



Project X

Lesser-known construction sites

The big article in last week's Kernel concerned the numerous construction sites on campus. More than 100, in fact. While the article addressed some of the main projects such as buildings, walkways, and steel-reinforced dungeons and torture chambers, it neglected to mention all the little petty sites like bike rack installations and chipped-curb repairs. After investigating further, I discovered some rather odd sites being developed. It seems that nothing strange ever gets past me. Without anymore babbling, here's the list.

The garage at UK President Lee Todd's new home is being rebuilt to increase its size. The current one was too small to accommodate the new Hummer-style limo he had ordered.

The parking office is repainting the parking lots with smaller spaces, thus allowing it to increase the number of expensive permits it can sell. Good luck fitting a Toyota Sequoia into five square feet.

UK had considered putting air conditioning in some of the less fortunate dorms like Holmes Hall, but then opted to save money by just suggesting students leave their fridges open.

Signs are being placed around the band practice field to warn students not to walk across it after rain, because the soil has a reputation of turning into a two-foot-deep mud pit.

A small concert area hidden behind Erikson Hall is beginning to take shape. Judging by the miniature Ferris wheel and doll-size bumper cars, I'd say the squirrels are getting a theme park.

One of the largest construction projects has yet to be noticed, probably because it's underground. While students will be forced to walk in the heat and cold, faculty members will ride subterranean moving sidewalks. It looks like the professors really won't out at the last contract negotiation.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Health task force meets for first time

Everyone must be heard: Chairman encourages employees to get involved, visit group's web site

By Jimmy Nesbitt

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The UK health benefits task force has already started working for change.

Members of the task force and UK employees met Tuesday to discuss UK's health care plans and employee benefits.

Thomas Samuel, the task force's chairman, told the audience to scoot their chairs closer to the committee's table to allow each person to be heard.

The health insurance group was the first task force formed by new UK President Lee Todd.

Todd said the committee must examine how UK's bench-

marks deal with health care costs.

"Health care is extremely expensive for everybody," Todd said.

Samuel advised the group to keep the future in mind.

"We have to worry about what is going to happen next," he said.

Several group members were concerned the committee would have problems acquiring information from insurance companies, but Samuel said digging up

statistics would be a top priority.

Bill Reesor, another committee member, said the faculty and staff affected by rising health care costs are typically those who can't afford it.

"Low-paid employees are the majority of (UK) employees, not the minority," he said.

The committee is expected to have a web site working by Friday. The site will contain dates of future meetings, information the committee has collected and a list of e-mail addresses for committee

members and faculty.

Samuel said the committee will make recommendations while keeping in mind UK's goal of becoming a top 20 university.

"I hope the community can be happy with the process and not necessarily the results."

For more information

Visit the task force web site at
www.uky.edu/HealthBenefits

CONSTRUCTION

Rose Street to take a new turn in fall

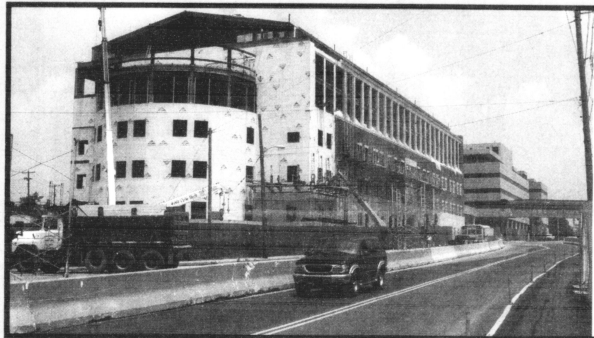


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A summer's worth of work

Construction on the new design for the intersection at Rose and Limestone Streets has closed Rose between Limestone and the UK Hospital since May. The \$330,000 project is due to be completed by August when students return for classes.

A hard right: UK Med. Center asked for change to slow drivers down, protect pedestrians

By Curtis Tale

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A summer's worth of construction will end this fall with a new intersection design at one of UK's most congested areas.

As part of the UK Medical Center expansion, Rose Street will be realigned to cross Limestone Street at a 90-degree angle, eliminating the current "Y" intersection that allows drivers northbound on Limestone to veer right on to Rose.

Jeff Edwards, construction site supervisor for Lexington contractor D.W. Wilburn, said the \$330,000 project should be finished in August before the fall semester begins.

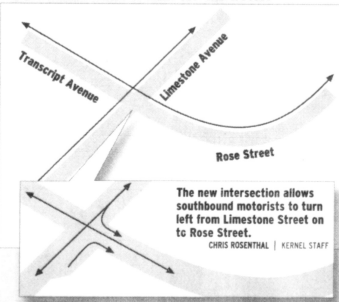
Under the new design, drivers entering Rose from Limestone will have to make a hard turn, forcing motorists to reduce their speeds to around 15 mph or less. Edwards said the intersection could pose a problem for drivers who use Rose Street, since no reduction in traffic volume is expected.

Nearly 35,000 cars pass through campus via Rose Street on weekdays when school is in session.

"It's not going to be good for the morning and afternoon commute," Edwards said.

But Edwards said motorists will be able to do something they could not do before — turn left from southbound Limestone on to Rose. He also said the addition of a right turn lane on northbound Limestone should help drivers en-

Rose Street takes a turn for the better



The new intersection allows southbound motorists to turn left from Limestone Street on to Rose Street.

CHRIS ROSENTHAL | KERNEL STAFF

tering Rose Street from the south.

Edwards said the main purpose of the realignment is to slow traffic as it enters and exits UK. The old configuration "encouraged" drivers to exceed the posted speed limit of 35 mph, he said.

Dall Clark, director of UK's Capital Project Management Division, said the Medical Center requested the change because of a series of accidents involving pedestrians.

Still, not everyone agrees with the plan.

Edward Wilson, a Donovan Scholar who retired from the Kentucky Geological Survey, said the realignment is "foolish." Wilson said Rose is a major thoroughfare connecting the city's south and east sides and redesigning the intersection with Limestone will create a major traffic bottleneck.

"(The plan) is a disservice of tremendous proportion to the city

of Lexington," he said.

But Steve Stahlman, who works in UK's microfilming department, said he likes the change because it addresses pedestrian safety issues on a road where motorists routinely speed.

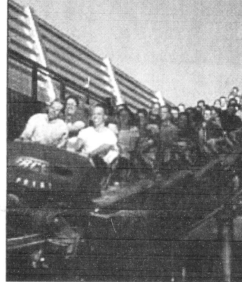
"That's always been a hairy intersection," he said.

Other changes

- A pedestrian walkway over Rose Street between the Allied Health and expanded primary care facilities
- A bus stop on Limestone Street at the point where Rose formerly diverged.
- A traffic signal at the previously un-signalized intersection at Limestone and Transcept Avenue. Rose will cross Limestone and become Transcept.

ROAD TRIP #4

Cedar Point's coasters key for a great weekend



Riders at Sandusky, Ohio's Cedar Point Amusement Park enjoy Millennium Force, the park's premiere roller coaster. The ride debuted in 2000 as the world's tallest, fastest and steepest roller coaster.

PHOTO FURNISHED

Your own amusement: Ohio park has world's highest, fastest roller coaster — Millennium Force

By Paul Haker

STAFF WRITER

Cedar Point — "America's Rollercoast." Whatever it's slogan may be, the amusement park is usually boasting about a new record-breaking ride.

Located in Sandusky, Ohio, the park is built on a small peninsula jutting into Lake Erie. The lake gives Cedar Point an unusual backdrop and its own beach.

Cedar Point has been in the Guinness Book of World Records numerous times, most notably for having more roller coasters than any other amusement park in the world. At fourteen, it still holds that title. Last year, Cedar Point opened their most ambitious project: "Millennium Force," the world's highest, fastest and steepest roller coaster. Millennium Force is 310 feet tall and travels 83 mph.

While Cedar Point doesn't have a new ride to brag about in 2001, it still has much to offer. The "Magnum," a 210-foot-high coaster, has been a favorite since it opened in 1989. The "Raptor," a suspended roller coaster, and the "Mantis," a stand-up roller coaster, were the highest and fastest of their kinds when they opened in 1994 and 1995, respectively.

The park also has "Mean Streak," which was the world's tallest and fastest wooden roller coaster at the time it was built. Although the records have since been eclipsed, the combination of all the rides gives Cedar Point a unique edge.

The park also offers a number of other rides for those visitors who get a little queasy on coasters.

"Power Tower" gives riders the choice of being rushed up 300 feet or dropped 300, while Snake River Falls drenches riders and onlookers awaiting on the bridge.

For those looking for a calmer ride, Cedar Point offers two sets of bumper cars, two sets of antique cars, and the Space Spiral, which gives riders an aerial view of the park, Sandusky and Lake Erie. Cedar Point also offers a miniature golf course, go-karts, and a water park, Soak City, for additional costs.

Cedar Point does have downsides, though. During the summer, people can expect to wait in line for up to two hours to ride the more popular coasters.

One thing you won't have to wait for is a hotel, but it is always good to make reservations to be on the safe side. Sandusky has a number of chain hotels, as well as some local favorites.

Cedar Point is open daily through Labor Day and weekends until the first week of October.

How to get there

Cedar Point is five to six hours away, depending on traffic. Take I-75 north to I-71 north. Take exit 186 (SR 250) to Sandusky. Once in Sandusky, simply follow the signs. Admission per day for adults is \$39. Parking is \$7. For more information, visit www.cedarpoint.com.

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ACTIVITIES

Volunteers find their time and experiences worthwhile

Giving of yourself: Organizations near UK's campus in need of students who want to help

By Erika Simpson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Volunteering is much needed in the community at organizations such as hospitals and the Lexington Humane Society. Volunteering is something many students may wish to do, and those who do, say it is worth the time.

This summer, Sheri Hamlin, a social work senior, is volunteering more than 40 hours each week at the Housing Council of the Volunteers of America.

Hamlin said her motives

are strictly to benefit others. "I just want to make a difference in someone's life," Hamlin said.

Hamlin works with an emergency homeless program, which places underprivileged families in temporary housing. Volunteers and counselors in the program help families that may stay anywhere from three to nine months while establishing permanent housing goals.

Like Hamlin, Michele Dunagan, a social work senior, also helps put low-income families on their feet at Volunteers of America. She said she enjoys

the feeling of knowing she has contributed to someone's success.

"You can actually see a positive change in their life because of something you've done," Dunagan said.

The volunteer position also includes shadowing three social workers in the program and visiting the families at their homes once a week.

Opportunities abound for students interested in other types of volunteer work. The Samaritan Hospital offers positions for many UK students.

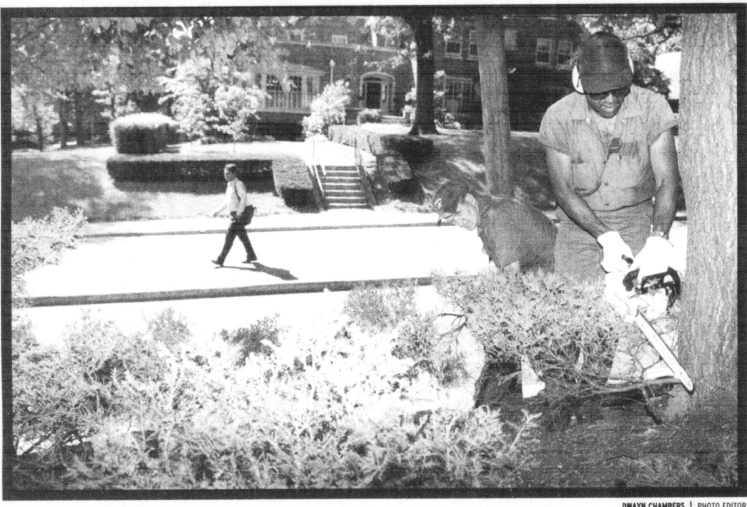
Nicole Allen, a biology and pre-med senior, volunteers at the hospital once a week and helps sick children and adults who need a smile and encouraging words.

Through a program, "Outreach," and the UK Athletic Association, Allen gives her time to serve people around the community.

She said the work changes her way of thinking and seeing. "It gives you a different outlook on life ... and it's fun," Allen said.

Mindy Smith, a psychology junior, also serves under the same volunteer program, which leads the students to other organizations, including the Children's Hospital and the Hope Center.

Smith takes positive and meaningful emotions away from her work and said it's worth her time. "I enjoy the feeling ... it's very fulfilling," Smith said.



DWAYNE CHAMBERS | PHOTO EDITOR

Clearing the foliage

A UK employee removes bushes outside Maxwell Place, the residence of UK's president. The bushes, which lined Rose Street, prevented passersby from viewing the historic home. President Lee Todd and his wife, Patsy, have been giving tours of their home to new students and their families during summer advising conferences. Employees have also removed a "private" sign from a gate near King Library at the edge of the residence.

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Who did what this summer? Kernel brings it all into focus



Runaway

Shrek, voiced by Mike Myers, speaks with his friend Donkey, voiced by Eddie Murphy, about onions. Shrek was one of the top grossing films this summer, earning more than its competitor Pearl Harbor, Ben Affleck's flick.

This summer has been packed full with blockbuster hits and a few blockbuster flops — here's a quick rundown of what happened.

HIT: Shrek. This kids movie, made with the vocal talents of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz and John Lithgow, earned more money than all the other summer releases this year (somewhere the producers of Pearl Harbor are asking what went wrong). The movie is about an ogre who teaches his fellows that beauty isn't always on the outside. The movie has double entendres galore to please parents, while also entertaining kids. Look for it to be a great video rental.

MISS: Swordfish. John Travolta, who mesmerizes the

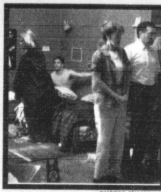
audience with a killer intro and action sequence, loses stamina after the first 15 minutes. Following the beginning, a sea of bad dialogue and a top-heavy plot causes *Swordfish* to sink like a stone. A mediocre film about ... well, about a topic that's so mired in suspense and unanswered questions that I can't tell you what it's about — because I don't know.

HIT: Radiohead's Amnesiac. This band, which blew people away with their cult-inducing album *Kid A*, released what some were anticipating to be an addition to its previous album. Fans were pleasantly surprised, however, to find things to be different than they had planned. The band's first release, "Pyramid Song," was a hit among fans. A great album

to pick up from the local CD store for your listening pleasure.

MISS: Sounds of Faith, Who's Your Daddy? Father God Is Ours. This CD, not really well known among most people in the pulse of music, came out earlier this month. The album, coming from the good intentions of providing clean music for Christian teens, took such songs as Destiny's Child's "Say My Name" and Marvin Gaye's "Sexual Healing," and re-wrote the lyrics to praise God. While the talent, highlighted by Nina Young, was impeccable, the songs the group chose for production had not been given time enough to lose their public appeal. The premise was great and good, but it didn't follow through.

WHAT'S NEW? Box office



American Pie 2

Do we really need another movie about assaults on baked goods? No. We have to break the cycle. Opens August 10.

WHAT'S NEW? Video



Sweet November

More like "Sweet, we took a mediocre plot from Richard Gere and Winona Ryder's *Autumn in New York* and recycled it with new stars." Available July 27.

—Compiled by Alan Stone

A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND UK

On Tap...

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THURSDAY

• Starlight Lounge Live. AIA. 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$1.03.

FRIDAY

• Calawampus Universe. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.

SATURDAY

• The Taming of the Shrew. UK Arboretum. 8:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$3-\$9.
• Rammstein. Bogart's. 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$17.50.

MONDAY

• James Taylor. Riverbend. 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$24-\$49.50.

TUESDAY

• Reel Big Fish. Bogart's. 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$20.

Coming Soon

- Mike Clark's Prescription Renewal. Bogart's. Aug. 8. 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$15-\$17.
- Bruce Hornsby. Palace Theatre, Louisville. Aug. 13. 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$27.50-\$65.
- Destiny's Child. Riverbend. Aug. 16. 9 p.m. Tickets range from \$22.50-\$45.50.
- Allison Krauss. Singleary Center. Aug. 20. 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$29.
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“ This is very encouraging and we'll wait with baited breaths to see what the results of the clinical studies are. It's one of the most promising (treatments). It's one of the most advanced, and it's one of the most unexpected.”

— Marcell Morrison-Bogorad, neurosciences director at the U.S. National Institute on Aging, on a possible vaccine for Alzheimer's disease.

“ It's about as good as you can hope for in the mice. Now, of course, we've got to see if this translates into humans.”

— Elan Senior Vice President of Discovery Research Dale Schenk, who works for the company that developed a possible vaccine for Alzheimer's disease.

—Source: Lexington Herald-Leader
 —Compiled by Jenny Robertson



READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Health care plan costs too high to survive

To the editor:

Since the announcement of the health insurance task force, morale has been up, and, yet, this does nothing for the coffers of those employees adversely affected, especially those at the lowest pay grade with the family plan: those making \$6.75 per hour at 37.5 hours vs \$508.25 per two weeks. After taxes and benefits these people are left with plus or minus \$125 every two weeks. This is only \$250 a month that these, the lowest paid, are expected to live on.

I know three people who have had their gas shut off. With the

high temperatures that we now have, the chill of Old Man Winter seems far off indeed and six months allow one a faint hope. I know some have chosen not to insure their families; some of these people have problems such as high blood pressure they are now not taking care of. I know of one person who, due to this rearrangement, has had his prescriptions go up by 50 percent. Thus, if that person was making \$50 in payments a month they are now making 100. For those of us making less than \$30,000 a year these are bordering on a financial crisis. For the person making \$250 dollars a month, they now have \$150 left.

I have looked at over 50 different plans from schools bigger than UK and schools smaller than UK. With this, I and others

found in cost UK is not only in the top twenty; they are the leader. In a comparison, Louisville's lowest family insurance cost to employees was \$172 (this compared with UK's \$432); that is over a \$200 difference. In fact, Louisville's most expensive plan was \$434.96; UK's most expensive plan was \$407.

With the fact that we were given a four percent raise this year, our raise did not even cover the increased cost. In fact we are worse off now than before. What the employees want is simple: our insurance at a reasonable rate, and for the single plan to be provided again as a benefit with no cost to the employees. For if we do not help each other, who will help us?

DAVID LAUTZENHEISER
 PHYSICAL PLANT: PLUMBING SHOP

Alan Stone

SCENE EDITOR

Microwave meals and mold: a return to life in the dorm

There are certain things that each and every one of us grows out of, right?

For starters, I'm going to assume that each and every one of us here at college has outgrown diapers. And, for the most part, toys (now, I know there's a contingent of people who "collect" toys at our college, but we'll just move past them right now).

One of these things, you'd think, would be the dorm. You come to college, you live in the cramped closets called rooms, you make friends and you leave them the next year to find your own apartment. It's a phase of life.

Wrong. I, a third-year college student, am going back to living in the dorm. I'm returning to the noise, the roommates and the cable modems. I'm returning to cold showers, finding "stuff" in the stalls and worrying about the health of the soles of my feet. I'm also returning to creaky beds, annoying neighbors and visitation hours. I'm returning to not being able to keep alcohol at my place of residence — precisely the year I turn 21, too. Ah, the irony.

You know what I'm talking about — the hell that is wondering if your roommate is psycho, and if you're lucky enough to have a normal roommate, worrying about walking into "extracurricular" activities that are going on with him and his significant other.

On the short list of good things, at least you don't have to worry about rent each month. And you don't have to worry about being close to class. The friends you make are priceless, and you usually walk away with good stories to tell later on in life. You also are introduced to different types of people: those who take showers and those who don't (I'm trying to stay in the first group, but the fungus in the shower growled at me the last time I looked at it).

Do these things outweigh each other? I bet not.

The joy of having to wash like a herd of cattle doesn't exactly excite

me. Having to defecate in a mass stall system after God knows who used it last? Not a pretty picture in my mind. The worst one, though, is knowing that any female visitors I (joyously) get will have to depart the premises at 12 a.m. at night. So, that means that my romantic options are now down to the incredibly likely "slim" and the currently-present "none."

This also means that you have to get creative with your foodstuffs, too. (translation: you have to learn to cook using only a microwave, refrigerator, plastic spoons and a cup). You find that some things, while sounding good, would eat a hole through your floor if you accidentally spilled them. You eat things that a homeless person wouldn't touch. And you eat a lot of microwave popcorn.

You also have to revert to "Survivor"-style laundry. That's when you look at your remaining clean clothes after two weeks and try and figure out which piece of clothing is the absolute last thing you would wear before doing laundry. Currently, mine is tied between the jeans with the hole in the crotch and my tube sock collection. I hear that my undershirts are taking a pool on who leaves the drawer last.

Again, I ask, why, oh why, have the gods forsaken me?

I guess it's not all bad. For instance, you might luck out and get a great roommate who has an awesome TV, stereo, computer and video game system.

Or, the Bears could win the Super Bowl. They have about the same odds, so I'm not going to hold my breath.

I just hope I don't take whatever is growing in the shower stalls home with me. I have trouble enough feeding myself.

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The age of non-innocence

Contrary to the love story in the summer box office disappointment *Pearl Harbor*, Tom Brokaw's description of the "greatest generation", is very different.

Brokaw says, "Disciplined by their military training and sacrifices, they married in record numbers ... they stayed true to their values of personal responsibility, duty, honor and faith."

In 1948, Indiana University zoologist Alfred Kinsey published his first report on human sexuality and it launched the "sexual revolution" and the "scientific" study of sexuality in the United States. Kinsey painted a very different picture of WWII men. He said 95 percent of them were sex offenders under current state laws, and laws needed to be changed to allow for the full range of sexual experiences. The only lawful sexual congress at that time was heterosexual coitus in marriage, but sexual revolutionaries targeted the 52 laws protecting marriage, women and children for elimination or penalty reduction. For example, rape was a capital offense in 18 states, including Kentucky, but no more. In one day, rape went from a felony to a misdemeanor in the Kentucky legislature, and today, a predator, who rapes victim(s) without causing visible bruising or "serious" physical injury, may plead guilty to the lesser crime.

Since these laws have been changed, statistics have proven that unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases are skyrocketing.

Surgeon General David Satcher's June 2001 report on sexual health carries a grave diagnosis. The reigning Kinseyan-based sexuality field (along with its big dollar supporters — the pornography industry) desperately hopes to distract lawmakers from the massive failures associated with Kinsey's "anything goes" brand of "safe" sex. But the facts are five of the 10 most commonly reported infectious diseases in the United States are STDs, which are 87 percent of cases reported among those ten, chlamydia and gonorrhea infections account for 15 percent of cases of infertility in women; 45 million people are infected with genital herpes; and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is responsible for 83 percent of the cases of cervical cancer in women, with 5.5 million new cases a year

kill more women than AIDS. After years of hearing how "safe" sex is with condoms, on July 20, 2001 the Department of Health and Human Services issued an alarming report saying there is no evidence that condoms prevent the transmission of most sexually transmitted diseases. Of eight STDs — HIV, gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, chancroid, trichomoniasis, genital herpes and HPV — examined, condoms were not found to provide universal protection against any.

The scientific panel concluded that there was no epidemiological evidence that condom use reduced the risk of HPV infection. The 20 million Americans who are currently infected with genital HPV should know HPV has also been linked to prostate, anal and oral cancer.

Now the government says "safe" sex without disease and dysfunction doesn't appear to be possible, and the surgeon general's report says that there is no evidence that abstinence works. But, in view of condom failures, abstinence (heterosexual coitus in marriage only) is the only hope. It is what people did before 1950 when laws and public policies protected marriage, women and children. Disease and dysfunction levels then were very low because people said no to promiscuous, anonymous or casual sexual encounters. Like Tom said, the "Greatest Generation" made responsible commitments to each other in marriage.

Facing a pandemic spread of STDs not preventable by "safe sex," abstinence carries a guarantee borne of the American spirit of self-government, discipline and honesty that the "Greatest Generation" well understood as they demonstrated the greatest and truest love, laying down their lives for others on the battlefield and at home. The answer to the STD plague with no cure that wars against this latest generation, as it has with no other, is the same self-government which will someday allow our children to say that we retained our virtue and stayed true to the eternal values of "duty, honor and faith," the source of America's good health.

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IN OUR OPINION

Vaccine of the future

New drug could help Alzheimer's

Don't get your beta amyloids all in a bunch. That's what AN-1792 may be for.

Better known as amyloid plaque, beta amyloids are thought to be one of the contributing factors necessary for the development of Alzheimer's disease, a devastating degenerative illness of the brain.

Alzheimer's is best known as the attack on nerve cells causing permanent impairment of mental functions and loss of memory. Alzheimer's is expected to affect more than 22 million people by 2025, according to CNN.com. However, a new vaccine may be able to stop the genetic disorder in its tracks.

Passing a key test with the transition from animals to humans, AN-1792 was found to have similar success rates in the 100 patients tested with mild to moderate cases of Alzheimer's compared to former studies conducted with lab rats.

Two years ago, scientists working with the Elan Corporation discovered that mice immunized at a young age were protected from Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's was halted and in some cases reversed in mice already infected.

Though evidence did not indicate any cognitive improvement in patients, the reactions to the vaccine indicated the levels of antibodies were rising. This demonstrated an immune response in the patients tested.

AN-1792 may provide the key to better understanding Alzheimer's, as well as offering a remarkable leap toward protections against the disease.

Though the Elan Corporation should be saluted for its success with previous research, we also agree with the Alzheimer's Association that this latest development should not inhibit other efforts of research for preventing and curing the illness.

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SPORTSWEEKLY EDITOR

Hacker had tough shoes to fill

The "Voice of the Wildcats" is hanging up the mike for good, and I am left with mixed emotions.

UK basketball's play-by-play announcer Ralph Hacker announced his retirement Tuesday after 29 years as a Cat commentator.

Hacker first became known to UK fans as the color commentator alongside legendary play-by-play man Cawood Ledford — a position that Hacker would hold for 20 years.

Upon Ledford's retirement in 1992, Hacker accepted the unenviable task of replacing him as point man for the UK radio network.

Hacker struggled initially with his new role as play-by-play man, both for basketball and football.

I remember listening to his first season of football calls in '92, and for a fan of the barely televised Bill Curry Cats, the radio was the only game medium available until the tape-delayed replay that aired opposite "Saturday Night Live."

During the game, my brother and I would go in the backyard and throw our Hutch mini football while listening on the old gray boom box on the patio.

Only 11 years old, I remember time and again my frustration hearing the play-ending whistle in the background of the broadcast before Hacker had even said yet whether it was a run or a pass.

I'd slam the ball as he mispronounced names that I thought everybody knew.

I was always asking my brother what down it was, because Hacker sure never seemed to say it.

And Hacker had no catch phrases.

During the post-game call-in shows, I remember how much I loved hearing fans tell hosts Dick Gabriel and Dave Baker that Hacker was a hack.

To put it bluntly, I hated Ralph Hacker.

And his basketball announcing wasn't much better. I used to think

the names of the foreign players — Cuban-American Gimel Martinez particularly comes to mind — and hearing the cheers of the crowd on a made three before Hacker had even announced a shot had been taken.

After five seasons, Hacker eventually relinquished his role as football announcer, a job for which he tried mightily to perfect but was never quite cut out.

But his basketball skills improved immeasurably as his tenure progressed.

As he became more comfortable in his position, Hacker began to easily keep up with the tempo of the game and often displayed a likeable wit during his weekly coach's shows with Rick Pitino and Tubby Smith.

He built a pleasant on-air chemistry with color men like Kyle Macy and Sam Bowie.

Finally, the Commonwealth, including me, had accepted Ralph Hacker.

And now as he bows out, I realize that the displeasure I felt for Hacker during much of

his nine-year stay at play-by-play was really unwarranted.

Hacker never was and never could have been expected to be another Cawood.

But that is what I had wanted and anticipated.

I know now that any negative feelings I had were not based on the fact that it was Hacker's voice coming through the speakers, but rather that it wasn't Ledford's.

No memory from my childhood burns brighter than Cawood calling Christian Laettner's fadeaway in the '92 East Regional Final, and no other announcer could even have attempted to match his greatness.

Hacker, conveniently, became the scapegoat to relieve our ill feelings after Ledford's departure.

To his credit, Ralph Hacker remained steadfast, kept working and became a constant, associated with UK sports.

And next season, when we pause 10 seconds for station identification, I'll remember how Hacker used to call 'em.

IN BRIEF

Sportsbytes

UK tennis duo wins national title

UK tennis players Carolina Mayorga and Lauren Rookledge claimed the title at the National Amateur Hardcourts Doubles Championships last weekend.

Mayorga and Rookledge, who will be seniors in the fall at UK, ousted a team from Ohio St. in the finals of the tournament that was held in their opponents' hometown of Columbus, Ohio.

The score of the one-set final match was 8-2.

Mayorga and Rookledge won all their preliminary matches leading up to the final without losing a single game.

Mayorga, who achieved All-American status last year as a doubles player with partner Sarah Witten, won the title only a week after being named the recipient of the Arthur Ashe Jr. Leadership and Sportsmanship award.

Rookledge also had a stellar junior doubles season playing alongside Brooke Skeen. Rookledge and Skeen had a 26-6 record last spring.

"This is a really great achievement for these athletes," UK women's coach Mark Guilbeau said of his proteges. "To win a USTA Gold Ball is an honor and is something that reflects highly on their hard work."

Former UK cornerback signs with Vikings

Eric Kelly, who played for UK between 1996 and 2000, has signed a professional contract with the NFL's Minnesota Vikings.

Kelly signed the contract on July 18 and is now taking part in the Vikings' summer training camp.

During his time at UK, Kelly was routinely assigned to defend the Cats' toughest opposing receiver.

Kelly, a native of Panama City, Fla., had one interception and 32 tackles in 2000.

The terms of Kelly's contract were not disclosed.



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In the pros

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