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Principal tells of unique style of educating school students

By ELIZABETH WADE
Assignment Editor

"I admit my brothers and sisters, that my initials are J.C., Jesus Christ, but I can't perform miracles," said New Jersey Principal Joe Clark, at a press conference last night.

Clark was referring to the disciplinary and academic problems he has faced during his role as principal of Eastside High School. During his first week as principal, Clark expelled more than 300 of 3300 students for vandalism, drugs and teacher harassment.

"In America at my school, I did something I deserve a medal of honor for," he

said. "I got rid of drugs, the stabbings, the shootings, the rapes, in other words 300 teachers can walk down those halls without having a dagger hanging out of their back."

A school should be a bastion of educational hope which is conducive to learning, not a place for diabolical wretched souls."

Clark, who was the final event for the Student Activities Board Finals Fest, addressed what he sees as deficiencies in the educational system before more than 160 people last night at UK's Worsham Theatre.

Although Clark's controversial disciplinary procedures of "throwing out" the

problems have worked, students at Eastside still have not made significant progress academically.

Clark blames poor test scores on the public education system and he said the public education system as it is now, needs to be dismantled in order to offer minorities a better opportunity for a better education.

"I've pricked the conscience of a nation to let the nation know that there's something wrong in America educationally," he said. "Something must be done to bring about some type of change if America is to survive.

There is malaise in public education.

Parents should have the right to choose where they send their children."

Clark said an alternative form of education, which he calls a voucher system, needs to be available. The voucher system is similar to the parochial system and its purpose is to compete with the public school systems, while providing a strict yet nurturing environment.

"Early nurturing is the key and a controversial key is the nurturing," he said.

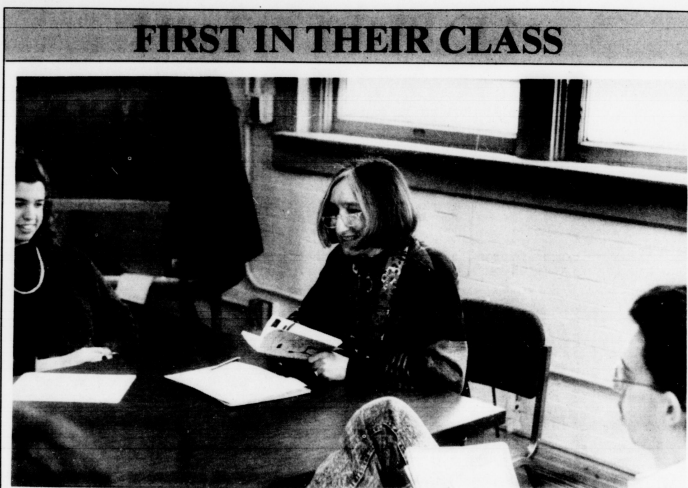
He went on to say that this nurturing must start at the elementary level.

"The school system needs to be changed to a voucher system," he said. "I have spoken with (former) Secretary of Education Bennett about a voucher system and

(President-elect George) Bush is for the voucher system."

Clark, who said he was offered a job in the Reagan administration, said he did not want to sit behind a desk pushing papers, and that he wanted to be where he is most productive — being a "principal of discipline."

During his high school years, Clark's father left his family and Clark was forced out of a nurturing environment to work and support his family while going to school. He said this contributed to his disciplinary practices as a principal and a person.



AD-VANCE LEARNING: Jane Vance, who has had works published in several literary publications, received the UK Great Teacher Award in 1986 and was acting director for the Honors Program in the fall semester 1980.

Vance considers teaching valuable lesson

This is the third in a weeklong series of articles about some of UK's more interesting and popular teachers.

By SHARON RATCHFORD
Senior Staff Writer

UK associate professor Jane Vance leaned over slightly in her chair, her short, dark gray hair temporarily hiding her face as she struggled to put her thoughts about education into words.

"I feel that teaching is a real mission," she said.

Then she paused, carefully considering each sentence.

"I think that helping students learn about our culture, learn about the strands from the present that connect us all to the past is absolutely essential for having a notion of who we are and how we've gotten where we are in the world," she said.

"The sense of connectiveness is, I think, the end, the aim, of education," Vance, 47, said. "It's what keeps us from destroying ourselves and each other and the world."

Vance, an Honors Program teacher for 15 years and recipient of a joint appointment with the English department last spring, is one of UK's finest professors.

She received the UK Great Teacher Award in 1986 and was acting director for the Honors Program in fall semester 1980.

Vance's main contribution to the Honors Program is "the quality of mind

and spirit she brings to her classes," said Ray Betts, director of the Honors Program.

"There's a special, gentle engagement with anyone she is conversing with," whether she is one-on-one or to a class, Betts said.

Vance's course offerings vary from semester to semester. She periodically teaches Honors 101, 102, 202 and a creative writing class in which students get a chance to write and critique for the Honors Program literary magazine, *Jar*.

"The students greatly appreciate her as a fine and caring teacher," Betts said.

Vance, who is the adviser for the *Jar* and who has served on several of UK's annual Women Writers Conference committees, expects participation from all her students.

"I believe that learning is something that a student actively does for herself or himself," she said.

"It's not something a teacher can give a student."

"Often, the best things are happening in my classroom when I don't hear myself talking," she said.

"The best things are happening when the students are talking, because that's when they're putting things together for themselves."

Her students — many of whom have taken more than one of her classes — agree.

"She basically encourages students to

explore their own ideas," said Chris Green, a 20-year-old English/creative writing junior and editor of the *Jar*.

In the end, students learn a lot about themselves as well as the subject, said Green, who had Honors for 102.

One of the reasons Sandy Wilkerson, a sophomore journalism major and honors student, took the creative writing class this semester was because she knew Vance was teaching it. She took Vance's Honors 101 last year.

"Even if you're shy," she draws you out and she encourages you," Wilkerson said. "She leads you to the right answer without being critical."

"She helps you figure it out" instead of giving away the answers, Wilkerson said. "She's just a tremendous teacher."

"It's made me retain the knowledge more because I got involved," Wilkerson, 19, said. "It's a lasting sort of impression, I guess."

Vance's literary skills extend beyond the classroom, however. "She enjoys a fine reputation as a regional poet," Betts said.

Although she was born in Lexington, Vance went to Hollins College in Virginia for her undergraduate degree. From there she went to Brandeis University and received a graduate degree in 1966.

She worked for the Lexington Leader for a year and a half, writing book reviews, features and news stories.

Vance discovered that although she

Testimony begins in trial involving fatal car accident

By JIM WHITE
Associate Editor

Bradley J. Shipman was visibly intoxicated and was showing off the night he crashed his car into a telephone pole in September, according to testimony in Fayette County Circuit Court yesterday.

One UK student was killed and another critically injured in the accident which occurred at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Kentucky Court.

Shipman, a 29-year-old UK junior, is facing charges of second-degree manslaughter and second-degree assault in the trial, which began yesterday morning. He also is facing a drunken driving charge.

"He had the odor of beer on his breath, his eyes were bloodshot and watery, his speech was slurred," said Lexington police officer James Gahbard, who arrested Shipman after the Sept. 7 accident for driving under the influence. "When he was walking over to the fire truck, he was a little off balance. He said he had been drinking."

Shipman, who was not injured in the accident, had consumed six, nine-ounce beers the afternoon before the accident, according to Andrew Will, a friend and fellow member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity who testified yesterday.

Shipman's blood-alcohol percentage the night of the accident was .13, according to the testimony of Fred Chumler, a chemist at the Kentucky State Police Crime Lab in Frankfort. A person is considered intoxicated under Kentucky law with a 10 blood-alcohol level or higher.

Will said he and Shipman had stopped at Michael's Pizza Plus, located at 385 S. Limestone St., after going apartment-hunting in downtown Lexington. Will said part of the reason they stopped at the restaurant was because of the 25-cent beers being served. Will said he and Shipman each had six beers.

Will, 21, said they spent about 1½ hours at Michael's Pizza Plus and then walked to Kennedy's Book Store, also located on South Limestone. There, they met two girls who Shipman knew and gave them a ride to the Chi Omega Sorority house on UK's campus. Shipman and Will then went to the Pi Kappa Alpha house, and soon after, Shipman left to go to a 6 p.m. class.

The accident occurred a little after 9 that night. Yesterday's testimony did not reveal where Shipman had been between the time of his class and the accident or when he picked up the two passengers also involved in the crash — Lisa Whalen and

Michael Thomas Swerczek, both 20-year-old UK students.

Whalen was pronounced dead at Good Samaritan Hospital shortly after the accident. Swerczek was moved from Cardinal Hill Hospital to St. Joseph Hospital on Nov. 24.

Gerald Klim, medical director at Cardinal Hill, testified yesterday that Swerczek had suffered severe head trauma and could not communicate. He said that Swerczek has not shown much improvement since the accident.

Shipman's new Camaro Iroc-Z was traveling eastbound on Euclid Avenue when it swerved from the right-hand lane to the left-hand lane between two cars, and then spun back into the right lane before striking the telephone pole.

Bob Hickey was driving the car Shipman cut in front of before losing control. Hickey, a 22-year-old UK senior, testified yesterday that "the (Shipman) was driving recklessly in my opinion."

Judge James Keller asked the jury not to consider Hickey's statement because it was based on his unqualified opinion.

"I can't think of any other way to say it," Hickey said. "He was driving fast when he cut into the left-hand lane. It was a very fast swerve in the left-hand lane."

"The tires squealed — the engine revved," said Angus Broughton, a passenger in the car with Hickey who also testified yesterday.

Broughton said the Camaro was going "much faster than we were" when it went through the intersection of Euclid and Woodland avenues.

All of the four witnesses of the accident who testified yesterday mentioned they heard the roar of Shipman's car engine before he lost control.

"I heard a loud engine coming up behind me," said Richard Marshall, who also was driving on Euclid Avenue and witnessed the crash. "It was so loud, I thought it was a motorcycle."

Shipman told police at the scene of the accident that he was showing off his new Camaro.

"Brad was a safe driver," Will said. "He was a little excited about the new car. But he never did scare me. It was never reckless driving or anything."

Shipman was visibly upset during the trial, crying and wiping his eyes throughout the proceedings.

The manslaughter and assault charges against Shipman are felonies and carry penalties of five to 10 years in prison. The drunken driving charge is a misdemeanor and carries a punishment of up to one year in prison.

Book exchanger next week

By ANN ANDREW
Contributing Writer

If the thought of buying next semester's books is already haunting you, look to the Student Government Association for an alternative.

The Book Exchange Program, sponsored by SGA, gives students the opportunity to sell this semester's books for more and to buy next semester's books for less than prices offered by local bookstores.

The program allows students to sell their books at a price they set. SGA then will add a five percent processing fee to cover advertising costs, with students getting the prices they want, said Shelly Sprague, executive director of studentservices.

"We want to help students as much as possible," she said.

Although the program is designed as a service for students, the sale of a book is not guaranteed.

"We can't guarantee money for the book, but if it is not sold the student can go to the bookstore," said SGA Vice President Leah McCain. "No one loses out."

The business the program brings SGA is a small percentage that will not detract from local bookstore sales, Sprague said. Local stores also rely on supplies and gifts for their business, she said.

The long-range goal of the exchange program is to establish a system where a student can go to SGA mid-semester and sell a book. Sprague said she hopes to see that start happening in the near future.

Judge rules to release NCAA allegations

Staff reports

Fayette County Circuit Court Judge George Barker has ruled to release at least some details concerning the 18 allegations of violations against the UK basketball team, but it might be a while before any of the details are made public.

Before any of the details of the allegations may be released, all parties involved in the case will be able to appeal the deci-

sion. The appeals process has not yet meted out and could take until spring before the process is exhausted.

The Courier-Journal filed a joint petition with UK in October for the release of the full text of allegations.

UK released to the media a summary of a letter sent to UK President David Rose from the NCAA containing a list of the allegations. The letter, released in October,

omitted the names of those involved in the allegations.

James Park, UK legal counsel, advised Rose that at the time "the University's obligation to protect the privacy of individuals requires that we not release the full text of the NCAA allegations at the present time."

On Nov. 29, UK and The Courier-Journal presented their arguments to Barker.

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SPORTS

Tom Spalding
Sports Editor

Football vets, rookies get honors for play

Staff reports

In a season that produced many surprises, UK freshmen Greg Lahr and Jerry Bell were two of the biggest for the Wildcat football team.

Lahr, an offensive tackle, and Bell, a defensive guard, were named to the Knoxville News-Sentinel 1988 All-Freshman All-Southeastern Conference team, the newspaper announced Monday.

Bell, a 6-foot-3, 284-pound red-shirt freshman from Louisville, finished the season with 54 total tackles in 10 games. Bell started five contests and had one sack and three tackles for losses.

Lahr, a 6-4, 243-pound first-year freshman from Pickerington, Ohio, saw action in the final six contests following injuries to tackles Mike Pfeifer and Tom Crumrine.

Lahr turned in his best effort versus Florida, grading 92 percent on 25 plays against the Gators' Trace Armstrong. He also



BELL HUNTER JOHNSON

graded 83 percent on 37 plays vs. Southern Illinois and was the only "true" freshman to participate during the 1988 season for the Wildcats.

A couple of seasoned veterans earned some post-season honors as well.

Seniors Ivy Joe Hunter and David Johnson will both play in the 60th annual Blue-Gray All-Star Classic in Montgomery, Ala., on Dec. 25. Hunter will also play in the 14th annual Japan Bowl at Yokohama, Japan, on Jan. 14.

Hunter, a native of Gainesville, Fla., finished his career in 7th place on the UK record list for yards rushing with 1,687. During the 1988 season, Hunter finished with 451 yards rushing.

Lady Kats shoot Flyers down, 72-59

By BRIAN JENT
Assistant Sports Editor

The score was much closer than the Memorial Coliseum scoreboard indicated last night, but the UK women's basketball team snapped a two-game losing streak anyway by beating Dayton University 72-59.

"I'm really glad that we won," UK coach Sharon Fanning said, "but to look up and see 13 points, it was really a little closer."

UK's Ruth Ann Mountain, who did not start the first half, led the Lady Kats scoring in the second half with her 14 points.

"We sort of made some changes in the second half," Fanning said. "Ruth started and that was her first time to start a half."

Mountain scored UK's first six points of the second half and went on to lead all scorers with 20 points.

UK's lead was slim all through the second half but the Lady Kats stretched it to 13 as time was running down.

"I was very pleased with the shot selection overall," Fanning said. UK went into intermission ahead of the Flyers by three points as Kristi Cushman converted a three-point play with 48 seconds left to give UK a 30-27 advantage.

UK was down as much as five in the early going, as Dayton jumped out to a 13-8 lead, but the momentum then shifted as the Kats went on a 10-0 run starting at the 10:40 mark.

Mountain started the swing by hitting a 17-foot jump shot. Vanessa Foster-Sutton added two to an uncontested layup to put UK on top 14-13. Whitaker scored on a layup courtesy of senior Pam Shrum after she pulled down a rebound. Foster-Sutton, who led UK's scor-



RANDAL WILLIAMSON/Kentucky Kernel

UK's Lora Spencer and Vanessa Foster-Sutton pull down a rebound last night during UK's 72-59 victory over Dayton.

Vanessa Foster-Sutton added two to an uncontested layup to put UK on top 14-13. Whitaker scored on a layup courtesy of senior Pam Shrum after she pulled down a rebound. Foster-Sutton, who led UK's scor-

ing with 11 points and eight rebounds in the first half, ended the spurt by converting a three-point play at the 8:36 mark. Both teams came out cold in the first half as Dayton shot 13 of 34 for 38.2 percent while UK shot 13 of 33 for 39.3 percent. "This was the first time this year that we played as a team... Everything that we did tonight we did as a team," said Foster-Sutton, who had 13 points in the contest. UK had four players in double figures including Whitaker, who had 11 points, and Cushmanberry, who finished with 17. The Kats showed their tenacious defense by forcing 18 turnovers. "I thought that we played our best defense of the year," freshman Cushmanberry said. UK was led in rebounding by Foster-Sutton, who grabbed 10. The Flyers, 0-4, were led by Tobette Pleasant's 17 points. Dayton's Pam Rasey and Anette Melvin also contributed 14 points to the Flyers' losing effort. The Kats, who raised their record to 3-2, will travel to Bloomington, Ind. to take on the Indiana University Hoosiers at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Lady Kat notes

Mary Custard, a 5-10 junior forward, has been suspended from the UK Lady Kats team and will not return this season, Coach Sharon Fanning announced. Fanning said that the Cynthia, Ky., native was suspended for disciplinary reasons.

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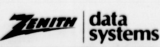
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Demons no doormat, but Cats need a win in opener at Rupp

By BARRY REEVES
Staff Writer

UK is in a must-win situation in early December for the first time in many years.

"There are certain games on every team's schedule that have to be considered must-wins if you want to reach your goals," UK coach Eddie Sutton said yesterday. "This game is one of them."

"It is a key stretch. We have five straight home games coming up," said UK guard Sean Sutton.

"We know we have to win at home if we are to attain our goal of getting into the NCAA tournament," he said.

When UK takes on Northwestern State University tonight in Rupp Arena, it will mark the first time UK has played at home this season. UK opened the season with five consecutive neutral site games.

"If there has ever been a team that needs the support from the students and fans, it's this team," Coach Sutton said.

The attendance at Rupp Arena tonight may be a little lower than usual at UK home games due to the NCAA investigation and a poor record.

"I have enough problems getting the ballclub ready to play and I can't worry about that," Coach Sutton said.

"Hopefully (the Rupp Arena crowd) will be the same as in the past," UK center LeRon Ellis said.

"I believe the fans play an important part of the game."

Northwestern State is a big-name opponent, but they are certainly no pushover for this Kentucky team.

"We have a great deal of respect for every team's schedule," Coach Sutton said. "They are a very explosive, offensive team with excellent athletes throughout their entire lineup."

"We don't have any easy teams on our schedule," UK forward Reggie Hanson said. "We can't look past anybody. We can't out-talent anybody."

After five games, the Demons are averaging just over 90 points per contest and have scored over 100 points in each of two games.

The Demons, 2-3, start five players who each average more than 10 points per game, which makes them extremely tough for the Wildcats to defend.

"You can't cheat on any one guy," Sean Sutton said. "Anybody out there can hit you for 20 or more points."

With Northwestern State coach Dan Bell starting four guards and a forward, this could be the best time for UK to turn around its rebounding woes.

"We just have to get better effort on the boards than we did against Notre Dame," Hanson said.

"Board play will be a major factor in the ballgame," Eddie Sutton said.

ABOUT THE GAME

Match-up: Kentucky, 2-3, vs. Northwestern State, 2-3.

When: 8:10 p.m. tonight.

Where: Rupp Arena.

Radio: Live on the Kentucky Network, WLW-700 AM, with Cawood Ledford and Ralph Hacker.

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said. "We can't let them get a lot of putbacks."

The Demons like to run up and down the floor, the same way Southern University did against UK in the NCAA tournament last season, Coach Sutton said.

"They put a lot of emphasis on their transition game. They like to fast break all the time," the elder Sutton said. "They can really hit the three pointer also."

It will be very important for UK to get two people back to stop their transition game, and everybody else must hustle back to the defensive end, Eddie Sutton said.

"It is especially important (to get two people back) against a team that likes to run," Sean Sutton said.

UT, Vandy the biggest surprises in bumbling, fumbling conference

By CHRIS HARVEY
Staff Writer

Many of the Southeastern Conference teams haven't been as competitive with the top teams in the country — as evidenced by some of the pummeling taking place.

Of the 10 league teams, only the University of Tennessee is ranked in the nation's Top 20.

The Volunteers, a league also-ran the last four seasons, are without a doubt the pride of the SEC.

Coach Don DeVoe's Vols, however, have struggled just as much as their league counterparts. Sixteenth-ranked UT has not been totally untested. The Volunteers improved to 4-0 with a win over lowly Virginia Military Institute on Monday night in Knoxville.

Trouble was, it took two overtimes to put away the pesky Keydets, but as usual, All-American candidate Dyron Nix helped lead his team to a victory with a 25-point, 16-rebound effort.

The Vols is the only team that has lived up to the media's expectations of playing up to their potential, while other teams picked to finish high in the conference are finding life a little rough these days.

Vanderbilt University has given the conference its only bright spot so far as they downed the 15th-ranked Louisville Cardinals, by three on a 45-foot bomb by Kentucky native Barry Goheen at the buzzer, down in Music City.

The win renewed some of the fans' faith in the Vandy players, after they had seen their team de-



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stroyed in the Maui Classic over Thanksgiving.

The University of Florida was picked this year to terrorize the SEC as well as the rest of the nation, based on their returning personnel and their great freshman recruiting class.

The Gators' bite, however, hasn't had much snap to it these days, after their uninspired showing in the Great Alaskan Shootout, where they finished in fourth place. After the journey, Coach Norm Siona's troops had a hard time in beating lowly Siena, 71-67.

To make matters worse, Florida isn't even the class of the state anymore, as they were mauled by a fired-up Florida State team in Tallahassee last weekend. The Gators could turn out to be the flop of the year in the SEC.

The University of Georgia, which

has seen controversy set in during the past week, has found its high hopes for an SEC title put on hold for the moment.

Georgia coach Hugh Durham was counting on his freshman man-child, Elmore Spencer, all 6-11 and 260 pounds of him to, to produce a winning atmosphere among fans down in Athens, but that has hardly been the case. Spencer has been declared academically ineligible until his academic mess can be sorted out.

Back on the court, the Bulldogs were dismantled by the Iowa Hawkeyes to the tune of a 101-76 defeat. Don't be surprised to see Durham take a sabbatical if his Dogs continue to go on a downward spiral.

The University of Alabama, which got off to a pitiful start last year by dropping a number of close games early, suddenly finds itself undefeated behind their two workhorses, three-point specialist Alvin Lee and All-SEC forward Michael Ansley. Things are definitely looking up for the Tide these days, but don't be shocked if Alabama fades quickly in the SEC race due to lack of bench support.

The University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University are turning a few heads in the SEC with their respectable starts.

But both teams could find themselves in trouble when they both run out of creampuffs to bully. For Ole Miss, Gerald Glass is the man all their title hopes are banked on.

Richard Williams' Miss. State Bulldogs are playing well, but may find themselves in the SEC cellar again this season.

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By ROB SENG
Arts Editor

In the mid-1970s, a syndicated radio comedy show, "The National Lampoon Radio Hour," proved to be a training ground for many of today's top comedians — Bill Murray, Harold Ramis and the late John Belushi.

Two UK students have come up with a comedy show of their own which they hope will prepare them for their careers after college. Brad Byington and Toby Gibbs write and produce "Technical Difficulties," which airs every Saturday at midnight on WRFL.

Although both have had experience working on radio stations, Gibbs admits that he's never done as much writing as he's done during the show's first two months. Material, though, is not in short supply.

"You just keep your eyes open and notice all the stupid things going on in the world," Gibbs said. "You find there's material a-plenty."

Both Byington and Gibbs have attended Eastern Kentucky University and have culled a lot of their material from their experiences there.

"We did one skit where we played blood donors who took blood involuntarily from people," Byington said. "I suggested we go down to Eastern and Toby said, 'No, we can't take blood that's 90 proof.'"

The two also came up with a running character named Joe Barch from their experiences there, who works in a factory making plastic toy guns.

"We made this guy, who dresses in flannel, the most redneck guy imaginable and we exaggerated him beyond belief," Byington said.

The two also are mulling over the possibility of another running character — the foreign teaching assistant.

"He's in the experimental stage," said Byington. "We don't have any animosity towards foreign TA's but, just as with Joe Barch, we've overexaggerated him."

"The guys got numbers and exclamation marks in his name and you've got to cough to get it right," Gibbs said.

Both have their own roles in the show, with both doing a share of the writing. Byington produces the show and comes up with the sound effects.

"I was influenced by Bob and Ray who, in their heyday in the '50s, were geniuses," Gibbs said.

"They could ad-lib better than most people could write." Byington prefers to follow in the footsteps of two guys he heard on a Tampa, Fla., morning show, WRWZ, 106.

"The 'Q Morning Zoo' has been the most imitated morning show in the nation because they were able to successfully combine comedy with sound effects," Byington said.

Before "Technical Difficulties," Gibbs worked as a disc jockey at WHRS, WFMI's sister station, and worked last year at WEKU, EKU's campus station. For the past year, Byington has been news director and public-service director for WCOZ and WXLG.

Besides another running character, Bob "The Birdman" McPherson, a traffic reporter whose helicopter manages to crash every week, local media personalities are favorite targets for ribbing.

"We've got an investigative reporter trying to determine whether Mike Barry and Don Ellison are the same person and whether Alan Cutler and Fozzie Bear are the same," said Gibbs.

Gibbs also has a character that bears a vague resemblance to Cutler.

"We've noticed that the gap between when he says 'Sports... is

next' is getting longer and longer," Gibbs said. "We were thinking he could say 'Sports...' and then they could do the weather and then come back to him and he can finally say 'is next.'"

Byington has his own theory about how the news is done at Lexington TV stations.

"They probably come in at about 10 or 11, read the paper, Channel 27 watches Channel 18's news," said Byington.

"I visualize that they come in about noon, sleep until 10, and play cards all day," Gibbs said. "Mindy Shannon's there with one of those green visors dealing out the cards and smoking a cigar."

Eventually, Gibbs would like to be a creator/writer of situation comedies while Byington would prefer to be the creative force behind a morning comedy show.

For now, though, it's joke-making business as usual and a current favorite topic is the Student Government Association.

"There was a time a couple of months ago where if you stood still for five minutes, people would plaster freshman senate posters on you," Gibbs said.

"In one of our spoofs of their meetings, the biggest issue was what kind of chip did to have at the Senate party," Byington said.

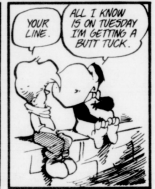
Both express interest in getting students involved in their student-run radio station.

"There's a tremendous talent pool of people out there," Gibbs said. "They just have to get involved."



Brad Byington (foreground) and Toby Gibbs are the comic minds and voices behind "Technical Difficulties," a comedy show that airs at midnight on Saturday on WRFL.

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Finalists for Seal contest chosen

By JULIE MIX
Contributing Writer

One of 18 UK women will be named Miss Christmas Seal on Dec. 11 in a fund-raising contest sponsored by the American Lung Association.

Tommie Cooper, of the ALA, said the contest "has become a UK tradition." UK has averaged more than \$225,000 each year for the past 39 years from the Miss Christmas Seal contest, she said.

One of the 18 participants will be elected Miss Christmas Seal by earning one vote for each dollar donated in her name.

Each contestant is sponsored by a sorority or fraternity. Most sponsors are sending mailings to alumni and holding special events to

raise money to donate in the name of their candidate.

The American Lung Association has sent press releases to each participant's home newspaper in an effort to publicize the contest.

Elise Gilham, who was nominated in an election at the weekly meeting of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, said she and her sorority sisters have gone door-to-door asking for donations, and have phoned local businesses and other chapters of Alpha Omicron Pi for contributions.

"Stuffing over 500 mailings to alumnae was definitely worth the work," said Katherine Veal, of Chi Omega sorority. She said the contest was a great opportunity to raise money for such a worthy cause.

Vanessa Ramage, of Kappa Delta sorority, said she was honored to be part of a program that has helped so many people.

The American Lung Association uses the money donated during the contest for programs such as support groups for people with chronic pulmonary diseases, school health programs and research grants that are awarded to UK and University of Louisville medical students.

The contest ends at midnight on Dec. 10. Anyone wishing to make a contribution in the name of a contestant should contact the contestant, her sponsoring sorority or fraternity or mail a donation, along with the contestant's name, to: The American Lung Association, P.O. Box 23872, Lexington, KY 40523.

Vance

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enjoyed the writing a newspaper job required, she missed not being able to read, she said.

So she returned to school — this time to University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill — and earned a doctorate in English and American literature.

One of the reasons UK's Honor Program hired her was it wanted someone who could start a literary magazine like the *Jor*, Vance said.

Although she has a joint appointment with the English department, she will not be able to teach there until the Honors Program can afford to hire someone to take over people bent on improving the world, he said.

That sensitivity spills over into her students' creative work, said Green, who has taken several of his own poems for Vance to critique. "She is very encouraging, very loving of people's work."

the classes she would have to abandon, Vance said.

"I'd like to teach more creative writing and I'd like to teach more poetry and literature courses," Vance said.

Most of all, Vance enjoys writing. Her poetry is published in *Harvard Magazine*, *Hollins Critic*, *New Virginia Review* and other publications.

"My own writing that I do is most necessary for my approximation of sanity," Vance said.

As a teacher, however, Vance especially enjoys the time she spends in classes.

"Because she knows and she cares, she treats the material as sensitively as she does the students," Betts said.

"She's extremely sensitive to the problems of our society," Green said. "She's part of the winds of change," because she's one of the

Committee OKs governor's plan

By MARK R. CHELLGREN
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The House State Government Committee approved a lottery bill yesterday after adding a provision that would bar major lottery contractors from making

political contributions to legislative candidates.

The bill, which passed by a vote of 19-1, was immediately hailed by a spokesman for Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, the lottery's chief proponent.

"The governor is generally pleased with the product of the

committee," said his legislative liaison, Tom Dorman, who added that Wilkinson would still like to see the General Assembly spend proceeds on the programs he has identified.

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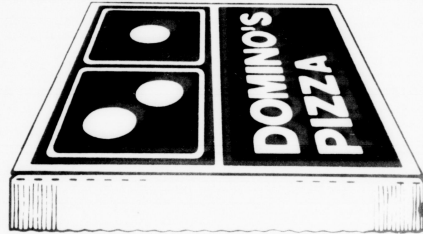
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Potential shown by SGA, but more needs to be done

Potential is a burdensome thing. When you don't live up to your potential, you're bound to hear criticism — and a lot of it. When you do, you're expected to be just a little better.

The Student Government Association always has had that problem. So much potential — so little to show for it.

Recently, however, things have been looking up for our student representatives. Their meeting last week was a case in point.

In a meeting that ran about as smoothly as student government can go, the SGA Senate voted to bring former U.S. President Jimmy Carter to be the first speaker in their Speaker's Symposium in February.

In addition, the Senate allocated almost \$500 to Handicapped Student Services for the purchase of two battery chargers and reflectors for UK students using wheelchairs.

Both actions by the Senate show responsible student representation — something recent stories in the Kernel showed they had forgotten.

Continued productivity and responsible representation will be needed though. One good meeting won't do it.

Next semester, student government — in both the Senate and the executive branches — should take a serious look at issues such as child care and campus safety.

Past Senates have looked at those issues, but this Senate must now move beyond the foundations that have been laid.

Also, it will be important for the Senate to make sure the politics is kept at a minimum in the second semester, when thoughts turn to elections — not representation.

To some extent, that's understandable. Elections are coming and work must be done on campaigns. But often, the Senate has a tendency to not pass something sponsored by a Senator because he was running for office.

If something is good for students, the political motivation behind it should matter.

The recent SGA Senate has been an organization students can take pride in, acting responsibly and keeping students in mind.

We just hope SGA's new found responsibility is not some turncoat attitude — here today and gone tomorrow.

Dorms would be better without all the idiots

When I started going off (at college) I realized it was time for me to grow up. OK, so I still watch "Popeye" and my mom still calls me "Mikey." I realized that for the rest of the year anyway Holmes Hall is my home.

It's because my dorm is my home that I am enraged, grossed out, and a lot of worse things because of the way certain immature people treat my home.

I've become accustomed to seeing vomit on the bathroom floor because some "little man" drank more than he should have the night before. The fungus on the dividers doesn't even bother me anymore.

What does get me angry, however, is when some pseudo-adult thinks it's funny to spread toilet paper down the hallways or throw it out the window. And when they write little messages on the wall bragging about their sexual prowess or someone else's lack of it. I'm glad Jane Doe likes to have a good time, but do I need to see her phone number in fluorescent ink?

My resident adviser, Steve Taylor, happens to be the assistant hall director at Holmes and he has complained numerous times not only about the writing on the walls and the guys who refuse to flush the toilets, but the people who destroy dorm equipment.

Hey, I'm paying for that stuff folks. I've played pool maybe twice all year, but when some show-off breaks a cue or steals an eight ball it's coming out of my pocket.

Holmes Hall is the only dorm that allows residents to check out equipment 24 hours a day and I

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think it should be stopped. Evidently these people can't handle privileges and I'm not picking up the bill. This is like a University welfare program, and I didn't even get a chance to vote for it. It's taxation without representation.

If we can't have a revolution, we ought to get rid of these things all together. If they could handle it, I wouldn't mind my dorm having a pool or pingpong table. When Bob

This is like a University welfare program, and I didn't even get a chance to vote for it.

Clay, dean of residence life, wants to get rid of them, I volunteer to help carry them out.

Since we can't carry out the bathroom walls I just say we get rid of the idiots. Just throw them not only out of the dorms, but out of the school. If they haven't learned self-control by now, they are either going to be social-wastrels or Republicans, and I can do without both.

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More eggnog

Night with friends causes writer to think of less-fortunate

My Christmas wish list, my excuse for getting what I want and getting out of debt, shortened quite a bit last week.

It was a Saturday night, and I had just returned from a daylong trip to Indianapolis for a basketball game.

I walked inside the apartment, the crumbling but newly painted dwelling that's become my home away from home, into the living room.

There sat 10 of my good friends — most from the Kernel — huddled around the dark room lit only by the white lights on the Christmas tree.

I'm not sure what it was — the smell of the cedar tree, the Nat King Cole Christmas music, the immortal holiday classic "It's a Wonderful Life" — but it just felt, well, like Christmas.

It probably was the spiced eggnog my roommate Jim had made.

After we bared our souls to one another, I got to thinking about how lucky we are to live the kind of life we lead.

We go to college, have fun. We skip classes and sleep in. We may overwork, but we attend a good university and live in a good-sized city.

I always thought if I could have one material thing for Christmas, it would be that grand and wonderful thing: a new car. Of course, I wouldn't mind having a new set of headphones, which my other roommate, Jay, stepped on.

But instead, I'd like a few other things to happen for the holidays.

When UK's football season be-



Tom SPALDING

gins next season, I'd like to see David Scott back on the field. David was involved in a serious one-car accident over the summer. He's recovering now in Louisville. Doctors have said it's not likely he'll play again.

I hope he's wrong. I also hope another friend of mine recovers as well. Michael Thomas Swerczek, a personal favorite in this quarter, was seriously hurt earlier this semester in a car wreck that involved Brad Shipman and fatally wounded Lisa Whalen.

"Swercz," as we called him in high school, was one year ahead of me at Lexington Catholic High School here in town. I didn't see him much after that, but when I came to UK last year, we often stopped and talked.

The day Mike was hurt, he had bought me a coke in the cafeteria in the Student Center. I haven't been able to speak to him since.

I also wish Cliff Hagan the best. His decision to step down as athletic director was tough, but it was necessary in re-establishing integrity to UK. Still, it's always tough when an idol falls from grace.

I also wish peace and strength to all those surrounding the UK basketball program. It has been hat-

seems an eternity since April 14, a day that could live in infamy.

I'm not sure what will result with the NCAA's investigation. But I hope, even should the NCAA sanction the program, that it ends up being positive.

I'm not going to lie — I'm a firm supporter of the UK program. On the whole, it is a great thing. That's one reason I get mad when I hear of incidents like this basketball mess. I really couldn't see how this affected a person until I went home and talked about it with my father, George.

I'd like to think George is the consummate fan. He dresses in his blue sweater and sometimes blue pants, fiddling around trying to get ready. Then he hops in his Oldsmobile — a car that somehow can't go faster than 25 miles an hour when he drives it — and triples the speed limit trying to get to Rupp Arena.

Then he climbs into his nosebleed seats in the corner of Rupp, just as he's done for the last 12 years. Now his team, which he lives and dies for, faces a dim future.

On the positive side, I'd like to see the Cincinnati Bengals not just go to, but win, the Super Bowl. It seems Cincy fans like myself have always been gyped in the past, be it baseball or football.

I hope the Bengals beat the Jets in the AFC final, so I can have bragging rights with my friend Mitch, who will of course say, "Wait until next year."

For Winston Bennett, who worked so hard to get back, I wish success in pro basketball. For Mike

Pfeifer, the large UK offensive lineman, a gorge full of rattle-snakes.

I also wish UK football coach Jerry Claiborne a new contract. UK always has seemed to be jinxed. I hope that doesn't happen next year.

I hope that the homeless and depressed find peace. I can't speak for them. I don't know the hell they go through, but I see them on my street every morning as they walk by.

Imagining them on some street corner on a bench all night in freezing weather, somehow that Friday final doesn't seem so damn important.

I wish for Jim that week in Snowshoe with Cheri, for Cheri that Polo sweater and alligator shoes, for Meredith that pony, for Jay a woman on sale, of course, for \$4.25 for Dan a trip to the Philippines to see his brother, and for always overworked Scott peace for the holidays.

I also hope for Scott that if the Bengals don't make it, Cleveland does. But I hope if the two do meet for the AFC title, that Bernie has a headache.

For myself, all I want is (beside some of the spiced eggnog) Jay's Nat King Cole album, so I can play it after the holidays are over.

I'd like to remember that night for a long time.

Sports Editor Tom Spalding is a journalism and English sophomore and a Kernel columnist.

Letters

Law student remembered

As one who numbers himself among the many friends of Jim Jobson, I wish to express my thanks for the Kernel's thoughtful and positive coverage of the events of the past week.

I am, however, concerned that some who read press accounts of Jim's death may conclude that he was a casualty of law school. Those acquainted with Jim and the circumstances surrounding his passing know that this was emphatically not the case.

This is not to say that Jim found law school easy or that he avoided the buffets and shocks law students occasionally experience. Through it all, however, he retained his wonderful sense of humor, his compassion, his high ethical standards and his extraordinary devotion to his friends inside and outside the school and the legal profession. He believed in the rule of law and the legal process and was looking forward to becoming a member of the practicing bar.

In the wake of this recent tragedy, it is important for all of us to seek and to affirm the positive. The ideals which Jim Jobson represented in life make his leave-taking all the more difficult, but they also provide a shining example for the living of our own lives as stu-

dents, teachers, lawyers and members of the human family.

Tom Stipanovich is an associate professor of law.

SIS was a success

Last week, the University's first on-line registration ended. By all accounts, this initial registration under the new Student Information System was highly successful and well-received. The success of SIS was not a chance event; rather, it was the result of hard work over an extended period by a large number of people across the campus.

In addition to the competent and dedicated efforts of the Registrar's Office and SIS Project staffs, as well as the student workers and terminal operators at the Registration Center, this project has benefited greatly from the prompt attention and excellent assistance of college and departmental faculty and staff, service and support units ranging from the Computing Center to the Student Center, and other interested groups, including the Kentucky Kernel and Collegians for Academic Excellence.

However, even with the outstanding efforts of all of these organizations and people, the SIS could not and would not have been successful without the cooperation and intelli-

gent participation of the more than 18,000 students who advanced registered.

In almost every case, the students we served were well-prepared, positive about the new system, anxious to help make it work and downright friendly!

On behalf of the Registrar's Office and SIS Project, I want to extend sincere thanks to the many people whose help and goodwill made a successful on-line registration possible, and to our students, who not only helped make it work, but also made it worth the effort.

Randall W. Dahl is the University registrar.

Editorial was unfair

I can't believe this, but I ain't been to college either. I am referring to an Associated Press Article, "Sutton Should Resign, UK Student Paper Says." How would Eddie Sutton's and the coaching staff's resignation relieve UK of any penalties from the NCAA allegations? Does UK wish to make another pre-judgment call as was done with Mr. Cliff Hagan?

Would a judge (or judge) dismiss bankruptcy penalties against the other shareholders of a corrupt company, leaving the creditors to hold an empty bag, if the responsi-

ble persons had the time to resign before the verdict is read, hoping it would be voided?

I thought the NCAA was doing their own investigation and drawing their own conclusions, much as any enforcement agency or jury would do.

Henry C. Creason of Lewisport, Ky.

Kernel should be commended

In the Nov. 30 edition of the Kernel, the Viewpoint page editorial called for the resignation of Eddie Sutton and the UK men's basketball coaching staff.

I would like to commend the Kernel for not shirking from taking a controversial stand on a controversial issue. The editorial made a reasoned argument that holds water. Some students have expressed the opinion that the editorial was like "stabbing the coaching staff in the back," but when the shoe fits . . .

It is rare to find a school paper taking a stand that a large number of its readership will probably disagree with, and although in some instances that would be inappropriate, I feel the Kernel staff should be commended.

Adam Goldberg is a political science and computer science freshman.

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