



Real contest

Some deep thoughts?

This was taken from an actual newspaper contest where entrants age 4 to 15 were asked to imitate "Deep Thoughts by Jack Handey."

● When I go to heaven, I want to see my grandpa again. But he better have lost the nose hair and the old-man smell. Age 5

● I once heard the voice of God. It said "Vrrrrmmmm." Unless it was just a lawn mower. Age 11

● Give me the strength to change the things I can, the grace to accept the things I cannot, and a great big bag of money. Age 13

● I don't know about you, but I enjoy watching paint dry. I imagine that the wet paint is a big freshwater lake that is the only source of water for some tiny cities by the lake. As the lake gets drier, the population gets more desperate, and sometimes there are water riots. Once there was a big fire and everyone died. Age 13

● I like to go down to the dog pound and pretend that I've found my dog. Then I tell them to kill it anyway because I already gave away all of his stuff. Dog people sure don't have a sense of humor. Age 14

● I believe you should live each day as if it is your last, which is why I don't have any clean laundry because, come on, who wants to wash clothes on the last day of their life? Age 15

● Whenever I start getting sad about where I am in my life, I think about the last words of my favorite uncle: "A truck!" Age 15

● It sure would be nice if we got a day off for the president's birthday, like they do for the queen. Of course, then we would have a lot of people voting for a candidate born on July 3 or December 26, just for the long weekends. Age 8

● As you make your way through this hectic world of ours, set aside a few minutes each day. At the end of the year, you'll have a couple of days saved up. Age 7

— Source: <http://users.aol.com/funnyfirm/bits.htm>

— Ron Norton

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Keepin' with the season, it will be cool and mostly cloudy Wednesday.

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Kimberly Wallace played the piano with her 2-year-old son, Logan. Wallace often has trouble finding quality time to spend with her kids because of school.

Single responsibility

Mother of two tells of her troubles in raising kids while attending college at the same time

By **John Wampler**
STAFF WRITER

Every weekday, 29-year-old Kimberly Wallace, a second-year student in the business and technology program at Lexington Community College, gets up between 7:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. to get her two boys, Brandon, 12, and Logan, 2, ready for school.

Brandon presents no problems going to school, but the "nightmare," for Wallace is trying to get Logan ready for preschool. He is living up to the "terrible two's," often refusing to wear certain clothes or eat breakfast.

"He hates to put a jacket on," Wallace said. "It's cold out now,

but he doesn't want to wear it." After spending up to 20 minutes just to get Logan to wear his jacket, attention is turned to breakfast, a second ordeal.

Wallace said that on occasion she has to fix three different meals before Logan will eat anything. The whole morning routine can take from an hour to an hour and a half.

Taking Logan to and from Kindercare preschool, picking up Brandon from his numerous activities (basketball, baseball and football at Southern Middle School) and going to classes from 11 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays makes for quite a schedule for her.

"It's pretty hard on her. She

doesn't have much time to herself," said her brother Eli, an 8th grader at Jessie Clark Middle School.

Yet Wallace said she feels it will all be worth it.

"I think it will change their lives to see how hard I worked and how important an education really is," she said.

She said Brandon is already considering which colleges he would like to attend.

Before deciding to attend college, Wallace had worked as a self-taught paralegal at SCS Incorporated in Fort Meyers, Fla. and then at Matthews and Miles Law Firm in Shelbyville. Two years ago, though, she decided to take the next step to fulfill a lifelong goal.

"It's always been my dream to be an attorney," she said. "It's

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OUTBACK BOUND

Wildcats react to reached goal

Despite comments to the contrary, Wildcats were worried about which bowl would invite Big Blue

By **Matt May**
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

As the decision as to where UK would end up for its first bowl game since 1963 moved along slowly, even players found themselves score-board watching.

During the two weeks since UK played its last regular season game in Knoxville, Tenn., against Tennessee, many surrounding the UK program had been surmising about where the 7-4 team would end up.

Would it be at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl in Atlanta against a 9-2 Virginia team who had lost only to Florida State and Georgia Tech? Or would be at the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla. against a Big Ten Conference representative like Michigan or Penn State?

Wait, hold on a second. If everything fell the wrong way for the

Cats, they could even find themselves in Nashville for the Music City Bowl or Shreveport, La., for the Independence Bowl.

The key for UK was having the Southeastern Conference get two teams into the Bowl Championship Series. When both UCLA and Kansas State lost last Saturday, one had to wonder if Florida would be bumped to make room for one of them.

"We were worried about that," senior defensive lineman Marvin Major said of those two teams losing. "We wanted the Outback Bowl bad."

So bad, that the Cats were even cheering for arch-rival Tennessee, a team they had just lost 59-21 several weeks ago.

Ticket info

Full-time students can buy an unlimited amount of tickets for UK's Outback Bowl game at 5 a.m. this Thursday at Memorial Coliseum. Tickets are \$45 each. Students will need one UK ID to purchase the tickets. Cash, check, Visa and Mastercard will be accepted.



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Craig Yeast will play his final game as a Wildcat in Tampa, Fla.

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OVERCOMING ODDS

Berryman finds humor in life's work

Disabled educator gives her students all no matter the cost

By **Ann Mullins**
STAFF WRITER

Joann Berryman, an educator at UK for the last 34 years who retires this month, spent a typical afternoon recently in her Taylor Education Building office.

The sound of an advising session drifted out the door. The phone rang. The traffic in and out of her office was steady as students dropped off papers and exams.

Inside the office are stacks of papers, files and books left strewn about but within easy reach. Ceramic Guernsey cows, like the ones she and her husband raise on their Jessamine County farm, graze the top of the filing cabinets among family photos.

Every so often, the soft whir of her motorized wheelchair is heard as Berryman zips in and out of Room 119, checking for her next appointment.

When Berryman was a student at UK in the late 1950s, she remembers adopting football players to carry her in her wheelchair up the stairs of the old White Hall Classroom Building.

She chuckles as she recalls the narrow stairways that kept turning as you went up.

"It wasn't so bad," Berryman said. "I knew a lot of people on campus and they were forever helping me."

Handicapped parking spaces didn't exist on campus either. Parking officials created UK's first handicapped parking spot for Berryman by digging a hole in the ground and putting a sign in front of it.

Berryman has seen a lot of change in accessibility since the early days, long before the Americans with Disabilities Act became law.

Angela Ready, a special education senior, is one of the students Berryman advises.

When Ready was in Australia last fall, Berryman often e-mailed her about new requirements to get into the education

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Gulf leaders focus on oil at summit

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — A widely watched oil-price benchmark sank to an all-time low shortly before six Arab Gulf leaders opened an annual summit yesterday expected to focus on falling oil prices that have shaken their economies. The Gulf oil producers, who control about half of global oil reserves, have been hard hit by the oil market crisis. The GCC includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates in a federation aimed at economic and defense cooperation.

Reno rejects new Clinton probe

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno declined yesterday to order an independent counsel investigation of President Clinton over 1996 campaign financing. She concluded there is "clear and convincing evidence" that he and Vice President Al Gore lacked criminal intent to violate federal spending limits. At issue was whether Clinton and Gore were improperly involved in Democratic Party-financed issue advertisements.

Censure not ruled out for Clinton

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said yesterday a committee vote on censure for President Clinton has not been ruled out. But Chairman Henry Hyde said his panel has "made a compelling case" for impeachment of Clinton. Meanwhile, the White House laid out plans to call 14 witnesses before the panel to argue that removing Clinton from office is too severe. White House attorneys will open their defense tomorrow.

Clinton prepares for Mideast trip

WASHINGTON — With Clinton due to fly to the Middle East on Saturday, differences over the Wye River accords have cast a pall over what was supposed to be a celebration of growing peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Israeli Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday cautioned Clinton against raising "false expectations" among Palestinians during his visit. He said Israel would stand firm and not proceed with the second phase of its partial withdrawal on the West Bank unless the Palestinians stopped violence against Israel.

Heroin use up among U.S. teens

CHICAGO — Heroin use has risen rapidly in recent years among U.S. teens, with many middle-class youngsters snorting the drug in the mistaken belief that it's less addictive than shooting up, experts say. The proportion of American 12th-graders who had used heroin doubled be-



HEY, THERE'S A SHARD IN YOUR EYE: Supermodel Cindy Crawford had to have glass removed from her eyes after an auto accident near her Malibu home Sunday. Crawford was in the passenger and her husband, Randy Gerber, was driving their sport utility vehicle when he had to swerve to dodge a horse on the road.

tween 1990 and 1996, from 0.9 percent to 1.8 percent, according to a study in the December issue of the *Journal of Pediatrics*. And the rate edged up again last year, to 2.1 percent, said the study's author.

Gates: Microsoft misunderstood

WASHINGTON — Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates portrayed himself yesterday as the victim of overzealous lawyers who don't understand the "incredibly fierce" competition of the nation's high-tech industry. Citing last month's \$4.2 billion purchase of Netscape Communications Corp. by America Online Inc., Gates called it "hard to believe the government can continue to make its case with a straight face." In a high-profile defection from the government's case, South Carolina announced it was ending its involvement in the trial, leaving 19 states and the Justice Department to pursue Microsoft.

Consumer borrowing rises in Oct.

WASHINGTON — American consumers increased their borrowing in October at the fastest pace in more than two years, providing a solid spending base for holiday sales. Credit outstanding grew at a 9 percent annual rate to a seasonally adjusted \$1.29 trillion, the Federal Reserve said yesterday. That's up from rates of 4.9 percent in September and 3.9 percent in August. There hasn't been a faster increase since July 1996.

'Shirley' teaming with Patty Duke

HOLLYWOOD — Two former TV girls will be teaming up. Cindy Williams, formerly of "Laverne and Shirley," will co-star in the "Patty Duke Reunion Movie," a CBS TV movie starring original cast members from the '60s series, including Patty Duke, William Schallert, Jean Byron, Eddie Applegate and Paul O'Keefe. Williams will play Duke's long-time nemesis Sue Ellen, who tries to turn Duke's old Brooklyn High School into a mall.

Bennett's song sat in a drawer

LOS ANGELES — Tony Bennett might have left his heart in San Francisco a couple of years earlier if his accompanist hadn't put the song in a drawer. Bennett says two songwriters gave "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" to his accompanist, who put it under some shirts. It finally came out of the drawer two years later as Bennett was starting a tour in 1961 and wanted to do something that would impress the locals when they played San Francisco. "We rehearsed it for the first time at Vapors Restaurant in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and the bartender, who was the only guy in the room, said, 'I'd buy that record,'" said Bennett, who has an autobiography, *The Good Life*, out. "I knew then we had something."

Compiled from wire reports.

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program. "She would take an interest in our personal lives and get excited for us over anything," Ready said. "She's just like that."



Berryman

Disability doesn't stop Berryman from doing much. "My mother said I had polio because the good Lord wanted to slow me down," she said. "But that's about all He did." Berryman, a Louisville native, developed polio at age 16, two years before the vaccine was discovered. She spent a lot of time in the hospital, where she developed her love of reading. She especially loved reading to children in the other wards.

She eagerly read the six books a week her mother used to bring her, as well as all the books on the hospital's library cart. Desperate for more reading material, she began to read *Chil-*

dran's Life magazines on the bottom of the cart. She especially enjoyed the magazine's riddles.

Berryman's determination paid off while she was a student at UK. She went into accounting because someone told her she would never be able to handle a room full of children. Because she couldn't walk well, she should sit at a desk, they said.

She soon realized teaching has more to do with what you've got upstairs, not down below.

"I could handle 30 children very easy," she said.

"She's a committed, serious educator, and at the same time, has great empathy for the students," said Bruce Cole of the College of Education's associate dean's office. "Her sense of humor puts students at ease."

Berryman's sense of humor is evident as she talks about some of the challenges she has to face because of her disability.

Until two years ago, the Taylor Education Building did not have accessible bathrooms.

"I don't want to say anything, I've only been here 34 years," Berryman said as she burst into a giggle. "They're a little slow on the uptake, but that's alright."

FORUM

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Lexington Police Cpt. Mike Bosee said he had seen a definite increase in the number of alcohol violations near the surrounding communities of UK.

"We sort of anticipated it with the new alcohol policy," he said.

Burch said the strictness of the new alcohol policy isn't unique to UK.

"There seems to be more misinformation than information," Burch said. "All of these things are swirling around at a national level, not just at UK."

Burch went on to address the fraternity issue. He said that by the year 2000 there will be few fraternities that will allow alcohol in their houses.

Residents said the off-campus partying is really getting to

local neighborhood officials.

"The biggest thing is everyone has a right to party, but they need to know when to stop. When my residents ask to have a party, I don't mind — just keep it in the house after midnight," said Lisa Johnson, president of the Transylvania Neighborhood Association.

Andy Sloan, president of the Lexington Landlords Association, also added, "When a person is old enough to go to college, they should be old enough to conduct themselves in a civilized manner."

Jennifer Harrison, a sociology junior, said some students are having parties in residential areas and trashing the areas.

"Fraternities should be able to drink in their houses because it decreases the amount of drinking and driving as well as the disturbance to the surrounding Lexington communities," said Jarrod Gabbard, a business sophomore.

It's a show that has to do with intellectuals and we don't know anyone more intellectual than him.

— Bonnie Patila, a "Simpsons" producer, on Stephen Hawking lending his voice to the popular cartoon show.



CARTOON LOVER: Even great thinkers can appreciate "The Simpsons." Stephen Hawking, the esteemed physicist and author of *A Brief History of Time*, was in Los Angeles last week to lend his voice to an episode of the Fox cartoon that will air in the spring. He will star as himself.

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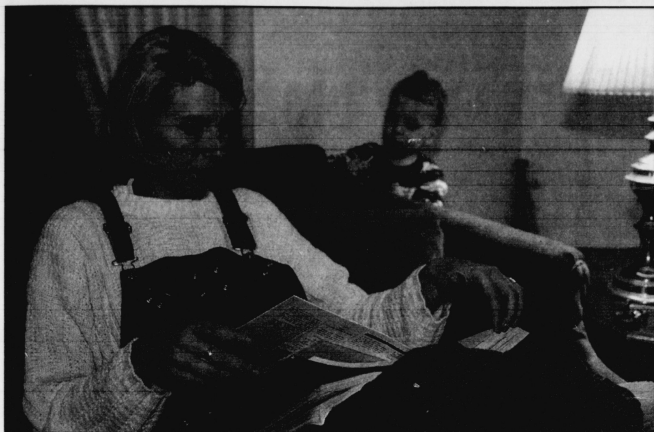
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Logan looked on as his mother Kimberly read a textbook for one of her classes at LCC. Kimberly must juggle raising Logan and her other son Brandon, while also trying to find time to cram for tests and classwork.

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SINGLE

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what I've wanted to do since I was a little kid."

Realizing that no matter how hard she worked, she would never reach past a certain point without the credentials of a college degree, she enrolled at LCC.

The desire to give her children a higher standard of living was also a driving force behind the decision to pursue a degree.

"I think it's good that she wants to go to college to be a lawyer, so we can get more money," Brandon said. "I'd like to live in a house rather than an apartment."

Wallace and her family are currently living on child support, while federal student aid and student loans pay for Wal-

lace's education. Wallace has also done some work-study and picks up odd jobs when she can.

Odd jobs work better for Wallace because caring for her children and attending college make holding a steady job difficult. Even on the days she doesn't have classes, if she has a test to study for, a homework assignment or if one of her children gets sick, she can't work.

Sick children have presented additional problems as well. "If a traditional UK student (ages 17-23, no children) has a slight fever or cold, they can still get up and drag themselves to class if they absolutely have to go," Wallace said. "But if Logan has a slight fever, Kindergarten won't let him attend. If I can't find someone else to take care of him while I'm in class, I have to miss."

This presents a large problem in classes that have an attendance policy. Wallace said she had a class in which she had almost an A, until her son Brandon had to go to the hospital. She had to miss class a number of times and ended up receiving a C in the class — the first C she had ever had. She had a 3.8 grade-point average up until that point.

Childcare is especially a big issue. While UK does offer some childcare for students, it is only half-day, can only take children 3 and older and has a long waiting list.

While Wallace readily admits that the hardships she faces as a single mother and non-traditional student are her own problems and not anybody else's, she said it is still hard sometimes.

"Sometimes I feel like I have to do double (the work)," she said, explaining how she has to find ways to occupy her children while she studies, does

research or writes papers.

Not having a computer at home, Wallace does her research and types her papers in the lab at LCC.

"Your house is a mess when you have kids," Wallace said. "I could go sit in my living room now, and think of a hundred things I have to do, but I have a test tomorrow, so I won't be doing any of them (this evening)."

Wallace encourages young women to take advantage of the opportunities they have now, and not wait until later to go to college like she did. Single parents often have to deal with matters that traditional students take for granted, she said.

"I hear kids saying, 'Oh, I didn't get to study because I was out late last night partying.' And I'm thinking, 'I didn't get to study because I was up late last night taking care of my 2 year old.'"

MARRIED AND IN COLLEGE

UK life through married eyes

Couples see student life in different way when dealing with house chores, child rearing

By Regina Prater
STAFF WRITER

To most students, marriage is the end of freedom, something old people do. But to other students, marriage is simply a way of life.

To newlyweds Sarah Hatfield, a first-year graduate student, and Scott Hatfield, marriage was a normal progression of their relationship.

"I was friends with Scott's younger brother Mark. Then when Scott came to see his brother graduate ... we met at a party the night before graduation," Sarah said.

They dated for about a year and married in July of this year. Sarah completed her bachelor's degree in 1996 from Maryville College in Maryville, Tenn., and worked for a year before going back to school to earn a master's degree in communications.

Sarah said she is experiencing many new situations this semester. She has moved to a new state, attends a new school, has a new teaching job and a new marriage.

Scott is very supportive of her continuing education and even shares the household chores with her, Sarah said.

"There is no formal set of rules, whenever something needs to be done, one of us does it," Scott said. "Sarah tends to do the laundry, and I usually do the kitchen and bathroom."

Most of the time Sarah and Scott eat at home, and Scott said he often cooks stuff that is fast and easy to fix.

The couple has opposing views as to how they are able to spend time with each other. Scott said it just works out that they are able to spend time together. Sarah said she works very hard to get her school work finished during her spare time in the day, so the couple can spend time together at night and on the weekend.

The two of them agree that their lives get stressful.

"There are no difficulties that we have not been able to overcome. We get stressed out, but we don't take it out on each other," Scott said.

He added that he has seen a progression of acceptance of

women working outside the home and better communication in his own family through the generations.

"I think it is fine if women work. I think Sarah would be unhappy if she stayed at home, although it is fine with me for Sarah to do whatever she wants," Scott said.

Another married UK student, Cindy Caton, an education senior, will be taking the semester off in the spring to give birth to twins.

Caton, 29, is an adult student who came back to college last year. Her first semester back, she attended classes full-time in addition to working full-time, she said.

She quit work to concentrate on school when child care cost reached \$300 a week during the summer.

Caton has three daughters, Megan, 9, Ashlea, 6, and Bethany, 5, from a former marriage. Her husband Chris has 5-year-old daughter, Sarah, from a previous marriage.

Caton said she is frustrated with UK's enrollment policies because she will lose her senior priority registration status if she sits out next semester to have the twins.

"My doctor will not allow me to do anything stressful that

will jeopardize these babies. My doctor ordered bed rest in February," she said.

Caton said even though she has a medical reason for missing a semester, UK is making her re-enroll as a new student in August '99, causing her to possibly miss out on enrolling in the courses she needs.

Caton said her husband is very supportive of her continuing her education and often tells her to put her school work first. Caton said she is a responsible student, but she has other people who depend on her.

Caton said being a mom is her first priority and with school second.

If one of the children is in a special program, she will skip class and take a reduction in her grade to attend it, unless it means letting her classmates down.

"If others are depending on me for a group project, then I have to be in class," Caton said.

She said she is straightforward with her professors and classmates about her other responsibilities and everyone seems to understand. And anyone occasionally, she said she may run across a professor or student who doesn't understand what being a mother is like.

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TUESDAY 12/08

- ACADEMIC**
Free Math Tutoring for Math 109 & 123, Room 201 Frazee Hall, call 257-8703 for times
- MEETINGS**
Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 7:30pm, Room 359 Student Center
Young Life First Year Fellowship meeting, 5:30pm, Rm 115 Student Center
- WTF** Tuesday Night Together at Baptist Student Union, 7:30pm, BSU Chapel
PHAT Tuesday meeting sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, 7:30pm, Rm. 245 Student Center
- Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm
Table Francaise, 4:30pm, Old's Cafe at W.T. Young Library, call 7-1896 for info
- ARTS**
Donovan Scholar's Winter Concert, 3:00pm, Singletary Center
SPORTS
UK Men's Basketball vs. Indiana, 7:30pm, Louisville KY

WEDNESDAY 12/09

- ACADEMIC**
Internship and Shadowing Orientation, 10-12am, Rm. 111 Student Center
- MEETINGS**
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 9:00pm, CSF Building (corner of Woodland & Columbia Ave.)
Gats for Christ meeting, 7:00pm, Rm 230 Student Center
New Student Dinner and Fellowship, Newman Center-320 Rose Lane, Room #8, 5pm
- Jewish Student Organization Hill Foundation Weekly Dinner, 6pm, Commons Market
- Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm
UK Black Voices Rehearsal, 6:30-9 pm, Old Stud. Ctr. Theatre
- UK Aikido Club meeting** 6:30-8pm, Alumni Gym Loft, for more info contact Chris Sweat at 245-5887
- SPORTS**
UK Women's Basketball vs. Miami OH, 7pm, Memorial Coliseum

THURSDAY 12/10

- ACADEMIC**
Free Math tutoring for Math 109 & 123, Room 201 Frazee Hall, call 257-8703 for times
Internship and Shadowing Orientation, 1-3pm, Rm. 111 Student Center
- MEETINGS**
Campus Crusade For Christ weekly meeting, 7:30pm, Worsham Theatre
Amnesty International meeting, 7:00pm, Room 113 Student Center
UK Lambda meeting for Lesbian/Gay/trans people, 7:30pm, Room 231 Student Center
New Student Foundation Dinner and Prayer, 6pm, Wesley Foundation
- Thursday Night Live sponsored by Christian Student Fellowship, 7pm, 502 Columbia Ave.
- Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm
- ARTS**
A Christmas Carol performed by the UK Theatre Department, 8pm, Guignol Theatre, Tickets \$7 students, \$9 senior citizens an UK employees, \$11 public, call 257-4929
- SPECIAL EVENTS**
Devotion '11 Lunch, 12:15pm, BSU

FRIDAY 12/11

- ARTS**
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- RELIGIOUS**
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm
- SPECIAL EVENTS**
French Student's Performance, 5pm, Blending I Basement

SATURDAY 12/12

- ARTS**
A Christmas Carol performed by the UK Theatre Department, 2pm and 8pm, Guignol Theatre, Tickets \$7 students, \$9 senior citizens an UK employees, \$11 public, call 257-4929
- RELIGIOUS**
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 6pm
- SPORTS**
UK Men's Basketball vs. Maryland, 8:30pm, Rupp Arena
UK Women's Basketball vs. Liberty, 1pm, Memorial Coliseum

SUNDAY 12/15

- RELIGIOUS**
University Praise Service, Christian Student Fellowship, 11am, 502 Columbia Ave.
Sunday Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 8am, 11:30am, 5pm, 8:30pm
- MEETINGS**
UK Business Association meeting, 4pm, Room 124 Kastle Hall
Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 8:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Center
- INTERMURALS/RECREATION**
UK Aikido Club meeting 1-3pm, Alumni Gym Loft, for more info contact Chris Sweat at 245-5887
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- SPORTS**
UK Men's Basketball Ticket Distribution, 8am, Memorial Coliseum. (Tenn State 12/29), (Florida, 1/2), (Tenn 1/12)

Grads say relationships harder to find

Less time to find that special someone results from spending more time on the books

By Jennifer Caldwell
STAFF WRITER

Meeting people and building relationships aren't hard to do. If, of course, you're an undergraduate.

Upon reaching the graduate level, many graduate students say there's less time to spend on finding a special someone.

"I think it's harder in graduate school to meet someone," said Nicole Mann, hall director for Jewell Hall and a psychology graduate student.

Most graduate students said they meet their significant other during their undergraduate years, and the relationship grows as they move through graduate school.

"I think that most people marry a person they meet in college and meet their first mar-

riage partner in undergrad," Mann said.

Tammy Chapman agrees. "Probably undergrad college is where they meet their first marriage partner," said Chapman, a doctoral student in psychology.

"After undergrad, some probably meet through professional activities like conferences, through mutual acquaintances, church activities or sports activities. I'd say they'd have to have common interests for them to meet up somewhere."

Brandon Claycomb, a philosophy graduate student, agrees that common interests are important.

"In graduate school, we're at a certain age, we're older than undergraduate but not in the work force yet so we have

more in common with other grad students," Claycomb said.

Most graduate students say they met their significant other in residence halls and classes.

"I would guess the residence halls is where most people meet," Chapman said. "If (students) don't live in the residence halls, then they probably meet in classes 'cause that's where you find people who have similar interests."

Clubs and churches are also common places for relationships to start, the students say, but meeting that special someone through a mutual friend is just as likely.

"I think you meet in undergrad during your extracurricular activities, like fraternities or sororities and the clubs or religious groups you're in," Mann said.

"During work and not so much classes, but through other people, is how people encounter their partner," said

Melanie Trowell, a graduate student with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry.

A work relationship led to her marriage.

"I was an RA over at Donovan and (Calvin, her husband) sat nightdesk, and we just started talking," she said.

"I think the relationships that really last are built on something deeper that allows them to stay together. So a place where they get to see that person for who they really are is where most people meet their first marriage partner," Trowell said.

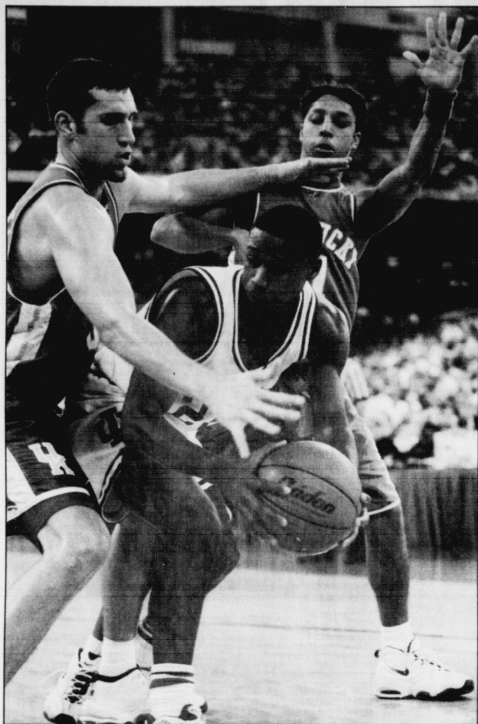
Meeting someone in a library, though, isn't usually considered a normal place to start a relationship.

"We met in the periodicals department at King," Claycomb said.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 2.3 million people get married a year. The average age of a woman for her first marriage is around 24, around 26 for men.



UK Department of Theatre's production of the Charles Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol plays through this weekend in the UK Guignol Theatre. Show times are 8pm, Wed.-Sat. and 2pm Sat.-Sun. Tickets are now on sale. \$11 general public; \$9 senior citizens, UK faculty and staff; and \$7



Junior guard A.J. Guyton led the Hoosiers to a near upset of UK last season, falling short 75-72. This season though, Indiana is on a roll, having notched recent victories over Temple and Utah.

UK-Indiana plot thickens

Knight brings talented, experienced Hoosier team into Freedom Hall tonight for classic basketball tilt

By Jen Smith
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Same rivalry. Different teams. Anybody's call.

Indiana vs. Kentucky. Just the sound of it gets red and blue blood flowing. The Hoosiers (8-1) have lost four in a row to the Cats (7-1), including a 98-85 spanking two years ago in Freedom Hall, the site of the 7-30 game tonight.

But last year it was a little different. The Cats barely outlasted IU 75-72. That's not the kind of loss IU will forget easily. UK point guard Wayne Turner said.

"The Indiana game in Louisville, that's an all-out war," he said. "It always gets physical, then emotional. It's something everybody wants."

It's that whole neutral court issue. Half red, half blue, everything on the line.

"Last year I was sitting on the bench thinking, 'Wow, I can't believe this many people would come to see a basketball game,'" sophomore Saul Smith said. "Now I know why."

Add to the mix that it's IU coach Bobby Knight's 1,000th career game and that his team is stacked from starters to bench and you have potential for anything to happen. The Hoosiers are shooting 44 percent from the field to the Cats' 48. IU is averaging 37 rebounds, UK 42. But the key is the three-point shooting. Indiana is averaging 38 percent, UK 24 percent.

"It's almost like they have a four-guard offense," senior Scott Padgett said of the Hoosiers. "Sometimes they throw (sophomore forward Luke) Recker in and make him a fourth guard. But if that happens, he better be ready for me to come in for the block."

Six-foot-6 Recker, who averages 16 points per game, is just one of IU's scoring threats. Junior guard A.J. Guyton averages 13.8 points and dishes out 3.4 assists a game.

This dynamic duo scares Coach Tubby Smith the most.

"They're competitive guys, hard-nosed," Smith said. "They do all things well. There's no real weaknesses to them."

Smith also couldn't find many weaknesses to the Hoosiers in general, who seem to have a different player step up for them every game.

"(They believe) it's never over," Smith said. "You're never out of it. Coach Knight has them believing that. 'Hey, we can still win this game.'"

Proof of that will win is in IU's last game with No. 10 Temple. The Hoosiers overcame a nine-point deficit in the final eight minutes of the game. With 5.5 seconds remaining, Guyton stepped up and knocked in a three. IU pulled off the 63-62 win. In Indiana's last four, it has played two one-point games, a three-point game and a four-point game. IU won all four.

But Smith was quick to point out that UK came from behind to win 13 games last season and has had some close calls this season.

"We've played a lot of big games early," Smith said. "That's given our players a lot of confidence."

But the Cats can't go into any matchup with Indiana too confident. Every year it's a different game.

"The traditions of these two teams alone is enough to get you excited," Padgett said. "Both teams have great traditions. In games like this, you can just throw out all the scouting reports and records."

Turner named player of week

Point guard Wayne Turner must be doing something right.

The Southeastern Conference named him Player of the Week for the week first week of December.

"He certainly deserves it," UK head coach Tubby Smith said yesterday. "He played outstanding games against Kansas and Miami. He's starting to run the show now. He's learning the players on the court, who can shoot, who should get the ball..."

It was the game against Kansas that seemed to impress the SEC most. He led UK in scoring with 14 points in the Great Eight in Chicago.

He added 13 points and five assists in the win over Miami Saturday. He was one of only three Cats to score in double figures vs. the Hurricanes.

In 51 minutes of play last week he committed only one turnover and shot 13 of 19 from the free throw line, an area he has struggled with in the past.

On that note, he leads the team in free-throw percentage with more than 70 percent from the line. He's also tied with Mike Bradley for most steals (11).



Turner

- Jen Smith

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Mattox's crew keeps kickin'

Fast start rolls into Southeastern Conference opener; Auburn falls to pressure defense, depth of Wildcats

By Adam Spaw
STAFF WRITER

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my. Remember those words from *The Wizard of Oz* when Dorothy and her friends went walking down the yellow brick road?

Same deal Sunday for the UK women's basketball team, except for the lions and bears part. It was more like: Cats and Tigers and rebounds. Coach Bernadette Mattox's and her Cats went walking down the road to 1-0 in the Southeastern Conference, where they found a swarm of Tigers and 45 rebounds.

UK (6-1, 1-0 SEC) may have defeated Auburn (5-1, 0-1 SEC) 66-62 at Memorial Coliseum on Sunday, but it sure didn't feel like home for the Cats. That's because UK women's basketball team took on the Tigers in Auburn's version of "The House That Rupp Built."

Perhaps a more fitting name for

Memorial Coliseum in Auburn, Ala., would have been "The Jungle." There were Tigers and Wildcats, and those hungry felines were stalking out their prey: rebounds.

"Going into the game, coach told us the key to the game would be to out-rebound them," junior center Shantia Owens said, who pulled down 9 boards. "I had nine rebounds, but I wasn't satisfied with it. I could've had a lot more."

Overall, Mattox had to have been pleased with the team's rebounding effort, as her pre-game prophecy came true. The Cats out-rebounded Auburn 45-42. UK's work on the boards was the reason it won, said senior forward Jaye Barnes.

"Boxing them out was the key to the game," said Barnes, who grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds and scored a team-high 16 points.

Barnes has been setting the tone for the Cats all season long. "Tiffany and I are the two cap-

tains of this team and we try to set the tone," Barnes said. "I'm not better than anybody else on the team."

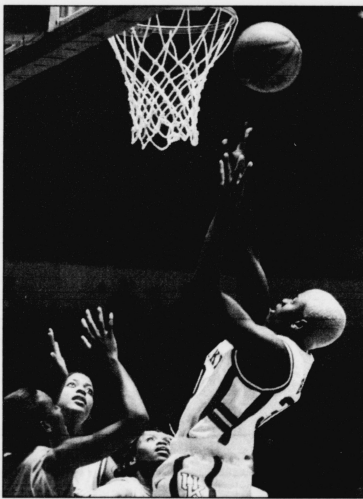
Setting the tone for this year's squad wasn't too difficult, Barnes said. "The whole team is just so much more energetic this season, compared to year's team," Barnes said.

UK opened up a six-point lead to end the first half of play, but Auburn played the Cats even in the second half, 36-30.

"We could've played a lot better in the second half, we just had an off night," Owens said. "But Auburn was a good team, and that just shows us what the conference is going to be about."

Barnes looks to continue where she left off as the Cats take on Miami of Ohio Wednesday night at Memorial Coliseum — in Lexington that is.

"My goal everytime is to play hard and aggressive," Barnes said. "I just want to win."
Mattox has already gotten off to her best start as a head coach and a win at home on Wednesday would mark UK's best start since the 1987-88 season, when the Cats opened 8-1.



Senior forward Jaye Barnes drove for a key layup earlier this season. Barnes and the Wildcats are rolling along at 6-1, the best start of the Bernadette Mattox era. They received 11 votes in this week's Associated Press Top 25 poll.

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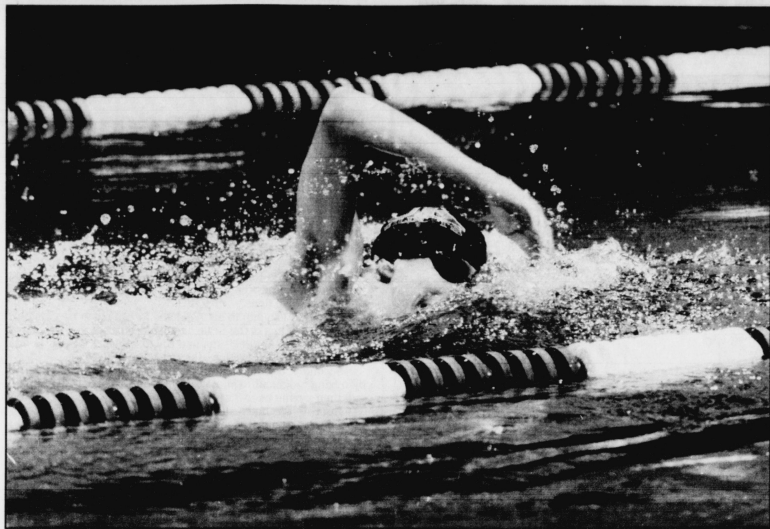
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STROKIN'



The Wildcat men's swimming team is struggling to find its identity this season, having lost each of its four meets. The women have won but one.

Swim team falls to OSU

Coach says meet not as close as 117-109 score; Cats still looking for consistency from start

By Michael Heppermann
STAFF WRITER

At first glance, the meet for the UK men's swimming and diving team against Ohio State on Saturday looked like a nail-biter.

OSU 117, UK 109. A difference of only eight points. But swim coach Gary Connelly said things weren't that close.

According to Connelly, Ohio State swam a lot of its races as exhibitions, meaning its finishes didn't go toward the final score. Translation: If the Buckeyes had counted all of their finishes, the score would have been a bit more lopsided.

"I think they won by about 40 points," Connelly said, "but I don't see a final score."

Whatever the score, the UK men won only four out of 11 events, with all four wins coming from just two people. Sophomore Macon White posted a 4:34.25 in the 500 freestyle and a 1:39.56 in the 200 freestyle, just two-tenths of his lifetime best, while winning both races.

"I was real surprised to swim that fast in that pool," White said.

Celebrating, though, considering the team's finish. "I would rather have seen the team do much better," White said.

Freshman diver Aaron Kirkpatrick also did his part to pull UK from the deep end. "He came about from bad luck. Have 50 freestylers swam

really well," he said. "I think Ohio State was just stronger and well rested. In the 100 free, Shaun (Zitani) lost his goggles on the dive and that threw his whole race off. I think if he hadn't lost them, he could have won the race."

The men have not picked up a win in four meets this year, with the women picking up just one win (at home against Indiana) in three meets. In North Carolina at the Nike Cup two weeks ago, the women finished third and the men sixth — three spots lower than what both teams finished at last year's tournament.

Both sides hope to keep things closer in the future. "I want it to be close at the end (of a meet)," White said. "If we lose, I'd rather be in a situation where we know we can compete with them and to know we could've won if we did just a few things differently."

The Cats even fell behind in the short distances, which they were expected to do well in at the start of the year, finishing third in the 50 and 100 freestyle. Connelly said effort wasn't missing from those races, though. In fact, the 100 freestyle loss may be the team do much better, butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke).

Kirkpatrick pulled out wins

in the three-meter and one-meter dives, finishing 15 points ahead of Ryan Fillmann from OSU in the one meter. "He did pretty well," diving coach Mike Lyden said. "Those were his best scores of the year. "He could have done much better though," Lyden said. "He could have been another 30 points higher, easily."

Unfortunately, their performances weren't enough. Aside from White's 200 freestyle, OSU dominated every other 200-yard event (the individual medley, butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke).

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Going Bowling

Beyond Big Blue

While Wildcat fans are celebrating their team's berth in the New Year's Day Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla., several other team's faithful are eyeing other dates. Here is a list of where football's best will be spending their winter breaks.

Fiesta Bowl	Tennessee vs. Florida State	Jan. 4 (ABC)
Orange Bowl	Florida vs. Syracuse	Jan. 2 (ABC)
Sugar Bowl	Ohio State vs. Texas A&M	Jan. 1 (ABC)
Rose Bowl	Wisconsin vs. UCLA	Jan. 1 (ABC)
Cotton Bowl	Texas vs. Mississippi State	Jan. 1 (Fox)
Citrus Bowl	Michigan vs. Arkansas	Jan. 1 (ABC)
Gator Bowl	Georgia Tech vs. Notre Dame	Jan. 1 (NBC)
Outback Bowl	Kentucky vs. Penn State	Jan. 1 (ESPN)
Independence Bowl	Mississippi vs. Texas Tech	Dec. 31 (ESPN)
Peach Bowl	Kiddu vs. Southern Miss.	Dec. 31 (ESPN)
Sun Bowl	Southern Cal. vs. Texas Christian	Dec. 31 (CBS)
Liberty Bowl	Tulane vs. BYU	Dec. 31 (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl	Arizona vs. Nebraska	Dec. 30 (ESPN)
Humanitarian Bowl	Kiddu vs. Southern Miss.	Dec. 30 (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl	Purdue vs. Kansas State	Dec. 29 (ESPN)
Micro PC Bowl	Miami vs. N.C. State	Dec. 29 (ESPN)
Music City Bowl	Alabama vs. Virginia Tech	Dec. 29 (ESPN)
Heritage Bowl (Div I-AA)	Bethune Cookman vs. Southern	Dec. 26 (NBC)
Insight.com Bowl	West Virginia vs. Missouri	Dec. 26 (ESPN)
Dubuque Bowl	All Force vs. Washington	Dec. 25 (ESPN)
Aloha Bowl	Colorado vs. Oregon	Dec. 23 (ESPN)
Motor City Bowl	Louisville vs. Marshall	Dec. 23 (ESPN)
Las Vegas Bowl	North Carolina vs. San Diego State	Dec. 19 (ESPN2)

BOWLS

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"We were just hoping that Tennessee would put them in that championship bowl," Major said.

Senior offensive lineman Kris Comstock said he normally cheers for his fellow SEC teams, but changed course during Thanksgiving weekend's Georgia-Georgia Tech matchup, since a UGA loss would greatly help the UK cause.

"We knew there were a number of factors that could affect us," Comstock said. "We rooted for teams that could help us. Normally I root for the SEC, but on that day, I was a Yellow Jacket (Georgia Tech's mascot)."

Being invited to the Outback Bowl also ensured the Cats of reaching their goal of playing in a New Year's Day bowl game. Despite attaining the goal, Major said the Cats have a lot of

work to do yet. "It's not over yet," Major said. "We're playing Mr. Paterno, the winningest bowl coach in history. We have to prepare harder than ever."

Both Major and Comstock said the game means a lot to them on a different level as well.

"If (Ohio State) Coach Cooper didn't recruit you, you wanted Coach Paterno or (Michigan) Coach Carr knocking at your door," Major, a native of Ohio, said. "That's Big Ten country, but hopefully we can show them how the SEC plays."

Comstock, who lives only two hours from Tampa, said being in Florida means he can play in front of a large family gathering.

"I was hoping we'd be there," Comstock said. "It's two hours from my home, so all my friends and family can come and see me."

Major liked Tampa for another, more trite, reason. "It's Florida, Tampa, Fla.," he said. "At least we're not in the Music City Bowl."

UK gymnastics team gears up for 1999 season

By Gary McCollum
STAFF WRITER

The UK GymKats are ready. Well, maybe not yet, but they're definitely getting there. After months of training and preparation, this young team is ready for the gymnastics season to get underway next semester.

Boasting one of the toughest schedules in the country, UK will start its regular season against Florida, who many insiders believe is the team to beat this year. After a trip to Gainesville, the schedule doesn't let up.

"All five of our home meets are against Top 10 teams. Of course, our away meets are Top 10 teams, too. We won't get any breaks," says GymKat coach Leah Little.

It is this type of schedule though, that will inevitably help this team turn into a better one as the season progresses. With only 10 gymnasts, four of which are freshmen, experience against the best the NCAA has to offer could pay off down the line.

Improvement and success depends on one big factor. They must stay healthy. While the team is extremely talented, the lack of depth could hurt the Kats as they work their way toward Nationals in Salt Lake City, April 22.

The team suffered its first loss before the season even started. Last year's Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year, Ashley Burkholder, left the team earlier this fall for "personal reasons."

In the wake of this loss, Little is still very optimistic of the team's chances. And with

SIMPLY THE BEST

Williams is NCAA's best; Couch third

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Ricky Williams returned for his final year at Texas with modest goals: Win games and have fun.

His mission was accomplished, and he still gets to play in the Cotton Bowl.

On Monday, Williams won The Associated Press' first College Player of the Year Award in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

"Anytime you are considered the best it's flattering," Williams said, "and to be picked the top player in college football by the reporters who watch the games so closely is truly an honor."

Williams provided college football fans with an extra special season. While running for 2,214 yards and 27 touchdowns — he also had a TD reception — Williams became major college football's career rushing leader and carried his team to an 8-3 record and a Cotton Bowl matchup against Mississippi State on Jan. 1.

Williams received 76 of the 143 votes in the AP balloting, easily outdistancing Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop, who had 17 votes. UK quarterback Tim Couch was third with 15 votes.

On Saturday, Williams will be the overwhelming fa-

vorite to win the Heisman Trophy, given each year to college football's most outstanding player.

When he ripped off a 60-yard touchdown run against the Aggies on Nov. 27, he broke Tony Dorsett's career rushing record and started the Longhorns on their way to a 29-24 upset. He finished the game with 259 yards, giving him a career total of 6,279 yards to Dorsett's 6,082 from 1973-76.

The record-setting run was typical. Needing 1 yard to pass Dorsett's 22-year-old mark, Williams shed a tackler near the line of scrimmage, ran nearly 60 yards and then carried an Aggie's defensive back into the end zone.

"That's a run I'll remember for the rest of my life," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Williams owns 15 other NCAA records, including most career touchdowns (75), points (452) and all-purpose yards (7,206). He also averaged a record 6.22 yards per carry.

Couch, who owns his share of records, recently said Williams was the best player in the country.

"As many times as he carries the ball, he's just as strong in the fourth quarter as he is in the first quarter," Couch said. "He's an amazing player."

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Overheard

"It took a year for this to develop. Immediate turn-arounds in economies in crisis cannot be expected. Unless we take a world recession scenario far more widespread and deeper than is seen today, then this could be the tail-end of the price cuts."

- Tribby Lundberg, economic analyst, on the bottoming out of gas prices around the United States. Gas prices in Kentucky have been consistently below a dollar per gallon for several weeks now.

Cheap gas

CAMARILLO, Calif. - U.S. gasoline prices may have hit bottom and could stay there a while, barring a worldwide financial crisis, an industry analyst said Sunday. The average retail price, including all grades and taxes, was \$1.047 per gallon Friday, down 2.64 cents from two weeks earlier, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide. Regular gasoline at self-serve stations, which constitute the majority of sales, dropped below \$1. Price wars in some areas brought it even lower; gas cost just 67.9 cents a gallon in Calcutta, Ohio. But the price appears to have bottomed out after a year that saw faltering demand in economies hit by financial woes, and an oil glut that reduced crude oil and gas prices by about 18 cents per gallon, analyst Tribby Lundberg said.

Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

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IN OUR OPINION

Misrepresented

Council lacks power of students, faculty

When is a governing body not responsible to the body which it governs? When you're the Council on Postsecondary Education, the governing board which determines many of the policies that UK and the state's other four-year institutions must follow. And many of you might know them as the governing body that decided to hike tuition by 11.7 percent for this school year and 10.4 percent for the year after. UK students bitterly opposed this move, but to no avail.

Why? The CPE is not elected by the citizens of Kentucky. They are not representative of the individuals who are involved deeply in the educational process in Kentucky. They primarily consist of wealthy executives who do not understand the financial concerns of the students who scrape by while attending a four-year university in the Commonwealth. They are appointed to two-year terms by Gov. Paul Patton. In effect, they are carrying out the wishes of the governor. To put that much authority into the hands of people who are not responsible to the public ensures that policies will be set which are not representative of the desires of the students. Granted, there is a student and a faculty representative, but they seem almost like afterthoughts to the process.

Right now, the council is beginning a long process of determining what the appropriate method of setting tuition should be for students at UK and

U of L. The current guidelines involve such phrases as "benchmark institutions" and "reasonable increases." We are the only university within our "benchmark institutions" (that is, colleges comparable in size, ethnicity and goals) that looks at everybody else. At most other universities, the board of trustees are the ones who set the tuition rates for students. They know what tuition should be because they are more deeply involved in the educational process than the CPE could probably ever be.

We ask for wisdom in the coming tuition review. There is an awful lot of power invested in the hands of a few. Please don't do anything rash, like reset tuition policies to allow for more double-figure percentage increases when the urge to build more big buildings arises.

Campuses would be better served by a governing body with some responsibility to the students, faculty and staff. With a continually-shrinking support base from the state, we think it would be only fair if the amount of authority the state possess shrank right along with it.

Students aren't capable of shouldering an unfair financial burden any longer. If Kentucky really is committed to education, as its new signage along state borders says, then it should show its commitment by allowing more input from those who know what education is really like.

James Crockett

GUEST OPINION

Critics miss the point by judging messengers

I find that the recent musings in columns and letters on Christianity miss the point. They equate Christianity with how a select few of its advocates espouse its ideals. Christianity is a belief that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, sent to restore the salvation that humanity lost sight of by rejecting God.

Christianity is not a person or persons. Christianity involves belief and action, belief in the saving power of Jesus as God and actions predicated toward accomplishing the task of emulating God to the highest degree possible. The phrase "humanly possible" is the sticking point. There are billions of examples of how impossible it is to emulate perfectly what Christians believe is a perfect God.

Jesus told the apostles before ascending back to Heaven to make disciples of every nation, so proselytizing is part of the Christian mission. Proselytization and imposition are not the same thing. Imposition has been used by some Christians throughout history, but imposition is not how the Word is spread.

Most Christians try to convince, not impose. Also, the Old Testament law and the New Testament teachings of Jesus do not conflict. By his own admission, Jesus supplemented and expounded upon the law. In His words, He came not to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it. He expanded upon the black-and-white teachings of the Old Testament. Just as in our lifetime, we de-

velop and comprehend more and are able to learn more as individuals, humanity grows and develops and comprehends more. Occasionally, just as children do as they grow up, we need things explained to us in a better form than "because I said so." The Old Testament tells us much of what we need to do, the Ten Commandments being the basis for good living. They are rules set down by God the Father for his children on Earth, just as we impose rules on our children. It's a "tough-love" approach, with the aforementioned "because I said so." The teachings of Christ expand on those laws, give humanity an explanation of WHY we need to do these things, and show us that not just our actions, but our thoughts and motives are relevant when deciding right and wrong.

This does not imply that if I feel killing someone is not wrong that it isn't wrong, but it does mean that motives truly focused on God will generally yield Godly results. Obviously, as humans, we're not perfect, so we screw it up sometimes to the detriment of others and God. Jesus showed us that God is love. Love has many forms and so do its expressions, not all of them to the glory of God, unfortunately.

Humanity screws up Christianity sometimes. That's a given, but a few seem to be held up inappropriately as poster children for Christianity.

As for a point brought up by

one columnist, I counter with the fact that Jesus condemned some lifestyles. The Old Testament is replete with prohibitions against incest, homosexuality, bestiality and a host of other lifestyles. What he does not say seems important to you. Jesus does not counter these prohibitions, Jesus even added a prohibition against divorce and stipulated that sinful thoughts are sins, too.

As for abortion, I could go on for days, but I'll counter the pro-abortion argument this way: Because the question of abortion seems to rest on the humanity of the baby, try this thought problem: You have the ability to place a dividing line that identifies the crossover point between non-human and human. Killing a human being is a crime. You may place this line anywhere you wish in the timeline of the development from conception to death. Where can you logically place the line and be 100 percent sure you are NOT killing a human being? Incomplete development is not a logical criterion for deciding, because children outside the womb are incomplete in their development and they are not considered disposable by most people.

In summary, don't judge the message by some of the messengers and look deeper into the Old and New Testaments and see that they really don't conflict; they complement each other. The fault in carrying out God's wishes is in ourselves, not in Jesus.

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

The popular campus theology debate rages on and on ...

To the editor:

Robb Samuelll made several incorrect statements in his recent letter to the Reader's Forum. First, Samuelll claims that "imposition is how 'the Word' of Christianity is spread."

I am a Christian. No one held a gun to my head and forced me to become one. I heard the claims of the Bible and decided to become a follower of Jesus Christ. While Jesus and his disciples appealed to others to receive their message, they never forced anyone.

Secondly, Samuelll claims Jesus' teaching contradicts itself by urging judgment of sinners as laid out in the Old Testament and then urging us to "love and accept."

But this was not Jesus' message. Jesus loved people by urging them to avoid the coming judgment. He warned that the punishment carried out on a small scale in the Old Testament would eventually come to all men who do not repent of sin and believe in him.

Jesus did not condemn the woman at the well, but he did tell her to "go and sin no more." Jesus' message was consistent with the Bible's claim that sin will ultimately be punished.

Finally, Samuelll argues that "there will always be disagreement on important issues in the Christian religion."

While this is true, I wonder what Samuelll might be implying. If he is saying we can't know what God thinks on certain issues, I disagree. God has an opinion about abortion, homosexuality and other "hot topics." It is important we make our goal finding out what that opinion is. If we simply say "we will always disagree" we give up our quest for the truth.

The beauty of freedom of speech is that it allows us to disagree, and disagreement is an important tool on the pathway to discovering truth.

CHAD GRISSOM
CLASSICS SENIOR

To the editor:

Greg Laber, I certainly agree with you that the great majority of what goes on under the name of Christ focuses on issues that He never addressed and ignores His real teachings.

I, too have a great disdain for the right-wing fundamentalist brand of Christianity in our day. They are the equivalent of the Pharisees in the New Testament.

But it is obvious that you are guilty of what you accuse them of. You completely misrepresent Christ. Where in scripture is it taught that some of His best friends were gay? The answer is nowhere! The scriptures states plainly that homosexuality is sin. It is no worse than adultery or fornication, but it is still sin.

For you to say that Christ wants a young woman to have the option of abortion is ludicrous. Again, where did you find in the teachings of Jesus that, "My Dad and I were big on free will."

You obviously have never the scriptures, because the idea of free will is denied in Romans 9:16. In reality, you deny everything Christ taught when you say His intention was to teach people to make the right choices.

He did not come to teach people to live. He came to atone for the sins of His people by dying under the wrath of a sin substitute for His elect (Matthew 1:21).

In thinking that He came to teach people to make right choices, you deny the sinful nature of man and the necessity of diving grace.

Greg, you obviously do not know Christ, or you would not say what you did. It grieves me to see you misrepresent my Lord in such an irreverent and blasphemous manner.

FRANK GAYDOVCHIK
EDUCATION JUNIOR

To the editor:

In response to the editorial by Greg Laber, titled "Interesting insights from an old authority," I would have to conclude that Jesus was misinterpreted.

Jesus could be the most commonly misquoted and misunderstood person of all time.

Sadly, He is misquoted by Christians and non-Christians alike. People don't take the time to intimately acquaint themselves with Jesus and read what He actually has to say in the Bible.

I don't know where Mr. Laber got the idea that Jesus condemned homosexuality and approved of it as an acceptable lifestyle.

Furthermore, insinuating that St. Peter was gay was wildly off the mark. This would be evident through further research of what God had to say about this issue.

Jesus, no doubt, loved people.

I don't believe Jesus LOVED people in the sense that he approved of homosexuality. The word "love" has so many different meanings, and people take it out of context in the Bible. God loved us enough to come to earth and to teach us how to live. Numerous accounts in the new and old Testament scriptures condemn the PRACTICE of homosexuality. God destroyed the city of Sodom and Gomorrah because of the immoral and godless lifestyle of the people therein (Genesis 19:4-5,24). The voice of God through the apostle Paul clearly stated that a gay lifestyle is wicked! True, Jesus was also about love (1 Corinthians 6:9).

He was also all about justice, holiness, righteousness, etc. Jesus was not some free-love activist that lived in the '60s, but is God's only begotten son that came to save the world of its depravity or inability to not sin without God's Holy Spirit interceding for us!

I hope that people will learn to do more research when they start making assumptions about great issues such as homosexuality and abortion.

Although I'm not a Bible scholar, it just takes a little time, effort and prayer to do justice to the infallible word of God, the Bible, Jesus being the author.

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THEATER REVIEW



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The Cratchit family (above) prepares for a holiday feast in *A Christmas Carol*. Tiny Tim (below) is hoisted up during the show. The show will be performed at 8 p.m. Dec. 9-12, and at 2 p.m. Dec. 12 and 13 at UK's Guignol Theatre.

Bah! Humbug!

UK theatre department's rendition of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* lacks inspiration

By Jim Scott
SENIOR STAFF CRITIC

UK Theatre's production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted and directed by James W. Rodgers, opened last Thursday night at UK's Guignol Theatre.

Dickens' immortal tale is one of those special ones, somehow tugging at the heartstrings of the most cynical among us. Remember *Scrooged*, the movie version with Bill Murray? Even *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, with Gonzo the Great as Dickens, touched us where we live. I have never seen a version of *Carol* that did not inspire me.

Until now, UK's *Carol* is a train wreck that never even gathers enough speed to crash properly.

The first, most obvious and most irritating nuisance is the scenery design by Charles C. Trout. The decision to rent this set from Lexington Children's Theater instead of designing and building a new one may have doomed this production from the start.

Trout's set is sharply limited in focus. The considerable acreage of the Guignol stage is reduced to two primary playing areas. The actors are wedged into these cramped quarters, struggling with unnatural blocking assignments.

Meanwhile, 50 percent or more of the stage is cluttered with bulky, unused storefronts. The story of *Carol* makes use of a multitude of settings, requiring constant scenery changes. Walls scrape angrily along the stage floor, casters squealing with the torments of hell. As if this weren't enough, the stagehands are moving walls and set pieces before the preceding scene ends, destroying some special moments. At first this appears accidental, but it oc-

curs almost every time a major scene change is required.

Somebody planned this, and poorly.

I have been told the set was designed to tour, which explains why the walls sway ominously every time a door is used. These frequent annoyances interrupt the flow of action and prohibit any real pace from establishing.

Mike Peters plays Ebenezer Scrooge in a balding hairpiece that is amazingly bad. What could Rodgers and make-up designer Emily Corman have been thinking to stick with such a distracting choice? The dark line of the wig's join is visible from 20 rows back.

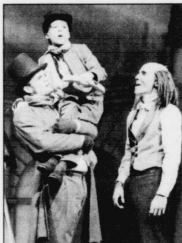
Peters' Scrooge is well-done and was well-received by the audience. The cramped playing spaces work against him numerous times, most notably during the play's most dramatic moment.

Bobby Diebold plays the nightmarish specter of the Spirit of Christmas Future. When the time comes to make his exit, he and Peters trade places, upstaging each other in a clumsy attempt to make room for Diebold's departure.

The actors in *Carol* battle valiantly against the technical hindrances. Most notable are Jonathan Watson as the Spirit of Christmas Present and Joy Parks as Scrooge's lost love.

Also impressive is Diebold as the ghost of Jacob Marley. Brad Stephenson and Sarah Vetter make a good showing as Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig, singing and dancing at the Pezziwig Christmas party in Scrooge's past. While this tune is quite catchy, the rest of the music is unremarkable.

Strong choices are made regarding the use of accents and period stylization, but these work against the production as



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