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Police seeking two men in recent UK assault

By JOE BRAUN
Staff Writer

The UK Police Department has released descriptions of the two men who allegedly sexually assaulted a UK female student near Cooperstown Apartments last week.

W.H. McComas, UK police chief, released the description from details given to police by the victim.

One suspect was described as a 5-foot-7 black male, who looks about 19 and weighs about 200 pounds. He has a considerably large build and was wearing blue jeans and a leather jacket at the time of the attack, McComas said.

The other suspect was described as a 6-2 black male, about 19 years old.

He has a medium build, a mustache and was last seen wearing a dark jacket and cuffed acid-washed jeans, according to UK police.

Based on the description the victim gave police, the suspects allegedly committed sexual assault in the first degree, McComas said.

"A person is guilty of sexual abuse in the first degree when subjects and other persons are in sexual contact by forceful compulsion or subject and other persons in sexual contact is incapable of consent," he said.

McComas said some automobile vandalisms have been reported near Sports Center Drive, in the vicinity of the last assault.

"...We tend to think this is one of those random things. They were walking to check the cars out possibly — at least we're theorizing that."

Despite the two assaults that have occurred on campus, McComas said he believes most campus crimes are minor and that the campus is safe.

"We do have incidents occurring,

Students worried about campus safety

By DANA STEWART
Contributing Writer

It is a situation our parents have warned us about since we were children — walking alone after dark and trusting the kindness of strangers.

The adage, however, has gained new significance because of two recent campus assaults.

An attempted assault on a female student occurred last month

but they are more of the nature that are non-violent ... vandalism to cars, theft from cars, theft from rooms — but we don't have the aggravated type things."

behind W.D. Funkhouser Building. More recently, a female student was sexually assaulted by two unknown males near the Cooperstown Apartments.

Despite the potential dangers of walking alone on campus at night, some UK students say it cannot be avoided.

"I know it's not the smartest move walking after dark, but sometimes it's necessary," said Missy Vincent, an English senior.

Thirty-seven assaults were reported on campus last year, McComas said. Of those reported, McComas said he did not know how many were sexual assaults.

Night classes are becoming more popular as non-traditional students, many of whom work during the day, return to school. And more traditional students are holding down part-time jobs to help pay for school, which often requires taking some night classes.

Rebecca Davis, an interior design senior, said she is afraid of walking on campus alone at night. She said she tries to walk with her friends whenever possible.

And he doesn't think the two most recent sexual assaults are related, he said.

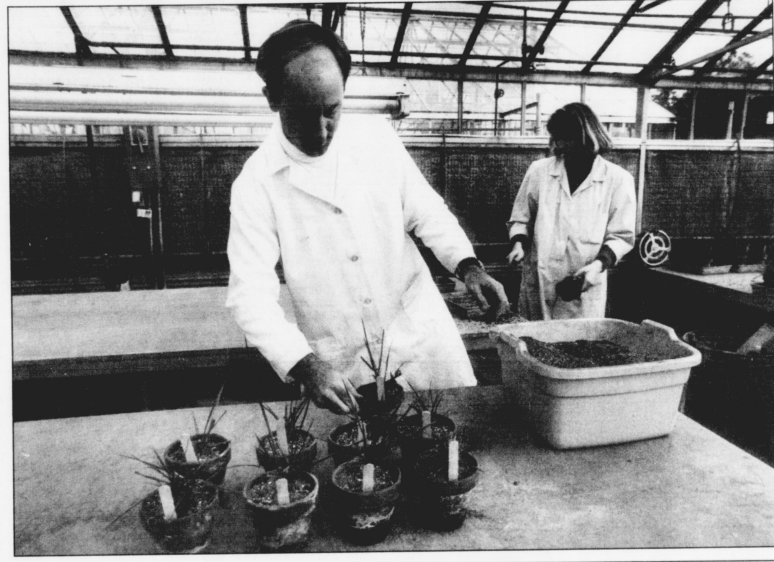
"The individual in the first assault is in his 30s, based on what the vic-

The problem of taking late classes is compounded by seasonal time changes. The switch to Daylight Savings Time in October has put many students in the dark after class — something that is less of a problem in the spring and summer months when daylight stretches into late evening.

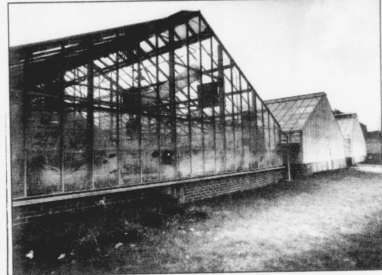
Tracy Evans, a senior, said she often has to walk across campus at night.

Police are still investigating the assault.

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A 'MOOVING' EXPERIENCE



LEFT: Greg Cowen, 28, a post-baccalaureate student from Lexington, and Cindy Clay, 22, a biology senior from Ironton, Ohio, study the genetics of plants and how to make them taste better for cows. They do their research in UK's agricultural greenhouses on campus.

ABOVE: The greenhouses, with graffiti-filled windows, are where similar experiments take place.

PHOTOS BY GREG EANS

Fair to familiarize students with international programs

By TIA SILVERTHORNE
Contributing Writer

UK is trying to bring the world a little closer to its students.

Study Abroad Services is sponsoring the Study Abroad Fair today to familiarize students with the programs it offers throughout the year.

"The Study Abroad Fair provides

students with a one-stop shopping opportunity for study abroad programs. Many programs will show videos, slides or photo albums," said Suzanne Kifer, study abroad adviser.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in 206 Student Center.

In the past year, 500 to 1,000 students have entered Kifer's office

with questions about studying abroad.

"I always assume that for every student who finds their way to our office, there are many more who have an interest in international experiences, but don't know about the programs UK supports," Kifer said. "The fair is a great way for students to get an overview."

She said her office attempts to identify programs that do not cost more than a semester on the Lexington Campus.

Most programs include the cost of full-time tuition, housing, a meal card and airplane fare. Since expenses and college credit differ, the fair will provide detailed information that pertains to specific pro-

grams, Kifer said.

Kifer said it is important for students "to have had an international aspect to view themselves as a citizen of the world instead of Paducah or Lexington."

"It gives students the opportunity to experience very different people and ideas and things. Many students who come to UK ... haven't trav-

eled a lot ... it's part of education," she said.

UK faculty as well as students who have studied abroad will be on hand for any questions.

If you need more information or are unable to attend the fair, contact Kifer at 105 Bradley Hall, 257-8139.

Children suffer from disparity in schools

WILLIAM M. WELCH
Associated Press

For six months, Shirley Carter started work the same way — with a phone call to a fourth-grader in a poor San Diego neighborhood to make sure he got to school.

She'd let the phone ring until he woke up and answered. Then he'd get himself dressed and trudge off to school, his mother never waking from the previous night's drinking.

"One morning something came up and I couldn't call," recalls Carter, a modern-day truant officer whose job and obsession is to keep troubled kids in school. "But he had gotten so used to me calling him, he got up anyway and came on in."

In neighborhoods scarred by poverty, violence and neglect, just get-

ting children to school is a victory.

But once at school, these children are put at a further disadvantage by a system that provides an impoverished learning environment that matches the poor conditions at home.

Since school districts are financed primarily at the local level with property taxes, spending on schools can vary greatly between districts, even within the same district.

The math is simple. Rich districts, with large tax bases, have ample money to spend on schools. Poor districts do not.

But the disparity in finances is not the only adversity these children must overcome. Valuable teaching time must be spent addressing needs even more basic

than an education: decent meals, clean clothes, a pair of shoes, a responsible adult.

Widening the gap even further is the inability of parents to pay for extras — like air conditioning — from their own pockets, the high cost of transporting kids in poor rural districts and the lingering effects of violence in and around the schools.

Visits to schools in rich and poor communities in California and Virginia provide graphic, painful evidence of what the disparities can mean.

As a third-grader at Halifax Elementary School, Charles Sands liked to draw Ninja Turtles but only got art instruction once every three weeks from an itinerant teacher who made the rounds of several schools.

If Charles had attended school across the state in affluent Fairfax County, he might have been taught by a professional artist.

The economic disparities have fueled lawsuits in at least 20 states charging fundamental unfairness in educational opportunity because of the way school districts are financed. Others already have dealt with the problem.

Some experts suggest shifting away from local property taxes to broader sources such as state income taxes, or a more equal state redistribution of local property taxes.

In a landmark 1971 decision, the California Supreme Court ruled that the state's system for financing

UK Hospital performs heart valve operation

Staff reports

UK Hospital performed the state's first pulmonary heart valve operation to replace a patient's defective aortic valve with her own organ.

A 48-year-old woman from Williamson, W. Va., went home yesterday after having surgeons replaced an aortic valve with her own pulmonary heart valve.

Rosa D'Agostino's operation was the first of its kind in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. Heart valve replacements usually involve the use of

a mechanic or porcine heart valve.

"We are very pleased that we have this type of operation available for our patients," said Dr. Robert Salley, chief of cardiovascular surgery at UK Hospital who performed the surgery last week.

He said the advantage of using the patient's own valve as a replacement was that she was receiving a living, durable valve that would not need to be replaced in her lifetime and that

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DIVERSIONS



'Beauty and the Beast' is newest Disney classic

By GREG LABER
Staff Critic

Once upon a time, there was a spoiled prince who refused an old woman's request for shelter.

After warning him that appearances often are deceiving, she was transformed into a beautiful enchantress and placed a curse over the prince and his castle.

The prince was disfigured into a horrible beast and the spell could not be lifted unless he fell in love and was loved in return before his 21st birthday.

This is the premise of Walt Disney's latest animated fairy tale, "Beauty and the Beast." Fans of past Disney films will be pleased to know that the newest tale lives up to the most memorable of Disney classics.

Most notably, comparison can be made between "Beauty" and the 1989 film, "The Little Mermaid." Both movies deal with a beautiful young woman who is looking for something more in life than what is expected of her. Both Belle, the heroine of "Beauty," and Ariel, the little mermaid, have important relationships with their fathers and both find joy in the realization of an unlikely love.

There is, of course, one important distinction between the two heroines, which gives "Beauty" a flavor altogether its own: Whereas Ariel was a magical creature finding fancy in our own mundane world, Belle is one of us. She is a simple



girl with dreams of romance that eventually are realized in the enchanted castle of the beast.

Although "Beauty" lacks some of "Mermaid's" whimsy and innocence, this is made up for by the complexity of the tale. "Mermaid" focused primarily on its heroine's single-minded desire to live in our world by winning the hand of Prince Eric. Belle, however, must protect both her father and eventually the Beast in addition to seeking her own satisfaction.

As the story opens, we find Belle dissatisfied with her "provincial life." Her love of reading is not received well by the townspeople — they think she is peculiar and are mystified when she turns down the romantic advances of the handsome hunter, Gaston. Belle rejects his marriage proposal, despite the fact that he has already made the wedding arrangements, and the arrogant villain vows revenge.

The action begins when Belle's father, an eccentric inventor, loses his way into the forest. Eventually, he comes upon the seemingly abandoned castle of the Beast where he is greeted by a talking candlestick. Unfortunately, the Beast is less welcoming and imprisons the old man.

When her father's horse returns without him, Belle sets out to rescue him. She comes upon the castle and offers herself to the Beast in exchange for her father.

Realizing that the opportunity to free himself from the curse, the Beast agrees to the exchange provided Belle promises to never leave.

Initially, the Beast is terrifying. He is self-obsessed, temperamental and demanding.

When Belle's curiosity leads her to break one of the Beast's house rules, she breaks her promise and flees from the castle because of his ferocious outburst.

Before she gets far, Belle is attacked by wolves. The Beast comes to her rescue but is gravely injured. Belle takes him back to the castle and tends to his wounds.

Gradually, the two of them come to understand each other. The Beast discovers his sensitive side as he tries in every way possible to please the beautiful Belle. She, in turn, appreciates the Beast's inner beauty.

Complications arise when Gaston attempts to gain revenge by imprisoning Belle's father. When Belle must leave the castle to rescue her father from the asylum, it seems as though all hope of lifting the Beast's curse is lost.

Of course, this is a Disney film, so audiences can be assured that this is not the case.

The animation of "Beauty" is typically stunning. Every character takes on a life of its own and every



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOUCHSTONE PICTURES

"Beauty and the Beast" will likely become another entry in the distinguished list of Disney's animated classics. The movie is based on the centuries old fairy tale of a beautiful woman and her unlikely love.

setting is more beautiful and exotic than the one before. The motion is lively and involving.

Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, the songwriting team responsible for both "Beauty" and "Mermaid," have composed a musical fit for a Broadway stage. The numbers are full of motion, humor and imagination. A best song

nomination at the upcoming Academy Awards is certain.

Most importantly, however, the audience grows to care about the characters. We can all relate to Belle's idealism and the Beast's new-found sensitivity. More than anything, we want to see them succeed. When they finally do, the emotion is so genuine that the audi-

ence shares the warm satisfaction that Disney has become known for generation after generation.

"Beauty and the Beast" is surely to become one of Disney's best-loved classics.

"Beauty and the Beast," rated "G," is showing at Lexington Green and Man O' War Movies 8.

Hollywood still tip-toeing around sexual topics

By GREG LABER
Staff Critic

In our society, sex is a very personal and touchy subject. There are

some aspects of sexuality that most of us just don't feel comfortable discussing.

Therefore, it comes as no surprise that these issues receive spe-

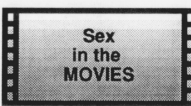
cial treatment from Hollywood.

In the 1930s and '40s, cinematic restrictions were nearly stifling. The notorious three-second kiss law was in effect and screen couples whose embraces exceeded this limit would find their films banned.

Today, audiences are significantly more tolerant of sexual taboos in the movies. Still, Hollywood tiptoes around these subjects to avoid some imagined backlash of moral superiority.

The musical, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," starring Burt Reynolds and Dolly Parton, tried to convince us that prostitution was fun. This irresponsible comedy suggested that it was so wholesome even the prostitutes enjoyed it.

When Dom DeLuise attempted to expose Parton's brothel to the public he was viewed as the villain rather than Reynolds, who portrayed a foul-mouthed, corrupt police officer



who frequented the whorehouse.

Even in the significantly less offensive film, "Night Shift," in which a hooker (Shelley Long) is beaten by her pimp, the overall message is that prostitution is a growth experience. Nice guy Henry Winkler learns self-confidence and love through his enterprise as a pimp.

In the super-smash comedy, "Pretty Woman," Julia Roberts plays the stereotypical prostitute with a heart of gold. This Cinderella story suggests that prostitution leads to love affairs with rich, handsome men like Richard Gere. If this were the case, I think more young women would explore this career option.

Of course, not all films depicting prostitution have been so frivolous. Occasionally a film comes along that dares to make a statement.

One such film was John Schlesinger's classic, "Midnight Cowboy," which featured Jon Voight as a naive male prostitute taken under the wing of a con-man, played by Dustin Hoffman. Slowly, Voight lost his innocence and became disillusioned with what he had originally perceived as a glamorous lifestyle.

Even more chilling was the scandalous 1984 film, "Crimes of Passion." Ken Russell's stylish tale of a shy fashion designer turned prostitute is both shocking and frank. Kathleen Turner starred as China Blue, a woman who was afraid of emotional commitments and decided to spurn all men. She reveled in playing out their silly sexual games just to degrade them until a psychopath played by Anthony Hopkins attempted to "save" her.

These films, and others like them, do not enjoy the popularity of their fairy-tale counterparts but their honesty has made them cult classics.

Another sexual taboo that is dealt with less frequently by Hollywood is homosexuality. It is very rare that a movie centers on a gay protagon-

ist. Harvey Fierstein's attempt to do so in "Torch Song Trilogy" was ignored by critics and audiences alike.

Generally, Hollywood has stereotyped the homosexual population for the sake of comic relief.

The most popular example of this was Bronson Pinchot's cameo in the original "Beverly Hills Cop." Later in the film, Eddie Murphy impersonated a stereotypical homosexual to make his way into an elite restaurant.

Receiving somewhat greater attention recently is the sexual taboo of interracial relationships. Unlike the previous two subjects, this one is generally treated with the maturity it deserves.

This summer Spike Lee surprised all of moviegoing America in his bleak depiction of such relationships. In "Jungle Fever" Wesley Snipes and Annabella Sciorra fell into a doomed love. Lee himself seemed to frown upon the mixing of races in terms of romance.

"Love Field," an upcoming Michelle Pfeiffer movie, promises to have a more positive outlook on interracial sexuality. The story focuses on a bored, white housewife who hires a ride to John Kennedy's funeral with a black man.

After reviewing all of these films, one is impressed with the immaturity of Hollywood's views toward sex. One would like to think that the enlightenment of the '90s would change this, but the fact remains that dealing with these issues in a mature fashion just is not profitable.

It seems that when it comes to topics as volatile as sex, America wants to believe in fairy tales.

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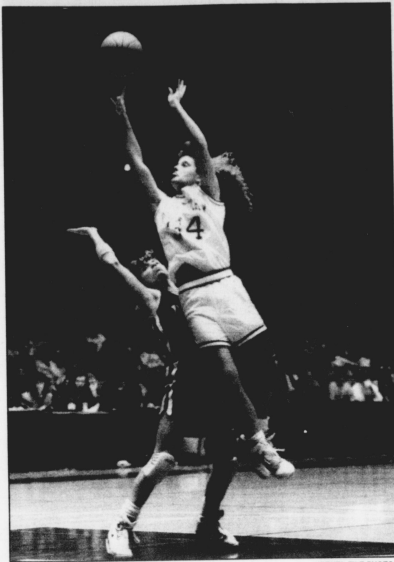
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SPORTS

AP ranks UK No. 13 after loss to Pitt



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Sophomore guard Karen Killen drives for a layup last season. The Lady Kats lost to Iowa 76-68 in their season opener Saturday.

Lady Kats to play undersized Miami

By ERNEST L. WRENTMORE
Contributing Writer

After a disheartening loss to the No. 8 Iowa Lady Hawkeyes Saturday night, the Lady Kats will have to regroup quickly.

Tonight at 7:30 at Memorial Coliseum, they square off against a less formidable but still dangerous foe — Miami (Ohio).

UK coach Sharon Fanning was irritated after the loss to Iowa Saturday night. But she arguably was in a better frame of mind yesterday.

"It's a new day," Fanning said. "We're going to have a lot of opportunities like the Iowa game — the schedule is that tough. There's gonna be a lot of close games and we've got to react better."

Miami will rely on outside shooting to make up for its lack of height. Julie Howell is the only Miami player taller than 6 feet. She is 6-foot-1.

"Even though they're smaller, they'll work exceptionally hard," Fanning said. "They're going to have a good three-point shooter in Lisa Hayden with a few more perimeter players."

WKU's Dollman wins NCAA

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Sonia O'Sullivan won her second straight NCAA cross country individual title yesterday as heavily favored Villanova took its third straight women's crown, while Arkansas captured its second straight men's championship.

O'Sullivan finished the 5,000-meter course at the El Conquistador Country Club in a time of 16 minutes, 30.3 seconds, with teammate

Carole Zajac coming in second at 16:34.9, as the Wildcats scored 85 points, 83 points better than Arkansas with 168. Villanova's Nienna Lynch came in 12th in 17:03.7.

Sean Dollman of Western Kentucky won the individual men's title over the 10,000-meter men's course in a time of 30:17.1. His time did not count in the team standings. Arkansas' Niall Bruton, Brian Baker and Graham Hood finished second, third and seventh to help pace the Razorbacks' 52-point men's total.

Associated Press

Pittsburgh's impressive victory at Rupp Arena last week affected two teams from the commonwealth of Kentucky in the college basketball poll.

The Panthers' 85-67 win at Kentucky in the second round of the Preseason National Invitational Tournament dropped the Wildcats from fourth to 13th in the rankings released yesterday. To make room for lightly regarded Pitt in the first regular-season poll, the voters knocked Louisville out of the Top 25 despite the fact the Cardinals won their season-opener by 29 points.

Duke, which opened its season Monday night, increased its lead in

the No. 1 spot from the preseason poll, receiving 61 of 64 first-place votes and 1,597 points from the nationwide panel of writers and broadcasters who voted on games through Sunday. The Blue Devils had 49 first-place votes in the preseason poll.

Arkansas, which had one first-place vote, moved up one spot to second with 1,440 points and was followed by Arizona, which jumped from fifth to third with 1,355. UCLA, which beat then-No. 2 Indiana in the Tipoff Classic, moved from 11th to fourth with 1,316, 48 points more than Ohio State, the first of four consecutive teams to move up two spots from the preseason vote.

North Carolina was sixth with

1,205 and was followed by Seton Hall, which got one first-place vote and 1,142 points, and St. John's, 1,131.

LSU, which still had one first-place vote despite an opening scare from Northeast Louisiana, was ninth with 1,070 and Indiana rounded out the Top Ten with 1,046.

Oklahoma State started the Second Ten and was followed by Kansas, Kentucky, Utah, Connecticut, Alabama, Georgetown, Georgia Tech, Oklahoma and DePaul. The final five were Iowa, Wake Forest, Michigan, Pittsburgh and Arizona State.

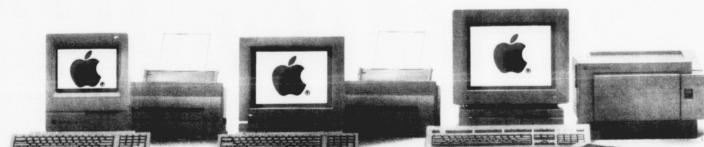
Pittsburgh became the fifth Big East team in the Top 25, joining Se-

ton Hall, St. John's, Connecticut and Georgetown. The Panthers beat Manhattan at home and then went to Kentucky for the big upset to earn a trip to New York for a semi-final meeting with Oklahoma State, which moved up two spots with wins over Evansville and Purdue. Georgia Tech, which moved from 23rd to 18th with wins over James Madison and Colorado State, and Texas, which was 26th in the voting after beating Washington and Princeton, meet in the other semi-final.

Louisville, which went from a sub-500 season to a No. 25 ranking in the preseason poll, beat Howard 102-73, a victory which apparently didn't impress the voters as much as Pittsburgh's over Kentucky.

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Thanksgiving should be time for reflection and appreciation

When the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, they were fleeing religious persecution and seeking freedom in a new world. With the help of the native Indians, the Pilgrims were able to survive the harsh winter for which they had been unprepared. They chose a time following the next harvest to feast and give thanks for the many blessings they had received.

It is in this tradition that we take time from our rat-race lives to gather with our families and be thankful for all the good things we have received.

Often, it is easy to focus on the bad things in our lives. The recession, that test that you bombed, the big fight you had with your boyfriend or girlfriend are all things to distract you from the many positives in your life.

Remember that you live in the most free and prosperous country that exists. Remember that you have the basic necessities of life and far beyond, in the vast majority of cases. You have the Wildcats, who may win a few games this season. What else do you have to be thankful for?

Take a few minutes and ponder, and you will have no problem bringing things to mind.

Go home, eat some turkey, give thanks and get ready for finals.

Sports guru cuts through the haze



Toby GIBBS

Could you explain these complex ideas to me? G.H., Lexington.

A. Nope.

BOWL GAME UPDATE!

Remember the days when dozens of bowl games like the Sugar Bowl, the Rose Bowl, the Peach Bowl and others filled out the holiday season?

Today, through the magic of Madison Avenue, those bowls no longer exist. Today, enjoy the Rice-A-Roni Sugar Bowl, the Mop 'N' Glo Rose Bowl and the Stovetop Stuffing Peach Bowl! Watch as ads are sewn into the players' uniforms.

Enjoy the Pepsi Challenge from inside the huddle. See the Energizer Rabbit crossing the 50-yard-line after every play. Marvel at Snuggles, the fabric softener bear, takes over as defensive coordinator for your favorite team.

REPORTERS WRESTLE FOR CHARITY! Fellow Channel 27 News-Clubbers: next week, be sure to tune in to "Sam and Barb's Six O'Clock Merry-Go-Round of News" for the long-anticipated double-elimination collegiate wrestling jamboree between Channel 27 news reporters Melanie Glasscock, Karen Oddy, Melissa Ross and Cindy the weatherwoman, formerly of Weather Channel fame.

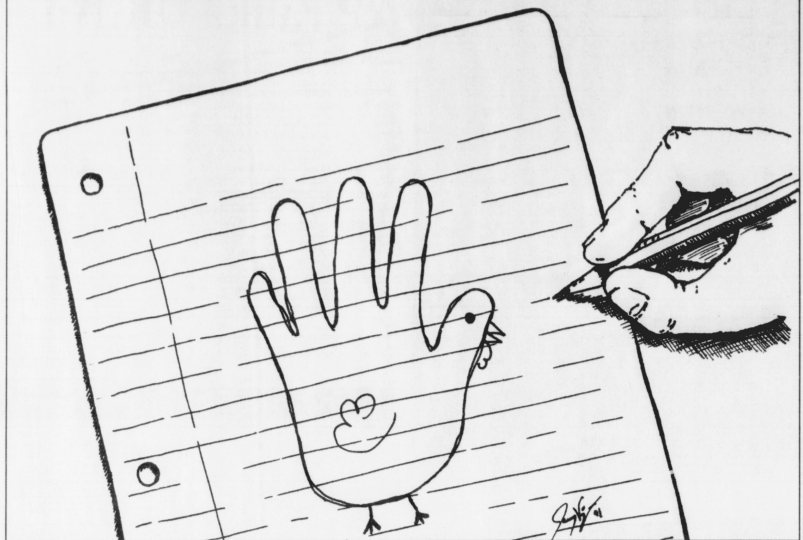
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YOUR FAVORITE KIDS' GAMES ARE ON THE AIR!

ESPN has announced that it will carry the annual Hungry Hungry Hippos Invitational Tournament from Kansas City on Dec. 5. (Subject to blackout in Missouri and Kansas.) This completes ESPN's success in landing the rights to every major board game competition in the United States and Canada. This includes Battleship, Chutes and Ladders, Stratego and the "Wheel of Fortune" home game. Also, stay tuned for exciting Pro Bowlers' Tour reruns, all-cow basketball, lawn mower racing and celebrity tetherball.

Pretty neat — right, sports fans? Those are just a few of the exciting highlights from the sports world, at least from where I sit. It's important that we stay abreast of sports news, especially during the holiday season. So stack the sandwich ingredients by the big-screen TV, rig up your pipeline to the bathroom, ice down a vat or two of refreshing beverages and enjoy some championship badminton on the Sports Channel. It's a personal favorite of mine.

Senior Staff Writer Toby Gibbs is a UK employee and a Kernel columnist.



VanMeter's death leaves a void

On Friday, Nov. 15, 1991, Darrell VanMeter left us. A special tribute was held at the Worsham Theatre in his honor Thursday night, which left me with a feeling I will never forget.

Before I entered the Worsham, a friend of Darrell's, Heather Watson, was decorating the front door with the name of Darrell's beloved fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma. I asked her what she remembered best about him. Heather very timidly answered, "He was always joking on us." Then as I stood there, I noticed when people spoke to Heather she was not sad or depressed — she was happy and laughing.

Throughout the program, I came to realize why Heather was not crying, but laughing.

D-Van, as his friends called him, was a brother, someone who never stopped smiling and a man with a

Contributing COLUMNIST

wonderful, almost innocent, curiosity for life, humanity and his black American heritage.

As Chester Grundy, director for minority student affairs, put it, "Darrell is the essence of us when we are at our best, and it is not every day that someone comes along and touches your life like Darrell VanMeter."

Van Meter was a "bright, young African-American prince who was never content to be an observer, but was always in the thick of things."

Friday night, Grundy sat down with his two little girls to try and make sense of this whole thing. He asked them why they loved Darrell

so much. One of them answered, "He took time with us and he made us feel important."

"I don't think there is a much better quality to possess when dealing with small children. I got the impression that Darrell treated every-one that way."

A woman present at the memorial said: "Darrell, you were a brother to us and we love you for everything you did and said. We know that we are better women because we knew you."

This was the kind of feeling I got from everyone who spoke at the service. No one was down — everyone was happy and just kept talking about his incredible sense of humor.

"Darrell always carried an extra smile around in case someone forgot theirs," said Frank Walker, one of his friends.

Other friends said Darrell wouldn't want them to cry because he probably would be saying, "Don't worry about me, for everything with me is all right."

Darrell is in a better place, they said, and for whatever reason he was called on to leave the earth must have been of the utmost importance. They say they will hold their heads up high and keep smiling because that's how D-Van would want it.

Ervy Whitaker put it best while keeping Van Meter's size 13 shoe in mind.

"If you are walking along campus sad and depressed and you trip on the sidewalk, it was just Darrell's foot reminding you to look up."

Contributing Writer Dottie Cowden is a Journalism Freshman and a Kernel contributing columnist.

Sexual stereotypes still too prevalent

Hypothetical press release: At 6 p.m., former tennis great Chris Evert announced at a press conference, "I have recently contracted the HIV virus. It is possible that I contracted the disease during my last 10 years on the tennis tour. During this time I slept with any man with a smile and a hotel room. I deeply regret my behavior. I should have had these 1,000 or so men wear condoms."

Think Christie would be made into the hero that Magic was if this were true? Although the hypothetical behavior and message are the same, it is not likely. It is more likely that she would be labeled a whore than a heroine. Recently in the news, female athletes have expressed this concern.

While it is, to a large extent, socially acceptable these days for a man to behave as Magic did, it is not acceptable for a woman to display a similar level of promiscuity. This double standard is the product of the sexual stereotypes that are often perpetuated in an effort to achieve an order and separation of the sexes — males as inherently insatiable predators of their counterparts and females as little more than docile, physical objects necessary to satisfy these desires.

The definition and perpetuation of these sex roles can be seen in nearly every piece of entertainment and communication targeted at young adults.

Television commercials with college-aged target markets, for instance, use sexual stereotypes almost exclusively. While many of these could be termed innocuous fun, others, specifically most beer commercials, would insult the morality and intelligence of a Neanderthal.

However easily it may be to discount the residual effect of the perpetuation of these sexual stereotypes, there is considerable evidence that these messages encourage a conformity to the paradigm that is established.

Earlier this month, for example, a



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group of five female employees of Stroh's Brewery sued the company, charging that ads for their beer which feature a gyrating, seemingly cloned, "Swedish Bikini Team," have fostered a work environment that encourages sexual harassment.

The employees claim that since the ads started running they have been confronted with pornography, taunted with lewd remarks and slapped on the rear. According to their attorney, the ads, "... tell Stroh's employees that women are stupid, panting playthings."

This stereotyping of women as physical, universe objects first and human beings second is the more prevalent of the sex roles. The product of and, also the perpetuation of this ideal is easily seen:

*At halftime shows at basketball games, during which the local version of "The Swedish Bikini

Team." The Dance Cats, to offer something like a tribute to Disney to the tune "Me So Horny," so that resident Arthur Murray aficionados can trade critiques such as "Are you checking out the fourth blond from the left?"

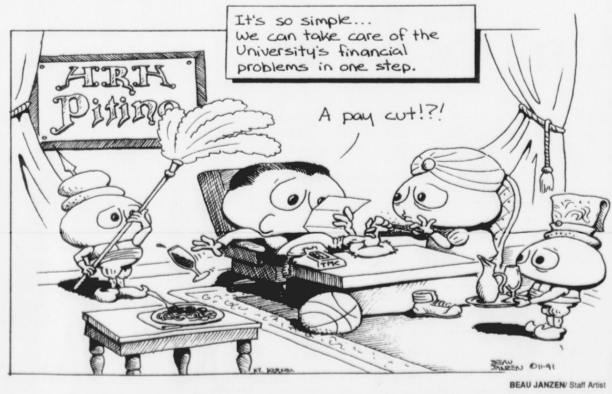
Everyone has a libido, but we can do without this Theatre of the Absurd.

*During the annual beauty queen homecoming pageant in which students are given about a month to choose "the fairest of them all" based on the contestant's ability to look good in a mug shot that is posted at the voting site (I am, of course, assuming that most voters do not assiduously research the ideological perspective of each candidate before they cast their ballot. It's a reach, but assumptions must be made).

Jocks and Queens popularity contests, and the specious attributes they glorify, are an inevitable part of almost any high school's culture, but do we need this crap in college?

While men also perpetuate and conform to sexual stereotypes, women usually are the victims of sexual stereotyping. Because the male role usually is more dominating in relation to the obsequious role often conformed to by women, this stereotyping often leads to sexual discrimination, harassment and abuse. Those who perpetuate these sexual roles are to be held accountable for the residual effect of this stereotyping, whether they be men who mandate this role playing or women who conform to these ideals.

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Senate allocates \$500 to help Soviet disarmament

By JIM DRINKARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted yesterday to spend up to \$500 million to help the Soviet Union dismantle its nuclear arsenal rather than risk letting it fall into the hands of terrorists or third-world dictators.

The 86 to 8 vote, as Congress pushed toward a pre-Thanksgiving adjournment, came after several Democratic senators declared a political truce on the issue, promising

not to criticize President Bush if he goes ahead with the aid.
The Senate also voted 90 to 4 to approve a treaty setting strict ceilings on conventional weapons in Europe—a pact that nearly has become an anachronism just a year after it was signed. The tally was well above the two-thirds needed for approval.

Despite claims it is outdated, Majority Leader George Mitchell said the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty "remains an important

benchmark and building block for ensuring the future security of the European continent."

With just one day left before adjournment, lawmakers took these other actions:

•House Democrats were poised to seek a floor vote on a compromise crime bill that President Bush said was "simply not acceptable." Republicans, meanwhile, threatened to filibuster the legislation in the Senate, saying the bill was too soft on crime.

•House and Senate negotiators completed work on major sections of a \$151 billion highway measure hailed as capable of putting some two million Americans to work. But the tax-writing committees had yet to approve a four-year extension of a 2.5 cent-a-gallon gasoline tax, necessary to pay for much of the bill.

•Tax committees approved a bill to extend 12 targeted tax breaks

scheduled to expire Dec. 31.

•Banking committees worked on must-pass bills to replenish the Federal Deposit Insurance Fund by \$30 billion and to provide \$80 billion to close down ailing savings and loans. And negotiators pressed to improve unemployment benefits even beyond the extension enacted two weeks ago.

On Soviet aid, debate revolved around whether helping dismantle

the former adversary's nuclear weapons was an urgent enough need to warrant U.S. taxpayers picking up part of the tab.

"The question ... is, whether having won the Cold War, we are willing to join with our former adversaries to eliminate the Armageddon arsenals," it produced, said Sen. Joseph Biden (D-DeL.) "To defeat it would be a reckless gamble with history."

Education

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schools denied equal protection to children living in property poor school districts.

Other states were energized to take action.

School finance systems in Kentucky, Montana, Texas and New Jersey have since been ruled unconstitutional.

Even so, the national education policy that's evolving in Washington — with its new goals and push for national standards — tends to overlook the disparities that make school districts inherently unable to be equal.

In the federal government's deficit-dominated atmosphere, money or increased federal aid to close the gap are seldom mentioned.

"Nationally, the view is everyone should be educated," said Richard G. Salmon, a Virginia Tech professor who is an expert on public school finances. "President Bush implies all education should be high quality, but when you look at different states, you see education is not equal. In fact, it's not anywhere near equal within the states."

Consider:

Students in rural Charlotte County, Va., pay as much as \$40 a year to rent textbooks. Rooms in their schools are sometimes flooded by thunderstorms. Libraries have been sliced up to make classrooms.

Many of the rural Southside Virginia schools do not employ nurses.

Across the state and a giant economic divide, students in Fairfax County attend classes in schools with free textbooks and, in many cases, plentiful gyms, nurse's offices

and libraries. A fourth-grader can take lessons in stringed musical instruments.

And in the real measure of achievement — standardized test scores — the schools in Fairfax, in the suburbs of the nation's capital, outperform the rural districts. Much may be due to their more affluent and educated parents, but that is only an additional disadvantage for the rural children.

Achievement test scores vary by as many as 57 percentage points from one county to another, and percentages of high school graduates planning to continue their education vary by nearly 53 percentage points.

"If you come from a very affluent area, then you're exposed to much more and better things. And we just simply think that's wrong," said Superintendent James Blevins of Notoway County, Va.

Added to that is the problem of violence.

At Balboa Elementary School in a southeast, predominantly Hispanic San Diego neighborhood, crime and vandalism are constant dangers. One young girl narrowly escaped a would-be kidnapper on the school grounds during daylight hours.

Librarian Mary Hornsley learned the hard way that locked doors aren't enough to protect hard-won resources. Now, she ends each day by hiding the school's laser disc video equipment.

Business and community volunteers aren't counted on here. Aside from parents, not many volunteers showed up after one had his pickup truck stolen.

Teachers in poor neighborhood schools such as Balboa can find

that their students' needs are overwhelming. Teacher after teacher in Virginia and California tell of buying shoes and clothing for their pupils.

Cameron Elementary School in Alexandria, Va., an urban, highly transient community near Washington, D.C., houses a clothing resource center that drew more than 50 families during its open house last year.

"You're forever seeing kids with their feet hanging out of their shoes in the middle of winter," said Charlotte Cox, a third-grade teacher at Cameron. "It breaks your heart ..."

"It does take away from what you teach the kids because you're so busy trying to be a mother and a father and teach them and everything."

Cox has befriended 13-year-old Bob and his 9-year-old sister Pam, pupils at the school who affectionately call her Aunt Charlotte. When their mother and her boyfriend were in jail and other family members were unavailable, Cox took Bob and Pam into her home.

Their mother was in jail the week that Bob took the Virginia literacy test, Cox said. He was on the honor roll but still failed the reading segment. Cox blames his mother's incarceration.

Disciplining students takes time away from teaching even in elementary schools, where kids who see violence on the streets have to learn to get along in the classroom.

On one spring day, Sinai Elementary fourth-grade teacher Brenda Fuller stopped her Social Studies class to focus on the disruptive behavior of a tall lanky boy. By the time order was restored, the bell rang.

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no blood thinners would be needed.

"This type of transplant is a tremendous advantage over existing surgery that involves mechanical or synthetic valves because the patient does not run the risk of blood clots," Salley said. "She will avoid having to be placed on a lifetime regimen of blood-thinning medicine."

The procedure was not done

more often because of the complex nature of the surgery, which can take about five hours to perform, and the limited number of donated human heart valves available.

During the same operation, the patient also received a homograft of a healthy donor heart valve to replace her own pulmonary valve.

D'Agostino will be able to lead a normal life, Salley said. "We want to do this type of operation for younger people who have a long life time ahead," said Salley, who also performed the first homograft at the UK Hospital in 1988.

The aortic valve carries blood to the body and the pulmonary valve carries blood to the lungs. In D'Agostino's case, her abnormally formed aortic valve had only two leaflets instead of three, preventing the flow of blood from the heart, Salley said.

In addition, her own heart had become enlarged because it had to work harder to compensate for the defective valve.

D'Agostino will receive regularly scheduled echocardiograms using sound waves to monitor the health of the heart valves.

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Safety

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night when she returns home after a day at school.

"I never thought about it when I was scheduling classes," Evans said.

UK's Student Government Association, however, has given a great deal of thought to the problem of students who have to walk on campus at night.

Several years ago, SGA created an escort service designed for students. Escorts, who carry radios to keep in constant contact with the UK Police Department, are on call five nights a week and are located at various stations across campus.

Some students, however, said they don't take advantage of the service for various reasons.

"I think an escort service is a good idea, but I feel silly asking for an escort at 8 (p.m.)," said Lissa Whitney, an English senior.

To be more effective, the escort service needs to extend its hours, said Julie Johnson.

"A lot of things happen on weekends in which women need an escort as well as after midnight," said Johnson, a sociology sophomore.

Many students said they don't take advantage of safety services because they don't see the campus as a threatening place.

"People usually think of crime as occurring late at night or in a dark alley," said Beckye Gibson, an education senior.

But Gibson and her family are all too aware that crime can enter anyone's life, anywhere, at any time.

Last year, Gibson's grandmother was attacked and raped at her apartment complex.

"You always think it won't happen to you or your family," Gibson said. "People, especially students, do not realize the danger."

Communications senior Lee Hopewell said students can place themselves at risk for assault on UK's campus unless they pay attention to what they are doing.

"I think this campus can be dangerous, especially for women out at night alone," Hopewell said.

Men rarely are the victims of campus assaults, and that is a consideration for many students when they think about campus crime.

"When I go out at night, I never

think about being attacked," Hopewell said.

Gibson, however, said this common notion perpetuates crime.

"I just wish people would realize what being victimized can do to a family without them having to actually go through it," she said.

To avoid being victimized, people should formulate a plan to protect themselves, said Marion Lee, of Citizens Against Crime.

She said criminals are more afraid of confident people who walk with their heads up than those who appear unsure of themselves.

"It is important that you present yourself as someone who knows what you're doing," Lee said.

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