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GET RELIGION Rebecca St. James is just one of many featured artists on the Christian album, 'WWJD?' See *Diversions*, page 2.



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SGA looks at tuition options

By Mat Herron
Campus Editor

If you don't like what you see, come up with an alternative.

Hence, the Student Government Association has formed a group that will work on drafting its own tuition-setting policy in light of the rancor over the Council on Postsecondary Education's approval of a 23 percent increase for the next two years.

SGA lobbied the council earlier last month to review the tuition policy, which has stayed the same since 1982 but underwent two reviews in the early '90s.

"We're trying to get something geared to help students that would be most affected by the tuition increase," said Joe Schuler, executive director of Academic Affairs for SGA.

The group, headed up by student Jean May, SGA academic affairs chairwoman Lindsay McNeal and other officers, is still in the research stage and will look at benchmarks and other universities to see what their tuitions and policies for setting them are. It will also examine trends in inflation and the governing bodies that decide tuition in other states, said SGA President Melanie Cruz.

"We're not real worried about the regional universities because their mission is different," Cruz said. "We're trying to figure out who we have to lobby for the student financial aid and advancement trust fund."

"It's just one big pot of money, no criteria has been set," she said. "We want to make sure UK and U of L are hit hardest, and we should get preferential treatment."

"No one's said here what they're plans are or where that extra revenue is going," Schuler said.

The council will begin reviewing the state's policy when it meets in Frankfort in January. It plans to propose the forming of another task force consisting of council members, university administrators and students, said Ken Walker, acting chief operating officer for the council.

The group would be the first-level of review of the current policy and make its recommendation to the council's Investment and Incentives Committee, which would in turn make its recommendation to the full council.

"From the staff's perspective, it's appropriate to review all policies on a periodic basis, so we intend to propose a review of many of the CHE policies so the old (council) policies are revised for this new board,"

Walker said.

"Many of the policies all need to be reviewed and considered in the context of not only what exists now, but what is likely to exist in the future."

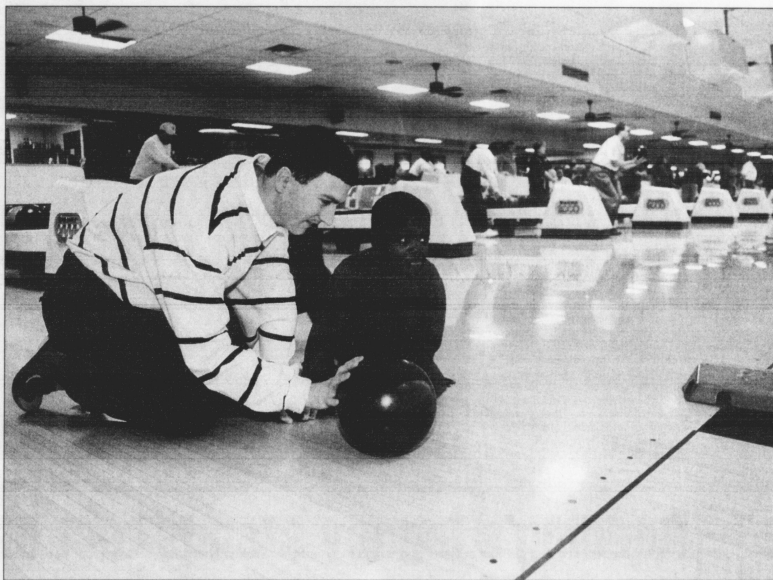
The review is also needed because of the likelihood of a virtual university in Kentucky. Under this system, proposed in the state legislature as House Bill 1, a student at one university could enroll in a class at another university via the Internet and interactive television, which Walker said a number of universities are already doing.

Tuition comes into play in terms of how universities will share the revenue for courses offered over the Net, Walker said.

"If they take action, it will be to establish the work plan for policy review. What's the review structure, what's the time frame?" he said.

ROLL WITH IT

Tim Watts, a political science senior, shows Dequan, 5, how to bowl a strike. Watts (right) is one of 40 UK students participating in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Donesza, 11, shares a laugh with her Big Sister, Tiffany Yerian, an elementary education junior (bottom, right). Yerian is president of the UK chapter of the program.



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Brotherly Love

Students good influence in kids' everyday lives

By Brian Dunn
Assistant News Editor

Tim Watts balanced in the center of the teeter-totter at Woodland Park moving Dacoby Burnett, 8, and Dequan Robinson, 5, up and down.

"Keep doing it," Robinson said as he braced the teeter-totter.

But Burnett disagreed, saying he was getting dizzy. He could barely hold on.

Watts is one of about 40

UK students who volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lexington, an organization that matches volunteers to children with single parents.

His little brother is 9-year-old Dequan Rewitt, older brother of Robinson and Burnett.

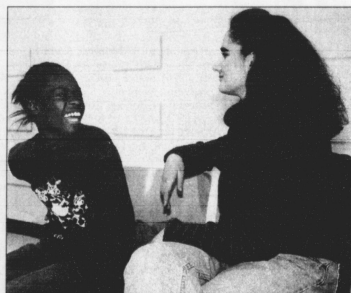
"Big Brothers and Big Sisters try to make a positive influence on the kids," Tiffany Yerian, president of UK's chapter, said as the screaming continued at the

teeter-totter.

Fifteen males currently are volunteering, but Yerian said about 200 boys are on the waiting list for the Lexington chapter.

Watts often takes Rewitt to Entertainment Express in Nicholasville or to Laser Quest at South Hill Station. Last week, after visiting Woodland Park to play on the large swing sets and jungle gyms, Watts took the three brothers to see the movie *George of the Jungle*.

"The kids are just victims of the circumstances that they're in," Watts said that as Rewitt started singing the rap song "I Really Miss My Home," as loud as he could with Robinson and



Burnett.

"They are just kids that don't have an influence," Watts said. "These kids just want someone to be a friend."

Watts said a recent occur-

rence at the Kroger where he works inspired him in the work he does for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

A 15-year-old shoplifter

See **BIG BROTHERS** on 4

'Pointless' construction nearing its end

By Annie Gillespie
Staff Writer

Orange cones are everywhere. But many are wondering if anything is getting accomplished.

"We've got about a hundred projects that are currently being worked on," said Ken Clevidence, senior director of Procurement and Construction at UK.

"The construction seems pointless,"

said Kristy Carrico, animal science freshman. "No project ever gets completed."

When projects are large and complex, they take time to be done correctly, Clevidence said.

"We hope all projects will be an improvement to students, faculty and staff," he said. "And improvements take time."

Clevidence said he is excited about the projects that have just been

completed, the projects in the process of being completed and those planned.

UK's Children's Hospital, completed this past summer, was a great accomplishment the University was proud to finish, he said.

As for the current projects, Clevidence said the water expansion project on Euclid Avenue should be completed in mid-to-late December.

A chilled water line is being

installed connecting South Campus to North Campus. With the water line, which runs underneath Euclid Avenue, North Campus residence halls will eventually have air conditioning.

The Kentucky Clinic construction will have no delays and should be completed in late spring of 1998, Clevidence said.

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NEWSbyte

STATE One killed, six wounded in Ky. shooting

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. — A 14-year-old freshman took a gun and earplugs out of his backpack and opened fire on classmates in a high school lobby today as they took part in an informal prayer service, authorities said. One student was killed and seven others wounded.

The student was detained just after the shooting at Heath High School, said Karen McCuiston, a spokeswoman for the McCracken County school district. The boy was later charged as a juvenile with one count of murder and seven counts of attempted murder.

The only words the boy had to say after the shooting were "I'm sorry," Principal Bill Bond said. "He acted just like he had been caught with some minor offense," Bond said.

"I hear gunshots, about 10 in a row, just bang, bang, bang, bang, bang," said Ben Heady, a 17-year-old senior. "People were just laying on the ground. People were screaming, running out of the hall."

The shooter "was just standing there like he didn't care what happened," Heady said.

The leader of the prayer group, a pastor's son, walked up to the boy as he was still firing, imploring him to stop, Bond said.

The boy kept firing but finally stopped and lay down the gun, one bullet left in it. Bond arrived about that time and picked up the gun.

The boy had spare ammunition and two other guns in his backpack, Bond said. He said the boy was small in stature and emotionally immature; beyond that, the motive was unclear.

The boy had brought a handgun and ear plugs with him to school, said Bond. He said the boy had told other students last week that "something big was going to happen," but they took it to mean he planned a harmless prank.

"He's a very intelligent young man," Bond said. "He had some minor problems, but he's never been suspended from school."

Compiled from wire reports.

Circle of Love giving gifts to area children

By Jessica Coy
Staff Writer

Ginger, a 7-year-old girl who likes purple dresses, hopes to have a brighter Christmas this year because of the Circle of Love.

Ginger is one of the 650 children selected from area elementary schools who will benefit from the program. Circle of Love receives lists of names from school counselors and bases the number of children selected from each school in numbers proportionate to the number of children who are part of the free lunch program.

"We have one school from which we accepted about 50 children, and one from which we only accepted six," said Debbi Scott, co-chair of the Circle of Love program.

The boys and girls, ranging from 5 to 11 years of age, submit wish lists in which they list their dream gift as well as second and third choices. This year's dream gifts included everything from bikes to shoes to a blanket and pillow.

"The children assigned to UK are the neediest of the needy," Scott said. "These are children who otherwise might not get a gift on Christmas."

Circle of Love is run by volunteers through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and is sponsored this year by the Women's Forum Outreach Committee. The program was started at the UK Medical Center in 1986 and was brought to the Lexington campus in 1987.

"When the program first started, we only accepted 500 names, and since we have grown to where we can take 650," said Wini Humphrey, co-chairwoman of the Circle of Love program.

For the past few weeks, Circle of Love has had tables set up in the Student Center and in the Agriculture Department for the distribution of names. So far, all but 18 children have sponsors.

"At this point, monetary donations in any amount are being accepted," Scott said. "This way, people who don't have time to shop will still be able to help a child."

"Any donations will be placed in a fund which we will allocate to the children who did not receive a sponsor. Then we will go and shop for those children."

The gifts will be collected on Dec. 8 and 9 at locations in the Student Center and College of Agriculture. After being sorted, the presents will be collected by resource counselors from the individual elementary schools, and with the help of UK trucking and UK stores, the gifts will be delivered to the families.

"I participate in this program because I'm a mother and I can't imagine facing Christmas knowing that I couldn't buy my children anything," Scott said. "This is definitely something that needs to be done."

What would Jesus do?

Christian compilation boasts genre's finest

By Christopher Emmick
Staff Critic

There's some sort of radical movement forming in the Christian genre. Jewelry and clothing of all types, starting with rainbow-colored bracelets dot the bodies of the young and old believers.

Are these items exclusive marks of a select group of Christians? Not hardly. To Christians the items are a physical reminder about the life they lead and the God they serve. Great amounts of spiritual recharging and confidence building are found with the four letters imprinted on each item: WWJD, which stands for "What Would Jesus Do."

As another item to add to the WWJD craze, Forefront Records released the *WWJD* compilation. What makes this album stand out from most other Christian releases is the diversity of the sounds on the album, ranging from contemporary heavyweight Steven Curtis Chapman and the alternative

Aussie, Rebecca St. James, to nice guy rockers Small Town Poets and the definition of modern Christian music, de Talk.

The album starts out with a new song performed by Big Tent Revival ironically called "What Would Jesus Do?" The song keeps a toe-tapping rhythm while trying to create a praising and worshipping experience with building instrumentation.

The catchy chorus and followable lyrics make this song seem ideal for the next rousing praise chorus in a worship service. However the song seems almost engineered for this objective and comes across to the mature listener as an overblown hymn with a few acoustical guitars added in for flavor.

The other new song debuting

on this CD is as dizzy as the title indicates. "Whirlwind by Skillet," picks up to a hard-edged cyclonic beat that mixes up and down with light piano work and heavy guitar strums.

The words in the song are sung in a way that is just not enough to carry the listener on the off-beats laid down by the instruments. The song, with its hard and quick tempo, is enjoyable but this tempo is not enough to impact the listener with the power of the words.



MUSIC review

★ ★ 1/2
(out of five)

'What Would Jesus Do?'
Various Artists
(Forefront)

The rest of the CD is filled with solid songs. For example, the Newsboys' "Breathe" picks up a fast and mesmerizing beat as the lyrics carry the song through feelings of aggravation and relief. "In Between," by Geoff Moore and the Distance, casually builds into a smooth and flowing rhythm that floats the listener through the song.

The powerful "Go and Sin No More" by Rebecca St. James receives its strength through her emotional voice. James' voice locks the listener in the path of the solid and pounding lyrics.

The Waiting's "Put the Blame On Me" has a catchy feel without taking away from the urgency expressed in the lyrics. A great deep and dark feeling one usually finds in secular music exists in Grammatrain's "Pain," and it rocks the listener from his or her seat. "What If I Stumble," by de Talk, is musically as worry-filled and solemn as the lyrics, and both contribute to flow the listener into dependency and praise of the Lord.

In general, all the collaborated songs are high quality diverse material and arranged on the album in such a way the listener is accustomed to a different sound and feeling for each song. If only the same praise could be given to the new songs on the CD. If you are searching for a good collaborative album consisting of Christian alternative and pop, then this should suit just fine.



Photos furnished



MUSIC FROM ABOVE Rebecca St. James (above) and Considering Lily (left) contribute to the christian compilation 'What Would Jesus Do?'

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Redding's legacy stands test of time

Associated Press

ROUND OAK, Ga. — Sitting in the morning sun, in a marble tomb cooled by shade trees, Otis Redding rests about a hundred paces from the ranch house he built before death and a posthumous hit made him a legend.

It's approaching 30 years since Redding's plane crashed into an icy Wisconsin lake on Dec. 10, 1967 — three days after he recorded "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay."

The soul singer's music now reaches a second generation of fans, and his widow, Zelma Redding, meets them at her front door. Somehow, they find the unmarked road leading to the Redding family's 440-acre ranch. They show up every month or so, asking permis-

sion to pay their respects.

"This is not Graceland. This is my home," Mrs. Redding noted.

But when visitors mind their manners, she escorts them to the grave.

"These are kids 24, 25 years old, who weren't even born when Otis was alive," Mrs. Redding said. "They'll just stand there and they just cry and cry."

Crying, begging and pleading — those words are often used to describe Redding's voice, which touched on emotions and experiences far beyond his brief 26 years.

Blazing a trail from Macon, Ga., to Memphis, Tenn., he created a sound that reached across the color line, winning over a large white audience without diluting his rural, black roots.

"That's incredible, to find his music as influential as it's ever been," said Phil Walden, Redding's manager who went on to found Capricorn Records. "His legend is really 'sans hype.' It has made it to this point purely on the magnitude of his music."

Perhaps his death played a part, too. Redding never had a crossover hit until "Dock of the Bay," which was released a month after the crash. It vaulted to No. 1 on the pop and rhythm and blues charts.

Mrs. Redding insists the song succeeded because it was equal parts omen and epitaph.

"It seems as though the song was letting you know, 'I won't be here a long, long time,'" she said. "That song connects so well with Otis' death. It's like, it tells a story.

If you know about Otis Redding and you listen to "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay," it just puts this ball of sadness in your heart."

Redding repeatedly cracked the R&B charts with Top 10 hits like "Mr. Piffl" and "Try a Little Tenderness." But crossover success on the white-dominated pop charts eluded him. Still, he reached white audiences on the college circuit, where fraternity parties had become popular stops for touring soul singers. By reaching out to both whites and blacks, Redding and other soul singers have been credited with producing the soundtrack to the civil rights movement.

"It's simplistic, but it was awfully difficult for people to hate when they loved the music so much," Walden said.

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Projects

Construction on campus causing inconveniences

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The W.T. Young Library, first scheduled to open early last summer, is almost finished, said Dall Clark, project manager for the library.

"We have suffered delays," Clark said, "but nothing out of the ordinary."

Clark said any time a project the size and scale of the library is being done, delays are common.

He said bad weather in the winters of 1995 and 1996 primarily caused the delays.

The library, which is not a UK project because it is supported by private funding, is a \$58 million project, Clark said.

The library will be open for use during the spring semester.

Books and computers will be moved beginning Jan. 5, said director of libraries Paul Willis.

The library will be a great

asset to the campus community, Clevidence said.

Philosophy sophomore Brent Davidson said, "I guess the library is something that is worth waiting for, I hear it will be magnificent."

Other projects in the planning stage for campus are a Fine Arts Center at Margaret I. King North to begin in fall 1998, and the Career Center, which has an estimated completion date of Spring 1999.

Clevidence said renovations in Patterson Office Tower should be completed next fall.

"I know the entire campus will welcome that improvement," he said.

Shelly Ward, an undeclared sophomore, agreed.

"They need to make fixing those elevators a top priority," she said. "It is truly frightening to ride up them."

Shelly Ward, undeclared sophomore, describing the elevators in Patterson Office Tower.

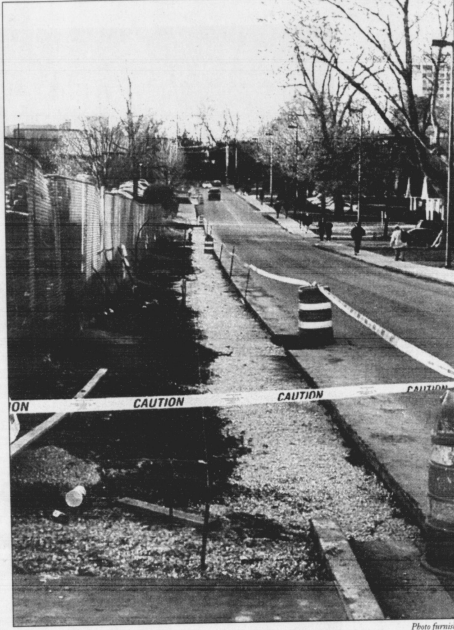
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Clevidence said he realized students hate to be troubled with construction, but it is impossible to complete most projects in just a summer.

"The end result of the inconvenience is always positive," Clevidence said. "Construction is a necessary discomform."



WHAT A BEAUTY There are more than 100 construction projects going on right now on the UK campus, leaving areas like Columbia Avenue (above) looking ragged and torn.

Big Brothers

Watts one of many who dedicate time to Lexington children

From PAGE 1

was caught after he tried to elude a security guard.

As police held him in custody, the boy continuously cursed the officers, accusing them of racism.

Watts said he pulled the boy aside. After consoling the boy,

Watts found out the boy once had a Big Brother whom he missed.

"He said his Big Brother was the most positive thing in his life," Watts said.

"When I started talking to him as a person, he respected me."

The two have been keeping in touch since, Watts said.

"Even if it's a year, you're never going to know what they're going to take away from that year," he said.

Then, Burnett pierced the air with "As I walk through the valleys of the shadows of death..."

The three brothers started

spurring out tidbits about their lives — what songs they liked, what kind of pizza, what football teams.

They'd been featured on a television news report before, so they were eager to talk to another reporter.

Prewitt and Burnett play basketball for the Spurs at Mary Todd Elementary.

Robinson is the team mascot, a bulldog.

"And I like playing baseball," Prewitt said as he climbed up to a purple, twirling slide.

He'd like to play baseball, basketball or hockey when he grows up, but he doesn't want to

be president, "cause you got to sign so many papers," he said, a sour look creeping across his face.

About 400 volunteers have been matched with little brothers and sisters in the Lexington area, said Lori Bailey of the Lexington chapter.

"Our main goal is to recruit students," she said.

"Their requirement is to spend time with the child for a year. We hope that they will make some type of an impact with the kid."

To contact Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lexington, call (606) 231-8181.

What's inside the Kentucky Kernel on Wednesday, December 3 may SURPRISE you!

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SPORTS

Zurcher moving toward award

By Jill Erwin
Senior Staff Writer

Following UK's loss to Tennessee and the subsequent end of the football season two weeks ago, most players' weeks looked to get much less hectic.

Not Jeff Zurcher's. Zurcher leaves today for Louisville to participate in the state interview process for the Rhodes Scholarship. The state of Kentucky will choose two of the 12-16 candidates to move on to the regional competition in Chicago.

"The interview is the toughest part for me, personally," Zurcher said.

"I really have to relax and be myself."

Zurcher, an English and advertising senior with a 4.0 grade-point average, stands a good chance, said UK history professor Dan Rowland.

"It's hard to predict these things," Rowland said, "but he is definitely in a strong position. I think he has a profile the committee would look fondly on."

Included in that profile is an outstanding academic record, a strong athletic background and a "community-minded orientation," Rowland said.

"He really has devoted a lot of time to service," Rowland said. "That's the kind of thing that you want to come out in your interview."

Zurcher is just pleased with the opportunity, and is looking to capitalize.

"There's a reception (tonight), and that gives me a chance to meet the interviewers and the other candidates," Zurcher said. "I feel really privileged, blessed and lucky."

The Rhodes is a lofty goal, one Zurcher is trying to accomplish. He won't be irreversibly harmed if it doesn't happen, however.

"I'm not going to beat myself over the head about it. I'll let it go," Zurcher said.

"It's like I said in my essay, 'If I get this, it will change my life. If I don't get it, it won't change my life at all.'"

Teammate Jimmy Carter is one who seconds that.

"Jeff is one of the most humble individuals I have ever met," Carter, a biology senior and team punter, said. "He's brilliant, but he doesn't come off like he's brilliant. He's very warm and dependable, and he's a great friend."

"It will definitely help me in my career and job search to have gone through this," Zurcher said.

Zurcher expects to graduate in May, and has been offered a job



SAM HAVERSTICK/Kentucky Kernel

FILLING A NICHE UK special teams star Jeff Zurcher (bottom), who is looking to add "Rhodes Scholar" to his resume, has already made his mark on the playing field this year. He's made nine tackles, blocked a punt against South Carolina, blocked a field goal attempt at Georgia and caught a clutch 20-yard pass off a punt fake against Louisiana State.

with Duramed Pharmaceuticals in Cincinnati. However, if he doesn't get the Rhodes, there is one thing in the way of his accepting the offer: a chance to play football again next year.

As a walk-on reserve strong safety and special teams player this year, Zurcher blocked a kick, caught a pass on a fake punt and was named Player of the Game

once. His contributions have led the team to strongly consider giving him a scholarship for next year.

"There's a high probability of that happening. I think we'll have a real exciting team next year, and we'll be a great team," Zurcher said. "It would be fun to come back and play."

To do that, he would have to

re-enroll in classes. He is looking at either law school or the Patterson School of Diplomacy to achieve that end.

"I've always had an interest in politics, and that's one of the better schools I know of, and it's at UK, so that works out well," Zurcher said.

Zurcher's interview is at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

Meadows makes big splash

Freshman still defining her role in new system

By Dave Gorman
Staff Writer

UK women's basketball coach Bernadette Mattox said in this year's media guide that Laura Meadows, "is an impact player."

What an understatement. The 6-foot-2 freshman is able to play anywhere on the floor, even point guard.

In UK's 60-46 win over Illinois-Chicago, she had UK's line of the week: 9-for-14 shooting, 5-of-7 three-point shooting, 23 rebounds, two blocks, 23 points in 31 minutes. She is already leading the team in scoring, blocks and rebounds. She started in the first game of the season and had 19 points in the season-opening win over Hungary. UK scored 100 points that game.

Impact player? Wow.

One might think she has already stepped into the role of the go-to player.

"I don't think I am ready to be the go-to player just yet," said Meadows, a Huntington, W. Va., native.

"I am just trying to fill-in and play my role. I'm still getting used to the system."

"You have to play as hard as

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you can every day."
"Laura has to limit her turnovers," Mattox said. "She is a solid player, with her height she can see the floor so well."

Solid player sounds better. Although she might need to make some adjustments to fit in with Mattox's game plan, the transition from high school to college does not seem to have fazed her, though she will not show it.

"There's no comparison in the competition," Meadows said. "The players are quicker and stronger, and everyone can play. It's definitely a lot more fun playing college basketball."

Especially practicing with the intimidating Vonda Jackson, who is known for her overly aggressive type of play.

Meadows shrugs off the question with, "You gotta love Vonda."

Stepping up her game has never been a problem.

Meadows averaged 21 points per game, 12 assists per game and 11 rebounds per game in high school.

She was West Virginia High School Coaches Association

Player of the Year two years in a row. She showed up to UK with high expectations. She was a 1997 Nike All-America Team Member and second-team member for the USA Today All-USA Basketball Team.

Nikki Hay is back

Senior Nikki Hay returned to the squad on Saturday and led the Cats in scoring with 14 points. UK lost 68-59 to Nebraska, but for Hay the feeling of playing again was great.

She was out for the beginning of the season with a knee injury. Watching her fellow Cats beat Hungary by 50 points in the season opener definitely made the wait worse for Hay.

"Just watching them get out there and run the floor, that got me pumped, that got me excited," said Hay with a smile. "I didn't get to play but the team did well and that's all that mattered."

It was great, I was like, 'Yeah we are going to have a great season.'"

The doctor has given her the go-ahead and she is just trying to rebuild her knee and game.

"Right now I am just trying to rebuild," Hay said.

"I want to get my quickness back, and get the professional scouts to notice me."

Although she is a tri-captain, Mattox does not have Hay jumping back into the starting lineup.

"Her knee is fine but we are just going to work her in the rotation," Mattox said.

SPORTSbytes Schlarman earns academic honor

UK offensive guard John Schlarman has earned a place on the GTE All-District IV team and now advances to the national ballot for Academic All-America.

Schlarman, a senior from Ft. Thomas, has a 3.20 grade point average with a major in math education. He is a two-year member for the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll. In addition, he has participated in "The Cats' Cause" community service program.

On the field, Schlarman was a four-year starter in the UK offensive line. He was chosen UK's Most Outstanding Lineman following his sophomore and junior seasons.

He was named to the "Unsung Hero All-America Team by the College Football Chronicle" in honor of his dedication and perseverance. John endured five major injuries and three knee surgeries during his career in Lexington.

Ford surprised by hasty decision

Danny Ford said Monday that the Arkansas football team is better than it was when he came here five years ago — but didn't win enough games for him to remain as its coach.

"Progress, not as much as I would have hoped," Ford said in summing up his 26-30-1 record with the Razorbacks — a record that led to his firing the day after Arkansas completed its second straight 4-7 season.

"I'm out. It's over. I hate it, the way it happened," Ford said.

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one works on your time schedule. If you want them to tow you around the town at odd hours, you better give them a good reason to do so.

A lunch at the local Taco Bell or a Whopper with extra cheese usually works for me.

On other occasions, I have offered to buy gasoline, a six-pack of Budweiser or free sex (just kidding, I still charge \$12.50/hr).

Step 6: For those who are saving to make a down payment on their first car, be sure to thank President Washington and the folks in Frankfurt for swiping away that little bit of cash for a tuition hike.

From now on, the only car you can afford is one made by Mattel. I heard they have a new line of fully equipped Hot Wheels for under \$25 bucks.

Step 7: Finally, go find yourself a bike for those rare moments when friends are sick of hauling you around. Bikes give you much-needed exercise while allowing you to fritter from your apartment to the library and back.

Of course, if your bike isn't equipped with anti-lock brakes and a windshield, I would recommend setting it aside during the winter months.

Naturally, these steps will fail us from time to time. So I would encourage those who are fortunate enough to own a four-wheeled mode of transportation to spread the wealth.

In fact, I propose a "Take your car-less buddy around town" day, every year, sometime around my birthday on Feb. 17.

Further, I plan to launch a massive carpool next semester, where car owners will donate their time, gasoline and chauffeur skills to help the vehicularly-challenged students on campus get around.

In the meantime, these seven highly manipulative steps can assure you of at least partial relief from your miserable auto-less college life. But, don't abuse these steps and remember that good friends don't necessarily drive a sedan.

And, just in case my pal, Steve, is reading this column, I can neither confirm nor deny any of the material in this column.

Oh, by the way, Steve, wanna go grab a taco? My treat.

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Manish Bhatia
Kernel Columnist

City strikes out

Some people just never learn. The Lexington City Council once again tried to put a stop to the gentlemen's clubs here in town by passing a new ordinance that was once again intended to shut them down for good.

After repeated attempts to enforce similar legislation, you would think the city council might have changed parts of the legislation that made the ordinance downright unconstitutional.

Instead the council merely reshaped the past attempts and cleaned up some of the language to make them more politically correct. This more "p.c." version didn't last 12 hours. It was quickly slapped down with an injunction before the ink was dry.

The injunction will prevent the city from enforcing it until its legality can be decided in court. This is the same thing that happened last summer when the Lexington City Council tried to put the gentlemen's clubs out of business.

It didn't pass constitutional muster then and it's not going to pass now.

The council claims the reason it is so dead-set on passing an ordinance to regulate the clubs is

because there currently is no legislation in place concerning the subject.

That's all well and good, but the City Council should at least learn from its past mistakes.

The council will not be able to keep the clubs from operating and that is basically what the current legislation is intended to do.

If it is so insistent on passing some inane laws, then perhaps it should worry about the bare minimums first.

Perhaps the council members should take a trip out to some of the clubs and see what it is really like there.

Chances are many of those in the community who favor getting rid of the strip clubs have never even stepped foot in them.

They would no doubt be surprised at the atmosphere they would find there.

These are not cess pools of degradation that need to be closed by the council for the survival of Western culture as we know it.

Instead, council members would merely find well-run establishments in need of little, if any, government intervention.

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READERS' forum

Birth of septuplets may be miraculous but it's all science

To the editor:

To most people, septuplets is a word rarely encountered. Recently many of us have encountered this word as the news of the amazing births of septuplets spread rapidly.

Many people may be unaware that this event was not a natural process of human reproduction. Reproduction technologies are becoming more sophisticated and more people are utilizing them.

Most people may not understand how one woman can produce enough eggs at one time and therefore may believe the process was some unexplained miracle. The mother of the septuplets was given a fertility drug called Metrodin. This drug makes a female more fertile by inducing the production of several eggs at

each ovulation, instead of the one she normally produces.

Although the gestation and delivery of seven babies at one time is indeed a remarkable event and maybe even a miracle, in this case having seven eggs available for fertilization was not a miracle.

So as the pregnancy and live births of Alexis, Natalie, Kelsey, Joel, Kenneth, Nathaniel and Brandon may have been a miracle, the multiple ovulation was not a miracle.

Roger Smith
animal science graduate student

Hussein's time is finally up

To the editor:

Charles Powell's opinion is that the Hussein situation is merely politicking and the Iraqis are just doing this stuff so Hussein can stay in power. Then, why would he NOT build a nuclear bomb or Anthrax spray canister to kill a bunch of Americans? Whether the United States is

getting ready for war because of politics or the threat of terrorism, I am for it. They may not have the right reason for it, but they have the right solution.

Wade Hutt
computer science sophomore

Laws won't end abortions

To the editor:

The heading read: "Pro choice advocates can't ignore the death of innocents." It then went on to explain Christopher Chase's unwarranted, one-sided view of abortion.

Chris, I can just say this to you and everyone else: "Legal or not, people will continue to have abortions whether you like it or not."

That is the way it was before abortion was legal, and that is the way it will return to if the choice of abortion is ever taken away.

Gerald Evans
business junior

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Guardian angels saved party girl from college follies

The lesson for today is about getting drunk. Not just about alcohol, because a drink at dinner or a beer after work isn't what happens most often in college. I'm talking about keg parties at upperclassmen's apartments, tailgate parties or Greek formals.

So what are the pros of such an activity? Numero uno, you generally tend to have a rip-roaring time. Numero dos, it feels good, too (at least until you pass your "absolute limit"). The bad news? Let's face it, it usually takes a full day to recover, it's costly, it's unhealthy and you may decide to drink and drive or get a ride from another drunk.

Plus, if you're underage, you stand the chance of getting caught or you could end up in a sexual situation that you wouldn't be caught dead in if you were sober. And getting sick gives new

meaning to the phrase "Oh God, never again!" So why do we insist on stacking the odds and still going through with it?

All I really know are my own reasons for having done it and they may or may not be the same as yours. I didn't do it in high school for fear of getting caught, so I had to catch up.

All of my friends did it. We bonded with incredible speed during those Hooch parties. Good times, happy memories of laughing, dancing, playing "Bullshit," and meeting new people while you are at your most talkative and relaxed state of mind. An excuse not to

study, and to forget about your stepdad moving out on your family, your two grandpas who just died and the guy who said, "Let's just be friends..."

Now that I've been out of college for a year and a half, it's time for me to use the power of hindsight to spot the couple of reasons I maybe should've laid off the juice during those years. I most certainly gained the freshman 15. I went to more than one exam drunk and I finally nicknamed like "Kenchunky Fried Chicken."

I cried when I thought about my dead grandparents and how disappointed they'd be in me. I kissed more nameless guys than I'd ever care to share with anyone. I rode in cars with a driver who was going nuts for work, finally dragging and meeting new people while you are at your most talkative and relaxed state of mind. An excuse not to

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and didn't know it.

So what's the point of another UK grad writing an article about what you should and shouldn't do to come out of college alive and healthy?

I read plenty of those articles while I was in school and did it all anyway. I think those two grandpas of mine were my guardian angels and they kept me out of more trouble than I'll ever know.

I carried a very bad fake ID for two years and never got caught. I was never involved in a car accident caused by drunk chauffeurs and I didn't become an alcoholic. I also never ended up alone with a guy who could've raped me. I didn't catch any STDs.

I even graduated with an A average (I swear Grandpa Hoffman must've taken up dating and then marrying a guy who has shown me how to have fun without always being sloshed.

I don't know if the rest of you have guardian angels — I certainly hope you do. But just in case you don't or don't believe in them, keep a few things in mind. Ask your parents if alcoholism runs on either side of your family. If you're gonna get wasted, try to do it either at your place or a good friend's — the less you know the place you're at, and the farther you are from home, the less control

you have over the situation. Try to avoid making major decisions about sex while you're drunk — you'll always say "yes." Know your limits: How much can you drink before you get silly? Sick? Careless? Completely out of control? Remember that most of you are in college to graduate with a degree. And take a lesson from Henri Paul — not even the Princess of Wales was invincible to the stupidity of drunk driving.

Guest Columnist Dara Lise Campbell is a 1996 UK graduate.



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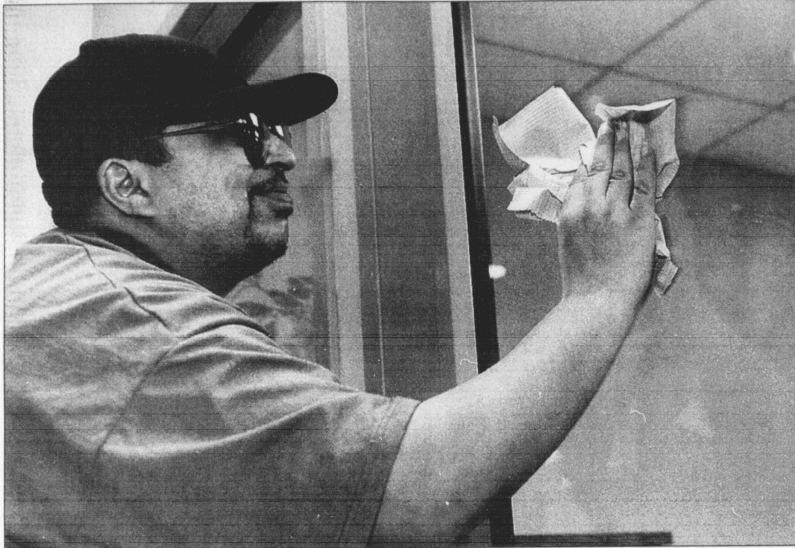
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Living the cafeteria lifestyle



WORKING FOR A LIVING Khalid Alaiyidi cleans off a window in the Student Center cafeteria. He is one of many workers whose daily shift lasts from 8:30 in the morning to 4:30 p.m.

Student Center staff have their own stories

By Brian Reed
Contributing Writer

If you've tried to eat lunch at the Student Center, you know how frustrating the long lines can be. But have you ever stopped to think about what it might be like on the other side of the counter?

Probably not, but UK Food Service is full of all types of people, each with their own unique story to tell.

Every morning Norma Miles gets up at 6 a.m. and drives 15-45 minutes, depending on traffic, to get to her job at the Student Center. What could influence her to do this?

She enjoys the check she gets to bring home, along with her

friends at work, who have affectionately dubbed her "Arbuck-lee."

She also enjoys meeting students. "It can be fun, we meet a lot of wonderful students," Miles said. "We like to know them by name to make them feel at home."

In her spare time, she enjoys making the important people in her life, her husband and mother, feel at home.

If you have ever been to the Student Center for coffee, you have probably run across Geneva Stonestreet. More than likely, she cheerfully greeted you or shared a joke, but there's a lot more going on.

Stonestreet has a busy job. Not only does she take money from

customers, but she makes sure all of the food is stocked, the machines are working, and the coffee is made.

Simple sounding, but tough for just one person.

"I just want people to know that this is a one-man show," Stonestreet said.

"If the line gets long and something runs out, don't take it out on me."

Employees of the Student Center also have a hard time getting time off, even if they need to see the doctor. Full-time workers work from around 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and it's tough to get out of it.

"It's hard to get off for things, even the doctor," Stonestreet said. "Sometimes they (management) give you a hard time."

But she still stays happy. And she does have funny stories to tell. Once, a woman was in line buying yogurt and when she reached in her purse to get her money, her bra fell out.

And of course, there are the ever-present falls. Chris Parker has seen his fair share. Parker wipes off tables and mops up the mess students leave around the center.

"One time these kids were having a scavenger hunt, and I had just mopped," Parker said. "They went tearing through and all fell down."

Parker's least favorite part of the job is when people spill. Yet at the same time, the reason he works at the Student Center is for the people he gets to meet.

"I've met some really great people," he said.

Parker works two jobs, one at the Student Center and also one at Donato's Pizza. When he gets time off, like on Thanksgiving, he enjoys the solace of his rod and reel.

At work, though, nothing keeps him as content as neatness.

"The food here is good," he said, "so don't spill it on the floor."

Fret not, finals can be without stress

By James Ritchie
News Editor

With less than two weeks left until finals, you'd be hard-pressed to find a student who isn't anxious about her grade in one or more classes. And the student who fears he just might fail a course is about as common around campus as a parking citation.

The proverbial last minute has arrived.

At this point, students are apt to fall into the trap of spending as much time worrying about their grades as efficiently studying to improve them, Academic Ombud Lee Edgerton said. This allows them to become emotionally defeated.

"I wish I had some great words of wisdom," he said. But what he can offer, he said, are a few simple suggestions for making optimal use of the short time before finals

week.

The first is to prioritize. Balance time spent on elective courses with that spent on major requirements, and time spent on courses you're doing well in with that spent on courses in which you're struggling. Decide what classes matter most and which allow the most opportunity for improvement.

"I think those are very individual decisions," he said.

Talking to the instructor can also help, Edgerton said. Especially in smaller classes, the instructor may be able to take into account special circumstances students may have faced during the semester. In larger classes, he said, instructors may be more reluctant to make exceptions for fear of being unfair to the rest of the class.

If the class has a cumulative final exam, reviewing old tests can

be beneficial. Students too often throw away old tests, he said, regardless of the score they received.

Cate Pearson, learning skills instructor at the Counseling and Testing Center, recommended creating a study schedule for each final exam.

"It's sort of like making a to-do list for each exam," she said.

This is one way of following Edgerton's suggestion of prioritizing, she said. Students can decide which tests to study for first and most.

She also said that giving yourself an incentive — other than grades — to study can be an effective way to prepare for tests. The incentive can be whatever works for the individual, whether it's a break from studying or a holiday gift for oneself.

Good stress management is also crucial, she said. That includes

getting enough sleep, since sleep deprivation can make it difficult to concentrate and recall information. And it means not setting unrealistic goals, such as trying to read 10 chapters the night before the test.

Pearson said students should not be hesitant to seek assistance at any time during a semester. The assistance can come from the instructor, a classmate, a tutor or the Counseling and Testing Center. The center can be reached at 257-8701 and works with students who have high grade-point averages as well as those having trouble, she said.

Regardless of how the semester turns out, Edgerton had one more bit of advice nearly everyone could stand to follow: Make a New Year's Resolution to start preparing for finals earlier next semester.

MIT fraternity loses housing license

University Wire

BOSTON — Upon returning from their Thanksgiving holiday, the 37 members of MIT's Phi Gamma Delta fraternity will begin to search for new homes.

The Boston Licensing Board suspended the fraternity's housing license last Wednesday for eight months, beginning Jan. 15. The unanimous decision comes in the wake of the Sept. 27 alcohol-related death of Scott Krueger, a first-year Phi Gamma Delta pledge.

In an interview, Ellen Rooney, chair of the three-member board,

said the decision was based on the seriousness of the incident as well as past violations.

"When we license a fraternity, we want to make sure that public safety is intact," Rooney said. "The decision was well-received by at least one member of Krueger's family."

"Suspending the fraternity is a step in the right direction," said senior William Burke-White, Krueger's cousin.

"At my aunt's dinner table this Thanksgiving, there was an empty seat that was once filled by a wonderful ... and innocent boy," he

said. The board waited two weeks since an initial hearing held on Nov. 6 to give its ruling.

During that time, parents and students bombarded the commissioners with letters. Most of them asked that the fraternity be allowed to retain its license, Rooney said.

The decision will serve as a warning to other fraternities, she said, adding that it "touches on both the people living there and the university."

The board also voted to ban alcohol at the fraternity until 2000.

Bill Martin, the national executive director of Phi Gamma Delta, announced in September that the fraternity had decided before Krueger's death to ban drinking in all of its chapters beginning in 2000.

Yesterday MIT spokesperson Robert J. Sales said the university is pleased the board allowed the fraternity to stay open until the end of the semester.

He said MIT will find housing for all of the students. "We're going to try to keep them all together, especially the 11 freshmen," Sales said.

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