



News Of
The Weird

Too attached to your work

About 25 employees of the meticulously maintained Boston Public Library grew so close to their work that they had to use the city's grief-counseling services in August after a burst water main flooded a building and soaked 50,000 cartons of books.

Said a library executive to a Boston Globe reporter, "It's a process just like when someone dies."

One employee complained of nightly panic attacks in which she had recurring dreams of the flooding but couldn't save the books.

Poor excuses

Tony Faulks, 39, was convicted in July in Sioux Falls, S.D., after police found \$1,300 in marked bills from a robbery in his underwear. He said he doesn't trust banks and thus always keeps his money down there.

Siut Cheng, attempting to get out of a speeding ticket in July while hauling a van full of lobsters, allegedly tried to offer the New Jersey trooper a bribe of five lobsters.

Former Nazi camp guard Jack Reimer, testifying at his citizenship revocation trial in New York in August, answered charges that he had fired his gun into a group of Jews in Trawnik, Poland, in 1941 by saying he shot them, but he thought they were already dead.

Getting impeached, sort of

In July, three men linked to the Republic of Texas separatist group were arrested in Brownsville, Texas, and charged with conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction.

According to the FBI, they had threatened several state and federal officials, and their most ambitious plan was to shoot President Clinton with a modified Bic lighter.

The lighter, filled with air instead of propane, would have fired a hypodermic needle, out of which would be shot a cactus thorn that had been dipped in anthrax or botulinum.

The attorney for one of the men called the alleged plan so "cockamamie" that the government should not take it seriously.

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THE 411

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Seinfeld slammed

Jerry didn't do so well at the Emmys Sunday. Who did? | 4

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MEDICAL NEWS

Helping understand AIDS

Duo speaks tonight about how friends can help make a difference

By Matthew T. Patton
STAFF WRITER

College students are faced with a world of decisions, and a few poorly made can change one's life forever.

This is the message two fraternity men have been sending to more than 500,000 students across the nation. Tonight they will bring the message to UK.

Their program, titled "Friendship in the Age of AIDS," explains how Joel Goldman's life dramatically changed in 1992 when he took a routine HIV-antibody test

and discovered that he was HIV-positive.

"The saddest part for me, personally," Goldman said, "is that this isn't something I had to get. It's not like cancer or heart disease, or something predetermined in my genetics. I got this because of the choices I made regarding sex and alcohol."

His experience convinced a friend, T.J. Sullivan, to join him in a national speaking project to educate students about AIDS and HIV.

"In the age of AIDS, we all need to know

more, we all need to do more," Sullivan said. "Our friendships might depend on it."

Tony Blanton, dean of fraternities, said he has seen the program. "It's a very powerful, funny program that addresses the subject of AIDS and safe sex in a way that really gets the message across."

Josh Knipp, Interfraternity Council president, agreed. "The program is better than most boring seminars that you feel like you have to go to but never pay attention at," he said. "Anything to raise campus awareness about AIDS should be a popular program."

Knipp said the program at a Southeastern

Interfraternity Conference meeting and said it was one of the most popular programs there and the conference brings it back every year.

"It seems that almost everyone wants to hear these two," Knipp said. "They don't preach and talk about how horrible this is and that is. They incorporate humor in a real powerful manner."

The program, at 7 p.m. tonight at the Singletary Center, is sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Residence Hall Association, and the Student Government Association.

The free event is open to all students and the general public.

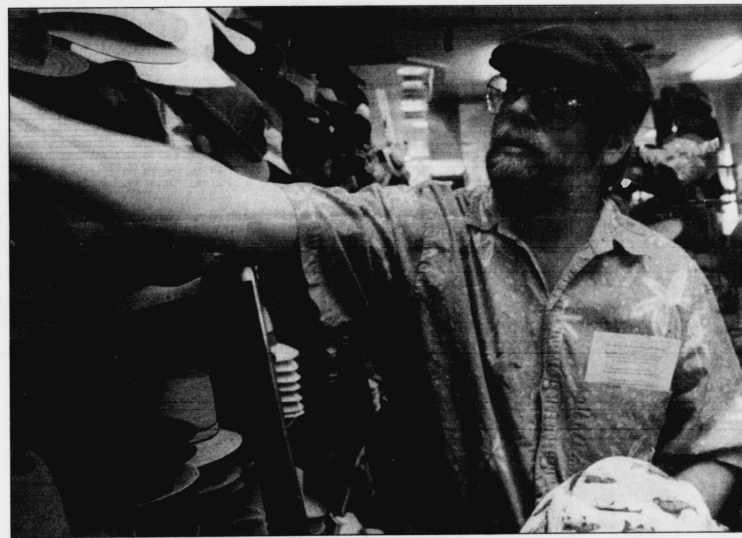
What to know

HIV Testing

Confidential anonymous HIV testing is provided for free by the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department and can be reached at (606) 288-AIDS.

Or for testing: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Lexington-Fayette Co. Health Dept., Annex 650 Newtown Pike

MAN OF MANY HATS



JOHNNY FARRIS | KERNEL STAFF

He's the hat man

Terry Grossman, owner of The Mad Hatter, showed off his many thousands of hats on display at his store, located on West Main Street.

Gone Hatty

Terry Grossman finds success in serving the students and people of Lexington with various headware styles

By Brenna Ohlson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

He's the man they call, "The Mad Hatter."

He has sold hats to anyone from Z-103's Freak Daddy to George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars. He operates about 6,000 square feet of hat-selling turf in the heart of downtown Lexington.

Terry Grossman, better known by closer friends as "Tag," has been selling hats for almost 20 years, and knows everything about hats.

His shop, The Mad Hatter, located on West Main Street between Limestone and Upper, has approximately 20,000 pieces of headwear, ranging from baseball caps to Stetsons. Prices range, "from five dollars to whatever you can spend," Grossman said.

With customers coming from as far away as Chicago, Seattle and Florida, Grossman always aims to please every

customer.

"The customer always comes first here at The Mad Hatter," he said. "If I have customers from Florida visiting for the holidays, I need to have the straw hats and the summer hats (in stock), and I do."

Grossman is not a stranger to customers from far away. Having one of the top 20 most definitive hat selections in the United States, he sees a variety of customers every day at his shop.

"A while ago George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars were playing next door. While the fans were lined up past the front door to get in, I shut my doors and the band stopped."

"The concert started late that night. It was from the group being here looking at the hats," Grossman said.

"Many times bands as different as Run DMC and dc Talk will come in here," he added. "They may be on their way to Cincinnati or Louisville to play



"I have the hat they are looking for; they just need to tell me exactly what they want."

— Terry Grossman, owner, The Mad Hatter

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GREEK

Rush not affected by policy

Fraternities find good things from alcohol policy in the way of high pledge turnout

By Jill Gorin
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Although the campus going dry has some students in an uproar, fraternity rush has actually benefited from the decision.

"Most fraternities thought at first that the dry campus would have a negative impact on potential pledges because the image of fraternities includes parties and drinking," said Marc Klegg, finance marketing junior and vice-president of external affairs for Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity.

But Klegg said the opposite has occurred. "I think that the fraternities worked even harder to get guys to rush because they assumed the dry campus would be a turn-off," Klegg said.

The number of pledges this year for fraternities, as a whole, is more than 400, compared to 342 pledges last year, said Dean of Fraternities Tony Blanton. The largest social fraternity on campus, Phi Kappa Alpha, had 109 members — had 99 pledges this year.

About 15 percent of UK students belong to fraternities and sororities and will probably continue to do so in the future, Blanton said.

"The alcohol-free policy hasn't hurt," Blanton said. "I think it also eliminated some fears of parents too because more and more students talk with their parents before rushing."

During rush week, Aug. 23-28, each fraternity tried to attract new members by offering food and entertainment.

"When I rushed, I was looking for a fraternity with good guys who had the same goals as me. I was not concerned about the drinking issue," said Brian Baker, a new member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity and a psychology junior.

One fraternity leader said the new dry campus policy didn't affect rush activities. "We really didn't do anything differently because rushing was dry already, but the bid party on Friday had to be held off-campus," said Brian Grote, a marketing junior and member of Kappa Sigma.

And Greeks are optimistic about the future.

"I feel that the numbers will increase. The alcohol-free policy is good because it gives us a better chance to work with UK," said Nathan Blasko, a finance management junior and member of Phi Psi. "It was a smart decision. It had to happen."

CAMPUS LIFE

Blanding I looking a bit French

Residence hall gives students chance to immerse in culture

By Jerry Duncan
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you happen to be visiting a friend in Blanding I this semester, you might be diverted by the soft tongue of the French language resonating in your ear like molasses.

Your first impression might be that these are exchange students because they sound... well, French. They are actually French majors participating in La Residence Francaise — an innovative residence hall program aimed at engrossing students into French culture, said Jeffrey Peters, director of undergraduate studies in the French Department.

The only stipulation of residing here is that students must try to speak in French at all times. Obviously, there will be mistakes, mishaps and moments of befuddlement, but so goes the learning process, said Ginger Carby, an English and French senior who has been hired by the department to oversee the program.

"The convenience alone of having people around me, constantly pushing them

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

UK Hospital adds another helicopter

LEXINGTON — The UK Hospital is adding a second helicopter to its airborne medical service and will base it in the Breathitt County town of Jackson, officials said Monday.

Starting Oct. 1, a Sikorsky S-76 helicopter is to be stationed at the airport in Jackson from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. The helicopter is to be staffed by two pilots, a nurse and a paramedic, the hospital said.

The UK Hospital is the only top-level trauma center in central, eastern and southeastern Kentucky. In a release announcing the expansion of its air service, the hospital said basing a helicopter in Jackson will cut down on the time it takes to respond to calls for help in the most remote parts of eastern and southeastern Kentucky.

Kathy Stumbo, vice president and CEO at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Ky., said the expanded service will boost medical care in her area.

"All of the Lexington hospitals and the Huntington (W.V.) hospitals try to be very responsive to our needs when we have a patient that needs to be flown out," Stumbo said. "But by the helicopter being placed in eastern Kentucky, it can only improve service."

The new helicopter, which UK will lease for \$40,000 a month from Petroleum Helicopter Inc., is identical to the hospital's current helicopter, which is to remain on-call around the clock at the UK Hospital helipad.

Lawmakers say Clinton needs to get serious

WASHINGTON — President Clinton should stop his attorneys' "legal hairsplitting" with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr if he wants to save his presidency, say lawmakers preparing to sift through thousands of documents related to Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Several Democrats voiced hope Sunday that they could work out an accommodation with Clinton, possibly a vote of censure that would fall short of impeachment. Other lawmakers, however, said impeachment hearings appeared inevitable.

Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee that would conduct the initial hearings, said he believed they were necessary, "but I want to hear from everyone on the committee."

Other officials from both parties, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was increasingly likely the Republican-run House would ap-



FACING THE MUSIC: President Clinton is not being serious with his situation, say many Congressional leaders. They say Clinton should stop using ambiguous language and just be real.

prove an official impeachment inquiry in the next few weeks, before the Nov. 3 congressional elections.

Key Republicans said Hyde's panel might be empowered to go beyond Starr's investigation of Clinton's sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky to other issues including Whitewater and questionable fund-raising activities by the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign in 1996.

But a Democratic congressional aide said Democrats would vigorously oppose such an expansion.

Besides censure or impeachment, a third option being mentioned, mainly by Republicans, is resignation.

Couric laughs at those afraid to speak openly

NEW YORK — Katie Couric wants to talk about body parts that most people would rather not discuss.

"We have to use the words, say them. 'Colon.' 'Rectum.' 'Bowels.' The more matter-of-fact you are with the language, the more it helps," the "Today" show co-anchor said in the October issue of Good Housekeeping.

Couric's husband, NBC legal commentator Jay Monahan, died of colon cancer in January. She is anchoring a five-part series on the disease that began yesterday.

"So many Americans don't get tested because they don't want to talk about that part of their body," she said. "You can't be squeamish about it. It might cost you your life."

The mother of two said her sorrow is still overwhelming at times.

"When I think about it, it just permeates every cell in my body," Couric said. "You can forget about it temporarily. But then the grief comes like a huge wave and like a horrible invasion of your heart and soul."

Cartoon series on NBC based on David Spade

LOS ANGELES — NBC's first prime-time cartoon series in more than three decades will be loosely based on the dysfunctional childhood of "Just Shoot Me" star David Spade.

Spade will provide the voice for the main character and his father. The comedy, tentatively titled "Peewee," is targeted for broadcast in January 2000.

The series deals with Spade's early family life, including his sporadic relationship with a ne'er-do-well father who walked out when he was 6.

"David has had this show in his head for many years, and that kind of personal vision usually makes for a great animated show," said Kevin Reilly, a vice president of Brillstein-Grey, the producers.

NBC's last original prime-time animated series was "Famous Adventures of Mr. Magoo" in 1964.

Fox has had hits more recently with "The Simpsons" and "King of the Hill."



Poster Sale
Shannon Kennedy, an undecided sophomore, checked out the selection at the Art Print & Poster Sale, located at 245 Student Center.

FRENCH

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selves to speak in French helps me a lot," said Andy Cockrell, an international economics freshman. "As La Residence Francaise grows it will be a better experience for everybody."

Adopted from other successful ventures at universities around the country, La Residence Francaise seeks to make the learning experience easy as well as fun.

"It gives students a place to meet, to develop a sense of culture, and it is open to the community so that francophones (people whose native language is French) and francophiles (people interested in speaking French) can share their knowledge and experiences," said Saida Zoubir-Shaw, associate French professor.

Among the activities planned are French cooking classes, French movies and a Mardi Gras celebration, Zoubir-Shaw said.

La Residence Francaise is a socially interactive learning atmosphere not found elsewhere on campus, Cockrell said.

"In order to learn a language you must do two things: you must speak ... and have fun," Carby said. "That's what La Residence Francaise is all about. We speak to one another in French. We mess up, we laugh but most importantly, we learn."

The official opening of La Residence Francaise at Blanding I was celebrated with an inaugural party held last Friday.

About 40 people, including department faculty and students, attended.

All of them seemed to have high expectations for the program.

Currently there are six people living at La Residence Francaise. Cockrell, the only male living there, said everyone was getting along just fine.

La Residence Francaise is scattered throughout the first floor of Blanding I. Students interested in speaking French are invited to come by.



A lot of people may clam for joining 'NewsRadio.' I don't care. Phil was my brother. He was my best friend."

— Jon Lovitz, about people giving him flack for joining the 'NewsRadio' staff.

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WALK AND TALK

Do you think Clinton should be impeached?



"I have been on quite a journey these last few weeks to get to the end of this, to the rock-bottom truth of where I am. I don't think there is a fancy way to say that I have sinned."

- BILL CLINTON, U.S. PRESIDENT

Voice of the students



"No ... he should only seek forgiveness from God. No one else should pass any judgment."

- GILBERT SINGLETARY, SOCIAL WORK SENIOR



"I don't think he should be impeached. I don't think it's an impeachable offense."

- SCOTT KREMER, ENGLISH GRADUATE STUDENT



"Nah, I don't think he should be. Just because he's the president doesn't mean he can't make a mistake."

- DAVID FOOY, SPECIAL EDUCATION JUNIOR



"I don't think he should get impeached for what he did, but I think he should ... for lying to the people."

- ILAAF DARRAT, CLINICAL LAC SCIENCES FRESHMAN



Terry Grossman showed off his display of hats for customers to choose from.

HATTER

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a concert and their driver will tell them about the place."

Grossman has also sold many hats to Broadway shows.

Grossman knows quite a bit about the Lexington area. In January his hat store will begin its 20th year in business.

West Main being the third location for his shop, Grossman says he's happy with his shop's current location.

The three-story edifice houses the immense hat collection, but the area that customers see is only a portion of the selection Grossman has.

The mid-level, where consumers shop, is a supplement to the basement and second-floor areas.

Despite his new location's ample space, there are still frustrations that accompany Grossman's career.

"One of the most frustrating parts of my job is when people come in looking

for a hat, but don't have the patience to tell me what they want," he said.

"I have the hat they are looking for, they just need to tell me exactly what they want."

Grossman has been interested in hats since he was a child.

When he opened a store with small selection of hats, he found consumers complaining about his lack of hat selection.

He gradually faded out the other products he sold in addition to his hats, and made the store an all-hats institution.

"I found a niche, I liked it, and I filled it," he said.

Through moving, and changing fads, Grossman has kept up with the chameleon-esque world of headwear. The affordable prices and atmosphere make The Mad Hatter the place to find your next hat.

"We have a variety of hats that appeal to everyone," Grossman said.

"We have hats for anywhere from church to skiing. It's just the matter of the customer telling me what they need."

ALCOHOL

Drinking up among females

National reports say females binge drinking more than ever

By Laura Janovich
THE DAILY ATHENAEUM

MORGANTOWN, W.V. — Some college traditions are ageless: Eating pizza after midnight. Pulling all-nighters before a big test.

But recent national reports about other "traditions" — the guzzling of cold beers with friends or getting so drunk you cannot even find your dorm room — are being seriously examined for the long-term damage they cause to drinkers and non-drinkers alike.

Nearly half of all college students are binge drinkers. Binge drinking is defined as "the consumption of five or more drinks in a row on at least one occasion."

At campuses across the nation binge drinking among female students is on the rise.

A new survey of college student drinking recently completed by the Harvard School of Public Health revealed several factors that predict which students are most likely to be binge drinkers.

Among the most important factors were why more females in the last decade have become binge drinkers. The most general reason for percentage increase is due to more females attending college. Sociologists feel that females are more likely to be binge drinkers now than 10 years ago because it is more socially acceptable. It is just not guys hanging out in the bars anymore.

Research also found that members of sororities are four times as likely to be binge drinkers compared to other students.

Females that participate in college athletics are almost one-and-a-half times more likely to be binge drinkers. Sociologists have found that female binge drinkers experience at least five or more alcohol related problems. Frequent female binge drinkers are seven to 16 times more likely than non-binge drinkers to miss class and get behind in their schoolwork.

Studies show that binge drinking by females is a factor in 66 percent of student suicides and 60 percent of all sexually-transmitted diseases, including HIV. Twenty-six percent of women binge drinkers engage in unplanned sexual activity, and 15 percent do not use protection when they have sex.

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TUESDAY 9/15

- MEETINGS**
 Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship Meeting, 7:00pm, Room 230 Student Center; For more information call Michelle at 971-8214
 Alpha Phi Omega Meeting, 7:30pm, Room 359 Student Center
 Student Social Work Association presents a brown bag lunch on "Private Practice in Social Work", guest speaker is Hank Galbraith, LCSW, 11am-12:15pm, 645 POF
 Junior Panhellenic meeting, 9:00pm, Delta Gamma House
- SPECIAL EVENTS**
 "Friendship in the Age of Aids" featuring T.J. Sullivan and Joel Goldman, 7:00pm Singletary Center Concert Hall, Free admission; Sponsored by IFC, Panhellenic, RHA and SGA

WEDNESDAY 9/16

- INTRAMURALS**
 Golf Singles tournament, tee off starts at noon, Tates Creek Golf Course
- MEETINGS**
 Psi Chi meeting, 5:00pm, Room 216 Kastle Hall
- ARTS & MOVIES**
 When We Were Kings presented by SAB, 7:00pm, Worsham Theatre, FREE with Student ID

THURSDAY 9/17

- MEETINGS**
 Family Studies Student Association meeting, 6:30pm Room 128 Erickson Hall; Guest speaker and pizza!
 UK Lambda meeting for Lesbigraytrans people, 7:30pm, Room 231 Student Center
- INTRAMURALS**
 Golf Singles tournament, tee off starts at noon, Tates Creek Golf Course

FRIDAY 9/18

- MEETINGS**
 Student Social Work Association kickoff meeting, meet faculty and other students, 5:00pm, directions available in room 620 POF
- SPORTS**
 UK Women's Soccer @ Missouri
 UK Men's Soccer vs. The Citadel, 7:30pm, Lexington, KY
- SPECIAL EVENTS**
 "KING CAFE" night at the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, presenting Affrilachian Poets; come for entertainment, music, coffee, and good company, 7:00pm, Room 124 Student Center
 "International Night: Come for food, fun, and entertainment; 7:30pm, Bradley Hall Courtyard

SATURDAY 9/19

- SPORTS**
 UK Football vs. Indiana, 1:30pm, Commonwealth Stadium, Lexington, KY

SUNDAY 9/20

- SPORTS**
 UK Women's Soccer @ Colorado College, 2:00pm

GREEK NEWS

Sex case rattles Utah

Police, victim seek answers in Kappa Sigma incident; DNA of all members to be tested

By Stephen Spencer DAILY UTAH CHRONICLE

SALT LAKE CITY — After little cooperation from members of a University of Utah fraternity, police say they're stepping up their investigation into a probable sex assault at the fraternity house that may involve "date-rape" drugs.

"The only thing that I know at this point is that there was a group of boys locked in a room with the victim while she was naked," said Salt Lake Police Det. Heather Stringfellow, who is assigned to the case. "I believe people in the fraternity know who these guys were, but are choosing not to tell."

"date-rape" drugs are used to help impair the victim. Stringfellow said she might press charges under the state rape statute as early as this week. The Daily Utah Chronicle reported Wednesday that an 18-year-old Utah student went to a party at the Kappa Sigma house Friday, Sept. 4, but can only remember waking up late the next morning in a car and then in the fraternity house with a stranger's clothes on.

she had drunk the beer but Stringfellow and the letter say although she had apparently asked for one, she didn't drink it. Stringfellow said police are not charging the victim with underage drinking. "It doesn't matter how intoxicated someone is — if she's impaired, she cannot give consent and under the statute, that's still rape," Stringfellow said.

Rutgers student abducted from home

Eight others robbed in residence hall tops night of surprise and terror at college

By Louis C. Hochman DAILY TARGUM

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Residents of the Raritan Gardens apartment complex remain shaken following the Thursday night robbery of eight people and the abduction of one — a 22-year-old university student — from her Paulus Boulevard home.

her to the ATM at the Rutgers Student Center on the College Avenue campus to withdraw cash from the student's account. Unable to retrieve any money, he drove into Franklin Township where he used a pay telephone. After completing his call, he drove to the corner of Livingston Avenue and Elizabeth Street, where he left the car and headed toward North Brunswick on foot, Selesky said.

her today. One neighbor of the student, a Bloomfield College student who did not want to be identified by name, said the robbery has made her feel nervous about coming home from school late at night. "I usually have to walk through the parking lot late at night," she said.

Police expect to have a composite sketch of the robber today. She said in the two years she has lived in the apartments, she has had very little reason to be afraid, but a few individuals who moved in recently made her nervous. "I wouldn't be surprised if it was one of them or one of their friends," she said.

Bottle bombs abound

Duke finds third, this time in residence hall

THE CHRONICLE STAFF

DURHAM, N.C. — In an incident police believe is related to the recent arrests of three students for allegedly creating and using explosive devices in Wannamaker 1 Dormitory, a resident of the dorm said she found a similar device Friday afternoon, said Maj. Robert Dean of the Duke University Police Department.

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Suit alleges racial bias

Wayne State University Medical School accused of denying admission of student

By Sara Kaiden-Hanna THE SOUTH END

DETROIT — Grosse Pointe Farms resident Nicolas Lorenzini, 25, filed an Aug. 14 lawsuit against the Wayne State University Board of Governors, claiming that the School of Medicine discriminated against him when it denied his application in January.

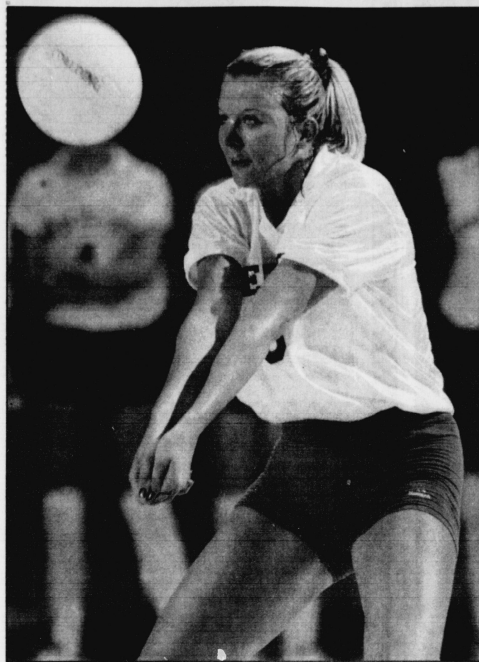
the quota is based on race. We believe they have a quota to have so many African-Americans. "The Michigan law that we base our claim on is very clear: it does not allow quotas. They violated the Michigan Civil Rights Act because of some quota system in place."

Lorenzini applied for regular admission in January and was denied; he then wanted to be considered for selection for the School of Medicine's Post-Baccalaureate Program. The Post-Baccalaureate Program is a one-year program for a limited number of disadvantaged students who have been denied admission, but who appear to have the potential for academic success.

Lorenzini's lawyer Joseph Falcone said the Post-Baccalaureate Program "seems to be discriminating against Hispanics." "We feel that the procedures that they are using to choose people are illegal. I'm not sure in what reality they actually base (their decisions) on. My client's 25 years old, he's a typical student, he's not rich — his parents are, which I feel is irrelevant," Falcone added. "We suspect

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WINNING WAYS



The prophet

UK middle blocker Jaclyn Homan predicted three victories last week, and the UK volleyball team got them. The Cats are now 6-2 heading into tonight's tilt with Western Kentucky.

FILE PHOTO

Cats hittin' stride

UK volleyball team starts season on streak; getting ready for grudge match with Western

By Dave Gorman
STAFF WRITER

Jaclyn Homan and the Cats backed up her talk this weekend. Homan said the UK women's volleyball team would win all three of their matches at the Butler Invitational in Indianapolis.

UK, of course, won all three matches, boosting its record to 6-2. The Cats had no problem against Kansas, beating them 16-14, 15-7 and 16-14. UK also topped host Butler in four, 15-7, 13-15, 15-5 and 15-7.

But the Wildcats trailed against Eastern Michigan in their first match of the weekend.

"They lost the first game 8-15, but stormed back, winning the rest of the games 15-5, 15-13 and a whopping 15-4 in the final game.

"It felt great," said first-year Coach Jona Braden, who left Butler to coach at UK. "Our team made a big growth and

fought hard to come back after that first game. I think fact that we stayed focus and fought for each point was bigger than the actual win. They said, 'Hey, we're not gonna let us of this thing.'"

Senior outside hitter LaTanya Webb was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Junior outside hitter Katie Eiserman and Homan, a junior middle blocker, made the All-Tournament Team.

But Homan didn't even play in UK's last match against Butler. She fell and hit her head on the floor against Kansas, and Butler's team doctor would not clear her to play.

"I was surprised that I made the (All-Tournament) team considering I didn't play in the last game," Homan said.

Webb recorded 17, 12 and 14 kills in the three matches, respectively, and Braden said winning an MVP in volleyball is more of an honor than in other sports. Volleyball is a diffi-

cult sport in which to stand out, she said, because of the total team nature of play.

Eiserman on the other hand, recorded a match-high 13 digs against Eastern Michigan. "Making the All-Tournament Team would not have mattered if we had not have won," Eiserman said. "We had an awesome comeback."

But the time for celebration is over. "The Cats are back in Memorial Coliseum tonight against Western Kentucky University at 7 p.m., their first home game since a Sept. 1 win over Morehead State.

"We're looking forward to playing for the home crowd," said Webb, who said a rivalry does exist. "It's not as bad as U of L, but I think they have more of a grudge against us."

Braden said WKU will be very competitive. "They are going to come at us very defensive and scrappy," she said.

As for Homan, any predictions? "We just have to play our game, and we will do it," she said.

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Attacking the stats

Wildcat football scratches its way to top of national, SEC numbers

By Aaron Sanderford
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

The stats from UK's first two football games deserve a wow.

In the third week of Hal Mumme's second season, the Wildcat offense leads the nation in total offense, averaging 624.5 yards per game. They lead the nation in passing offense, with 478.5 yards per game. And UK is second in scoring, at 40 points per game.

A peek at the Southeastern Conference statbook shows UK leading in scoring, passing offense, total offense and first downs. UK averages 28.5 first downs per contest.

Quite possibly the most amazing oddity also lurks in the SEC numbers. UK leads the conference in net punting, at 40.3 yards per punt. That's right, a

Hal Mumme team leads the SEC in a punting stat.

While on the special teams kick, UK's Seth Hanson is 19th nationally in field goals, averaging 1.5 per game and 12th in total scoring, with 12 points.

Of course, the Mumme Cats are still dead on fourth down. Their 75 percent success rate is second in the SEC.

But Mike Major's Black Flag Defense made possibly the biggest statistical turnaround. Plagued by poor third-down defense in 1997, the unit now leads the SEC in third-down conversion defense, allowing first downs on only 14.8 percent of third-down attempts.

Meanwhile, Heisman candidate Tim Couch is quarterbacking his way into uncharted territory. Two weeks into 1998, Couch

is 61-of-80 for 870 yards and 12 touchdown passes with no interceptions. That's good enough for fourth nationally in total offense and second in passing efficiency.

In the SEC, there is no competition. Florida quarterback Jesse Palmer is the closest. He is 34-of-59 for 593 yards, with eight touchdowns and three picks. Couch leads the SEC in passing yardage, total offense, touchdown passes and passing efficiency.

His favorite target, Craig Yeast, is 10th nationally in receptions, averaging eight catches per contest; and in receiving yardage, with 131.5 yards per game; and he is 22nd in all-purpose yardage, with 160.5 yards per game.

On the ground, Wildcat runner Derek Homer is tearing up the turf at a 90.5 yards per game clip. He is 23rd nationally in rushing yards per game.

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FILM



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Matt Damon stars as a gifted card player who gets caught up in the life of high-stakes poker in order to help his friend, Worm (Edward Norton), settle his debts with the mob in *Rounders*.

Merry go Rounders

Know when to fold 'em: Thriller about the underground poker circuits of New York City lacks the true grit of film noir genre

By Jonathan D. Gent

STAFF WRITER

Film noir: movies about lowlives.

Criminals for the most part, but also people who sink to new lows. The director of *Rounders*, John Dahl, is known for his reworking of the film noir genre (through films like *The Last Seduction* and *Red Rock West*), so this should be a perfect opportunity to further rehash a once great group of films.

Hold on. *Rounders* can't be film noir; "noir" comes from a Latin word for black, and was called noir because of excessive use of shadow.

Rounders has so much fluorescent light in it you think you're watching *Joe Versus the Volcano*.

Besides, the hero of the

piece is not scum; you don't think he's scum. He's Matt Damon, and his teeth are so white any shadows would be dispelled anyway.

So what is *Rounders*? How can it be classified by genre? It's a sport's movie.

That's right. Triumph of the human spirit sort of stuff — *Charlie's Fire*, *Rocky*, *The Karate Kid* — films that make you want to go out and do whatever the film covered.

So after you watch *Rounders*, you want to go out and play illegal poker games, while trying not to get your ass kicked.

Damon plays Mike McDermott, a kid trying to work his way through law school, albeit playing poker in seedy New York clubs. At the outset, he blows \$33,000 in one hand, leaving him broke. His girlfriend, Jo (Gretchen Mol), con-

vinces him to give it up, which he does. That is, until nine months later, when Mike picks his good friend (and former poker partner), Worm, up from prison and falls right back into old habits.

The down part of the film comes next, with a flurry of activity. His girlfriend leaves him, he goes into debt, he gets beat up and he screws up a mock trial at law school. Can it get any worse for Mike?

It should have. As down as the above plot points may sound, it didn't seem like any of this would hold down Damon's character. He can overcome anything when he flashes those perfect teeth. And the script just doesn't pay off at the end. It's a movie of missed opportunities.

Dahl's direction isn't bad, just uninspired. The scriptwriters are the other ma-

ior problem. They focus so much on poker playing, they forget about the characters, the subplots and everything else. It almost would've worked better as a stage play.

The acting, on the other hand, is bang-up. Damon doesn't do anything spectacular, but he's got the charisma, and is headstrong enough to be believable. Edward Norton is spectacular as Worm, the sneaky little poker player you know will let you down.

John Malkovich is also brilliant as Teddy KGB, the Russian mobster who serves as the villain of the film. At the conclusion of *Rounders*, you can guess what happens. You do leave the theater wanting to play cards; however, this film really misses a great opportunity by not going the film noir route.

A film about a law student playing illegal poker with Russian mobsters. It's like they folded with a full house. What a shame.

Rating: C

MUSIC

Sweedish sensation

Cure-influenced rock band ready to invade the States

By Jonathan Goolsby

STAFF MUSIC CRITIC

They come from the land of ice and snow, singing mournful ballads of their bleak Swedish homeland, and the boys who call themselves Kent do so with Viking fury.

Formed in 1992 by a group of high school friends in the industrial town of Eskilstuna, Sweden, Kent breathes a breath of icy fresh air into a stale modern rock market with its third album and U.S. debut, *Isola*.

This is the first time the band has recorded in English, having taken Swedish Grammys for Best Rock Group in 1996 and '98 and

now taking one for Best Album. It is a well-deserved honor for a group called "the best band in Sweden" while competing for attention with the Cardigans, Robyn, and Ace of Base (that band is still big over there, folks).

Isola starts out with a melancholy bell toll, and it doesn't get much happier from there. On the first track, "Lifesavers," frontman/lyricist Joakim Berg gives us a musical saga punctuated by a slow, powerful tempo and wailing vocals. It melds into the lead single, "If You Were Here."

This track is what originally attracted the attention of the American radio market. An

influential Los Angeles disc jockey on vacation in Iceland heard the song and brought it back across the Big Pond.

"If You Were Here" is a driving, hard rock tune with a catchy melody and solid harmonies. Listening to it evokes the image of a crying Norseman lost in a strange land and longing for a love left behind.

"747" closes the album. It is soft and cool, with a great synth sound and groovin' drum machine beats.

Kent lists one of its influences as the Cure, and it is obvious here. It has the same amazing ability to make songs that can give a different feel to the listener every time it is played.

The only major flaw

is the album can melt together in the middle into one indistinguishable song if the listener isn't concentrating on it.

The great thing about Kent is that it is multifaceted — all five members play more than one instrument.

They are musically, lyrically and visually interesting. Even the jacket photos for the album are great. They sum up the emotion of the album in simple images.

This is not the album to listen to if you're feeling hyper and happy — it could make even Kathie Lee gloomy.

It is a lush, dark sound that is the inspiration of poets, the nightmare of stand-up comedians.

Rating: A

Kent will try to emulate its vast European success with its U.S. debut, *Isola*.

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Jerry Seinfeld made his last stand at the Emmy's this year. But does anyone really care?

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TELEVISION

Emmys award TV's tops

A night of old favorites: "Larry Sanders" and "Frasier" both big winners on the 50th anniversary of television's biggest night

By Jonathan D. Gent
STAFF WRITER

The Emmys. The best television shows awarded for their work. A night when the stars come out to watch NBC wander off with all the trophies? Maybe. This year was also the 50th anniversary of the award ceremonies, and so the show fittingly included milestones in television. But enough of the sappy stuff — who won? For the most part, all the fitting people won. "The Larry Sanders Show" went out on a winning note, winning awards for best writing and directing. Andre Braugher also won, after the fact, walking away with the Best Actor in a Drama series award. Oddly, Phil Hartman did not receive the posthumous nod for Best Supporting Actor in a comedy series (he lost to David Hyde-Pierce of "Frasier"). Not to take anything away from Hyde-Pierce, but Hartman should've gotten the statue. The man was not only a gifted comic, but was also well-respected. Hyde-Pierce was even shocked that he won, and it showed on his face that he wanted Phil to win. Another major surprise came in the Best Actress in a comedy series, where Helen

Hunt went full circle and received another Emmy to sit with her Oscar. But come on, where was Jenna Elfman? Elfman has one of the better sitcoms on television. Hunt has an Oscar, and a show that went stale quicker than a doughnut. A sitcom which isn't stale is "Frasier," which won for Best Comedy series. "Frasier" is well-written, brilliantly acted and constantly finds new ways to charm the audience. At least Ally's producer, David E. Kelley, didn't completely lose out. His other show, "The Practice," snatched the Best Drama series trophy, beating out proven shows like "NYPD Blue" and "The X-Files." In general, the awards were predictable. In the two Best Actor categories, Braugher and Kelsey Grammer had no noticeable competition. "The Practice" was easily the freshest and most well-made show of the nominees. The only competition came in the supporting roles, which are almost always filled by stage actors who can act. The show really just didn't do it. A 50th-anniversary gala should be a gala, not the NBC-athon. Every little montage of history shown contained an excessive amount of peacock programming. OK, so NBC has been dominant overall in the last 15

years or so. It could be argued that many lasting programs are owned by NBC. Let Jerry Seinfeld die (side note: Michael Richards isn't funny by himself). "Veronica's Closet" is not a classic sitcom. The most annoying thing was Bob Costas. This guy belongs in the 1:30 a.m. time slot. The whole premise was that the show would not have a host, but there he was. Being Bob Costas. Making an already-trying evening into Dante's Inferno, right in the mouth of the devil.

ADVICE

Got questions: Ask Barton

Your guide to the answers: Solve life's quandaries with the help of "The Answer Man"

By Matt Barton
THE ANSWER MAN

Face it, this campus needs advice. Guidance is an area that has been lacking for a while now. Sure, the astrology feature was useful last year, but not really tailored for individual needs. Weekly movie and music reviews might stop students from blowing their dough on CD coasters and Ernest Goes to Jail (**ital) knockoffs, but what about real advice? Does anybody know something useful? When I was at my first college, I knew this guy named Duper who seemed to have it

all together. He made good grades, had a beautiful girlfriend and could pretty much fix anything. He was a real easy-going-and-always-willing-to-give-good-advice-kind of guy. I have no idea where Duper is today. He's probably living in the gutter somewhere, but the knowledge he gave me about drinking games and arc welding has changed my life for the better. Now I know you've got questions. Why does my left nipple get hard when my girlfriend blows in my right ear? Or how can I buy booze on my meal card? These are basic things you

need to know to make it in college. To whom would you ask these questions? Your mom? Your doctor? Your RA? Be realistic. These people will rat you out in a second. You need an insider. You need the answer man. I've got all the answers. And even though I'm not a licensed doctor, psychiatrist or mechanic, I can solve your problems. Go on, try to stump me. Ask me anything. (But let's lay off the math problems.) Why does my roommate bark in his sleep? How much does UK President Charles Wethington make an hour? How do I date my profes-

sor? Can I get towed out of the parking garage? Who serves the best meat loaf in town? I know the answers. The best part about asking these questions is that we won't print your full name. Why should you be scrutinized by asking a sensitive question? If you have reached the end and you need answers, just e-mail me. Address all questions to The Answer Man at kern@poon.uky.edu. Or you can drop them by 026 Grehan Journalism Building. Isn't it time you got something useful out of college?

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Crazy News

From the funny farm to the lab

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. — Leslie Smith doesn't remember striking the match. She only remembers standing, arms outstretched as if crucified, and trying not to scream as the flames seared her flesh. She failed in her attempt at self-immolation, but from the fire sparked by hopelessness and kindled by years of depression, she was able to burn the demons of her past and embrace a promising future.

After years of battling mental illness that once left her suicidal and homeless, she achieved her childhood dream of becoming a scientist. Now, at 38, she is in her first semester of medical school at East Carolina University on a full scholarship. "I feel like I've lived two lives," Smith said. "Two very different lives."

Overheard

"We're all as if we had hit that home run ourselves."

— Julio Reyes, of the Dominican Republic, after fellow Dominican Sammy Sosa hit his 62nd home run.

"This is for all the fat girls."

— Camryn Manheim, of the ABC series "The Practice," on winning the Emmy as Best Supporting Actress.

Chain reaction

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Preacher Man needs to relocate his loud message

To the editor:

I read with great interest the comments by Manish Bhatia on "Brother Dave," our self-appointed campus minister, as well as Brother Dave's own remarks in the Sept. 9 Kentucky Kernel.

I'm afraid I have to agree with Brother Dave that since it's a Free Speech Area, he has every right to yell his religion out at passers-by as long as he wishes and his voice holds out! (And the man seems to have one heck of a set of lungs!)

As an openly gay man and a legally ordained Norse Pagan Priest (I have, without setting out to, become the "Marrying Sam" of Central Kentucky's rapidly growing Earth Religions community), there is very little I find true or attractive in Brother Dave's religion.

I'm sorry to see a man of such educational and professional accomplishments choose instead to dedicate himself to a mean-spirited, soul-blighting fundamentalism. Nevertheless, that's his right in our free country.

I've made some unpopular decisions in my day, too, and in that

at least I can empathize with the man.

Still, sometimes the Free Speech Area is set up so folks can eat food purchased in the Student Center in an outdoor setting. The only picnic tables are very close by as well. Many also smoke there, since as I understand it they may no longer smoke indoors on campus.

Would you want your fish and chips, or your Marlboros for that matter, with a side order of red-faced, screaming fanatic?

Maybe the Free Speech Area should be moved. The open, grassy area along South Limestone comes to mind. There is even a concrete pulpit of sorts out there.

The way, those who don't want to hear the preachers can eat their lunch and/or smoke their cigarettes in peace outside the Student Center.

For most people, spirituality and religious faith are a part of life.

For some of us, it is central to everything we do. In that, too, I can see Brother Dave's point.

However, there are many fine alternatives, both inside and outside of the Christian faith, to the obnoxious, mean-spirited God in whose name Brother Dave belows.

The Divine Powers are really not the mean-spirited control freaks Brother Dave seems to think his God is. Common sense

says the gods have to be at least as good as the best human beings. They are not the petty beings sometimes depicted in Christianity or other mythologies.

I'm far from perfect, but I wouldn't fry people for eternity for thinking for themselves or for choosing the spiritual path that works best for them.

Neither, I assure you, will Jehovah or any other God or Goddess.

In the long run, we get the gods we deserve. What he has chosen to worship speaks very badly indeed for Brother Dave. He, not us or any of the Divine Powers, is the one with the problem!

PATRICK BUCK

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES GRADUATE STUDENT

A brief message on letters for the Dialogue page

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Nate Brown SGA PRESIDENT

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Whether your gripe is anything from the content of your History 109 class or the crowded Seaton Center, SGA provides an avenue to produce change. The benefit of having one diverse, unified, umbrella organization is students know where to turn for help. SGA is the official voice of the 30,000 students at UK and LCC. SGA is represented on such bodies as the University Senate, the Board of Trustees and other committees. SGA offers many chances to make a difference on campus by applying to look at some of the following issues.

- ELECTION BOARD OF SUPERVISION: This board makes sure elections are run smoothly and constitutionally. We need four more people to work around election time.
- ELECTION BOARD OF CLAIMS: We need four students to hear claims of violations of SGA elections.
- ACADEMIC RIGHTS COMMITTEE: We need members and a chairperson. The committee works on Dead-Week Policy,

curriculum change, admissions requirements, etc.

- COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE: Community service needs a chairperson and members with good ideas.
 - DISABLED STUDENT CONCERNS COMMITTEE: This committee also needs a chairperson and members to look for problems at UK that make learning difficult for disabled students.
 - DIVERSITY CONCERNS COMMITTEE: Committee needs members who can work on improving campus climate, interaction and event ideas.
 - ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE: Environmental concerns needs a chairperson and members to develop and implement ideas for recycling, policy changes and various other environmental concerns.
 - GOVERNMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE: Committee needs a chairperson and members to work on Local Candidate Forum and Voter Registration Rally, along with other political events.
 - HEALTH, SAFETY, & WELLNESS COMMITTEE: Committee needs members. Helps with programs which promote health and safety issues, such as Safe-CATS, free flu shots and other campus health concerns.
- SGA is looking for dedicated student leaders to be involved on the committees listed above. Please call 257-3191, e-mail nate@pop.uky.edu or stop by 120 Student Center. We need to hear from you in the next week.

A minor needs videos and legal respect

Jennette Fulda CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

There is something wrong with the world. I was sitting in my dorm room last week, recuperating from a perilous day of classes. Thinking nothing of the fluctuating Dow Jones or the crisis in Russia, I suddenly said to myself, "Instead of sitting around here thinking about nothing, why don't I walk down to that video store on Euclid and rent some videos? I'll get some exercise and have hours of entertainment tonight."

So I ventured down the street, into the store, made my selections and went about setting up a membership. Then the horrible moment came.

"You're not 18 yet, are you?" the clerk asked. "Well, no, I'm not actually."

"Well, you have to be 18 to have a membership. I'm afraid you can't rent any videos."

The last time I had felt such injustice was when I was too short to ride the roller coasters at Kentucky Kingdom. The world was a cruel place to live, indeed. Walking back to my dorm, I thought about how hypocritical this all was. The state of Kentucky has granted me a driver's license, and with that the ability to kill myself and any other man or beast in the general vicinity of a highway. Driving is a very dangerous activity and kills millions each year. In fact, two

students at my high school were killed while driving in the past year.

Officially, I am old enough to do something as dangerous as driving, but I am not responsible enough to rent a videocassette and bring it back when it is due? I've had a similar arrangement with the public library system for borrowing books since I was 6, and I don't even have to pay them for the privilege.

I do understand why this store wouldn't let me rent a video. I am not 18, not legally an adult and not legally responsible for my actions. If something happened to their video, I could not be held liable and the store would lose money. But do they seriously think I'm going to pull out all the magnetic tape and desecrate my Christmas tree with it? Because I was not born two months earlier does not preclude the fact that I am a responsible individual. There should be some other way of judging a person than by their age. Denying them rights or services based on how many years they've existed is as discriminatory as racism or sexism.

So until my birthday rolls around and I become old enough to vote and earn the sacred honor of renting a video, I will simply have to get older people to rent videos for me.

God forbid that the video store should get caught renting to a minor.

IN OUR OPINION

Faking them out

Producing fake ID's needs justice

Sometimes, the system of laws and justice in America doesn't seem very just. On Aug. 27, Nicole Roy, 21, was fired from the Whitley County Circuit Clerk's Office after Circuit Clerk Gary Barton found out she had been producing fake IDs. Barton then filed a charge against Roy, first-degree official misconduct, a misdemeanor. Judge Ronald Stewart of the Whitley County Court dismissed the case Sept. 1 after Roy pleaded guilty, probing the 90-day jail term and fining her \$184.74 following a recommendation by County Attorney David Kersey.

Seem a little light for a girl who had been making some kick-ass fake IDs since October 1996? Mark Rucker, Student Government Association attorney, said if you got caught with false identification or tampering with an official document, you could be charged with second-degree forgery — a class-D felony — packing a potential one to five years in jail.

For almost two years, Nicole Roy produced these cards, and she simply got fired and fined a couple hundred bucks? Oops! We forgot to mention that Circuit Clerk Barton was not only her boss, he's also her step-father. And the county attorney who recommended probing the jail sentence has a wife that also works in the Whitley County Circuit Clerk's Office. Judge Stewart didn't see a problem with these connections, pointing out that Barton didn't have to press charges. Stewart also said he gave Roy the maximum penalty, as she had no prior criminal record.

The maximum? They must have some loose interpretations of the laws in Whitley County if producing a pile of felony offense fake IDs for your college buddies only causes you to be charged with a misdemeanor.

No one involved said how many fake licenses Roy made, but to their knowledge she didn't sell them. Since she didn't sell them, that certainly makes everything all right, doesn't it? A crack dealer can say, "I was just giving the rocks away," and the courts will drop the felony trafficking charges, eh?

Something needs to give. Either impose a harsher penalty on someone who produces fake IDs in an official office or ease up on people caught using fake IDs.

Some people caught with fake IDs have had to spend weeks walking to do community service so the charge won't show up on their record. Nicole Roy needs to suffer the same consequences, at least — maybe for each fake ID she produced.

