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Iraqis angered by U.S.-led aerial assault

By Donald W. Swinton
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Iraq decried allied air strikes on its anti-aircraft missiles yesterday, but immediately offered to stop its salvage forays into Kuwait and to let U.N. weapons inspectors use their own aircraft.

It had balked on these two points earlier despite U.N. and allied warnings.

Iraqi U.N. Ambassador Nizar Hamdoun said yesterday it was "really sad that people are resorting to military action rather than trying to resolve issues peacefully, which Iraq has indicated its willingness to do."

The United States, Britain and France launched the night raid to destroy anti-aircraft missile batteries in the southern "no-fly zone" after repeatedly warning Iraq the missiles threatened allied air patrols.

Hamdoun said he had no casualty count.

"I think all Iraqis are angry," he said.

He said his government has always complied with terms of the U.N. cease-fire that ended the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Iraq considers the attack to be "very uncivilized," he said.

Hamdoun met at his New York residence later with U.S., British and French representatives, who sought clarification of his offer to

abide by conditions imposed by the Security Council. No word emerged on the outcome.

Venezuelan Ambassador Diego Arria said no U.N. meetings were scheduled.

"It's a strong warning, no?" he added, smiling.

The attack followed repeated Security Council warnings that Iraq stop violating cease-fire terms or face "serious consequences." Baghdad said it was cooperating with the council and in a letter delivered Tuesday offered "dialogue with the council and with all who so desire" to solve problems.

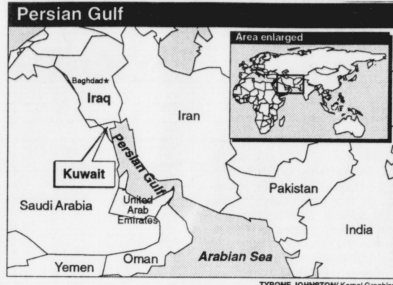
After the raid, Hamdoun offered to allow U.N. weapons inspectors to resume flying into Iraq on their own

aircraft. Baghdad barred such flights last week, insisting that the inspectors use Iraqi aircraft instead.

The Security Council rejected the Iraqi position as an unacceptable breach of the cease-fire, which gives the inspectors free rein to search for weapons of mass destruction and destroy them.

Hamdoun also offered to stop Iraqi swoops to retrieve weapons and equipment from Camp Khor, a former Iraqi navy base now in Kuwait under a redrawn border.

Iraqi forces yesterday raided the base for the fourth straight day. They earlier carted off Silkworm anti-ship missiles and other military equipment — in violation of cease-fire rules — in addition to civilian supplies.



Pikes get probation for December thefts

By Lance Williams
Staff Writer

The Dean of Students office this week placed Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity on probation for one year and ordered fraternity members to serve 2,000 hours of community service after stolen sports memorabilia was found in the Pike house in December.

The fraternity also is barred from holding social events in its house while under probation, and it may not have pledge classes for the next two semesters, according to a letter from Associate Dean of Students Victor Hazard to Pike president Lance Dowdy that was released yesterday.

The sanctions imposed on the 100-member fraternity after an investigation by Hazard's office that linked members of the fraternity to break-ins on the campuses of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Duke University over the weekend of Dec. 5 and 6. Among the items stolen was Christian Laettner's former basketball

jersey.

Hazard stated in the letter that because of the thefts, he was concerned that the fraternity "may, indeed, be viewed as being out of control."

The fraternity already had been placed on probation in the fall semester for an undisclosed violation, and Dean of Students David Stockham said that factor, among other things, was key in this week's decision.

The fraternity has not yet had a meeting to discuss the decision, but Dowdy said he believed the investigation was thorough and the organization was treated fairly.

"We questioned from the start, and we still do, the actuality of (the Dean's office) saying that it was an organization's responsibility versus an individual's responsibility," Dowdy said.

"As far as what's happened, the fact that they did deem it as a fraternity function, we do feel like we have gotten (fair treatment) from

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KINGLY SONG



Cathy Knowles of Charlotte's Web sings En Vogue's "Free Your Mind" yesterday in the Albert B. Chandler Medical Center Auditorium to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.

UK, Edney still at odds over library

By Tyrone Beason
News Editor

Nothing has changed. Clifton Avenue resident James Edney still insists he will not sell his home to the University for its new library project, and UK administrators continue to say negotiations with Edney are running smoothly.

Edney spoke briefly last week about his negotiations, or the lack thereof, with UK officials. Standing behind a screened door, the 88-year-old Edney complained of a prolonged battle with illness. Visibly weakened by the shingles, he only said that nothing has changed since his promise in November not to sell and that no one from UK has contacted him since then.

"Everything is just the same as it was months ago. We're not selling — period," he said.

However, Vice President for Administration Donald Clapp said Friday that UK representatives have been meeting with Edney on a continuous basis. He said they definitely have met with Edney since Nov. 6, the day administrators announced the planned library will be located on a 30-acre site bordered by Rose Street and Hilltop, Columbia and Woodland avenues.

Clapp is optimistic that Edney will cooperate with the University in the library project.

"He's always indicated that he would sell. I'm confident that we'll work out something," Clapp said.

The library itself will be situated behind a circular grassy area on Clifton Avenue.

Edney, who lives at 419 Clifton Ave., owns the last property UK must acquire to build the library on this site.

Two days after the University's announcement in November, Edney vowed not to sell his home, where he has resided since 1964.

UK officials were not so convinced. Clapp then said Edney had in no way indicated that he wasn't going to sell.

Clapp would not discuss the possibility of using eminent domain — a legal maneuver — to force him off the property, saying the situation will not reach that point.

Under Kentucky law a state agen-

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Students may apply for aid after completing tax returns

By Lori Coleman
Staff Writer

Believe it or not, there can be at least one positive aspect to filing

your 1992 income taxes.

As soon as students have their income tax information or their parents' tax returns, they can file the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid, said Bobby Halsey,

Director of UK's Student Financial Aid office.

The application can be filed any time between now and the April 1 deadline set by the Student Financial Aid office.

Filing the application by that date allows the student to be considered for more types of federal aid, including the programs administered by Student Financial Aid, Halsey said.

This includes Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Perkins Loans, College Work Study and the Stafford Loan.

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Abduction attempts near campus

By Dale Greer
Executive Editor

UK police have doubled morning patrols and are urging students to exercise caution after a series of abductions and attempted abductions appears to be spreading to the campus area.

Six people have been abducted in Lexington since October, and six others have been the targets of attempted abductions, UK Police Chief W.H. McComas said yesterday.

Most of the early crimes were committed in the Cardinal Valley area off Versailles Road or near downtown, including the sexual

abuse of a woman who was abducted in broad daylight Jan. 3 while walking on Main Street.

The three most recent attempts, however, "got real close to campus," McComas said. Two occurred in Chevy Chase, and the third at the intersection of High and Rose streets.

McComas said almost all of the crimes have taken place early in the morning, and, with one exception, all of the victims have been young, white women.

The methods of the crimes also are similar, but several perpetrators — both black and white — appear to be involved, he said.

"You have a copy cat-type situation. When a woman is stopped and

her car is unlocked, (the perpetrators) are getting in with a gun," he said. "Then in other cases, they are just attempting to get in the car — banging on the car."

McComas described the abductions and attempts as "real unusual" and said neither he nor Lexington police officials have a rationale for why the crimes developed so suddenly.

In response, however, the UK police department has doubled the number of officers it has on the street from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., including officers on bicycles.

He also suggested that students never walk alone at night or early

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Several attempted abductions have occurred near campus recently. UK police are increasing patrols to combat the problem.

No. 1 no more: Vandy hands Wildcats their first loss

By Mark Sonka
Senior Staff Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sandwiched somewhere between Memphis and Knoxville in the fine, but cloudy, state of Tennessee lies Nashville, home of two discreet species of string music — one of which involves passing a bouncing leather orb through twine.

This sound was repeated over and over last night in Memorial Gymnasium, lair of the Vanderbilt Commodores and one of the South-

eastern Conference's most frightful torture chambers.

Frightful, needless to say, if you happened to be wearing colors other than jet black and gold.

Unfortunately for UK fans, Coach Rick Pitino's UK Wildcats donned their standard blue and white.

So just two days after achieving its first No. 1 national ranking in more than five years, UK relinquished it, 101-86 against a seemingly fearless Vanderbilt team reinforced by a strong, supportive home crowd, which stormed the floor in

celebration as the final buzzer sounded.

And rightfully so. "I have to congratulate Vanderbilt," Pitino said. "They did a great job tonight. They outplayed us, and they deserved the victory."

Led by its two talented transfers, Billy McCaffrey and Chris Lawson, Vandy (12-3; 2-1, SEC) threw a big scare into the Cats early.

Lawson, a former Indiana Hoosier, scored 12 points by halftime, including six straight that lifted the Commodores from a 24-21 deficit

to a 27-24 edge with 7:34 left in the first half.

Both shots came inside after Lawson (19 points, 6 rebounds) head-faked UK's Rodney Dent twice, making him look not unlike a 7-foot paratrooper. Lawson was fouled each time and converted both three-point plays.

Dent may still be hanging in mid-air.

Meanwhile, McCaffrey, the defender from Duke, was as consistent

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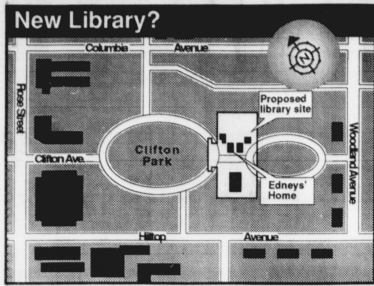
The more things change, the more they stay the same. All those New Year's resolutions will never last. Column, Page 6. Elvis fans just won't die. Victims of Kingmania search post offices for their hero. Column, Page 6.

WEATHER:

Mostly cloudy today; high around 30. Continuing cloudiness tonight; low in the mid-20s. Partly cloudy tomorrow; high in the low 20s.

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Library

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cy, such as UK, can go to court and present reasons why acquiring certain property is necessary. If eminent domain is granted, the court can put a price on the property and allow the agency to pay it.

Regardless of negotiations, Virginia Smith, director of the Kentucky Humanities Council, said the non-profit organization stands to lose a precious neighbor.

The KHC is located next door to Edney at 417 Clifton Ave. The council also must relocate before

construction of the library begins in the spring of 1994.

"He's the best neighbor you could ask for," Smith said.

She recalled several occasions when Edney brought KHC employees fresh vegetables and honey. In addition, "at night, we leave the lights on, and he watches the place."

"I wish we could always have him for a neighbor," Smith said. "But I appreciate how important a library can be. I would be very happy pressed to argue against a new library."

The \$58 million library currently is in the planning and design stages.

Fraternity

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Dean Stockham and Dean Hazzard.

"They have been very thorough and they've come up with the best decision they could. I think they felt like they had to do something with (the fraternity)."

The Dean of Students office and officials at both North Carolina schools have said the fraternity must make full restitution and pay for any damages that occurred during the theft.

In addition, the fraternity must perform 2,000 hours of community service. Stockham said the agencies the fraternity helps will certify the number of hours it serves.

"We would like to think that this is a constructive way to deal with the problem," Stockham said of the community service requirement.

The probationary period went into effect Jan. 11 and will continue for a full calendar year. During that time, no social activities can occur at the house, the fraternity cannot be involved in intramural activities, and no pledge classes will be allowed for the spring and fall 1993 semesters.

At the end of this semester, however, the group may petition the Dean of Students Office for the reinstatement of pledging and intramural sports privileges. Before

there will be any discussion concerning reinstatement of these privileges, the chapter must have a combined grade-point average of 2.78 and a clean record during the probationary period.

The GPA stipulation was included to reinforce the University as primarily an academic institution, Stockham said.

"Typically, this is one of the stated goals of greek organizations, to try and foster scholarship," he said.

The letter warned Dowdy that "anything less than total compliance will result in cancellation of (the fraternity's) registration as a student organization."

Stockham said that if more problems occur, there will not be an immediate cancellation of the fraternity, but that "certainly, it would be looked at as a very serious offense."

He said that if the fraternity meets all of the imposed requirements, it "would have to show exemplary behavior practices."

The members of this year's pledge class who were involved in the theft have been suspended by the fraternity until an internal investigation determines what the best action would be, Dowdy said.

Despite the problems, Dowdy said the incoming president Bryan Clark is looking forward to taking on the challenge of helping put the Pikes back on the right track.

Wildcats

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as a metronome, chipping in a team-high 14 in the first half with nine assists and just three turnovers.

This time around for UK, however, the City of Nash was not the City of Mash, as junior forward Jamal Mashburn was held to 14 points and five rebounds after getting 21 and 15, respectively, a year ago.

Instead, point guard Travis Ford, hotter than Naugahyde seats in the summertime, carried the Cats (11-1, 2-1), via 18 points on six-of-eight three-point shooting. His fifth three cut Vandy's second half lead to one, 70-69, but he then committed his fourth foul, exiting with 8:51 left.

Junior Brady came off the bench and hit a three from the right side of the key to give UK its first lead since the first half, 75-74.

Seconds later, though, McCaffrey struck again — stealing an errant UK pass, driving down the court and finally getting hammered by Dent, who nearly took the 6-foot-4 junior's arm off.

UK Vanderbilt 46 46 40 — 86

Name	fg	3-pt	ft	reb	a	tp
Dent	2/5	0/0	0/4	6	0	4
Ford	6/8	6/8	0/0	3	0	2
Phelps	6/16	3/5	4/4	3	0	19
Mashburn	6/18	1/8	1/5	15	0	14
Brown	3/13	2/9	1/1	1	0	0
Brady	2/4	1/2	0/0	1	0	0
Riesbeck	2/2	0/0	1/1	3	0	0
Dick	0/0	0/0	2/2	1	0	0
Prickett	3/5	0/1	0/0	3	0	1
Marinez	1/4	1/1	1/2	0	0	0

VANDERBILT

Name	fg	3-pt	ft	reb	a	tp
Elder	4/5	0/1	2/2	5	3	10
Anglin	5/8	1/3	5/6	2	1	16
Lawson	5/7	0/0	6/10	6	1	19
McCaffrey	5/10	1/3	11/11	9	14	22
McMahan	5/8	1/3	5/7	2	0	16
Hall	3/5	0/0	2/2	9	14	8
Milburn	2/3	0/0	1/2	1	0	5
Seckar	2/3	0/0	1/3	2	2	5

Total FG shooting: UK 41.3, Vanderbilt 63.1, 3-pt shooting: UK 41.2, Vanderbilt 50.1. Free-throw shooting: UK 52.8, Vanderbilt 83.7. Turnovers: UK 9, Vanderbilt 10. Technicals: None. Attendance: 15,217.

Like it would have mattered.

McCaffrey, who finished with 22 points and 14 assists, hit both and Vandy never lost the lead.

Crime

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in the morning and said car doors should be kept locked at all times, "whether your in or not."

He also offered these tips: "Be aware of your surroundings and don't take shortcuts through unfamiliar territory."

"If you feel you're being followed, change your pace or walk in a different direction. If the stalker persists, go to the police immediately."

"Report any suspicious person or activity to UK Police at 257-1616."

If you need to walk on campus at night but don't have someone to accompany you, call the Student Escort Service at 257-5518 to arrange for an escort. The service operates at night Sunday through Thursday.

The CATS bus also will shuttle students around campus from 6 p.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday. The CATS number is 221-RIDE.

After midnight, UK police will transport students and provide escorts to automobiles.



UK students wait in line yesterday for financial aid checks.

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Application: Student Affairs, 629 Patterson Office
Application deadline: January 31

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\$2000 grant for a summer study abroad program
Application: The Office of Minority Affairs
563 Patterson Office Tower
Application deadline: January 29

The Office of International Affairs Scholarship:
\$1000 grant for UK summer study abroad programs
Application deadline: January 31

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Application deadline: February 1

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Application deadline: February 15

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Students may pick up the applications in 127 Funkhouser Building, or they may call the Student Financial Aid office at 257-3172 for assistance.

After filling out the application and mailing it for processing, the applicant may receive forms pertaining to Pell Grants or student aid reports. Halsey said these documents must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office.

At UK, the Student Financial Aid office administers a group of scholarships for which students must demonstrate high academic ability and financial need.

But this is just one group of scholarships the office awards, Halsey said.

Students also should contact their individual colleges about other scholarships and eligibility criteria, Halsey said.

"They have their own applications, so it's important that the student contact that college. We also encourage students to check with their churches, civic organizations and high schools."

Halsey said money is available through financial aid for students who need it, despite recent budget cutbacks.

"Regardless of all the negative things people hear about available funds, money is available for eligible students."

"There is a new unsubsidized loan program in effect. That means that the loan is available for most students regardless of need, but the federal government does not subsidize the interest payments as they do in the subsidized Stafford loans."

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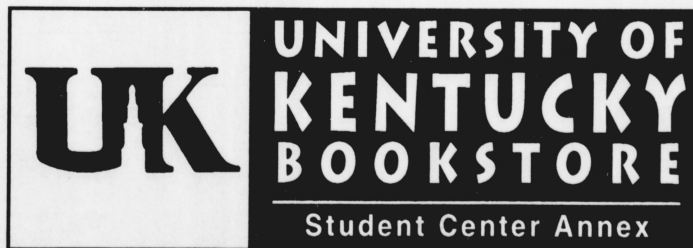
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SPORTS



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UK's Tendra Eberhart lays in two of her game-high 16 points as Morehead's Heather Reed contests the shot.

Women beat Morehead; Eberhart, Reed flourish

By Lance Williams
Staff Writer

Lady Kat coach Sharon Fanning was brief in describing last night's victory over Morehead State: "A 'W.' Ugly. Better in the second half. That's it."

Short and sweet, and all true. UK players and coaches were the first to admit that the 66-38 win was not the most beautiful display of basketball.

"Even though they only scored 19 points (in the first half), we weren't in our mode of deflection," Fanning said.

The No. 24 Lady Kats had trouble shaking off the 1-7 Lady Eagles for much of the first half last night.

Kats celebrity guest coach Ahmad Rashad said the lackluster first half was partly because the matchup was a "coach's nightmare." Morehead's poor record made it difficult to motivate UK's players, he said.

"If you're a coach, how do you try to tell (your) team that the (other) team is better than that when they are looking at 1-7. So it's very hard, and you hope they just go out and execute," Rashad said.

UK freshman guard Christina Jansen agreed.

"It always tough to get up for a team that you see their record and everything, and because you have a really high guest coach, and everybody is excited about that," she said. "It's hard, but if you're going to be a good team, you're going to have to get up for a team like

that." Morehead held a 4-2 lead early in the first half but lost the lead when Stacey Reed drilled a three pointer. That was the last time the Lady Eagles would see the lead, but they still were able to give the Lady Kats trouble.

The Morehead team played inspired basketball for most of the first half, clawing its way back into the game each time the Lady Kats tried to run away with it.

With 16:30 left, Mia Daniel hit a three pointer to give UK an 8-4 lead. On the next possession, Morehead guard Stacey Spake was fouled on a three-point try and hit all three free throws.

To illustrate Morehead's staying power again, Jocelyn Mills hit a shot to put UK up by 11 points and a deceptively comfortable lead. Three minutes later, Forward Sondi Eden hit a bucket that cut the UK lead to 5 at 24-19. Jennifer Gray hit a shot just before halftime to give UK a 26-19 lead at the half.

Morehead stayed close by out-rebounding UK 16-13 and going 5-5 from the free-throw line in the first half.

"In the first half, we didn't run offense — period," Fanning said. UK shot 41.3 percent in the first half but only attempted 29 shots.

In the second half, however, the floodgates opened and the Lady Kats' shots began to fall. UK hit 6-of-13 from three-point range and Morehead found itself drowning in a sea of threes.

With 14:15 left in the game, UK began to pull away. Stacey Reed hit a three pointer. Only seconds later, Tendra Eberhart got the ball back on a turnover and made a strong drive for the hoop. Her basket and a foul shot pulled the UK lead to 16 points. Five minutes later, UK held a 26-point lead at 50-24.

Morehead State tried to call timeouts and slow down the tempo, but the Lady Eagles could not stop the Lady Kats attack. Morehead had run out of the steam that helped frustrate the Lady Kats in the first half.

From that point, the Kats were able to coast to an easy victory.

UK Gym Cats open season in Minnesota

By Mark Sonka
Senior Staff Writer

As the UK Gym Cats prepare for their season opener Friday against Minnesota in Minneapolis, UK gymnastics coach and perpetual optimist Leah Little remains excited. Again. As usual.

Her callow Cats of a year ago have grown into an experienced, hungry pack, eager to devour its capable Southeastern Conference competition on the floor, bars, beam and vault in 1993 — an admirable, lofty goal. Lofly because the SEC currently houses six teams in the Top 20, four in the top five.

There is proof, though, that warrants such enthusiasm. A talented junior class five strong. A solid Eden hit a bucket that cut the UK lead to 5 at 24-19. Jennifer Gray hit a shot just before halftime to give UK a 26-19 lead at the half.

"We've always wanted to get to the national championship, but a lot of that (in the past) was wishing and hoping," Little said. "I really think this team has the ability to do it."

UK may know as early as mid-February, less than midway into the season, where it stands among the conference fracas and the national scene, which could be considered almost anonymous in this sport. A trip to Tuscaloosa to face 1991 national champion Alabama is scheduled for Jan. 30.

This is followed a week later by a home meet in Memorial Coliseum against defending national runner-up Georgia. Auburn, third in both the SEC and the NCAA Central Regional in '92, rounds out the mid-winter trifecta or head-ache, if you're Coach Little.

Solace, however, comes in the shape and form of freshmen phenoms Jenny Hansen and Jennifer Van Outer.

"The older guys will be the backbone as far as leadership and experience," Little said, "but the two freshmen are going to be the backbone in the sense that they have the skills to take us to the next level."

With Hansen and Van Outer slated at the No. 1 and No. 2 slots in each event, Little, for the first time in recent memory, owns a talented pool of tumblers from which to draw for positions 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the lineup — places where "we kind of dramatically fell off" last year, Little said.

Players competing for top positions:

- Suzanne Gutierrez, junior, the school record holder on beam (9.80) and an all-arounder in '92.
- Gina Hatterick, junior, on vault, beam and floor.
- Tara Kahle, junior, another all-arounder last year.
- Michelle Ogden, junior, on bars, beam and floor.
- Tamea Freeman, sophomore, a '92 all-arounder.
- Dee Ann McNeil, sophomore, the school record holder on bars (9.75) and a '92 all-arounder.
- Sharon Smith, senior, on vault, bars and floor.
- Carrie Culp, junior, on vault, bars and beam.

Already the squad is in great shape, Little said, which she attributes to a killer off-season weight training and conditioning program that began last year.

"We have the best-looking team, physically, that I think we've ever had," she said. "They're more cut up, and they're leaner than any team we've ever had. And I think image is important."

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Brassow out 3-4 weeks after surgery

Staff reports

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The surgery was performed in New York City by New York Knicks team physician and Kentucky consultant Dr. Norm Scott.

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'Hitchhiker' series redeemed by No.5

"Mostly Harmless"
Douglas Adams
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By John Abbott
Staff Critic



Once upon a time, there was an Englishman named Douglas Adams who wrote "The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy," a rabidly successful cult classic that sent a legion of devoted followers spinning wildly into an obsession with towels and the number 42.

On the heels of this magnificent work came two solid successors, "The Restaurant At The End Of The Universe" and "Life, The Universe and Everything," which hilariously explored the neverending series of mishaps faced by Arthur Dent and company.

Sadly, the fourth installment of the trilogy (yes, four books — just play along, OK?) was muddled, and it began to look like Adams was running out of steam.

Now, after a considerable layoff from Pan-Galactic Gargle Blasters, perpetually depressed robots and Ravenous Bugblatter Beasts, Adams returns with the fifth book of the Hitchhiker's trilogy, "Mostly Harmless."

So, the question is: Would Adams' creative juices start flowing again after the layoff, or would he come out with a tired, boring rehash that would make us all wish he'd conveniently fallen off a cliff just after he wrote the third book?

Fortunately, the former is true. While it has its problems, "Mostly Harmless" is a good book, easily superior to its disappointing predecessor.

I can turn to almost any page and

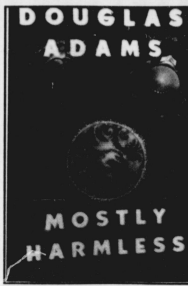
chance upon a choice bit of twisted humor that will leave me snickering uncontrollably for two or three minutes. The plot is a little weak, and the ending isn't satisfying (a five- or 10-page epilogue would've done nicely here to wrap up the loose ends), but the book is nonetheless packed with punchy one-liners that more than make up for the lapses in storytelling.

The book is confusing because Adams doesn't content himself with exploring just one universe, as most authors do. He jumps from one alternate universe to another with barely a passing reminder to the reader that he has done so, making it hard to know just what's going on.

After all, what you had read only five pages previously could be irrelevant to what you are reading now if he's moved to a parallel universe in the interim. Not too easy, admittedly, but you should be able to keep up if you can figure out NBC's "Quantum Leap."

Adams has shuffled his usual cast of characters considerably in "Mostly Harmless." Although Dent and Ford Prefect are still at the forefront, as they've been throughout the series, nowhere to be seen is Zaphod Beeblebrox, the two-headed President of The Galaxy/space pirate who was the third member of the major troika of characters.

Conversely, Tricia McMillan, a minor character in the previous novels, is promoted to prime time



status; in fact, she gets the first 58 pages all to herself.

Marvin, the robot who made it his personal goal to depress all those around him, isn't in this book, having completely rusted out in an earlier one. Adams makes up for this loss by introducing Colin, the suicidally delighted security robot who aids and abets Prefect.

Another new character is Random, the daughter of Dent and McMillan, who spends most of her time not getting along with her mom, not getting along with her dad, and not getting along with people other than her mom or dad.

Adams also has neatly disposed of Fenchurch, the girlfriend whom Arthur met in the previous novel, in a bizarre space-time accident. Tragic, it'd be much harder to make Arthur's life miserable if he had a girlfriend around to boost his spirits, and Arthur's misery is the force that powers the Hitchhiker's series.

"Mostly Harmless" doesn't measure up to the inspired foolishness of the first book and isn't as solid as books two or three, but it's a worthy effort, especially when you think about how decrepit most series tend to get by the time the fifth installment rolls around (Rocky V, Police Academy V, for instance). It's worth a look.

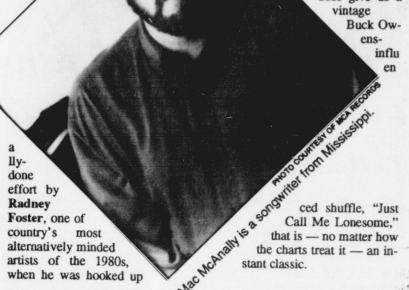
McAnally lives, learns on album



By Dave Lavender
Arts Editor

my advice is have a real "Mac attack" and get his spotless solo efforts. I really expected a more left-wing, radi

with Bill Lloyd. Instead, on *Del Rio, Texas 1959*, which is Foster's hometown and birth date, we get a real roots-sounding traditionally edged walk through country music's bottomland. The man with the hippest name in country does give us a vintage Buck Owens-influenced shuffle. "Just Call Me Lonesome," that is — no matter how the charts treat it — an instant classic.



Mac McAnally is a songwriter from Mississippi.

No, it's not James Taylor. But it is Mississippi native Mac McAnally, and his second album *Live and Learn* is one of the best songwriting albums on the market today.

While McAnally is deft when crafting up-tempo tunes, his incredible songwriting shines through on the dark, brooding ballads that essentially are short stories wrapped in music.

McAnally is an old hat who has spent the good portion of his career providing others with material. From Alabama's "Old Flame" to Shenandoah's "Two Dozen Roses" and Jimmy Buffett's "In the City," "It's My Job" and "Changing Channels," McAnally has been like Paul Overstreet and Mike Reid in producing a flood of great songs that did well, deciding only recently to take efforts solo.

McAnally's first album, *Simple Life*, yielded his highest chart hit to date, "Back Where I Come From," which made it to No. 14.

"Mac," whose silky vocals are a close kin to J.T.'s, also revitalized Cordell, Ky., native Ricky Skaggs' career with the album *My Father's Son*, which McAnally produced and provided material.

His newest material can be heard on another album he produced, Sawyer Brown's *Cafe on the Corner*, for which he wrote two songs, including the title track. However,

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What's so funny? Identify organ transplants on "America's Silliest Surgical Slip-Ups!"

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Somebody pinch me. Awwww. Brooks, I've finally finally finished that pamphlet I've been working on for the North American Plum Growers Association. Check out this album!

"WE'RE FILM CRAZY!"

I can't tell you how many drafts of that I went through before it all came together. It wasn't like my American Lemon Council account. That fell right into place.

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Clinton needs to finish task of removing Hussein from power

EDITORIAL

If at first you don't succeed...

Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein once again is ignoring international law and order by defying United Nations sanctions applied against his country following the Persian Gulf War.

Last week Saddam moved surface-to-air missiles along the 32nd parallel and violated the no-fly zone south of that demarcation line. Meanwhile, members of the Iraqi military raids weapons caches in bordering Kuwait.

These all are flagrant violations of the U.N. sanctions still in place against Iraq, and Saddam knows this. But they are only the most recent in a long pattern dating back to the 1991 invasion and plundering of Kuwait.

In the New World Order, the only way a dictator like Saddam can survive is to be a threat. In this case, he not only is a threat to the tiny country of Kuwait, but the sanctity of law and justice.

Yesterday the United States launched air strikes against Iraqi missile sights and a radar station along the 32nd parallel after Saddam received numerous warnings that such an event would take place unless the missiles were removed.

His most recent resistance to world authority proves that a containment policy will not work regarding Iraq.

Saddam must be removed from power in the most peaceful means possible. He has no concept of international or civil law. He has gassed his own Kurdish citizens and threatened to use biological warfare in any engagements that may develop between Iraq and other nations.

President-elect Clinton must continue the policies of strength set forth by the Bush administration concerning Saddam, as he said he would during the campaign. Continuity in foreign policy is crucial at this point for the mission to be successful.

If Clinton follows through and continues to work toward finishing the job Bush never did, peace eventually will have a chance in the Persian Gulf.

LETTER

Bicycle problem being exaggerated by newspaper

To the editor:

As a frequent reader of the Kentucky Kernel, I must say that I value the varying opinions, the well-written news information and the other insightful features this paper provides. Yet, as of lately I have one major complaint: I am growing very sick and tired of the great number of letters and editorials regarding the "problems with cyclists on campus."

One incident in particular has gained excessive coverage. Unfortunately, this coverage, I feel, has been extremely one-sided.

An accident occurred last semester where the pedestrian played the culprit. True, it is not always smart to ride a bike in wet weather, but the students of this campus do indeed have the right to do just that.

The actual problem occurred when the cyclist observed a pedestrian approaching with his umbrella completely covering his face, as well as surroundings near him. The cyclist swerved to miss the pedestrian, after calling out to warn him to no avail, and in doing so, the cyclist ran into a nearby rail, lacerated his liver, ended up in the hospital and, thus, missed well over a week of classes.

The pedestrian — angry and embarrassed at his own carelessness, I suppose — got up and walked away with no apparent harm.

The point is there will be problems with bicyclists on campus, but only when there are students walking around who are oblivious to their surroundings.

As a student, I would enjoy to maintain the privilege to ride when I choose and a little more equal-represented coverage of this situation.

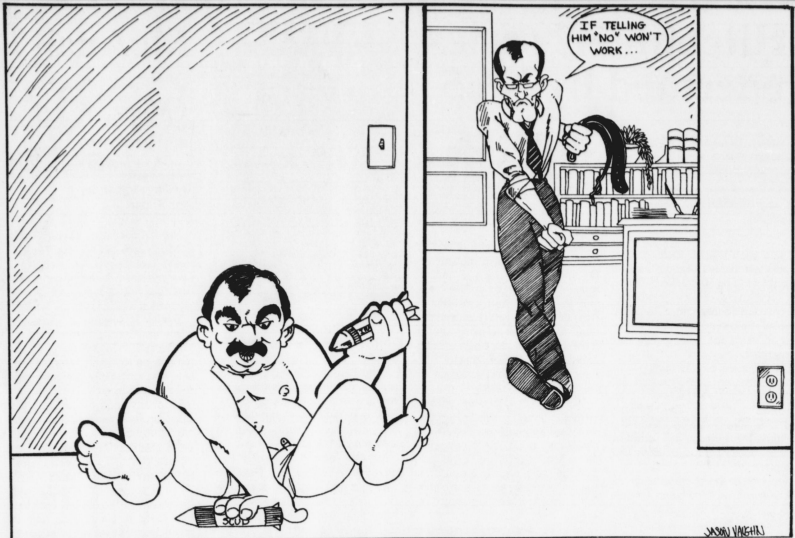
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Changes don't occur despite resolutions

Chelsea looking 'red hot' and more revelations



Chip Tillett
Kernel Columnist

New Year. New semester. New mug shot. Same old columnist.

Welcome back to a fresh start here at UK. It feels good to be back at the keyboard, making sure the world is aware of my point of view. 1993 is here and besides the usual check-writing problems (I keep writing 1987 on all my checks), I'm pretty darn ecstatic. The column will continue to champion the underdog, as well as seek out and ridicule stupidity wherever it rears its ugly head. I have added one new wrinkle just to keep my readers (or is it reader?) on their collective toes: At the end of each column I have added "The question of the week."

Unlike the more highly publicized but less intelligent "Movie of the Week," no questions will be about Amy Fisher. Drop me a line at the Kernel with your answer, just so I can get a little feedback. If your answer is good, I may just print it in this very column or Carl Nathe may send you a personal commendation. But enough with the logistics, let us discuss this whole "New Year's resolution thing."

I guess there allegedly is something magical about starting over. So when Jan. 1 rolls around, people everywhere begin to make resolutions like crazy in hopes they will improve the quality of their lives.

This year I resolved to not make any resolutions. But speaking hypothetically, if I had, they may have looked something like this:

- I resolve to stop licking inanimate objects.
- I resolve to spend more time wasting time.
- I resolve to date supermodel Cindy Crawford.

I could go on, but for sanity's sake, I won't. The problem I have with resolutions is that no one ever sticks to them.

It's January. Health club memberships and attendance skyrocket for about a month. Weights are being lifted, bodies are being aerobically, and sweat is being sweaty. February takes her natural turn and, amazingly, the only people left working out are the regulars.

The resolvers are at home on the couch eating Haagen-Dazs, watching reruns of "Rescue 911." And the only thing that is lighter is their wallets. Why? People do not know how to follow through.

A good free-throw shooter knows that if he (I guess if I were politically correct I would say "it," but that's not really my style) doesn't follow through, the shot isn't going to drop.

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Mark Price follows through. Chris Dudley does not. It really isn't much different in the game of life — a select few know how to follow through, the mindless masses do not.

The essence of a resolution is change. Change has been a buzzword over the last few months and will continue to be in the future. In a few days a major change will occur in our nation's capital, but you know what they say: The more things change, the more...

Somewhat I picture President-elect Clinton as the ringmaster of a really big circus and the American people, much like those one-month health club members, will all be a little lighter in the wallet.

Now usually would be the time I would make some tasteless comment, but I have made a resolution not to. Chelsea Clinton is hot, I mean red-smoking hot. (Oops, looks like I didn't follow through, either.)

Resolutions are easy to make and sometimes hard to keep. Like Wil-

liam Ernest Henley says in his classic, "Invictus," "I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul."

Just expect some of the waters to be a little choppy. Like Nike's ad campaign states, "Just Do It." Make good grades. Lose weight. Balance the budget. End racial hatred. Save the world. Change should affect your life, not jingle around in your pocket.

In an early celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a couple of good ol' white boys in Florida beat up a black man, doused him in gasoline and set him on fire. They don't have a clue.

While the resolutions and year may be new, unfortunately the problems remain the same.

Chip's Question of the Week: If 1992 was The Year of the Woman, what is 1993?

Chip Tillett is a telecommunications junior and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

Elvis Presley sightings see increase in country over the holiday break

Collectors look for 'The King' at post offices



Matt Harrison
Kernel Columnist

How many of you saw Elvis over the break? I did, and I suspect most of you did, also.

No, I don't believe Elvis is alive, nor is my mind slipping. I am referring to the sudden outbreak of Elvis memorabilia and hoopla surrounding the 15th anniversary of the death and observance of the birth of the King. Huh? Does anybody know what that means?

Apparently the King, Elvis A. Presley to those of you who are not from this planet, died 15 years ago. So the U.S. postal service decided to honor the King with a postage stamp, which was released on his birthday.

It's only a stamp you say? Wrong. That little stamp led to a nationwide public vote as to whether the public preferred a picture of the younger Elvis or the older, more mature (also called fatter) Elvis.

A question arises because of the ballot: Couldn't the post office find something better to spend taxpayer money on? I'm sure Congress could have used the extra money.

The stamp also gave a major

media mogul an excuse to show nothing but Elvis on one of the mogul's TV stations. Ted Turner not only bombarded the public with Elvis movies, songs, interviews, commercials, documentaries and multi-showings of the entire "Elvis: The Early Years" series, but Turner also went to Graceland to buy his Elvis stamps.

But Turner was not alone. More than 5,000 festive fans of the King bought stamps from a portable post office on the Graceland lawn. Those in attendance came from every state and several foreign nations.

Did these people from Europe plan to vacation in Memphis, Tenn., during the celebration on purpose?

Did they just decide to do it a

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day before on a whim? Do they have real lives?

The Elvismania doesn't stop there. Consider for a moment the following:

•The soundtrack to the movie "Honeymoon in Vegas" contains only Elvis songs re-done by current artists, including a hit song by country singer Dwight Yoakam.

•A prime-time, made-for-TV movie aired during last week featuring the deep, dark secrets of Elvis. (Will this madness ever end?)

•Let us not forget the countless scores of Elvis sightings and ...

•Elvis actually is still alive. ...

Okay the last two reasons are dumb, but doesn't that best describe America's obsession with the King?

Matt Harrison is an education freshman and a Kentucky Kernel contributing columnist.



Yoakam. "Honeymoon in Vegas" featured several hundred — perhaps thousand — Elvis imitators.

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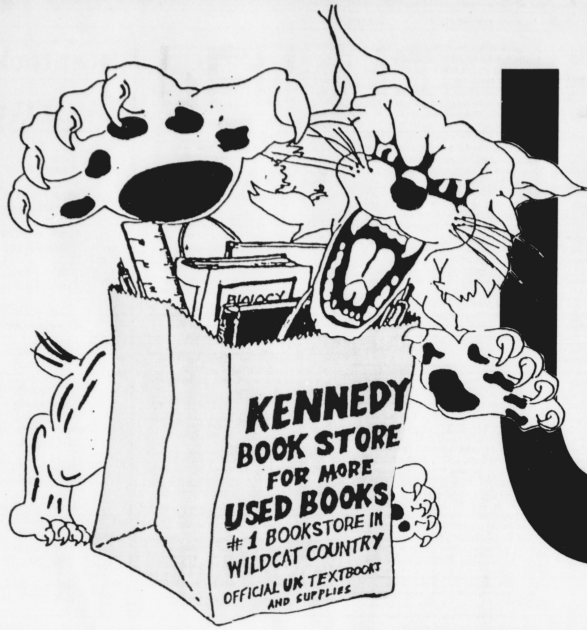
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