



One more test

Holiday multiple choice

So you thought you were done with multiple choice tests for awhile, but we've got one left for you.

1. Saint Nicholas was from:
A. Sweden
B. Russia
C. Turkey
D. Finland

2. Traditionally Saint Nicholas was honored in the Old World on what day?
A. June 5
B. October 31
C. December 25
D. December 6

3. Which one of these is not one of Santa's flying reindeer?
1. Rudolph
2. Dasher
3. Dancer
4. Prancer
5. Vixen
6. Bonner
7. Blitzen
8. Cupid
9. Comet

4. The original purpose of ornaments on Christmas trees was to:
A. Light up the room
B. Ward off evil spirits
C. Serve as symbolic sacrificial offerings
D. Be eaten

5. Since 1903 the magnetic north pole has shifted:
A. 0 km
B. 50 km
C. 150 km
D. 250 km

6. Saint Nicholas was originally portrayed as traveling by:
A. Sleigh
B. Horseback
C. Mule
D. Reindeer

7. Saint Nicholas was very generous. He was known to deliver his gifts by what method?
A. Coming down through the chimney
B. Having gnomes deliver them for him
C. Throwing them through windows
D. Leaving a big pile of gifts in the center of town

8. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of:
A. Sailors
B. Widows
C. Small animals
D. Gifts

9. When did Santa Claus get his first website?
A. 1992
B. 1994
C. 1996
D. 1998

10. The three Magi (wise men) came from what country?
A. Palestine
B. Syria
C. Lebanon
D. Persia

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INSOMNIACS

Working on their night moves

Campus night crawlers: Students work into the early hours of the morning to finish projects, papers and productions. Experience a late-night walk around UK during dead week, from architecture's Pence Hall to the William T. Young Library

By Tracy Kershaw

MANAGING EDITOR

While the rest of Lexington sleeps, UK students struggle to stay awake, furiously typing papers, sanding sculptures and speed-reading novels.

It's a campus of insomniacs, at least when something is due the next day. And for some students, working all night isn't just a finals week phenomenon. It's a way of life.

12:30 a.m. Pence Hall

Jason Bowman stands back, eyes narrowed as he inspects the church. This morning he's putting on the roof. This is the fourth version of the church he and his classmates have built this semester.

"It's not unusual to work here all night," Bowman says, leaning over the wooden model. "I'll probably be here until the morning."

Architecture students are some of the ultimate night crawlers. Their projects demand hours of meticulous work.

"People stay up a couple of nights in a row and then sleep the next few days," Bowman says.

The room looks both worked in and lived in. Empty Pepsi cans dot the tables. Tools, sketches and pieces of wood are scattered everywhere.

In the hallway, other students are working on finishing building plans and drawing sketches.

"You can come every night and find someone here," Bowman says.

1:10 a.m. Anderson Hall

A Papa John's truck pulls up behind Memorial Hall. P.J. Ashkani jumps out of the truck, a liter of Coca-Cola in hand. "I forgot to bring their Coke," he says, pointing to Anderson Hall, an engineering building.

It's rare to deliver to the classroom building this late, Ashkani says, even though he routinely makes late night runs to the dorms.

Inside Anderson Hall, Himachandra Chebrolu, an electrical engineering graduate student, and his friend, Venu Surampudi, haven't waited on the Coke to begin eating the pizza.

Chebrolu is taking a study break. "I'm a night worker," he says, paying for the pizza and coke.

"That might be an understatement. He sleeps from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and then works on his electrical engineering research project until dawn.

Surampudi, also an electrical engineering graduate student, often comes to keep his friend company.

"He gets lonely," Surampudi says.

Chebrolu says he works better at night when there aren't a lot of people around.

"It is calm, and I can work," he says.

2 a.m. Reynolds Building

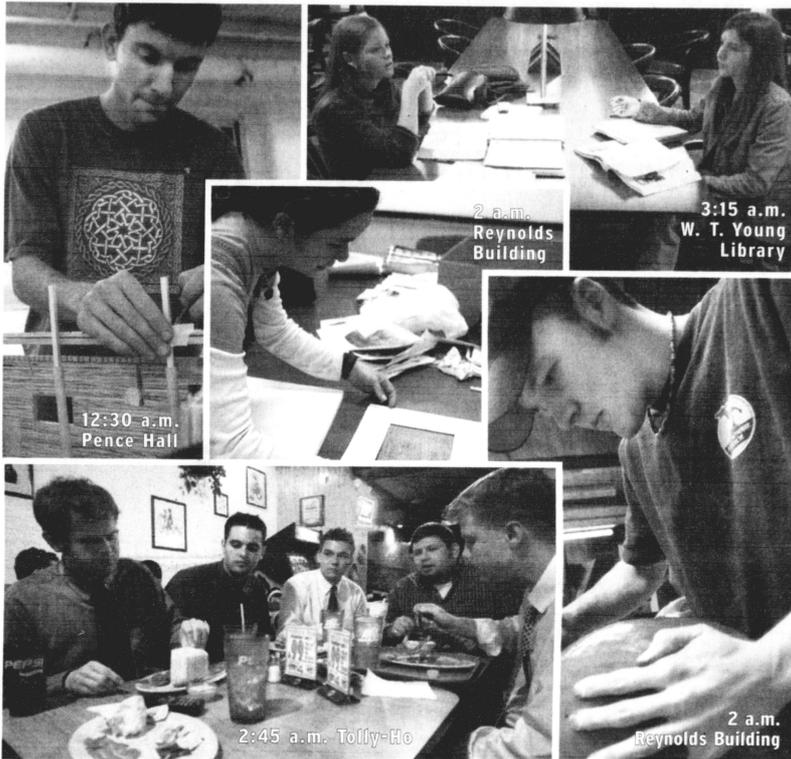
After dark, the narrow streets and train tracks around the Reynolds Building make the area seem desolate.

But nighttime is one of the most vibrant times inside the fine arts building, an old brick building with paint-splattered floors, steep stairs and brightly-painted lockers along the walls.

Like the architecture students, art studio majors must spend grueling hours perfecting their work. And most of it happens at night.

A radio buzzes in the photo lab high-ceiling room where 11 students are finishing final projects before the weekend's open studio.

"This is due at 8 a.m.," says Sara Kinney, an English senior. She's cutting white mat board for 15 black and white prints.



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Around the clock

Top left: Jason Bowman, an architecture senior, puts the roof on a model of a church, the fourth version he and his classmates have built this semester. Top right: Bethany Stephens, a psychology sophomore, and Julie McGill, an undeclared sophomore, study in the William T. Young Library. Center: Sarah Kinney, an English senior, cuts mat board for a photography project. Bottom left: Five Phi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers eat at Tolly-Ho after a late meeting. Bottom right: Brent Gates, an art studio senior, sponges blue paint on his art studio project that depicts the progression of aging.

"It's not unusual to work here all night. I'll probably be here until the morning."

- JASON BOWMAN, ARCHITECTURE SENIOR

"The only time I work is usually at night," she says. "I've fallen asleep on the desk a few times."

The lab is officially closed, but students work the desk during the day to get keys, so they can work at night.

"We'll be here until the sun comes up," she says.

In the woodshop, the roar of a grinder drowns out conversation. Andrew Goebel, an art studio freshman, grinds his sculpture, which will be critiqued by his professor in six hours.

"I'll be cutting it real close," he says, pulling down the mask he wears over his nose and mouth for protection from the flying sawdust that piles on the floor like sand.

Across the room, Brent Gates sponges blue paint on a wooden ball. He's putting in the final hours on an 84-hour project, and it's due at 8 a.m.

"I'll go to bed tomorrow morning," he says, dipping the sponge into a cup of paint, clay, rocks and sawdust. His project is a series of wooden balls, progressing from small and smooth to large and rough. "It's going to show the progression of aging. I just took this one out and beat the crap out of it on the sidewalk."

Spending so much time together makes the art students bond quicker, Goebel says.

"There's always someone here to help you out," he says.

Gates agrees. "There are some classes where you see people only in that class," he says. "But I see these people everyday."

2:45 a.m. Tolly-Ho

Tolly-Ho is the refuge for UK's hungry insomniacs.

Video games, the radio and shouting waitresses create a clattering chaos in the campus dive. Ben Simmons and five of his Phi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers look out of place in their dress shirts and ties.

"We just got out of a meeting," Simmons says. "We had a lot to take care of at the end."

Now they're scarfing down greasy burgers and fries before heading home to do work.

"I have to go to a 10-page take-home test tonight," says Dan Eaton, an English junior. "But I usually do my work at night."

3:10 a.m. William T. Young Library

The 24-hour library accommodates procrastinators like Dustin

Riddle.

The secondary education sophomore is sitting in the leather chairs reading a book for a five-page paper that's due at 8 a.m.

"I might have to be 15 minutes late," he says sheepishly.

Riddle works at United Parcel Service after classes, making nights one of the few times he can do homework.

"I procrastinate," he says. "When I have a project due I stay up all night to do it."

While most working late in the library are under deadline pressure, there are some exceptions.

Julie McGill, an undeclared sophomore, is studying for a History 106 final that's next week.

"I have — ugh — 60 terms to memorize," she says, holding up the typed list.

"I have to get a head start."

Sitting across from McGill at the long oak table is Bethany Stephens, a psychology sophomore, who unlike her friend does have an exam in the morning.

"It's a logic test. I just began studying a few hours ago," she says.

"And I have the final exam next week."

"But I am a night person."

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KARAOKE

Relieve holiday stress behind the mic

Hit it! Treat yourself to a night of karaoke after a grueling week of papers and exams

By Stacie Melhaus
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

So you want to be a rock star? While Lexington might not be the center of the music industry, there are places to fulfill your rock star dreams, however far-fetched they may be. Whether your goal is MTV's "Say What Karaoke" or just a funny night out, Lexington offers some places to sing.

Squire's Tavern on Buckhorn Drive holds karaoke seven nights a week, and A1A delivers six nights.

"I think people like to get up and do ridiculous things when they have a few drinks in them," said Adam Keys, bar manager at Squire's Tavern. Karaoke draws all types and ages of people and music, Keys said.

"We have everything from Sinatra to last week's No. 1 on Billboard," said John Frank, A1A's karaoke man. "The guys from the Kenny Wayne Shepherd band that wrote 'Blue on Black' came over and sang when they were playing next door. That happens every once in a while."

A1A is located downtown on East Main Street.

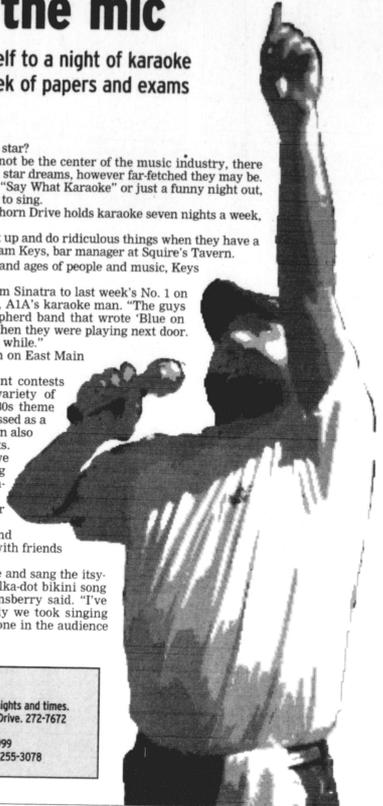
Both places offer different contests every month and a wide variety of songs. When A1A held an '80s theme weekend, the winner was dressed as a Blues Brother. Squire's Tavern also has costumed karaoke contests.

"At our pajama party we had two girls get up and sing 'Summer Loving' to each other," Keys said.

Some students began their karaoke careers years ago.

Elizabeth Dansberry found herself sharing center stage with friends at a parish festival.

"I was in the fourth grade and sang the itty-bitsy teenie-weenie yellow polka-dot bikini song at the St. Joe's festival," Dansberry said. "I've never forgotten how seriously we took singing that song, even though everyone in the audience was laughing."



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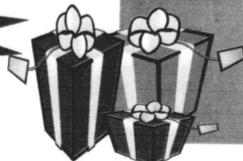
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Winter movie preview

The year's best: Smith, Cruise and other stars shine

By Bryan Marshall
STAFF WRITER

Over the holiday break, Oscar season will get in gear with many movie releases trying to get to theaters. Here are some movies not to be missed over the holidays.

The Royal Tenenbaums (Dec. 14) Wes Anderson's follow-up to *Rushmore* features an impressive ensemble cast including Gene Hackman, Gwyneth Paltrow, Bill Murray, Anjelica Huston and Ben Stiller. The film, about a dying father trying to reunite with the family he has grown apart from, could see nominations in multiple categories if the Academy is not scared away by its quirky comedy.

Vanilla Sky (Dec. 14) The last time writer/director Cameron Crowe collaborated with Tom Cruise, each saw nominations for *Jerry Maguire*. Crowe's remake of the Spanish film *Open Your Eyes* is getting rave reviews on the Internet, and Crowe is a hot commodity after his screenplay win for *Almost Famous* last year. Cameron Diaz, Jason Lee and Cruise's new love, Penelope Cruz, who ironically starred in the original version, round out the cast.

Iris (Dec. 14) This biopic about late novelist/philosopher Iris Murdoch, who suffered through Alzheimer's disease, has to be considered simply for its inclusion of multiple Oscar-winner Dame Judi Dench. Dench, who plays the older Murdoch (Kate Winslet portrays the title character in her youth), has won for her roles in *Mrs. Brown* and *Shakespeare in Love*.

Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (Dec. 19) While blockbusters usually settle for financial rewards at the box office, this much-anticipated adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle-Earth trilogy could land a bundle of nominations a la *Gladiator* and *Titanic*. The film features a wonderful cast that includes Cate Blanchett, Ian McKellen, Elijah Wood and Viggo Mortensen and a director with a



Lord of the Rings

The first installment in J.R. Tolkien's epic trilogy *Lord of the Rings* will open in theaters Dec. 19 with the second film opening in 2002 and the third in 2003.

cult following from his previous efforts, *Bad Taste*, *Dead Alive* and *Heavenly Creatures*.

The Majestic (Dec. 21) Jim Carrey is hoping that the third time will be a charm with this film, set in the 1950s, about a blacklisted screenwriter who gets amnesia after a car accident and happens upon a small town where the people believe he is a long lost resident. Carrey, after being snubbed by the Academy for *The Truman Show* and *Man on the Moon* will try to finally get the Oscar. Frank Darabont, director of *The Shawshank Redemption* and *The Green Mile*, picked this drama as his first non-Stephen King, inspired project.

Ali (Dec. 25) Will Smith tries to flex his acting muscles in this story of the intriguing life of champion boxer Muham-

mad Ali. Michael Man, who was at the helm of past nominee *The Insider*, directs this drama that deals not only with the American icon's sports accolades but also his struggles with racial oppression. Jamie Foxx costars as Ali's cornerman Drew "Bundini" Brown while Jon Voight portrays legendary broadcaster Howard Cosell.

A Beautiful Mind (Dec. 25) Russell Crowe took home Best Actor for *Gladiator* last year in what many described as an upset, but he stands an even better chance to garner three nominations in three years with this Ron Howard-directed drama. The film about Princeton mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr., who fought through mental illness to win the Nobel Prize, could give Crowe his second trophy and Howard his first Oscar nomination for directing.

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SADNESS

Keeping the holiday blues at bay

Depression: Cold weather and heavy foods can make for a bah-humbug winter break

By Kelly Sweeger

STAFF WRITER

Students may find the holiday break brings the blues. With food often the focus of the season, it's easy to put on extra pounds or become lethargic and depressed. And with nothing to fill that once-busy school regime, students should be aware of how to beat those bah-humbug blues.

Cold weather does affect moods. Metabolism slows and lack of sunlight can add to the sluggish feelings during winter break, said Sandra Bastin, assistant professor and food and nutrition specialist.

After consumption, more blood goes to the stomach to aid with digestion. Some foods, including turkey, contain an amino acid, tryptophan, which may cause sleepiness. It is easy to feel sluggish after any meal, making it more important to avoid post-dinner naps.

One should have serving savvy when figuring out portions. If you have a visual of what is considered a true portion, it can help you at a restaurant or party.

Bastin said to be aware of how much you are eating.

Healthy servings are three ounces of meats (picture a deck of cards), one cup of pasta or rice (walkman), one-half cup of

fruits or vegetables (tennis ball), one-half cup ice cream or frozen yogurt (tennis ball) and one ounce of cheese (two saltine crackers).

Food is meant to be enjoyed, she said, but it's everyone's responsibility to exercise and get the right amount of rest.

"Be aware of what you are eating and be flexible," Bastin said. "Don't worry about just one day."

In other words, know that a pizza for dinner may mean a salad for tomorrow's lunch.

Calories from beverages can sneak up on individuals as well.

According to the USDA nutritional data lab, soft drinks have about 150 calories per can; a 12 ounce light beer is about 100 calories; a regular beer, 150 calories; and 3.5 ounces of white wine, 75 calories.

Bastin's rules to health and wellness is balanced nutrition, physical activity and plenty of rest.

Take advantage of the season. Go outside and throw snow balls, sled, take a walk and look at the lights, volunteer at a shelter, park farther from the shopping mall — these little things will add up and keep holiday blues at bay.

But there is another side to the blues during the holidays.



While we've had unseasonably warm weather lately, snow over break could offer outdoor fun and fitness with activities like sledding.

Mary-Bolin Reece, a psychologist and director of UK's Counseling Center, said depression during the holidays may be more pronounced when a person realizes the absence of someone who has died, moved away or left their life because of a disrupted relationship.

Other reasons exist that cause holiday depression: isolation at a time when being with family and friends is seen as particularly important; financial stress; trying to make the holidays "perfect" for one or more people; or feeling pulled

between many people competing for one's time.

Often, she sees students and their families who've spent more money than they can afford on gifts that recipients may not even enjoy or who stress because the turkey was overbaked.

"I think there's a particularly American myth of Christmas as this 'perfect' time when families come together for an hour or a day, open thousands of dollars worth of gifts and have a Kodak memory moment together," she said.

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Finding time for sleep difficult, but necessary

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About 40 million Americans suffer from treatable sleep disorders. If you get the amount of sleep you need each night, yet you still feel fatigued, tend to fall asleep at inappropriate times or places, or have trouble falling asleep, you may need to see a doctor.

Sleep is an important part of students' health. Experts say the best thing a student can do to prepare for finals is get sleep.

• Avoid caffeine four to six hours before bedtime.

• Do not use nicotine before bedtime or during the night.

• Avoid drinking alcoholic beverages four to six hours before bedtime. Alcohol initially may help you sleep but will cause restless sleep during the night.

• Do not eat large meals before bedtime. Small snacks that include dairy help with sleep.

• Maintain a regular waking time, even on weekends.

• Nap less than one hour and before 3 p.m.

If you are having a problem with your sleep patterns, you can call 323-5511 and make an appointment with a University Health Service clinician.

So tired: Students do not get enough sleep

By Jennifer Powell

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Aaron Cucker said he is overwhelmed with his workload — and he's so tired.

"I don't have time to fit eight hours of sleep into my schedule," the graphic design junior said. At most, Cucker said he gets five hours of sleep each night. And when he has a lot to do, sleep is not a priority.

Cucker isn't alone. Experts say sleep is one of the most neglected necessities of life, especially among students.

A recent survey suggests that approximately half UK's students sleep six hours or less a night; the rest sleep seven to eight hours each night. "Sleep should be one of your priorities," said Janet Jones, a psychiatrist at the University Health Service.

"Sleeping is important for overall functioning and health," Jones said sleeping allows the body to repair itself, and prepares the brain to remain active, and prepares the body for alertness and peak functioning for the next

A recent survey suggests that approximately half of UK's students sleep six hours or less each night. Eight hours of sleep, experts say, is necessary for people to function at their best.



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day. Though it may not be a top priority, Jones said sleep is as necessary to health as food and water.

"When you don't get the sleep you need, your body builds a sleep debt that you eventually have to pay for with sleep," Jones said. "During this time, your academics may suffer because of excess fatigue."

Jones said sleep deprivation leads to difficulty in concentrating and remembering. She recommends that if students want

their learning capabilities to function at their best, their bodies need an average of eight to nine hours of sleep.

But with the pressures that students face, especially at the end of the semester, most just cannot manage to get enough sleep.

Students often work without a decent amount of sleep, but the brain just cannot work at its best without sleep. Sleep is the best way to become more productive in school and to get good grades.

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Nov. 21

Former UK forward and assistant coach to Rick Pitino, Winston Bennett returns to Rupp Arena for the first time as a head coach to lead Division II Kentucky State against UK. Bennett's second KSU team returns seven players and two starters from last year's Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Champions. But the Thoroughbreds should be no problem for the Cats.

DUKE BLUE DEVILS



Dec. 18

In what has been hailed as a preview to a potential Final Four matchup, the defending national champs will take on the Cats in East Rutherford, N.J. The undefeated Blue Devils have thus far given every indication that they are just as strong as last season. The UK-Duke game has created substantial hype in the Bluegrass and motivated several Cat fans to make the hike north to Jersey over the winter break. UK leads the all-time series 11-7, but the Dookies have claimed five of the last six victories.

INDIANA HOOSIERS

Dec. 22

The Cats travel to Indianapolis and the Hoosier Dome to face their most heralded interstate rival. This legendary matchup is almost split evenly - both in wins (UK leads the all-time series 23-21) and ticket distribution. IU and UK should both be ranked in the Top 25 and both sport All-America candidates. IU sophomore Jared Jeffries will challenge UK's Keith Bogans and Tayshaun Prince.

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

Dec. 29

Rick Pitino's return to the Bluegrass has been the most publicized sports story in Kentucky this year. At Louisville, Pitino has implemented the same up-tempo and pressing style that he made famous at UK and Providence. The Cards are led by athletic junior guards Erik Brown and Reece Gaines. UK leads the "Dream Game" series 22-10, and Cat coach Tubby Smith is 3-1 against U of L.

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BLUE LINE

Cool Cats club competition, success due to fan support



UK hockey coach Phil Sweeney explains a new drill to his team during Thursday's practice at the Lexington Ice Center. UK is 7-7-1-1.

JESSE LENIS | KERNEL STAFF

Hometown ice: Fan base makes Cool Cats one of nation's most successful club teams

By Charlie Bradley

STAFF WRITER

The UK Cool Cats are not an average club team.

The players and coaches work as hard as any team on campus, said Ian Ward, UK hockey general manager. But the UK hockey team is one of the more successful club sport teams in the United States.

"I would put us against any Division II team," Ward said. "We are arguably the most successful Division II club hockey

team in the country."

Ward says the reasons for that success are simple. The Cool Cats have large fan support.

"We actually had 600 people show up while Midnight Madness was going on," Ward said. "Six hundred more showed up when the football team was playing its homecoming game (against LSU)."

The team also has a lot of sponsors that help provide the money to give the club what it needs to put a competitive team

on the ice.

"The expense budget has been put out of our control," Ward said. "Ice time, pucks, officials, transportation, everything has risen."

The price of playing has risen as well. The Cool Cats play in the American Collegiate Hockey Association, which has recently raised the cost of playing in the conference from \$250 to \$750.

The Cool Cats have an expense budget of \$52,000 for this year, to which the university can only contribute \$500 because of the team's club status. A good portion of the club's finances come from sponsorship, but the rest comes from a solid fan base.

"We get great fan support," said Justin Clark, club president and goalie. "We have the best fans of everywhere we play. A lot of our budget is made out from what we get from the fans."

"The teams that come here are blown away," Ward said. "They come here and get heckled, but because of the fans they want to play here."

Head coach Phil Sweeney says that the fan support the club gets gives it an edge

over any opponent that comes to town.

"Because of the fans we have a psychological edge over the teams that come here," he said. "The fans give you one goal a game, at least. It's incredible how into (the game) they get."

Of course, the Cool Cats have had a little help getting people interested. Some famous Kentuckians have helped UK hockey promotions by posing for team posters.

Most recently the Costello twins graced the Cool Cats poster. UK alumna Ashley Judd and Kentucky natives Rebecca Gayheart and Leah Lail posed for the poster in the past. Ward said George Clooney and former Miss America Heather French-Henry are being considered in the future.

Hockey may not be the most popular sport at UK, but the fans continue to show their support for the team through attendance.

"It's a more relaxed atmosphere (playing in Kentucky)," said Clark, a native of Canada. "We take our hockey seriously, but we also like to have a lot of fun."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wild season ends with big upset

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nebraska will play for a national title after all.

In an astounding turn certain to send out a cry for a playoff or changes in the Bowl Championship Series, the Cornhuskers squeezed into second place over Colorado in the final BCS standings on Sunday.

Even though the Buffaloes routed the Huskers 62-36 three weeks ago, Nebraska won the points battle that counted most and will play undefeated Miami in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3.

Thanks to LSU's 31-20 upset of Tennessee in Saturday night's Southeastern Conference title game, the Huskers were the BCS computer's choice — by a scant five hundredths of a point. A win by the Vols would have sent them to

Pasadena instead. In the final ranking, Miami finished first with 2.62 points, Nebraska second with 7.23 points, Colorado third at 7.28 and Oregon fourth with 8.67 points.

"Colorado and Oregon are great teams," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "Anytime you don't have two clear-cut, undefeated teams, you're going to have controversy."

Nebraska (11-1) was No. 4 in both the AP media poll and the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll on Sunday, but held the edge over No. 2 Oregon (10-1) and No. 3 Colorado (10-2) in the computer ratings portion of the BCS formula.

Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch and the Huskers, in fact, didn't even win their conference — Colorado took the

Big 12. But Nebraska will go to the Rose Bowl as an at-large team, the first time that's happened in the BCS's four-year history. The winner of that game is automatically crowned the coaches' champion.

"How you're playing at this point — seems to me that should be thought of," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said.

Oregon and Colorado will play in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1, with the possibility of the winner claiming the No. 1 ranking in the final AP poll. AP voters will turn in their ballots after the Rose Bowl, and all teams are eligible for the title.

The Ducks and Buffaloes seem to have legitimate gripes about being left out of the Rose.

Oregon won the Pac-10 Conference title and finished No. 2 in the polls, part of the BCS'

complex formula for determining its top teams.

Hockey won the Big 12 Conference with a 39-37 upset of Texas on Dec. 1, a week after beating Nebraska, and finished No. 3 in the polls.

Tennessee's loss was a costly one, dropping the Vols (10-2) out of the BCS picture and into the Citrus Bowl against Michigan (8-5). If that wasn't enough, the Orange Bowl chose Florida (9-2) — 34-32 losers to the Vols on Dec. 1 — to play Atlantic Coast Conference champion Maryland (10-1) on Jan. 2.

The Sugar Bowl will match SEC champion LSU (9-3) against Big Ten champion Illinois (10-1).

Oregon, despite its No. 2 ranking, lost out in the computer category and strength of schedule categories.

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- David Letterman

"According to the latest issue of Newsweek magazine, bin Laden ordered and received a shipment of gas masks - So basically, FedEx can find this guy. We can't. Just follow the FedEx truck"

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"President Bush says human cloning is morally wrong. Surprisingly, this is one area where both he and former President Clinton actually agree. In fact, Clinton said today that he believes humans should be created the old-fashioned way, figured up in a cheap motel."

- Jay Leno

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IN OUR OPINION

While you rest: an editorial about nothing

It is the end of the first year of the new millennium, and it seems like absolutely nothing newsworthy happened. All right, maybe one or two events took place that changed the course of American and world history, but other than that...

It is Dec. 10, so it is time to put away all of your summer clothes - at least until the heat wave next week - and dig around in the attic for all of your sweaters, blue jeans and old Playboy's that your dad "threw away."

First and foremost, though, you must get through finals unscathed, or at least alive. The trick is to realize that no matter how well you do on the test, the job market is so bad right now you won't be able to find a job anyway. Try it sometime; it takes away a lot of the pressure.

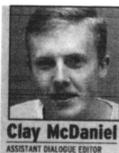
It is hard to believe this country is in the midst of a slumping economy, especially since Wal-mart is a mosh pit even at three in the morning. But, if you think about it, the fact that everyone does their shopping at Wal-mart might actually be the best indicator that we are indeed in a recession.

Who's kidding who, anyway? Students are always in a recession. We crave anything free - T-shirts, pizza, STDs, etc. There could be an Internet billionaire living on every street in America and college students would still be rummaging through the seats of their 1992 Camry looking for enough change to buy a Mountain Dew at the Student Center.

But that's why we go to school, right? We can graduate and get a good job doing something that requires absolutely none of the skills we learned in our six years at UK. Just keep in mind that finding a job that requires being able to light a match with one hand and open a bottle with one's teeth are hard to come by.

But before you start to feel sorry for yourself, remember all of the good basketball ahead for UK students to watch over the holiday break. Just sit back and watch the quality free throw shooting to which we've grown accustomed.

Seriously, though, good luck to the Wildcats, and to all students on their finals this year. Happy holidays.



I know the last column of the semester is supposed to be fluff, but something has been on my mind for the last month or so that I don't think I can put off until January. It deals with political philosophy, so for those who see the Dialogue page as an off-ramp on your way to the crossword puzzle, go ahead and put on your blinker. I worked in Washington, D.C., a few summers ago, and I still remember a conversation I had with a girl on the Capitol subway. She was an intern for Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-Wis.), perhaps the most liberal member of the Senate. I, on the other hand, was an intern for Sen. Jim Bunning (R-Ky.), a man not known for his leftward tendencies. "I can't believe you're a conservative," she said, "you're so funny. Why do you work for that Nazi?" Her remark was intended as a compliment, I suppose, and perhaps that was what was so discouraging. First off, from my own studies and

experience in politics (which are certainly not extensive), I find that conservatives are, on the whole, funnier and wittier than their counterparts on the other side of the aisle. It is hard for most people to see this, since portraying the softer side of conservatism is not at the top of the media's list (although America did see one obvious example during the vice-presidential debate last year at Centre College). The reasons why this might or might not be the case can be explored next semester.

Now, and more importantly, the difference between conservatism and Nazism (next week: the difference between round circles and squares).

Part of the problem with students involved in politics is that they only tend to hang around people who think similar thoughts. This is not true with every student, but it is largely the case when referring to student activists. And if your entire exposure to conservative ideas is limited to the latest issue of *American Prospect*, your political science professor and Dan Rather, how could you not view conservatives as a monolithic group of humorless, greedy, puppy-kicking bigots?

And if you believe that - and again, not everyone does, but many do - it is not much of a stretch to categorically la-

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Celebrating Christmas my own way

"Next to a circus there ain't nothing that packs up and tears out faster than the Christmas spirit." - Kin Hubbard

The season of mistletoe, sugar-plums and candy canes has arrived just when we can buckle our belts again after the feasting and sporting events of Thanksgiving.

It is the season to circulate last year's fruitcake on to another unsuspecting soul and drink eggnog until we're able to pass the Betty Ford Center's admissions policy with flying colors. Certainly, it's the time to spend precious time with family and friends.

It's a time to get excited like a kid, glued to the tube to watch animated Christmas specials such as "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Merry Christmas Charlie Brown." These Christmas classics are the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit.

The season is a reason for me to burn a hole in my pocket buying gifts for others, planning ways to tackle the crowds of gift seekers and sending salutations of "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays" while plowing through the aisles and friends.

I'll be buying more wrapping paper than I need, wrapping each gift with precision and decorating the gift like a piece of art. The joy comes on Christmas Day from gleaming faces and unexpected gifts.

It's wonderful, at least for a short length of time during the year because people unknown to you will greet you with a smile rather than a middle finger.

And going outside during the weeks before the fat guy in the red suit comes is an eye pleaser.

Seeing the blood, sweat and tears of people's work through hanging Christmas lights, garland, wreaths, plastic Santa Clauses and more. I'm like a kid in the candy shop - riding past Grizwold-like houses never gets old.

Hearing carols that were sung generations before me seems as fresh as a new Christmas tree. Seeing Santa after Santa ringing bells in the holiday spirit always puts a smile on this face.

As we enjoy giving secret Santa gifts, attending endless holiday parties and charging credit cards to the max, society needs to flip a page to see that not all are enjoying this joyous time of the year.

Between 1996 and 1998, 8.4 percent of households in Kentucky were limited or uncertain to the availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods. They were also limited in the ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways.

If these statistics from the U.S. Department of Agriculture show that close to 340,000 Kentucky citizens will not know where their next meal will come from, how can they enjoy the holiday season in peace?

The biggest thrill I get out of the holiday season is giving to those less fortunate, ones that might not have a Christmas tree with lavish lights, big wrapped gifts or the big turkey on the table.

Please give to those organizations such as the Hope Center and God's Pantry. Let's make a Christmas for all to enjoy. Don't be selfish.

To those who sent birthday cards to wish me happy birthday, thank you. You made this birthday a very special one.

Have a very special holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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If you call me that one more time ...

evil to compare a modern-day liberal to Stalin, so too is it dishonest, unfair and plain evil to compare a modern-day conservative to Hitler.

All I'm saying is that calling someone who disagrees with you a Nazi is neither funny nor is it original. If you really have a trouble seeing the difference between a philosophy of economic and political freedom all within the bounds of a constitutional republic, and a philosophy of totalitarianism, racial superiority and mass genocide all within the bounds of a dictatorship, then you're too stupid to wear shoes.

But if you do know the difference, and think you might score some points with your friends, or get a few laughs from your classmates, by comparing Dick Arme to Hermann Goring, then you deserve the scorn of every man and woman who lived through Nazi Germany and saw first-hand the evil incarnate you have so arrogantly chose to devalue.

And if that's not enough, one of us might just come by your house and kick your puppy. It is a hobby of ours, you know.

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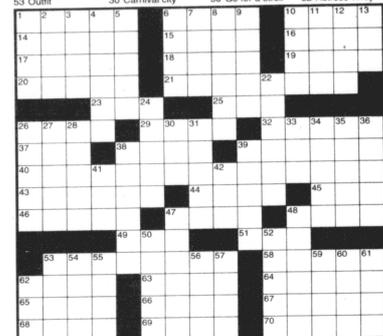
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