscopic little world always brings back memories.

The return to my temporary home here at UK has done the same. Watching my school play their first few games here serves as a pleasant little reminder of the triumphs (few) and the tribulations (many) that I experienced while playing roundball back in school.

My association with basketball began in about fifth grade. Showing our flair for the theater at an early age, my best friend and I convinced all the other guys at the tryout that we were German soccer players who had recently moved in town.

It is given that fifth graders have trouble distinguishing between good German accents and long-vowled garbling, so it wasn't that tough.

Anyway, after this display of intimidation, we made the team. Collectively, during that first season, Charles and I played a total of 2 minutes and 42 seconds.

I even scored once. The Chuckster pulled down a rebound. Ah yes, into the stat column, my boys.

The years progressed and we got better. Charles eventually succumbed to a greater interest and talent for baseball, giving up his cherished basketball nickname, "Ground Chuck," in the style of Air Jordan himself.

Meanwhile, I was usurping every bit of my parents money and patience on getting better. I wanted shoes, wristbands, and every other article I could find that would make me better. It was foolish of my dad to suggest practicing

as a more direct strategy for improving.

Soon, I was on my way to Ole Miss for a week-long basketball camp. It was there that I saw my suspicions realized.

I wasn't any good. My coach for the week, after working with me repeatedly, handed me an evaluation at the end of the week that rated me excellent in one of over 60 categories. That one was "Diving for Loose Balls."

Truly an instinctual talent. My parents, knowing the truth, realized that I merely fell down a lot, prompting this assumption.

I got better, though, and by ninth grade was starting for our team.

Some background, by the way. I am 5-foot-8, a decent size for a point guard. I haven't grown since seventh grade. At that point, I was a power forward. It's tough to adjust.

Anyway, the team I played on was composed of basically eight of my closest friends. Between eighth and tenth grades, we went a combined 79-1.

Well, okay, in eighth grade we had this one guy who was driving up to practice after school, but he stopped playing after eligibility problems came up.

They told Josh he actually had to pass classes now that he was in high school.

That one little blemish on our record was my fault. We were playing a decent team, one that we should have handled as easily as any other.

The game before, we had finally reached a three-year goal by beating one team 104-43.



Newton



Nick Rhoton
Kernel Columnist

KERNELtop 25

The Top 25 basketball teams in the nation, as voted on by members of the Kentucky Kernel staff, with total points, first place votes and last week's position.

	Pts.	Pvs.
1. North Carolina	173 (5)	5
2. Arkansas	165	3
3. UCLA	162	4
4. Massachusetts	151	1
5. Kansas	148	10
6. Kentucky	139	2
7. Florida	128	8
8. Minnesota	124	6
9. Arizona	120	113
10. Maryland	102	11
11. Wisconsin	99	9
12. Connecticut	96	20
13. Duke	86	7
14. Arizona State	85	113
15. Cincinnati	81	12
16. Michigan State	65	18
17. Ohio	57	15
18. Syracuse	51	17
19. Georgia Tech	39	NR
20. Michigan	36	16
21. Virginia	31	19
22. Tulane	28	121
23. New Mex. St.	27	24
24. Georgetown	24	121
25. Texas	14	25

Others receiving votes: BYU 9, Wake Forest 6, Alabama 4, Indiana 3, Illinois 2, Pennsylvania 2, Villanova 2, Virginia Tech 1.

SPORTSbytes

Smith not thrilled with No. 1 spot

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Ask Dean Smith about being ranked No. 1 in March, when he really cares.

North Carolina became the third college basketball team to ascend to the top spot yesterday in The Associated Press poll after

sweeping the field in the Tournament of Champions in conjunction with a loss by Massachusetts.

"I don't think it's ideal to be No. 1 at any time except the final poll," Smith said.

LSU coaching hunt still on

BATON ROUGE — The salary is no problem, the team is talented despite its record but Louisiana State is still looking for a football coach after firing Curly

Hallman three weeks ago.

"A week ago, we thought we might wrap it up in the next few days. It hasn't turned out that way," Herb Vincent, sports information director, said yesterday.

Hogs ready for ... whoever

FAYETTEVILLE — Nolan Richardson admits that he knows little about his Razorbacks' next opponent.

Richardson said his coaches

were putting together some tape on Centenary yesterday.

"We don't know a whole lot about them," Richardson said. "Matter of fact, I really don't know anything about them other than they played a few games."

Centenary (1-3) has lost to Arkansas-Little Rock, Rice and Southwest Missouri State.

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CAMPUS

Institute to discuss advertising and race

By Branna Reilly
Staff Writer

The Institute for Healing Racism will hold its final forum of the semester tonight. The meeting includes a discussion of the way the media portrays blacks, followed by a celebration.

Mahsa Vossugh, chairwoman of the Student Activities Board's multi-cultural committee, said the subject for tonight's meeting came out of the first meeting of the Institute.

"We discussed how the ideal beauty was seen as a blond, blue eyed woman," Vossugh said.

Tonight's discussion, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in 359 Student Center, will be led by Charlene Walker, a counselor at Lexington Community College.

Walker said she will use magazine articles to show how blacks have been portrayed through time by the media.

Walker said she will show how the image of blacks has progressed from Aunt Jemima to Gladys Knight.

The first advertisements featuring blacks were advertisements for slaves, Walker said. Today the media often portrays blacks as athletes or musicians, Walker said.

"Advertising plays a big part in how people are portrayed," said Walker. "Sometimes there is subtle racism in advertising, and sometimes it's not so subtle."

After Walker introduces the topic, the meeting will break into groups to discuss the issue. Both Walker and Vossugh stress that tonight's meeting is not a lecture, but a participatory discussion.

Refreshments will also be served at tonight's meeting.

"I hope for a big crowd," said Vossugh, "but I suspect some people won't come because it's crunch time."

Vossugh said tonight's meeting is a wrap-up of the semester and an introduction to next semester.

Students can look forward to a more structured program next semester, said Vossugh.

"I hope people will take the opportunity over the break to step over the boundaries that they

haven't explored," she said. Tonight's forum is the Institute's fourth and last meeting this semester. Some of the topics discussed at previous forums include interracial dating, and the history of slavery.

Vossugh said she believes the forums which began November 1 have been enlightening for the participants.

"I hope there's been a lot of friendships established," she said. "I know people have come away having learned a lot. A lot of eyes have been opened."

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Sweeps Week

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ViewPOINT



Pedal power

Here you are, just minding your own business, walking to class, when all of a sudden some huffing and puffing madman going about 120 mph on a bike whizzes by, nearly mowing you down on your way to ENG 101.

Or: There you are, cruising down the road, scoffing at the poor pedestrians, knowing you won't be late for class, until you get to the White Hall Classroom Building and discover to your horror that there is no room on the bike rack and you have a test in two minutes.

If you've ever been hit or almost hit by a campus cyclist or have faced the difficulties of being a biker, you know there is a problem at UK concerning bicycles.

But holy spokes. Unlike many campus problems, you can do something about this one.

Tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 228 Student Center, a bike forum will be held to gather student input on possible solutions.

For the past several weeks, a committee formed by Dean of Students David Stockham and led by students has been meeting and investigating how other schools in the region

handle similar problems. This committee will listen to suggestions and ideas raised at the forum and incorporate those into possible new policies.

Ideas that will be kicked around for discussion tomorrow will include:

- ▼Dismount zones, most probably on Central Campus during peak class hours, through which cyclists would have to walk their bike.

- ▼Moving bike racks away from classroom buildings and out into the perimeter of campus, or building a bike storage facility.

- ▼Voluntary or mandatory registration of bikes.

- ▼How to enforce any new policy and who would do so.

Maybe you feel that drastic change is needed. Or maybe you feel that things are fine the way they are now. Regardless, you should attend the forum and voice your opinion.

Stop by the Student Center before or after class, grab some lunch and be part of the solution, not the problem. Or else, don't complain the next time a cyclist nearly mauls you or when you can't find a place to put your bike.

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READERS' forum

Editorial wrong about purpose of DUI forum

To the editor:

In response to last Wednesday's editorial, I think you are mistaken about the nature of the DUI forum presented on Tuesday.

The discussion focused primarily on the maximum penalties imposed on a DUI offender and the penalties imposed should one decide to plead guilty.

The effect of the discussion was to impress on the students who attended the seriousness of the crime and the likelihood that they would be convicted if charged.

As the student legal advisor, I do counsel students who have been charged with criminal acts, including DUI. Of course, it is my obligation to offer them my best advice, including whether

they have any chance of avoiding conviction. I advised during the forum, however, most people charged with DUI plead guilty in exchange for the minimum sentence available, which is still a very heavy sentence. I suggest that we would not provide a very useful service if we only offered legal advice to those who are not in trouble.

I would also like to correct the impression created by your editorial that I would advise students not to cooperate with police if they are pulled over. On the contrary, I think that if you are uncooperative you will most likely be arrested. The quotes in the article were badly out of context. We were, at that point, discussing search, seizure and interrogation in a more general context.

I am disappointed at the carelessness with which you have reported on the forum, and the uninformed nature of your editorial.

Cynthia Weaver
Student Legal Advisor

Felice distorting facts about AIDS

To the editor:

Once again, Staff Columnist Matt Felice has thrust upon us his own version of reality.

His column in the Dec. 1 issue of the Kernel attempts to expose the "lies" of the AIDS lobby. What really upset me was his assertion that many other diseases kill more people than AIDS does.

Just in case you didn't know, people who have full-blown AIDS die from cancer, pneumonia or heart disease. To say that AIDS is primarily a homosexual disease ignores the fact that the rate of transmission among gay men is declining, while the rates for heterosexuals is increasing.

By distorting the facts to fit your ideology, you are feeding the ignorance that is causing heterosexual infection.

I have watched a good friend die of pneumonia caused by AIDS. Every victim deserves compassion. The "cold, hard facts" are that everyone is at risk.

Katherine Barras
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TALKback!

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

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

Include your name and major classification (for publication), as well as your address and telephone number for verification. Frequent contributors may be limited, and we reserve the right to edit all material.

Bogus religion good example of bizarre Hollywood culture

Perhaps the promise land for God-fearing (and I mean that literally) liberals really exists.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year is the Church of Scientology, a religious sect based on the writing of science-fiction author L. Ron Hubbard. No one will argue that the late Hubbard was a heavyweight at writing novels about adventures in the cosmos, but a serious religious philosopher? Please.

Many stars, however, (movie stars, not the ones that we see in the sky, although many are just about as bizarre) take Scientology very seriously.

Let me enlighten you as to what Scientologists believe.

According to USA Today, "There is no god in this church, and personal enlightenment is achieved through self-help seminars. Scientologists believe there is a definite and precise path to the 'clear,' the term used when all past experiences are shed."

Supposedly, this pseudo-religion "endeavors to help the individual discover past experiences and shed the trauma and guilt which encumber him."

I can see it now. Little Johnny finds out, during a Scientology séance, that in his former life he stole a pack of bubble-gum from the corner grocery store. Oh, the guilt he must feel. His soul is in angst. Obviously, the baggage of this horrific experience is preventing him from living a happy, healthy life. He must be cleansed immediately.

They've found the way to the "clear" alright — the clearly stupid.

I can't help thinking, though, this sounds similar to what I hear from liberal politicians all the time when it comes to criminals.

People's past experiences cause them to commit crime. They grew up in poverty, or were ignored as children. So how can you blame them for robbing that liquor store? Criminals are really just misunderstood, and what they really need is counseling, not prison time. Notice that there is no regard for personal responsibility whatsoever; that idea is a thing of the past.

But where in the world would something this silly find root and capture the hearts of enough people to give it any legitimacy?

It doesn't take a genius to figure out where Scientology thrives. That's right, Hollywood, a place known for its adherence to good ole traditional family values.

Only in the land of the truly strange, where Michael Jackson

sleeps in levitation chambers (or something like that), can such a thing come about and not fail miserably.

Movie stars, after all, are notoriously weird, so I guess such a thing should not be that surprising.

L. Ron Hubbard himself said, "Culture is only as great as its dreams, and its dreams are dreamed by artists."

I wonder if Hubbard would say that today

after viewing some of the delightful works of artists who glorify the unattached homosexual bathroom sex of the 70s, or submerge the crucifix in vats of urine. If these are the great dreams of our society, I'm a little alarmed.

Anyway, before you pack your bags and head out to this haven, away from the oppressions of the everyday world, it's important to know what to expect.

Upon arrival, according to the USA Today article, you will receive "several days of vitamin therapy and exercise to purge toxins from the body."

After you are free of all impurities, Scientology-style, you will be given advice on how to improve your marriage and how to communicate more effectively.

Sounds more like Bill Clinton's Crime Bill, not a religion.

Of course, this is all quite silly, but there is an important point to be made.

There is no doubt that many of our values, unfortunately, come from the Hollywood wine-and-cheese crowd.

A good number people are members of the same "God is dead" generation of the 1960s, and all of the wonderful things that have followed (you know, rampant sexually transmitted diseases, exploding illegitimacy rates, high crime, etc.). These are the people who buy into garbage like Scientology.

The better part of our visual media has been infiltrated by this bunch through movies and television, and it is obvious that these things shape how our society thinks and feels.

In other words, they are very influential. It goes a long way to explain what has happened to our culture in the last 40 years.

Editorial Editor Trent Knuckles is a political science senior.

INFORMED SOURCES "HE WAS attacked for his beliefs, and he was banned from television. Now that's a badge of honor."

Bill Clinton, giving a lighthearted tribute to folk singer Pete Seeger at the Kennedy Center. Seeger was blacklisted in the early 1950s for refusing to answer questions about Communist affiliations.

Chia Pets near top of list of stupid gifts for the holidays

Who invented the Chia Pet? I bet you never wondered that before, did you? Did the inventor get rich? How many Chia Pets are actually sold each year? How many Chia Pets are actually grown each year?

Look, if you're thinking about buying someone a Chia Pet, don't. If it's even vaguely conceivable that, in the last minute rush of buying a present for the 11-year-old niece you just found out was gonna be spending the holidays with your family, you'll get wide-eyed and uncritically desperate

"Wow! A Chia Pet! What a great present for my dear metal-loving distant kin!", stop. Read my next sentence.

Chia Pets are Stoopid Presents. Nobody in the entire history of the world has ever bought a Chia Pet for personal use. Think about that for a second. When I was a

kid, I thought clothes were Stoopid Presents. Most of my friends felt the same way about books, and although I disagreed, I could see where they were coming from. But that's just a matter of perspective. Later, my friends and I all bought clothes. We all recognized the usefulness of attire. Some of us even bought books.

None of us ever bought ourselves Chia Pets.

Trust me, this is a genuine meaningful insight. The list of Stoopid Presents is a long one. Needlepoint kits. Stoopid. Fruitcake. Stoopid. (And it should be illegal. At the very least a mandatory five-day waiting period. And a background search. People who buy fruitcakes are scary.) The Topsy-Tail. Stoopid.

"Ronco" is a virtual synonym for "Stoopid Present." The Inside-the-Eggshell-Egg-Scram-

bler? Pardonez-moi? You're kidding, Mr. Popiel, right? (He wasn't, by the way. And still isn't.)

He's selling head paint to bald old women on VH-1 at 4:35 a.m.)

But over the Thanksgiving break, I saw the ultimate Stoopid Present infomercial. It was hosted by Ricardo Montalban. No, I'm not kidding.

You — yes, you — can own your very own Nativity Cross. It's a stylishly designed pendant finished in 22K green-skin gold. How much would you pay?

Wait! Don't answer yet! You also get a rock! Set into the center of your very own Nativity Cross.

This rock has been polished. It's kinda pretty.

Now how much would you pay? Wait, just wait! Don't answer yet! This isn't just any rock, friends and neighbors. This rock came from the Nativity Cave, where Jesus Christ was born.

"(Huh?)" you're thinking, "Wasn't Jesus born in a stable?" Ricardo tells us — and this is the best part of the infomercial, seriously — that, no, actually Jesus was born in a cave. The cave where these rocks came from.)

Now how much would you pay? Well, if you aren't willing to pay \$59.95 for some stainless steel, approximately .0000046 grams of gold and a rock... well, what the hell kind of Christian are you?

Don't you realize that the Nativity Cross will bring you closer to Jesus? If you wear the Nativ-

ty Cross next to your heart, you'll feel Him. If you so much as touch the Cross, you'll be imbued with His Presence.

This infomercial, in 30 minutes, managed to sum up the reasons for all of my years of contempt for organized religion and for the people who spend their lives in it. Don't get me wrong — if you wanna believe in God (whatever name you think She goes by), I say more power to you. As long as you don't do something stupid like try to defend religion with logic, my philosophy is "live and let live."

But organized religion is something else entirely. It's a Chia Pet that many people actually buy for themselves. A self-given Stoopid Present.

Allow me to repeat myself: give me a break.

Jeff Wilder

Editorial Editor

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If Jesus is true — if God is true — you do more need a rock to be imbued with His or Her presence than you need a fancy building with stained glass windows, or a historical novel with umpteen co-authors.

The fact that the Jerry Fallwells and Billy Grahams and Jimmy Swaggerts and Nativity Cross sellers of the world get rich off of the probably honest belief in God (whatever name you think She goes by), I say more power to you. As long as you don't do something stupid like try to defend religion with logic, my philosophy is "live and let live."

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Law gets 1-day break

By Stephen Trimble
Executive Editor

Dead week policies at UK contrast sharply with rules at colleges around the state, across the Ohio River and even across campus. At UK's own College of Law, students were given a break from classes yesterday to prepare for final exams which begin today and continue until Wednesday.

The college requires that students be given three days to study before each exam, said first-year law student Jason Fleming. Because the exams start today, students need the extra day besides the weekend to prepare.

Fleming said the one-day break helps the law students a lot, and he would support a similar policy giving UK's undergraduates a two- or three-day break.

At Bellarmine College, students get three days to prepare for finals — including one day with no classes, said Lana Dietrich, a counselor at the Louisville school.

During dead week, Monday is the last regular class day.

The next two days instructors wrap up and review the course work to prepare the students for the upcoming finals, which begin on Friday.

On Thursday, Dietrich said,

Dead or Alive?

INSTITUTIONS	CLASS	HOMEWORK	TESTS
UK	YES	YES	NO
Bellarmine College	NO	N/A	N/A
Western Kentucky University	YES	YES	YES
West Virginia University	YES	YES	NO
UK College of Law	NO	N/A	N/A

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classes are cancelled so students can study for the next day's exams. Bellarmine senior Holly Kobel said the free day is essential for Bellarmine's style of testing.

"Professors here generally like to give essay tests," she said.

At West Virginia University, one of UK's benchmark institutions, school officials strictly enforce a dead week policy that is similar to UK's.

Russell Dean, the assistant provost for curriculum and instruction, sends a letter to all

instructors before dead week begins, informing them of the WU's policy forbidding tests or unscheduled quizzes during the last week of classes.

"Several students informally report violations of this policy," Russell's letter said. "I consider this to be a policy that all faculty are expected to observe."

Officials at Western Kentucky University have never adopted a "dead week" policy, said Jerry Wilder, vice president for student affairs.

Week

SGA committee studying 'dead' policy

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tem lacks teeth.

"There's too many loopholes," Weitzman said.

Weitzman said he has three papers, an oral examination and a writing assignment due this week.

Combined with his extra-curricular duties, he expects to have very little time to study for his exams next week.

Weitzman is like many students who feel the current purpose of dead week is useless.

"It's supposed to be a time that you can set aside to study for your finals," said Rob Fredricks, a mathematics senior, who added that instructors typically don't pay much attention to the policy.

However, Fredricks said a two-day break from classes probably would not benefit students,

because he believed few would take the time to study.

But Gail Cummins, an English professor and director of UK's Writing Center, said a reading period would be a good way to help students be more prepared for finals.

"I think it would make a lot of sense," she said.

Cummins added that she considers it important not to assign big projects just before the semester ends.

"One reason," she said, "is you don't get very good work."

Bike

Students get chance to discuss solutions

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mail messages," Stockham said.

He added that bikers and pedestrians are concerned about an "even-handed" policy, which

won't discriminate between either.

Speaking from the pedestrians point of view, "pedestrians are frightened by (bicyclists) zooming by," Stockham said.

The cyclists are looking for more racks to park their bikes on campus, he said.

One of the problems that will be looked during the forum is bicycle parking.

"It's not so easy to know exactly where (the parking racks) will be placed or what the design of the

racks will be," said Stockham.

The goal is to have some type of program implemented by the 1995 Fall semester.

The bicycle committee, which was formed in October, will continue in its planning stages until the Christmas break.

Stockham said that February through March will mark the draft phase.

By the end of April, the committee will forward all of its recommendations to Hemenway.

Women

Bratt asks for change in UK administration

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However, that is just a piece of the problem, Bratt said.

"The biggest part is the responsibility of monitoring to see if the

recommendations are being carried out, and that position has never been assigned to anyone," she said. Bratt said it is hard to carry through on the other 119 recommendations without someone in charge. She blamed

Westington for not responding. Westington said his current administrators are responsible for meeting the needs of minorities and women.

"I look to the same people to

look into women and minority issues that I look to to solve other problems," he said. "I do not want to set up separate structures."

Goals for this year's committee include continued investigation into the economic, political and social status of women on campus.

"(The committee) has done extensive studies on ways to meet the needs of women and minorities on campus," Bratt said. "But we still have a long way to go."

Another sorority victim of break-in

By Susan Herbert
Staff Writer

According to members of Pi Beta Phi social sorority, the "sorority circle prowler" has returned.

About seven people at the Pi Beta Phi sorority house saw a suspicious man in the house between 8:45 and 9:15 p.m. yesterday.

University spokesman Ralph Derickson confirmed that \$100 was stolen from various rooms in the house. Police described the man as a black male, 5-foot-8 to 5-foot-10, in his early 20s, Derickson said.

Derickson said police reported the suspect entered three bedrooms in the house after entering through an open window on the first floor. UK Police responded to a phone call from the house at around 9 p.m., said Derickson.

The description closely matches an earlier composite sketch of a robber that broke into the Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority house on Sept. 18. In that case, the

robber left the house with \$200.

That incident continued a rash of similar burglaries that occurred throughout this period of time last year.

Heidi Koetters, a Pi Phi member, said she recognized the robber from the police's previous composite sketch of Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority house.

Jan. 24: Burglar strikes Alpha Kappa Gamma social sorority house, but steals only \$8.

Nov.-Dec. 1993: Rash of burglaries at Sigma Kappa, Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Gamma Delta houses.

description," said Stephanie Messina, Pi Beta Phi president.

The burglar entered through the window in Messina's room. Although the doors entering the house were locked, individual residence rooms remain unlocked.

Some of the women who saw him thought he was there to help the maids, and others thought he looked like a college student.

"Two people passed him in the stairwell," said Messina. "They thought he was harmless."

"The time that he left was about 9:15," said Evanel Daniels, the house director. "I did not see him. A few of the girls did."

"He broke in at the end of our chapter meeting," said Koetters, an English junior.

"All of the doors were locked and he broke into a screen of an open window," she said. "I saw him at the front of the staircase as he was leaving the house. He said 'bye' to me."

fessor, analyzed the metal.

"It's not a meteorite," he said. "It basically has the composition of common steel."

Using an electron microbeam, an instrument that quick chemical analysis without damaging the metal, Moecher found iron, carbon, manganese and chromium.

"If it was a meteorite, it would be made of iron and nickel alloys," he said. "It's most likely space junk."

Howell used a Geiger counter to measure rock's radioactivity but

found none. "It was clean as a whistle," he said.

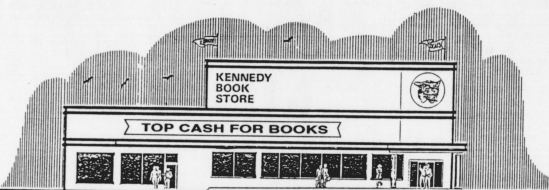
Howell also posted a bulletin on the Internet computer system, hoping to receive more advice on the identification of the metal.

Burgan is surprised and pleased to be a part of the scientific discovery, she said. She, her husband Robert and their daughter Jennifer will keep the unidentified fallen object in their house.

"I didn't realize the significance of it," she said. "I just want to know as much about it as I can."



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Space

Geology department looking into debris

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"It would seem odd that anyone would (build satellites) out of something that heavy," said Kulp. "But the real key is the chemical analysis."

David Moecher, a geology pro-