



Answers

'A' for effort

These are from test papers and essays submitted to science and health teachers by junior high, high school, and college students around the world. Remember these as you take that test in the next few weeks...

"When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe, you expire."

"H₂O is hot water, and CO₂ is cold water"

"When you smell an odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide"

"Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, veins and caterpillars."

"Blood flows down one leg and up the other."

"Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expecoration."

"The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deader."

"Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull."

"Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire."

"Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas."

"The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana."

"A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is."

"Germinate: To become a naturalized German."

"Litter: A nest of young puppies."

"Magnet: Something you find crawling all over a dead cat."

"Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away."

"Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives."

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LEGAL EAGLE

Law professor accepts invitation to be dean

Welcome to the Bluegrass: Washington and Lee University professor to assume top post in UK College of Law

By John Wampler
SPECIAL SECTIONS EDITOR

Allan Vestal, associate dean of Washington and Lee University's College of Law in Lexington, Va., has plans to change his residence to Lexington, Ky.

Vestal recently accepted UK's offer of the position of Dean of the College of Law, which was announced in a memorandum from Chancellor Elizabeth Zinser on

Wednesday, said Eugene Goetke, acting dean of UK's College of Law.

Vestal's appointment is conditional upon the decision of the Board of Trustees, but Goetke doesn't anticipate him being denied the position.

"He is, by all accounts, a popular and effective teacher at Washington and Lee," Goetke said.

The College of Law had been looking for a new dean for two years. Goetke said that it is not unusual among law schools to

spend more than a year searching for a new dean.

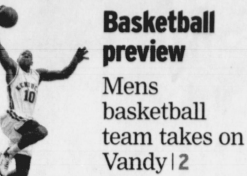
Vestal's energy and personality were factors that made him stand out when he was being interviewed for the position along with other potential candidates, Goetke said.

"People found him to be someone they thought would be good to work with and for," he said.

Vestal is equally excited to be given the opportunity to work with the individuals in the college.

"The UK College of Law has a very strong and well-known faculty," Vestal said.

But it is not only the reputation of



Basketball preview

Mens basketball team takes on Vandy 12

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New release: Nixon tapes



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Not a crook?

Richard Nixon boards a helicopter after resigning from the presidency on August 9, 1974. Nixon was the country's 37th president.

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Hear Richard Nixon like you've never heard him before.

On Friday, The National Archives will begin distributing cassettes of the president's once-secret tapes — at \$18 a pop.

Warning: The government has determined that these tapes contain language some people might find offensive.

For years, Americans have read transcripts of the Nixon tapes — salty language and all. Unless they traveled to the archives in College Park, Md., they couldn't listen to the tapes. Copying was prohibited. So, besides a few bootleg tapes illegally broadcast years ago and snippets of recordings played in court, the Nixon tapes have not been publicly aired.

Now, 26 years after Nixon resigned, the public will hear Nixon's baritone voice on television and radio. Students will listen to him in class. Historians, Nixon buffs, journalists and writers around the nation will play and report their own Nixon tapes at home, or

maybe in the car.

They'll hear the famous "smoking gun" conversation about Watergate that led to Nixon's resignation. They'll listen to the infamous tape erasure — a full 18 1/2 minutes of buzzes and clicks. They'll hear the chat between Nixon and former White House counsel John Dean, who tells the president, "We have a cancer — within — close to the presidency that's growing."

"I certainly think the American public has a right to hear this material. Those tapes are what resulted in Richard Nixon resigning from office. And while they know the content, they really sound much different than they read," said Dean, now an investment banker in Beverly Hills, Calif.

"Nixon kinda growls," he said.

Dean's voice also can be heard on tape.

"Obviously, there's some stuff on there that I find embarrassing with hindsight," said Dean, who was in his 30s during Watergate. "I was young, awed by the presidency for a long time, and I would approach it much differently to-day than I did back then."

Watergate's missing minutes

New technology might provide clues as to what is on an 18 1/2 minute gap on a tape recorded by President Nixon days after the Watergate break-in. The National Archives is considering the possibility of re-testing the tape.

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The original Nixon White House tape and recorder.

Old news is good news...

What tapes can be purchased?

Available are 264 hours of tapes. These include 12 1/2 hours played in court during Watergate criminal trials; 47 1/2 additional hours subpoenaed by the Watergate Special Prosecution Force; and 204 hours of "abuse of government power" tapes about the break-in, cover-up and wrongdoings by the White House.

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The tapes are available for \$18 for each 30-minute recording. The complete set is \$702. Transcripts, which are available for some tapes, finding aids and tape logs to help trace topics of conversation can be copied free off the National Archives web site www.nara.gov. Paper copies cost 50 cents a page.

FRIGID

Dead starlings result of cold

Campus life (or lack thereof): Death of birds unintentional, PPD says

By Kevin Griffin
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Common obstacles facing UK students in January include icy sidewalks, bitter temperatures, and freezing rain. Add dead birds to the list.

Several dead birds turned up (or down) around campus Wednesday and Thursday.

Greg Atkinson, a UK biology instructor, blamed the cold weather for the numerous dead birds on campus.

"Birds need a lot of food. When it gets very cold, they starve," he said.

Temperatures have been below freezing since Wednesday, with wind chills dropping to single digits. The National Weather Service predicted some of the worst weather of the season.

Dr. James Krupa, an assistant professor in the biology department at UK, elaborated.

"The dead birds I've seen have all been starlings, which have an extremely high metabolism," he said. "When it gets very cold, they can't get enough food to death in a very short period of time."

UK and Fayette County dismissed rumors of pest control.

UK routinely poisons birds as part of its "bird eradication" program, but the birds that died this week were not victims of bird control, said Physical Plant Division front office employee Bill Reesor.

"We work with the government and the [UK] Department of Agriculture, but we were not doing anything at this time," Reesor said. "The birds did not die directly [from poison]."

Ned Jennings, a spokesman for Fayette County's Department of General Services, confirmed the government does poison birds.

"We do use poison if mandated by citizen complaints," Jennings said.

UK's Physical Plant Division, which is responsible for removing any dead animals on campus, says that dead birds during winter are nothing new.

Reesor said UKPPD is aware of the problem and will dispose of the birds.

Psychology junior Jamie Buchanan spotted several dead birds in Sorority Row on Wednesday.

"I was taken aback. It's just not what you would expect to see on the way to class," he said.

THE SAGA OF SGA

Students gain better representation in selection of TA's

Glenn, Speaker accomplish campaign goal, hope to improve quality of teaching assistants by adding another voice

By Tracy Kershaw
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association has received approval to add a student to the international teaching assistant selection committee.

Increasing student involvement with the TA selection process was a campaign goal for SGA President Jimmy Glenn and Vice President Whitney Speaker.

"This is without a doubt the greatest accomplishment Student Government

has achieved so far this year," said Glenn.

Student complaints tuned Glenn and Speaker in to the problem.

"I feel that one of the students' greatest complaints in regard to the teaching quality at this university is not being able to communicate with or understand their international TA," said Julia Sander, executive director of academic affairs.

The Teaching and Learning Center gave SGA approval to add the student to the committee.

The SGA appointed student will join the current three-person committee, which includes representatives from the English as a Second Language program, the candidates' graduate program, as well as a student employee of the Teaching and Learning Center.

Jan Schach, director of the Teaching and Learning Center and associate dean of undergraduate studies, explained the international TA screening process.

"Basically, every international TA is required to undergo language testing. There are three tests which include teaching a 10 minute mock lecture, reading from a prepared script and handling a fictitious situation with the student representative," Schach said.

The mock situation with the student

allows the committee to see how well the candidate can converse in English, Schach said.

"Students who have had trouble communicating with an international TA are glad to have more power in the selection process."

"A lot of students were excited when we told them that students would have an increased voice in who would be teaching next semester," said SGA President Jimmy Glenn.

Whether the additional student will improve the selection process is difficult to predict.

"I frankly do not know if it will help. I think if it makes the student body more confident of the process, then it is worth adding the student," Schach said.

CATS VS. 'DORES

UK gets how-to on wins

Music City affair: UK heeds former NBA standout's words on winning before Vandy

By Matt Ellison
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

An interesting piece of paper was circulating around the UK locker room prior to Wednesday's 74-69 win over Ole Miss.

UK coaches distributed a copy of an interview with Isaiah Thomas, conducted by Indiana University beat writer Mike Grant. The piece included, among other things, what Thomas said to this year's IU squad during a pre-season visit.

"I spoke to them about winning and losing, and how it's not about how much talent you have. It's about playing together as a team," Thomas said in the interview.

At least one UK player took the words to heart.

"He (Thomas) said a lot of things about winning," Saul Smith said. "Winning doesn't just come to anyone who wants it. It's about who craves winning. Winning comes to those who go out there and get it done and work harder."

Smith called Thomas "my favorite player of all time."

One thing the team continues to work on is its shooting.

"We've been working pretty hard," Smith said of the Cats' perimeter shooting.

"With a young team, you struggle to keep them focused and into it. Players need to learn that their competition needs to raise their level of play."

"I think it was lack of focus," said Desmond Allison on his less-than-stellar, one-of-10 shooting. "We got a lead, and we just kind of stopped playing. The shots weren't falling."

One of the worst things the Cats can do right now, according to their coach, is to become hesitant, if they haven't gotten so already.

"I don't think we're gun-shy," Smith said.

"I keep telling them to shoot. The only way you're going to make it is when you shoot it."

"It is a bad thing to stop shooting," said Tayshaun Prince, who failed to convert on any of his four three-point attempts against Ole Miss.

"We need to keep trying to get in a rhythm. We had a really awful performance on the perimeter, but we just need to get past it."

Of course, there's always a way to make up for a poor shooting performance.

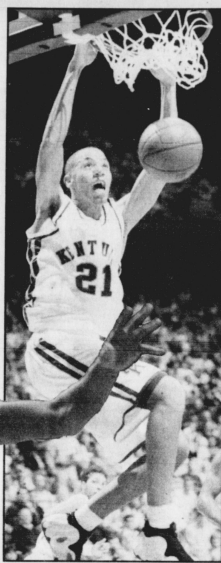
"We know defense is our backbone," Keith Bogans said. "As long as we have a great defense, the shots will start to fall."

UK now hits the road for a

three-game road swing, with a Saturday date against Vanderbilt in Nashville.

Looking past the Commodores, who upset Tennessee in Knoxville earlier in the season, Smith says, would be a lapse in judgement.

"I know we're going on the road for a stretch, but we're not looking past Vanderbilt," he said. "Playing against them in Nashville is tough, so based on the way we played tonight, we know that we have to improve between now and then."



Keith Bogans, left, is a true high-riser, a diaper-dandy, a skywalker. Look for him to give Vandy fits tomorrow in Nashville. Tayshaun Prince, above, helped hold Vandy's head cheese Dan Langhi to just 14 points (well below his plus-20 average) in the last showdown, when the Cats beat the Commodores by 20. UK will need more of the same defensive stoppage, for Vandy's Maryland Gym is known for spoiling grandeur plans of teams like the Big Blue.

FILE PHOTOS

Kernel's krystal ball: Staff's NCAA Basketball predictions for Jan. 22-26



Mr. Ellison

Last Week: 4-2 Overall: 4-2 (.666)

Kentucky at Vanderbilt: UK +9

Indiana at Purdue: Indiana +3

Ohio State at St. John's: St. John's +6

Duke at Wake Forest: Wake Forest +2

Maryland at North Carolina: UNC +4

Auburn at Tennessee: Auburn +5



Mr. May

Last Week: 3-3 Overall: 3-3 (.500)

Kentucky at Vanderbilt: Vandy +7

Indiana at Purdue: Indiana +15

Ohio State at St. John's: St. John's +4

Duke at Wake Forest: Duke +16

Maryland at North Carolina: UNC +8

Auburn at Tennessee: UT +9



Mr. Spaw

Last Week: 4-2 Overall: 4-2 (.666)

Kentucky at Vanderbilt: UK +8

Indiana at Purdue: Purdue +3

Ohio State at St. John's: St. John's +2

Duke at Wake Forest: Duke +7

Maryland at North Carolina: Maryland +4

Auburn at Tennessee: UT +5



Mr. Rosenthal

Last Week: 3-3 Overall: 3-3 (.500)

Kentucky at Vanderbilt: UK +2

Indiana at Purdue: Purdue +4 (OT)

Ohio State at St. John's: St. John's +4

Duke at Wake Forest: Duke +6

Maryland at North Carolina: Maryland +5

Auburn at Tennessee: Auburn +11

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MUSIC

Bach's vital organ

Ashley York
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When people think of UK, basketball, football and horses tend to come to mind. Despite these conceptions, UK has more to offer than just a good basketball team and fast horses.

In fact, Dr. Schuyler Robinson, organist and professor of music, said a hidden secret of UK lies within the Singletary Center for the Arts.

The organ in the Singletary Center stands as one of the best kept secrets in the region because not many people realize it is one of the most outstanding organs in five states.

"The 'secret' pipe organ is famous for its style, and interesting because Bach wrote music for this type of instrument," he said. "This organ is bigger than the one Bach played on."

This Sunday, Robinson and his colleagues in the school of music will unleash the secret of the organ at an All-Bach Faculty Organ Recital performed in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of legendary composer Johann Sebastian Bach's death.

Robinson said Bach was one of the greatest organists of all time.

"I try to include Bach in all primary recitals because he was the best composer for the organ who ever lived," he said. "This year is a landmark year, but every year is a Bach celebration year."

The concert will feature differing

styles and will include many of Bach's greatest works, Robinson said.

"Many of the songs have been heard in commercials and also used in movie soundtracks," Robinson said.

The organ is one of the oldest instruments, with roots in the eight century.

"The organ, before the Industrial Age, was the most complicated mechanism known to mankind," he said.

The recital consists entirely of faculty and Robinson said the performers see the recital as a chance to research.

"Playing a faculty recital is like someone writing an article or doing research in publication," he said.

A seasoned performer, Robinson has performed in solo recitals in Westminster Abbey, Washington National Cathedral, St. Paul Cathedral in London, England and also in Germany.

While performing in Germany, Robinson performed on an organ once graced by the presence of Bach and that still had the original pipe work.

Joan Shropshire, marketing director in the College of Fine Arts, said the faculty performs a recital every year.

"It's not to leave students out. When students get advanced degrees they perform a concert," Shropshire said.

Shropshire also commented on the school of music's successes, saying this event is one of the many events hosted by the department.

"The school of music is active and they do things all over, not just in Kentucky," she said.



The Buzz

All-Bach Faculty Recital

Sun. 4 p.m.

Singletary Center for the Arts

Free

Organist and UK professor Schuyler Robinson is one of the performers in the All-Bach Faculty Organ Recital, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the legendary composer's death.

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STRIPPERS

Attention Lexington: naked men dancing

Chippendales coming to town: The world famous dancers to bare it all in the Bluegrass

By Shauna Horn
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Residents of Lexington will have a new source for entertainment Monday and Tuesday night. Ratings for Ally McBeal, Time of Your Life and Intimate Portrait will plummet because the Chippendales are in town.

This week, Kamikazi's will host the all-male dance act, giving Lexington women a chance to fill their eyes with naked images of the opposite sex, a luxury local men have had for a long time.

Created in 1978, Chippendales became the world's first all-male, cabaret-style dance act. The name 'Chippendales' comes from an 18th century furniture maker named Thomas Chippendale, whose elegant and beautiful designs they

sought to emulate.

Some UK students view the event as comical.

"Is it going to be anything like the 'Saturday Night Live' skit with Patrick Swayze and Chris Farley?" asked Gwen McGolden, a merchandising senior. "I'd almost pay money for that kind of humor."

Student reactions vary from laughter to pringle.

"I think it is a good thing," said merchandising sophomore Kelli Mays. "In such a male-dominated society, the girls need something to make the guys feel the way we do when they go to strip clubs."

Most agree with the Chippendales' purpose.

"First I'd have to preview the show, but I don't think there's anything wrong with it," said Julie Metz, a marketing sophomore. "I'm

all for it." Some students agree, but said age restrictions will keep them from participating.

"I'd go, if I was 21," said Mandi Peak, an English sophomore.

Still, others have reservations about the show because of preconceived notions regarding female strip clubs.

"They're hot, but I don't really agree with female strip clubs for males either," said Amanda Gregg, an undeclared freshman. "But if my boyfriend didn't mind, I'd go."

While some students said going to the show would promote female strip clubs, others said they just didn't get into the "beefcake" look.

"I think it's kind of gross, but I'm more into the heroin-type look," said Amy Schwarz, an English junior. "Big, sweaty muscles just aren't my thing."

Brandon Knight, a philosophy graduate student, said he looks to the event with antici-

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tion and sees nothing wrong with male strippers.

"Maybe there's no real need for strippers, but if there are females, why not have males," he said. "I tried to convince my wife and mother-in-law to go."

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*Male Chorus Day, 3pm, Singletary Concert Hall

SPORTS
*UK Women's Basketball @ Vanderbilt, 3pm
*Kempo Self-defense Open House, 3:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call Jeremy at 258-2201 for info

Sunday 1/23

ALL TIMES
*Sunday Morning Worship, 11am, Christian Student Fellowship (502 Columbia Ave.)
*Catholic Mass at the Newman Center, 9am, 11:30am, 5pm, and 8:30pm

SPORTS
*UK Women's Basketball vs. Tennessee, 2pm, Memorial Coliseum

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Best of both worlds

Clubs carting around laws

FORT VALLEY, Ga. (AP) —

A nude dancing club has found a clever way to skirt a Peach County ordinance banning the sale of alcohol at such establishments. Customers pay a \$7 cover charge at the Neon Cowboy, which offers patrons an eye full of nude dancers, but no alcohol. If a patron wants a beer, he simply tells security. He is then whisked in a golf cart over 1,000 feet east to Boss Hawgs II Bikini Co., where waitresses are clad in bikinis but the beer flows freely. The golf cart ride is free and there's no cover charge at Boss Hawgs.

"We have a nice arrangement worked out here, and everybody's benefiting from it," Boss Hawgs' owner Romany Lawson said Tuesday.

Neon Cowboy opened in 1994 featuring nude dancers, beer and wine. Peach County soon enacted an ordinance making that illegal. The county and the club have been in court battles ever since.

Do the research

Baseball pretender discovered by children

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) —

Christopher Michael Camp was able to convince elementary school officials he was a pitcher for the Florida Marlins, but he struck out in front of the kids.

Camp told Hutchinson Beach Elementary School officials his name was Bill Jones and offered to bring his teammates to the school to talk to the school's third- and fifth-grade students.

When he showed up to the Jan. 7 assembly by himself and couldn't answer many youngsters' questions about professional baseball or the Marlins, administrators got suspicious.

"He seemed a little dense, but you know, that's not unusual with some ballplayers," principal Joel Armstrong said. Armstrong found a team roster on the Internet and also called the Marlins to determine if Camp was an impostor.

Police said Camp was just looking for a little attention and was bored with his life. He issued a trespass warning, but didn't charge him with a crime.

"He's a good kid," his mother, Linda Camp, said Wednesday. "He is going through a divorce. He's just a confused 21-year-old."

One bright spot for the duped pupils: the Marlins say they'll live up to the impostor's promises of treats.

"We feel bad for the kids, and we're going to send autographed jerseys and autographed baseballs," said Dan Vanima, director of team security.

DIALOGUE

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IN OUR OPINION

Stay away from our telly!

Government's plan to tinker with anti-drug television show scripts allows too much social control

What if some of television's most popular and entertaining shows could no longer show their characters indulging in a little alcohol consumption?

It doesn't sound too bad at first, but can you imagine "The Drew Carey Show" without the cast's traditional visit to the local bar? Frasier Crane and his brother Niles forgoing a martini before their night at the opera?

What if Homer Simpson were — yikes! — denied a stop at his beloved watering hole, Moe's Tavern?

Good Lord — can you even picture living in a world without Duff Beer? Do you want to?

Unfortunately for television purists, it looks as though we've come dangerously close being denied our comfortable technicolor world. Last week, it was discovered that the federal government had used fi-

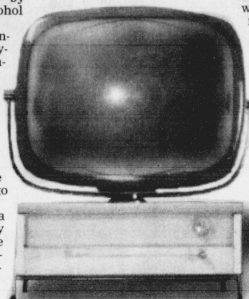
nancial incentives to persuade networks to alter their most popular shows' contents by working anti-drug and alcohol messages into the scripts.

Not only did the government attempt to use taxpayer money for this questionable scheme, but also wanted the right to review scripts for approval.

Shows included in the government's review were Fox's "Beverly Hills, 90210," and "The Simpsons," ABC's "The Drew Carey Show" and "The Practice," CBS's "Chicago Hope" and NBC's "ER."

The plan is based on a 1997 program approved by Congress that allowed the government to buy anti-drug ads on network television, with the proposal that networks match each ad bought with a free one. The statement from the

White House is that, with the rising costs of advertising, the



government felt it would be more practical to offer the same incentives for simply writing the positive anti-drug messages directly into the shows themselves.

Through this new plan, advertising space would be freed up for the networks to sell to paying clients.

Sounds fine, right? Too bad it reeks so heavily of "Big Brother."

As practical as it may appear, allowing the government to not only suggest the content of television programs, but to grant them the right to approve scripts as well, is simply far too invasive. The entertainment industry is a private business — and should stay that way.

Allowing Congress that much control over a medium that exercises so much

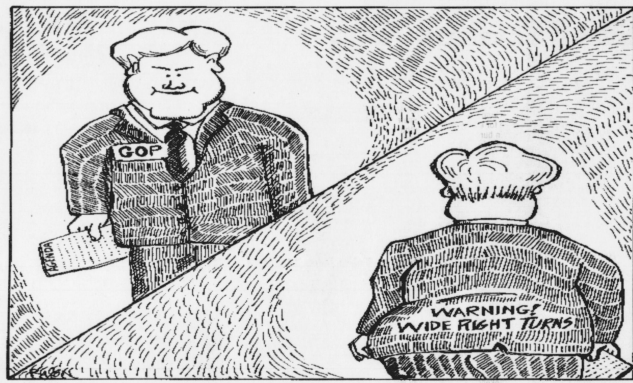
influence over the general public (whether we'd like to admit it or not) is far too questionable.

Instead, we propose that the government keep doing what they're already doing.

After all, there's no evidence that suggests incorporating the messages into the shows themselves is any more effective than public service announcements.

While the networks may be nervous about losing out on potential ad revenue, they should really be more worried about producing well-written, quality shows that focus on being entertaining instead of preaching. Create network programming everyone wants to watch, and you're guaranteed to turn a profit anyway.

Besides, what do those stuffed shirts in Washington, D.C. know about comedy, anyway?



Jennifer Kasten
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Innovative ideas: the real legacy from last century

This is not one of those ridiculous, fantastically incomplete, politically correct, hastily assembled recapitulations of the twentieth century with which we have been deluged in the past few weeks, full of trite lessons such as "We have learned not to let fascists with open agendas of mass genocide control entire nations" or "Reaganomics screws the poor."

Instead, this is an examination of the more lasting legacy of the past century — not people, not events, but ideas.

Our generation is often condemned as apathetic and mediocre. Living in an era of Cliff's Notes and electronic baby-sitting, cynicism and heroin chic, we are inextricably associated with our most irritating buzzword — "whatever."

We mock those who are impassioned as hopelessly socially gauche. Like every good paradigm shift, this post-modern apathy was not without its roots.

Albert Einstein was recently named Person of the Century, and rightly so. His theory of relativity suddenly moved the very foundations of the heavens.

No longer did people live in a mechanistic determined universe of well-oiled, colliding billiard balls, but a relativistic one.

Time could fluctuate. Energy and mass are in constant oscillation. It suddenly became possible to overhear 2 a.m. dorm conversations questioning the nature of the universe and of existence (at least on North Campus anyway) — without the help of certain chemical stimulants.

So time and space aren't exactly what we thought. Ethical relativism quickly followed physical relativism. With the help of the existentialists, the post-modernists, and recycled Nietzschean nihilism, standards of good and evil were quickly abolished.

It is the only philosophical milieu in which someone like Peter Singer, Princeton bioethicist and outspoken advocate of the mass execution of senior citizens, the disabled and unwanted newborn infants, could

flourish unchallenged. Prove him wrong? Impossible — now, all ethical systems have equal merit. So good and evil aren't exactly what we thought.

This was soon followed by helpful contributions from the linguistics camp — Derri-da, Foucault and the like. We soon were helpfully informed that not only does our language contain little meaning, but you are so limited by our cultural conditioning so as to render interpersonal communication impossible.

Now we can't even express our "existential despair" to each other without becoming entangled in the philosophic net that made it in the first place.

So language and speech aren't exactly what we thought. Add to this the growing revelation that America wasn't the shining moral nation earlier citizens held her to be — revealed through presidential scandals, pesky little Asian land wars, etc. — and we have perfect justification for our apathy.

It's hard to care when no one else does. This is the true legacy of the Twentieth Century.

The famous figures will slip quietly into oblivion (remember Vlad the Impaler? Pol Pot?). The battles and issues that seemed so important will be remembered only by historians (War of the Roses? McCarthyism? D'Ente?).

Even our great technological advances will soon be made obsolete (the wheel? And what the hell is a cotton gin anyway?).

Indifference is the only mechanism that allows us to cope with the shuddering implications of relativism.

A friend who grasps this recently told me "I need something — anything... no, not just anything — to hold on to."

Let's pray that the twenty-first century answers, not compounds, this cry.

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Marriage the ultimate goal when seeking relationships



Dave Gorman
SENIOR KERNEL COLUMNIST

to play the field. Today though, I am happy to say that I am engaged to Jacqueline Bailey.

I've got news for you all: Marriage is not outdated, it is coming back faster than afters and bell-bottoms. You can only run from love for so long before Cupid flies in and shoots the deepest arrow of love into your right butt-cheek. The ultimate lesson I have learned: Only get into relationships if there is a good possibility of marriage.

This all makes perfect sense — we need someone (of the opposite sex) in our lives. You can only play the field for so long before it adds up to confusion, rocky feelings and bad reputations. On the other hand, it is easier to be happy in a one-on-one relationship, especially in marriage.

While dating around, keep in mind your wants and needs for later on in marriage, so it's easier to sift through the choices. That way you don't have to go through as many heartbreaks, letdowns, \$25 buffets, boring blind dates or even dances with the same girl all night only to watch her go home with your friend.

This doesn't mean lonely people should latch onto the first bite on the hook. On the contrary, they should go fishing until they find the right fish. You should realize that not every fish that looks tasty will leave a pleasing, full feeling in your stomach.

I have found to be true (for the most part) the theory about not looking for the woman and letting the relationship "just happen." In my case, I let God make it happen after all my good and bad relationships have come and gone.

I watched a female comedian trash all of her ex-boyfriends, dealing with everything from thirty-second sensations to broke men who borrowed their friend's apartment to wine and dine her. She ended the joke by saying, "I'll just let the Lord choose my husband. I have had too much drama with these fools!"

Then I got to praying to the Lord, asking him to save me the drama as well and show me my wife. God has been and still is my filter, my Father and my spiritual roommate who always interrogated the girl I brought home. After all that he has brought me through, how could he not handle choosing my fiancé for me?

God has completed his promise: She is all that and a bowl of chocolate ice cream with whip cream, sprinkles and a cherry on top. I know she'll fill my stomach and I won't need to go back for seconds. She completes me (please, no tears).

Because marriage is a gift from God, you should take your relationships seriously. So when you make a decision like this, you stand firm and let nothing move you. You can rest assured that love stands the test of time and man.

Realize that nobody else is living your life but you. Lean on God at all times and He'll show you the ways if you keep your faith.

I find it a true blessing that God answered my prayers in a way that I did not have run out naked in the crowing like a rooster.

Besides, it's cold outside!

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