

Blast destroys Challenger, kills crew of seven

NASA offers no explanation for explosion

By HOWARD BENEDICT
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A catastrophic explosion blew apart the space shuttle Challenger 73 seconds after liftoff yesterday, sending schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe and six NASA astronauts to a fiery death in the sky eight miles out from Kennedy Space Center.

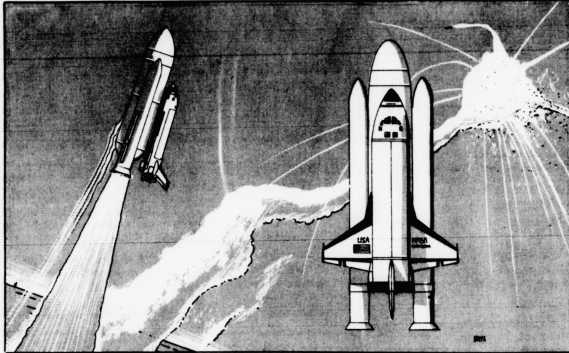
"We mourn seven heroes," said President Reagan.

The accident defied quick explanation, though a slow-motion replay seemed to show an initial explosion in one of two peel-away rocket boosters igniting the shuttle's huge external tank. The tank burst into a fireball that destroyed Challenger high above the Atlantic while crew families and NASA officials watched in despair from the Cape.

Other observers noted that the boosters continued to fly crazily through the sky after the explosion, apparently under full power, indicating that the fatal explosion might have originated in the tank tank itself.

"We will not speculate as to the specific cause of the explosion based on that footage," said Jesse Moore, NASA's top shuttle administrator. National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials are organizing an investigating board and Moore said it will take a "careful review" of all data "before we can reach any conclusions."

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Capital abounds in prayers, tributes for crew members

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The news that Challenger had exploded spread quickly and democratically all over the capital. School children watching on television knew before the president. Secretaries braving bitterly cold winds in search of lunch were talking about it minutes afterwards.

President Reagan was conducting other business in the Oval Office, but soon turned to watching a television replay when told of the tragedy. Members of Congress bowed their heads in prayer.

Students at Thomas Johnson Junior High School in neighboring Prince George's County, Md., were watching on television in every classroom.

Christa McAuliffe, one of the seven crew members who perished, used to teach there.

"We couldn't believe it," said Bobbi Days, the school secretary.

Judy Garcia, a finalist in the teacher competition to travel on the space shuttle and a friend of McAuliffe, heard while she was driving home from giving a lecture on NASA's Teacher in Space program.

"I was stunned," she said. "We were coming toward the house and just stopped. All of us (finalists) knew each other very well."

"Oh, my God, no!" first lady Nancy Reagan was said to have exclaimed as she watched the horror unfold on a television set in the White House family quarters. She told an aide that she would start praying.

And she called her husband.

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President Reagan

Downstairs, Reagan was conferring with senior aides in Oval Office when Vice President George Bush and the president's national security adviser, Vice Adm. John Poindexter, burst into the room almost simultaneously.

"We hate to interrupt, but we have this report," they said. One of them read a typewritten announcement of the Challenger explosion to Reagan, who went immediately to his small study nearby.

The president stood there in almost stunned silence as he watched the television, spokesman Larry Speakes said.

Making a delayed appearance at a White House luncheon for TV reporters, Reagan told them: "It's a horrible thing all of us have witnessed. I can't rid myself of the thought of the sacrifice of the families who were there at the Cape and watching this tragedy also. I can't help but think what they must be going through."

At the Capitol, the House was just ready to convene as the news

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Students on campus shocked, surprised at news of tragedy

By SHARON RATCHFORD
Staff Writer

An hour after the space shuttle Challenger burst into flames over Cape Canaveral, Fla., yesterday, students still overflowed the TV rooms in the UK Student Center, trying to find out exactly what happened.

Michael Fehr, a journalism senior, said when he first heard about the tragedy he — like many students — just sat still, wondering, "Is this a joke?"

Scott Wagner, a computer science junior, simply called "tragic."

"Everybody was shocked," said Edmund Lambeth, director of the School of Journalism. "In our minds, (the flag is flying at half-mast.)"

Lambeth is part of a committee to select a journalist to participate in a space shuttle flight scheduled for the fall.

Students agreed the tragedy could not be attributed to reports that the flight possibly had been rushed.

Rosalyn Johnson, an advertising freshman, said NASA was "being awful careful," referring to the nu-

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merous delays the shuttle had undergone during the last few days.

"Nobody could have foreseen the explosion," Wagner said.

Karen Bradford, a fourth-year pharmacy student, said NASA "wouldn't have done it (the mission) if anything had seemed wrong."

Fehr said the accident probably "wasn't (due to) negligence."

Lambeth said NASA should conduct a "thorough investigation" to assure civilians that there is a significant "margin of safety" in the space shuttle program.

"They (the astronauts) knew there were risks," Bradford said.

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Students gather around a television in the Student Center yesterday after the shuttle Challenger exploded early in its flight.

Vice president refuses to answer to committee

By JAY BLANTON
Staff Writer

SGA Senior Vice President Neal Hardesty has refused to answer procedural questions concerning his conduct as Student Government Association senate chairman.

Hardesty was questioned about his actions at an operations & evaluations committee meeting last Wednesday. At that time Hardesty refused to comment because he said he did not know the names of the meeting. He said he would only answer the questions in written form.

The committee then decided to present a written copy of the questions to Hardesty. He was supposed to turn in his written reply to committee Chairwoman Kathy Ashcraft Jan 26. Hardesty, instead, chose not to answer the questions.

In a letter to Ashcraft, Hardesty said he would not answer the questions because he considered them to be "not simple inquiries but charges

being brought against myself over the performance of my office as senior vice president." He added the "proper channel for charges against any member of the SGA is directly through the Judicial Board and not a standing committee."

Hardesty also submitted to Ashcraft a list of violations he said Ashcraft had committed as committee chairwoman. One of the alleged violations states that the operations & evaluations committee has judged officers instead of programs. Ashcraft, however, said "the senate is itself a program" — in fact, "the most important program."

Ashcraft said it was "immature" of Hardesty to "counter-charge" instead of answering the questions. "He refused to answer the questions after agreeing he would."

Two attempts to phone Hardesty for comment were unsuccessful by press time.

Ashcraft said that, unlike Hardesty, she will answer the questions.

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INSIDE

A light tone and gore that dares to be funny help "F/X" succeed. For a review of the new action-adventure film, see **DIVERSIONS**, Page 2.

The 12th-ranked LSU Lady Tigers beat the Lady Kats last night in Memorial Coliseum, 76-63. For the story, see **SPORTS**, Page 6.

WEATH

A 40 percent chance of light snow is expected today with a high in the lower to mid 30s. Partly cloudy skies are expected tonight with a low around 20. Mostly sunny skies are expected tomorrow with a high from 30 to 35.

All-Stater to play football for UK

The Associated Press

CADIZ, Ky. — Trigg County running back Al Baker, a two-time All-State selection, announced yesterday that he will play his college football at UK.

The 6-foot-2, 225-pound Baker is considered one of the best football players to ever come out of western Kentucky. He had narrowed his choices down to Ohio State, Florida, Tennessee and Louisville before making his announcement at a news conference at the high school.

"My reasons for choosing UK are that my parents wanted me to attend that school and it's close to home," Baker said. "I feel like a degree from the University of Kentucky will help me more in Kentucky than any of the others."

"When I visited the other colleges, I felt the most comfortable at UK."

Keyed on by opponents last season, Baker gained only 1,338 yards his senior year on 265 carries and scored 12 touchdowns. For his career, he gained 5,350 yards in 740 carries.

Claiborne is limited by NCAA rules on the statements he can make until Baker signs on Feb. 12, the next day high school football players are allowed to sign college commitments.

Baker said he was relieved to make the decision and "was getting tired of the phone calls."

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Fire Department delays investigation

Staff reports

The Lexington Fire Department's attempt to compile a list of houses that have been converted into apartments was delayed Monday because of inclement weather.

The investigation, which continued yesterday, focuses on East and West Maxwell streets, an area where many UK students live.

prompted by a fire that broke out at 207 E. Maxwell St. more than two weeks ago and resulted in the death of a 5-year-old boy.

The survey revealed that 17 of 23 houses in the area have been converted into apartments, said Earl R. McDaniel, fire chief of the Lexington Fire Department.

McDaniel said the investigation is not complete but should be finished by the end of the week.

"We are just compiling a list of the findings and we will get back to (the owners) to work out a program for their apartments . . . as soon as possible," he said.

The investigation, which was scheduled to begin Monday morning, was halted after five houses had been surveyed.

"We started and cut it off," McDaniel said. "We didn't get to too many (houses), only four or five."

DIVERSIONS

Though a typical adventure, 'F/X' definitely worth seeing

By LYNN CARLISLE
Assistant Arts Editor

The difference between men and boys is the price of their toys.
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Question: "When you're a grown man who still wants to play make-believe what do you do?" Answer: Become a special effects artist.

That's what Rolie Tyler did, creating cinematic illusions for such classics as "Killer Smoke" and "I Dismember Mama."

And he's good. So good, in fact, that the Justice Department hires him to take the murder of Mafia chief Martin Nicholas DeFranco, who is about to blow the lid off the black market with his testimony.

And that's where we walk in with "F/X," an Orion picture shown Monday night in Worsham Theater as part of the "College Sneak Pre-

view Series," compliments of the Student Activities Board and Pepsi-Cola.

But a smooth "murder" would have made a boring movie, so a few twists are added and suddenly Rolie finds that the "cops" he's working for are chasing him.

Bryan Brown ("The Thorn Birds") is the Australian Rolie, bringing a true-to-life accent to his gore-creating character who uses his illusions against his foes, slipping through their machine-gun-clenched fingers numerous times.

Ellen Keith (Diane Venora) is Rolie's buxant actress girlfriend who brings an energetic spontaneity to the screen. Unfortunately we don't see enough of her and too much of Andy (Martha Gehman), the girl Rolie works with.

Brian Dennehy (the chief alien in "Cocoon") is Leo, a tough cop with a grudge against DeFranco. Though

REVIEW

his character is a familiar one (big cop who knows the truth) Dennehy is not only convincing but draws sympathy from the audience. As Lt. Murdoch, Trey Wilson takes over Leo's case and plays a top-notch ass—even the captain says so.

Justice Department employee Martin Lipton and the innocent-faced Colonel Mason hire Rolie to do the cover-up (\$30,000 tax-free), but it turns out they paid a higher price for their "toys" and they're willing to spill real blood.

Though it's not too hard to second guess some of the plot twists in "F/X," the film does manage to come up with a few small details which separate it from the average adventure flick. In addition, watch-



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Tough cop Brian Dennehy (left) threatens Trey Wilson in "F/X."

ing the creation of special effects is interesting.

Perhaps the biggest plus of "F/X" is that several times director Robert Mandel allows the gore to be funny. Many times the UK crowd laughed out loud at scenes that would have been serious in any other movie.

Mandel wisely left the tone light for the majority of the movie, which is perhaps the reason it succeeds.

The confusion between reality and illusion often becomes muddled, particularly from Rolie's view. But the bad guys lose, which isn't surprising. Sometimes the price of toys is just too high.

Boss garners AMA awards

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Here is a list of winners of the 13th annual American Music Awards presented Monday:

Pop-rock
Female vocalist: Tina Turner.
Male vocalist: Bruce Springsteen.
Duo-Group: Chicago.
Single: "The Power of Love" (Huey Lewis and the News).
Album: Born in the USA (Bruce Springsteen).
Male video: Bruce Springsteen.
Female video: Pat Benatar.
Video duo-group: Wham!
Video single: "The Power of Love" (Huey Lewis and the News).

Soul-rhythm-and-blues
Female vocalist: Aretha Franklin.
Male vocalist: Stevie Wonder.
Duo-Group: Kool and the Gang.
Single: "You Give Good Love" (Whitney Houston).
Album: Emergency (Kool and the Gang).

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Francis R. Scobee, 46, pilot Michael J. Smith, 40; Judith Resnik, 36; Ronald E. McNair, 35; Ellison S. Onizuka, 39; and Gregory B. Jarvis, 41.

"I regret that I have to report that based on very preliminary searches of the ocean where the Challenger impacted this morning, these searches have not revealed any evidence that the crew of Challenger survived," Moore, NASA associate administrator, told a mid-afternoon news conference.

Col. John Shultz, director of Defense Department contingency operations here, said a search armada of helicopters, ships and planes had spotted several pieces of debris floating in the Atlantic.

"I guess we always knew there would be a day like this," said Glenn. A congressional investigation was immediately announced, but many lawmakers were quick to express support for the nation's manned space effort.

New Hampshire schoolchildren, drawn to this launch because of the presence of McAuliffe, the first "common citizen" chosen to make a space flight, screamed and fought back tears. Americans everywhere watched in disbelief as television networks replayed the shuttle explosion.

Lost along with the \$1.2 billion spacecraft were a \$100-million satellite that was to have become an important part of NASA's space-based shuttle communications network and a smaller \$10 million payload that was to have studied Halley's comet.

It was the second disaster to strike NASA's pioneering space program. In January 1967 astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Ed-

ward White and Roger Chaffee burned to death while preparing for an Apollo flight when a fire destroyed their capsule during a training drill.

Four Soviet cosmonauts have died in space accidents — one in 1967 and three in 1971.

Challenger's final seconds went like this: "Go at throttle up," flight directors told Challenger's crew, noting the ship had achieved full engine power. "Roger, go at throttle up," said Mike Smith, the pilot.

Seconds later, an explosion followed by the devastating fireball. At Mission Control, there was silence.

Not a word was heard from the five men and two women aboard the ship.

"Obviously a major malfunction," was the first word from NASA, following seconds of agonized silence.

Challenger fell in pieces about 18 miles from the launch pad. Debris was so heavy that for several minutes NASA directed rescue craft to stay out of the area.

The launch was to be the second of 15 this year — by far the most ambitious schedule in NASA's four-year-plus shuttle program. Garn said the obvious — that operations must be frozen for as long as it takes NASA to investigate and understand what went wrong.

Challenger, the second of the agency's four ships to fly, was making its 10th flight, more than any of the other shuttles. Its destruction leaves a fleet of just three shuttles and a program in considerable uncertainty.

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spread. The Rev. James David Ford, the House chaplain, rose and asked that "at this special moment, let us remember in silent prayer" the seven shuttle crew members who died in the explosion.

"Terrible thing, terrible thing," said Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., who left the floor, shaking his head, and retired to his chambered office across the hall.

The Senate met at 2 o'clock for a round of prayers and tributes to the fallen space heroes. A little more than an hour later, the House voted to adjourn as a

"mark of respect to the memory of the valiant crew members."

Rep. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., who returned to the Capitol recently from a space shuttle flight of his own in early January, was watching the Challenger launching with staff aides in his office, whose walls are decorated with color photographs of past launches and of the crew on Nelson's flight.

"It was really just dead silence in the room," said Nelson spokesman David Dickerson. "Frankly, no one said a word. The TV spoke for itself. There was not much to say."

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Readings dramatize works of Dickens

By EVELYN LESTER
 Contributing Writer

People who are intrigued by the warmth, color and realism of a Dickens' novel can get a live taste of his style at a reading today by a British scholar and actor.

Philip Collins will combine his literary knowledge and performing ability to present "A Twinkle in the Narratorial Eye: Dickens, Thackeray and Eliot" at 2 p.m. in the North Gallery of M.I. King Library.

During the lecture-performance, which is sponsored by the English

College, Collins will make an examination of the narrative voices in the works of Charles Dickens, George Eliot and W.M. Thackeray.

To illustrate his presentation, Collins will perform dramatic readings from selected passages of the three authors' works.

Joseph Gardner, associate professor of English, describes Collins as "one of the most distinguished Victorian scholars in the world and also a very distinguished actor."

Gardner said he wrote to Collins inviting him to the University after he learned that the scholar would be in the United States.

Collins is currently on a six-week tour of college campuses throughout the United States. He has given lectures and recitations at 120 universities worldwide and currently serves as emeritus professor of English at the University of Leicester in England.

Collins is former president of the Dickens Fellowship and the Dickens Society, Gardner, who is also a member of both groups, described the fellowship as a worldwide organization made up of "people who love Dickens" and the society as an American group of Dickens scholars.

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Pastor to present religious slide show tonight

By BETH LAWSON
 Staff Writer

Armageddon, the Beast and "666" will be the main topics during a slide show presented by Dan Goering, pastor from Champaign, Ill., tonight on "Mankind on the Brink."

Questions such as "What does it all mean?" "When will it happen?" and "Will you be ready?" will be answered during the one-hour multimedia presentation on biblical

prophecy and man's destiny at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Theater.

Goering will be citing passages from the Bible throughout the presentation, and will back up them up with facts and statistics, said Darryl Phillips, a staff member of Great Commission Students.

GCS, the sponsor of the event, is an informal student organization that "wants to make Christ known," Phillips said.

The show will note "future prophecies that will be taking place that we should be looking for and those that have already taken place," he said.

Phillips said GCS hopes "to expose people who want to understand the Bible better and for those who have never taken the Bible seriously."

The main objective of the presentation is "to show how some biblical prophecies relate to today" through

the use of examples, said Michael Kearns, also a staff member of GCS.

Phillips said GCS feels that the slide show is something that can get the message across to a large scale of people.

Goering has been touring colleges in the Midwest and just finished his two-night showing at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, UK and EKU worked together to bring the pastor to the area.

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and there "definitely will be a lapse" between this tragedy and the next flight, but there will "always be people who will still want to go" on the shuttle.

Although Feir thinks the next flight should not be canceled because of yesterday's tragedy, Johnson said "NASA will take more precautions" due to pressure from the public.

NASA will probably learn from the disaster and "keep going," Wagner said.

Lambeth compared the Challenger's explosion to the fire on the launchpad of the Apollo 1 in 1967 that killed three astronauts, noting that "changes were made" after "his."

"It's a shame (that) it's a tragedy that makes people realize they need more research for a project" such as the space shuttle, said Terrie Woodridge, a journalism sophomore.

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She added "Hardesty did not ask the other chairmen these questions. ... I have the best record of any of them."

She said Hardesty's refusal to answer the committee's questions leaves them "no other alternative

than to go to an authority that cannot be ignored."

The operations & evaluations committee will meet tonight at 6 in the Student Organization Center to decide which charges the committee should bring to the Judicial Board.

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Administration can avoid overcrowding once it's reminded

Monday we were given proof that the system works. The University will rectify institutional wrongs — once it's made aware of them.

This time it took nearly a decade and an article in the *Kentucky Kernel* before the administration became aware of a flaw in its academic program.

For nine years, Pharmacy 222 — Drugs, Medicine and Society — has been packing students in, literally. At the beginning of the semester 450 students filled the 300 seats in 106 Classroom Building and overflowed into the aisles, doorways and halls.

Monday, however, University officials moved the class to Memorial Hall, where there is more than adequate seating available for the 417 students currently enrolled in the class. Next year R. David Cobb, the class's instructor, will return to the Classroom Building but keep his enrollment at the 300 limit.

Cobb, an associate professor of pharmacy, said he allowed class enrollment to exceed capacity because of the need for students to be exposed to a drug education course. His opinion was good in theory but didn't work so well in practice.

Although only about 60 percent of students enrolled in an elective course attend, this is not a sound basis for exceeding the classroom capacity. Even the student who infrequently attends class is entitled to a seat.

The importance of being educated about drugs does not outweigh the hardships students must endure in an overcrowded class. Not only did the size of the class pose a possible fire hazard, but it inconvenienced the students unnecessarily.

Students pay to attend classes, where they expect to get a seat; they don't expect to sit on the floor, where it is uncomfortable, difficult to take notes, difficult to see and — in the case of bad weather — messy.

In the future, the more than capacity-crowd in Pharmacy 222 can easily be limited by following normal University policy. Uppercase men have priority when registering for classes. About three-fourths of Cobb's class, however, are sophomores.

By following normal University procedure, the overcrowding problem would be solved. Perhaps the attention this one example has received will assure that the bureaucratic process works on its own next time.

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History can illumine current events

I want to thank Robert Keith for sounding off in the Jan. 23 *Kentucky Kernel*. I doubt he is the only person on campus who needs to understand why history is a requirement, but at least he had the courage to display his lack of understanding through something other than a poor exam.

My history students seldom voiced their complaints, which ensured that I would be unable to help solve their problems (and mine). The statement "history... doesn't apply to us much today" shows a misunderstanding that is probably widespread. History applies to all of us. If you ask for a loan, your credit history is examined. The doctor looks at your medical history. Future historians may even quote Mr. Keith's statement as an example of political apathy on campuses during the 1980s.

Most of us think we have no importance outside our circle of friends, co-workers and relatives, and many feel that history is something that goes on outside this little circle.

As an example of a fellow insignificant individual, I am reminded of a teen-ager who dropped out of school — he didn't like his teachers — and lived off his mother while reading, drawing and regarding the world with much contempt. He couldn't hold a job and became a bum. Does this sound like somebody you know? Later, he caused so much trouble that millions of people, including some who swam in the Cumberland River during the Depression, were sent to stop him. Millions died before they succeeded. The bum's name was Adolf Hitler.

Guest OPINION

Mr. Keith is concerned about world hunger. An understanding of history might give him an idea of what to do about it. Normally, after a famine runs its course, which also involves epidemics, wars and revolutions, a population is reduced or reorganized enough to allow adequate food for the survivors.

The shipment of food to famine-stricken areas is nothing new though; the ancient Romans did it. They ran into problems just as we have. History might show us what to expect, especially if the problems and solutions turn out to be similar to what the Romans experienced. And though we presently have a lot of technology unknown to the Romans, human psychology seems not to have changed since the beginning of recorded history.

Mr. Keith asked, "What about the Russians?" Is there something I could do to make them like us more? Daniel Rowland teaches Russian history and can tell anybody quite a lot about what Russians like. I am pretty sure, though, that the Soviets would like us much better if we were to keep quiet about human rights violations, Afghanistan and their half of the arms race.

And don't look too closely at the methods the Soviets have used to



Super Bowl suffers from feminine influx

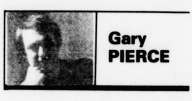
Nothing is sacred anymore, not even the Super Bowl.

It wasn't all that long ago when the pro-football playoff season made part-time widows out of American women. Ever since a movie called "Heidi" interrupted the frenzied final 50 seconds of a critical Jets-Colls game, men and women have spent Sunday afternoons fighting for control of the channel selector.

But times change, and as surely as the Super Bowl has come to stand for all that's mismatched, boring and over-hyped in football, women have now become part-time football fans.

Maybe the trend started some-where back around the time Joe Namath posed in party hose for a television commercial. Or maybe it has something to do with the way women have come out of the closet about their admiration for beefcake.

Or maybe it's just because the Super Bowl's media buildup finally battered down their mental blocks against the game. Who knows? All that's clear is that women are tuning in to the game in growing numbers, so much so that NBC execs speculated that if last Sunday's game had stayed closed, it could have grabbed TV's largest viewing audience ever.



Gary PIERCE

Fat chance, as it turned out, since the team with the longer-running video took the game by an even wider margin than they won MTV's Friday Night Video Fights. In fact, TV coverage of Super Bowl XX was splashy enough to have been produced by the trendy folks at MTV. What with all the designer play-by-play graphics — the "S" on the word "Bears" trailing off to trace a running back's projected trip down field as the slow-mo replay begins, to take one patently abhorrent example — Martha Quinn and J.J. Jackson would have seemed right at home mouthing off in the broadcast booth.

Conspiracy-minded men have long suspected that the proliferation of detailed graphics during games would be football's downfall. Think about it. Who needs graphics showing where which linebacker made which block that bought the quarterback a couple of extra seconds to throw?

If you're watching closely enough, you caught it the first time. And who doesn't watch that closely? Women, that's who, 'cause they're too busy talking about what the quarterback's wife wore to the game to care what's happening on the field until a replay tells them it was important.

And since the research-crazed media moguls know that women are watching more and more football, the screen is littered with more redundant graphics. Of course, you didn't need media research to figure out that women were expected to tune in to Sunday's game. All you needed was to hear a roomful of coeds squeal every time the "Super Bowl Shuffle" video hit the screen for the last two weeks.

And Super Bowl XX was made to order for the female audience. First there was trumpeter Wynton Marsalis' play-it-safe-and-pretty rendition of the national anthem. Then the coin-loss ceremony, featuring past Super Bowl MVP's, during which comely pretty-boy Namath's appearance elicited shrill cries of delight while do-it-all quarterback Roger Staubach got only a polite and distinctly masculine round of applause.

And finally there was the game itself, a laughter after the first eight minutes, leaving plenty of time for

Super Bowl party chat about everything except football, not to mention plenty of time for shots of Jim McMahon's headbands.

Let's see a show of hands, guys. Remember the days of "honey spots," when nearly every break in the action featured a close-up of some anonymously gorgeous cheerleader and her bouncing pom-poms?

Now there was something to talk about until the game got interesting. These days you're lucky to catch any honey spots even in the commercials, since advertisers are so worried about offending their new-found female audience.

Oh, well. The good old days never last forever. Besides, the unisexification of the Super Bowl should probably be seen as yet another stumbling step toward a truce in the battle of the sexes. Trouble is, if men and women gradually come to like more and more of the same things, the battle of the sexes might eventually become as dull as most Super Bowls.

And then what will we argue about on Sunday afternoons?

Arts Editor Gary Pierce is an English graduate student and a *Kernel* columnist.

Legislature makes us proud with pledge

The life of an aspiring writer is filled with crumpled sheets of paper, sleepless nights and nagging editors. You cannot begin to comprehend how many hours of pain I've spent trying to write a pledge of allegiance for the state of Kentucky.

On Jan. 17, the Kentucky House State Government Committee approved House Bill 58. The bill, sponsored by Lexington Democrats Ernesto Scorsone and Louis Mack, will adopt an official pledge of allegiance to the state flag.

Well it certainly is refreshing to see that Kentucky has enough spare time to address such pertinent issues.

deal with famines, because you might notice that the most effective solutions were importing grain from capitalist countries and allowing farmers to cultivate small plots for personal profit. Remarkable on that will not make them like us any better. There are reports, however, that hunger in Mozambique has decreased since private farming has been allowed.

A course on how to pay rent while attending college would be offered by the Business & Economics College, not history. But history does show that this was a problem in ancient Greece. Students throughout the ages have had the same problems. History can show how they managed, or didn't.

Does terrorism worry you enough to make you want to know something about it? Ask us about the cult of the assassins, which may have been the most successful terrorist organization in history. Its headquarters was in present-day Iran, incidentally. Or ask about the anarchists of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, whose victims included an American president. Did you know that the first war the United States fought was against hijackers in North Africa, including present-day Libya?

But I don't suppose you care. After all, it's history.

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Contributing COLUMNIST

uses. Thank God they aren't letting any more states jump ahead of us in the line to the Pledge Printing Presses. So far only seven other states have pledged to their state flags already.

Not only is pledge adoption as trendy as Tofu, it's economical too. The pledge "costs" no money to taxpayers and could be a good teaching tool for upcoming generations," said George Kelly, the father of this idea. Of course the hours the state representatives and senators spend on this issue is free. None of them expect to be paid for their time. Doubtful.

The pledge under consideration reads: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Standing high, and flowing free, standing for justice and liberty."

"United we stand, divided we fall. God grant us peace, justice and freedom for all."

Think of all those poor little kids that are going to have to memorize this thing for their entire grade-school career.

Susan Smallwood, now 17, wrote this work of art five years ago when she was only 12 years old. Smallwood was in seventh grade at the time and wrote the pledge as an assignment. "It only took me 15 minutes to write it," she said in the *Lexington Herald Leader*. Ms. Smallwood also won a \$500 U.S. savings bond in the contest which chose her poem to be the state pledge can-

didate. That's \$500 for 15 minutes work. Get up Susan!

My God, what I wouldn't do to be in her place. Think about it, I would have the opportunity to make the senators and representatives of this state look like fools. Can you imagine looking back on what you accomplished in January and having such an important act as a pledge of allegiance to refer to?

Since the state legislature has so much time to spend on important issues, I'd like to suggest a few extras. The first item on my list, entitled "The List of Bills," is about twins. It should be illegal for identical twins to dress alike after the age of five. At least once a week I see a set of teen-age or adult twins dressed alike.

The second item on my list is the ever-present Chicken dinner in the Blazer Trail on Sundays. This is both irritating and unhealthy. Every Sunday I get to look forward to a fried chicken dinner. It should be against the law to serve chicken more than once every two weeks.

The third item is a big one. Foreign teachers are very difficult to understand. I actually had a teacher last semester who pronounced the apartheid movement as the "ape-tite movement," and a variable was a "bearable." It should be a law that foreign teachers are required to speak fluent English.

"The Constituent's List," a rival of my list, has a bunch of really stupid ideas in it. A bunch of cry-baby puzzles we constituents always complain about. The problem is we com-

plain to the wrong people, don't yell at your dog, your kids, your wife or your mother. Instead give your representatives a call and ask them what they are doing to solve the Nicholasville Road rush hour problem.

Tell them about your concern for the fate of our Kentucky tobacco farmers. Inquire as to the ACTION being taken on the higher education plan. Sure you have heard a lot about it, but what can you say has actually been accomplished? If you're embarrassed and don't want to call, I understand. Those are some of the stupidest things the state could ever waste its time on; they'd probably laugh you off the phone.

But if you are an outspoken person, and you care about what your elected officials are doing in government then you can call them at 800-372-7181 and whine away.

Both lists go on and on. Of course we can't expect the legislature to handle the constituent's list until the important issues, like the pledge of allegiance and the Chicken laws, are out of the way. The sad thing about this whole pledge deal is the time wasted on lobbying it, discussing it and voting on it.

Maybe Gov. Martha Layne Collins can figure this into her higher education plan. She can teach the legislature how not to waste time and money. And in the next election we can figure out how to elect some higher educated persons to office.

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BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

SPECTRUM

Staff and AP reports

Beshear orders period of mourning

FRANKFORT — Flags atop the state Capitol and on all other state property will fly at half staff in honor of the seven crew members who died in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear ordered yesterday.

Beshear, who is acting governor during Gov. Martha Layne Collins' trip to Japan, also ordered a period of state mourning.

Both chambers of the Kentucky General Assembly adopted resolutions honoring the astronauts and had a minute of silence in their honor.

The resolutions expressed the lawmakers' "utter and most profound sense of loss and bereavement" over the loss of Challenger and its crew.

The state's "heartfelt sympathy and condolences" to the crew's families and a copy of the resolution were being forwarded to NASA.

"This is just a small way we can show our appreciation to those pioneers," said Senate Majority Floor Leader Joe Wright.

Black schoolchildren end boycott

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Black students ended two years of school boycotts yesterday and streamed back to classes to prepare for the new academic year on the strength of a pact parents reached with the white-led government.

Attendance was heavy as schools reopened in urban centers including Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, where boycotts cut attendance for much of 1984 and 1985.

On some days in recent months, more than 200,000 black students boycotted classes out of 1.7 million enrolled in urban areas. The boycotts have been a central factor in 17 months of racial unrest that led to the deaths of more than 1,000 people, most of them blacks.

Outside a school in Johannesburg's huge black township of Soweto, police used tear gas to break up groups of chanting students, residents said. But there were no other reports of trouble, and the fragile accord appeared to have opened the door to normalizing the long-tormented black schools.

Catholic official demands pollwatchers

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines' top Roman Catholic church official yesterday demanded that independent pollwatchers be allowed to monitor next week's presidential election in an effort to prevent fraud.

The admonition from Manila Cardinal Jaime Sin came as President Ferdinand E. Marcos campaigned on the island of Mindanao and opposition candidate Corason Aquino stumped in towns south of Manila.

"In my capacity as archbishop of Manila, I demand that what NAMFREL (National Movement for Free Elections) is asking should be given," Sin said.

NAMFREL chairman Jose Concepcion said Sin, among other things, was referring to demands that the group be allowed to conduct its own "quick count" of returns from the Feb. 7 election.

Fourteen people have been killed in election-related incidents in the month-old presidential campaign.

Professor discusses Taiwan schools

By BOBBI WOLOCH
Contributing Writer

In Taiwan, children between three and six years old are trained to conform.

"In Chinese society there's a very great emphasis on being part of a group," Lisa Barclay, associate professor of family studies, said last night during a lecture titled "Early Childhood Education in Taiwan" in 230 Student Center Addition.

Family, school and work place are some of the institutions which determine an individual's identity. Barclay told a group of about 50 who attended the lecture sponsored by the Council on Aging.

"It's unthinkable to the Chinese to think of themselves as individuals, apart from all these groups that he or she is a part of," Barclay said.

"All training, particularly the training of children, is done with the goal of making the individual conform to and identify with that group.

"When the children try to play individually, as many of our American children do in preschools and kindergarten, there's a good deal of pressure to return, to participate in group activities," she said.

Barclay, who was visiting professor at the National Taiwan Normal University in 1983, said respect for authority is a rule which is well adhered to in Taiwan.

"Obedience to the teacher is a very important part of early childhood education, in fact, all education in Taiwan," she said.

Another significant concept, said Barclay, is that of "face."

"Face involves a person's reputation, and it's based on material circumstances and much more on personal ones. You lose face if you leave yourself open to be talked about by others.

"Because a child is part of a group, if he loses face, not only does that child lose face," Barclay said, "the whole class loses face."

An interesting characteristic of Chinese preschools, Barclay added, is that their art work in classrooms is "cluttered designs and details, unlike American children of that age," which may be due to the fact they live in an extremely crowded environment.

Also unlike American children, Chinese students are in school from 8 a.m. until about 5 p.m. Because a great deal of pressure is centered on high achievement and attending a university, Barclay said, "many of them attend cram sessions in the evening as well."

When a student passes the requirements to attend a university, the government chooses which one he will attend, she said.

Barclay said some of Taiwan's educating methods are good, "such as the emphasis on achievement and strong academics," but the constant pushing is not.

"As a former kindergarten teacher, I was intrigued with the art work," said Roberta James, assistant director for the Council on Aging. But the pressure these children face, she added, "is utterly ridiculous."

"We have different cultures," said Lillian Ruckel, chairman of the council. "It fits their style of living, their culture."

Bert Nelli will give a lecture titled "The Winning Tradition Lives On," at the council's next meeting tomorrow in 230 Student Center Addition.

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SPORTS

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Lady Kats downed by LSU, 76-63

By JASON WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Coming off a big win against arch-rival Tennessee, the Lady Kat basketball team might have been expected to be ready for another tough test in 12th-ranked Louisiana State.

Instead, the Kats were only ready to get beat 76-63 last night in Memorial Coliseum. UK fell to 11-7 overall and 1-3 in the Southeastern Conference. LSU is 16-3 and 4-2.

"We had half our team fired up," said UK coach Terry Hall. "The other half we didn't. Some of our players were complaining about the officiating or fouling out of frustration."

The Kats had plenty to be frustrated about. Their halfcourt game, which is primarily designed to get the ball inside to center Debbie Miller, was repeatedly broken up.

"We did not do a good job executing the whole game," Hall said. "Why, I don't know, but we didn't."

LSU cashed in on its defense with fastbreak layups, and the Kats cashed in their chips.

The Lady Tigers' first big run was at the start of the game as they jumped out to a 12-point lead. After Hall called her second timeout midway through the first half, however, things settled down for UK and LSU center Alisha Jones.

At that point in the game, Jones, who scored 12 of her 14 points in the first half, began to miss her shots.

The Tigers led 36-34 at halftime. UK opened the second half with a 2-3 zone and LSU opened up a 13-point lead.

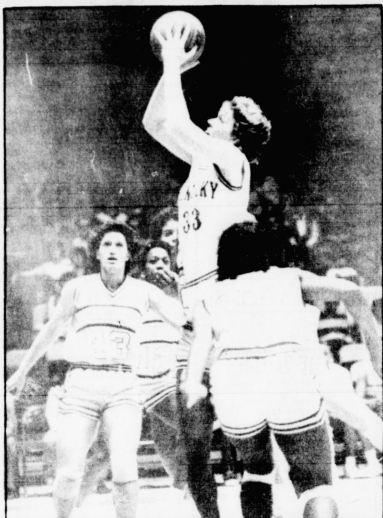
"I don't think the 2-3 zone hurt us," Hall said. "It was their fast-break layups."

The Tigers had their share of those thanks to their quick-handed defense, and Kentucky looked like a beater team.

"They just kind of gave up for five minutes," Hall said. "I told them in the timeout, 'You can't quit.'"

The Kats did find some life, but they could get no closer than 10 points while the Tigers led by as many as 16.

LSU was coming off a big loss to



Lady Kat Debbie Miller goes up for a shot in the lane in UK's 76-63 loss to Louisiana State last night.

Auburn, which Tiger coach Sue Gunter said helped motivate her team.

"We had to play well to win," she said. "We had just gotten blown out and Kentucky had played unbelievably against Tennessee. Sometimes it just plays mind games."

Gunter said defense and shutting down UK's running game were the keys to winning, and they were successful in both areas.

The defense was best shown in the Tigers' ability to pick off the passes intended for Miller.

"We just made some ridiculous passes," Hall said. "They were standing there just denying the ball and they'd just grab the pass. You don't have to be a defensive star to get it."

Forwards Leslie Nichols and Karen Mosley led UK with 14 points each.

Player	fg	ft	tr	rb	a	pf	tp
Branch	5	13	3	4	7	5	2
Burns	9	13	4	6	2	5	22
Jones	6	12	2	2	6	1	4
Linder	1	1	2	4	0	1	3
Randall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randall	4	10	4	7	3	12	
Thornson	4	9	4	11	4	12	
Totals	29	58	18	22	44	18	15

Player	fg	ft	tr	rb	a	pf	tp
Nichols	7	15	0	3	2	4	14
Mosley	7	11	0	0	6	3	14
D. Miller	2	6	0	1	2	2	4
Harding	4	10	2	2	7	4	10
Whitaker	4	9	2	2	1	0	10
Skram	1	2	0	1	1	0	2
S. Miller	0	2	0	1	1	2	0
Hudgens	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Cole	4	11	3	7	2	4	8
Totals	29	66	5	8	26	20	63

Halftime — LSU 36, UK 34. Shooting percentages — LSU 50.0, UK 43.9. Turnovers — LSU 27, UK 19. Attendance — 1,800.

Sutton doubts LSU's vulnerability SEC leader Cats not overlooking illness-stricken Tigers

By WILLIE HIATT
Sports Editor

Imagine UK coach Eddie Sutton suggesting that LSU's bout with the chicken pox might be part of a "mind game" basketball coaches play.

After all, it's not like LSU's controversial coach Dale Brown is known for such antics. He just lowers Tiger mascots from the ceiling of Assembly Center with a rope or unveils Southeastern Conference championship banners before the clinching game is over.

And that's just what Sutton hinted at Monday.

Even before he knew the six LSU players under observation last weekend were cleared to play in tonight's game (8:05 p.m. tipoff), Sutton said LSU would come up with more players than the four then given the go-ahead.

"I don't know who is going to be there," Sutton said when asked if he was suggesting there was something underhanded about the reports. "What I indicated is I would not be surprised to see some of their other people in the game."

Sutton may not be a prophet, but soon after he said that, LSU assistant sports information director Ed Atlas said the tests for the six players turned up positive, and 10 Tigers will suit up for tonight's game.

However, even when the school considered playing with only four or five of its players, the Wildcats didn't take the Tigers lightly. Heading into the game with UK, LSU is 16-3 overall (9-0 at home) and 4-3 in the SEC.

"Believe me, with that starting lineup LSU would still be in the top three or four teams in the SEC talent-wise," Sutton said. "(Brown) has an outstanding ball club."

Two LSU players who won't play tonight are sophomore forward John

Williams (16.8 points, 8.3 rebounds per game) and freshman reserve Bernard Woods, both of whom will be hospitalized the remainder of the week and will possibly miss the rest of the season, Atlas said.

Also, the team's second-leading scorer, junior forward Nikita Wilson (13.1 ppg), lost an appeal to retain his academic eligibility last week and will not play the remainder of the season.

"Those two guys (Williams and Wilson) account for a big part of their offense and a big part of their defense," said UK forward Winston Bennett. "Anytime you play a good team like LSU, even if you are missing a few players, we just have to prepare for the game just like any other game."

LSU's probable starting lineup is center Jose Vargas (9.5 ppg), forwards Ricky Blanton (6.9 ppg) and

Don Redden (12.7 ppg), and guards Anthony Wilson (9.4 ppg) and Derrick Taylor (11.5 ppg).

UK, 7-1 in the conference and 16-2 overall, is coming off of a 74-57 win over Tennessee Saturday.

However, after tonight's game in Baton Rouge, the Cats play Auburn Friday night at Rupp Arena and North Carolina State Sunday in Raleigh. Besides, UK still has to play SEC opponents Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee on the road.

"That's one thing people don't understand," Sutton said. "We still have to go to some of the most difficult places to play. We won all three games last week but we could lose all three this week."

KENTUCKY KERNEL BASKETBALL TOP 20

Team (First-place votes)	Record	Points	Rebounds
1. North Carolina (13)	21-0	260	1
2. Memphis State	19-0	234	5
3. Georgia Tech.	16-2	227	3
4. Duke	17-2	224	2
5. Kansas	19-2	221	7
6. St. John's	19-2	178	8
7. Michigan	17-2	171	4
8. Oklahoma	18-1	161	6
8. Kentucky	16-2	161	10
10. Syracuse	15-2	144	9
11. Georgetown	15-3	135	11
12. UNLV	19-2	117	14
13. Notre Dame	12-3	98	15
14. Virginia Tech	16-3	78	19
15. Louisville	11-6	57	12
16. LSU	16-3	52	13
17. Indiana	13-4	48	—
18. Bradley	20-1	40	20
19. North Carolina State	14-5	27	—
20. UAB	18-5	23	16

Other receiving votes: Western Kentucky 21, Purdue 14, Illinois 11, Texas El Paso 11, Michigan State 4, Richmond 3, Alabama 2, Marquette 2, Maryland 1. For games through Jan. 26.

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