



Words in politics

Doh!

With all of this hullabaloo about politicians and what they do, I thought it was time to look at a past politician who did nothing wrong, but just couldn't say anything right. I'm referring, of course, to that Jack Handy of Politics, Dan Quayle.

"What a waste it is to lose one's mind. Or not to have a mind is being very wasteful. How true that is."

"May our nation continue to be the beacon of hope to the world."  
- The Quayles' 1989 Christmas card

"The Holocaust was an obscene period in our nation's history. I mean in this century's history, but we all lived in this century. I didn't live in this century."

"I believe we are on an irreversible trend toward more freedom and democracy - but that could change."

"One word sums up probably the responsibility of any vice president, and that one word is to be prepared."

"Verbosity leads to unclear, inarticulate things."

"I have made good judgments in the past. I have made good judgments in the future."

"The future will be better tomorrow."

"We're going to have the best-educated American people in the world."

"People that are really weird can get into sensitive positions and have a tremendous impact on history."

"I stand by all the mistatements that I've made."

"We have a firm commitment to NATO. We are a part of NATO. We have a firm commitment to Europe. We are a part of Europe."

"I am not part of the problem. I am a Republican."

"A low voter turnout is an indication of fewer people going to the polls."

"When I have been asked during these last weeks who caused the riots and the killing in L.A., my answer has been direct and simple: Who is to blame for the riots? The rioters are to blame. Who is to blame for the killings? The killers are to blame."  
- Source: <http://www.funnytow.com/nonsequitur/quotations/>

- Ron Norton

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CAMPUS

Making peace

Amnesty chapter celebrates signing of rights declaration

By Lori Mercado  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The introduction was poignant. "Fifty years ago today, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed. We are walking through Lexington tonight as a celebration of that," Amy Shelton, group coordinator for UK's Amnesty International, said at the beginning of the celebration.

About 90 students and other supporters gathered last night at 6 at the Student Center for the Amnesty Vigil, a march that ended at the Lexington Civic Center, where the celebration continued with a rally.

The marchers carried candles and signs that represented each article in the declaration. Students received due attention by passing cars and other interested bystanders who saw the 30-minute walk.

The rally included speeches by Lexington Herald-Leader cartoonist Joel Pett, Kathy Moore, of the UK College of Law, and Leticia Rouser, a reverend at a local Evangelical church, all of whom have been involved with gaining awareness for human rights.

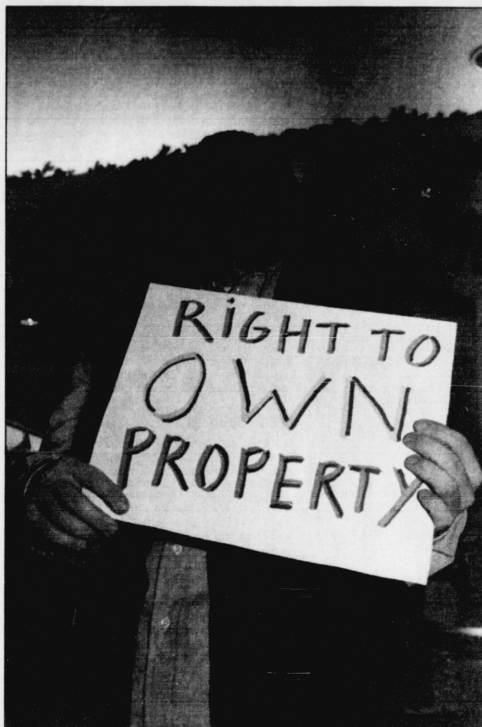
The speakers commended the number of students and young people that were interested in such issues. They stressed that although human rights activists have made progress, the road to absolute freedom and rights is a long journey.

In addition to the speeches, music was performed by Perfect Circle and a mural representing each article of human rights was unveiled, serving as a permanent reminder of the declaration.

"This vigil is important because we wanted to celebrate. This isn't a protest, but a celebration of the Declaration," John Romond, an undeclared sophomore. "Amnesty's motto says 'it's better to light a candle than curse the darkness.' That's what we've demonstrated tonight."

The Declaration of Human Rights was ratified on Dec. 10, 1948, in response to World War II by the United Nations. The document, which contains 30 articles, serves as a standard for human rights and freedoms, such as the right to life, to liberty and the right to an education.

Luke Boyrett, a history and sociology sophomore, described the event as "a means of raising awareness. The education of people is the primary goal of what



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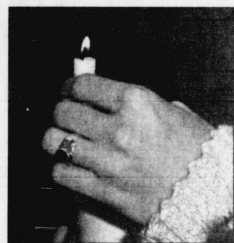
Rob Haynes, a political science sophomore, held up a sign during the celebration of the signing of Amnesty International's Declaration of Human Rights. About 90 UK students participated in the march downtown, and the rally, held at the Civic Center.

the Declaration of Human Rights stands for, to make these sort of ideas manifest in our world."

The UK chapter of Amnesty International only began last year, and the active membership in the group has more than tripled this year. Many of the rally's attendants were not members of the organization, but the group has hopes that the Vigil will spark interest.

Shelton, an English, Spanish and linguistics sophomore, said the group's activities involve a lot of letter writing, but has quite an impact internationally.

"I am encouraged by this event, but I pray that people will take it to heart," Shelton said. "I really believe in the power of individuals."



END OF SEMESTER

Taking time to unwind

'Tis the season to find ways to cope with stress, problems

By Renee Culver  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

'Tis the season for Elvis Christmas carols, irritating bell ringers and hours wasted circling the mall parking lot, but more importantly, 'tis the season to stress out.

For those faculty and staff members who are looking for a break, the University Wellness Center is offering weekly classes on stress management.

"This time of year is supposed to be about the inner things," said Stacey Whatley, a graduate student and class leader, "but we all put all of our emphasis on the outside things, which leave us worn out."

The classes, which meet from 12:10 to 12:50 on Wednesdays until Dec. 23 in the Gallery Room of William T. Young Library, offer a mid-day break.

"It's a perfect lunch time getaway," said UK Career Center adviser Sharon Childs, who has participated in the last two classes. "It's a nice way to break the day up and take your mind off what is getting you down."

So far, class participants have been taught how to de-stress through stretching exercises, progressive muscle relaxation and visualization. Upcoming sessions will focus on breathing and meditation.

"This time of year everyone could use some stress management," said Pat McCabe, an employee of the College of Dentistry. "The techniques we've been taught so far really help calm you down. They teach you how to take a minute for yourself."

The key to holding on to your sanity could be as easy as a couple of minutes for reflection and solitude.

"Take 15 minutes after class or after you get home from work to relax a little," Whatley said. "Or put on some soothing music and try 10 to 20 minutes of visualization or stretching."

Whatley said the difference between those who seem unfurled during the season and the harried nervous wreck is attitude.

"At the end of the day, what happens to you is 10 percent experience and 90 percent perception," Whatley said. "The holidays can be a great time of year, you just have to be willing to take time for you."

For class registration information, students can call 257-WELL.

NATION

New bill proposed

California official suggests new bill that would penalize those who don't report felonies

By Kevin Leung  
DAILY CALIFORNIAN

BERKELEY, Calif. — A state official promoted a bill on campus yesterday that might have punished UC Berkeley sophomore David Cash had it been in place when he failed to report the murder of a 7-year-old girl last year.

In a news conference on Sprout Plaza yesterday morning, state assembly member Tom Torlakson introduced a bill that says witnesses must contact authorities and report blatant felonies or crimes.

Also known as the Sherrice Iverson Good Samaritan Law, Assembly Bill 37 would make it a crime for anyone failing to report a violent felony, a lewd or lascivious act with a minor under the age of 14 or any assault appearing to cause considerable bodily harm to a child, according to a statement from Torlakson's office.

"I realize that the public is reticent to legislate morality ethics and courage," Torlakson said. "However, I do believe it is possible to legislate accountability."

If approved, the bill, which

was developed in response to Iverson's murder last year and Cash's subsequent alleged lack of action, would make California the seventh state in the United States to have a good samaritan law, said Darnell Turner, the Northern California political action chair for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"There have been other cases in California, but this is the incident that really brought the movement together," Turner said.

At the news conference, Torlakson noted the severity of the Iverson incident, asserting that Cash's actions constituted "gross callousness."

"The killing and assault of Sherrice (Iverson) has brought this lack of compassion and concern for fellow human beings to the forefront of our thoughts, especially as it relates to some of California's youngest citizens," Torlakson said in a recent statement.

"David Cash was the bad Samaritan," he said at the press conference.

Minister Najee Ali, director of the Sherrice Iverson Justice Campaign, said a move-

ment transcending racial and religious boundaries is necessary to work with the situation.

"We have to work together collectively - Christian, Jewish, white, black, Hispanic," he said. All added that Iverson's murder had greater significance for everyone.

"Every time a child is victimized, it is a crime against humanity," he said.

If passed, anyone found violating the law would be given a misdemeanor charge, Torlakson said.

Other provisions in the bill include a clause indicating that witnesses need not be paid for their participation in an investigation.

In addition, individuals who believe they or their families would suffer from immediate physical harm would be exempt from the misdemeanor charge.

The California bill is modeled after Washington state's Good Samaritan Law, which was made after a 21-year-old man died after being beaten and left to drown in a drainage ditch.

Similar laws currently exist in Florida, Massachusetts, Ohio, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Although the bill currently does not face opposition, opponents are likely to surface, Torlakson said.

STUDENT PROFILE

Malaysian student finding home in U.S.

By Amanda Durlee  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Adjusting to college life is hard for many students. Getting used to a different way of studying, learning and socializing can be a shock.

For interstrategic communications student Angeline Soon, this experience is even harder. Soon is a Malaysian student at UK, which adds communication and culture to her list of adjustments.

After high school, Soon spent four semesters at Metropolitan College in Malaysia. She completed electives and prepared for her studies in America through the American Twinning Program.

This program connects the Metropolitan College to UK. Students participating in ATP can go to any college or university in America, Australia or the United Kingdom. But UK's connection to Metropolitan College makes choosing this University beneficial for international students, some say.

Each year, a dean from UK goes to Metropolitan College and develops a curriculum. UK's affiliation with the college through this program gives the dean responsibilities, such as choosing texts, course work and guidelines for teaching. This enables UK to guarantee international students that all of their credits from Metropolitan College

will transfer with them and count toward their degrees.

Future international students will not be as fortunate. Soon said 1997 was the last year for ATP.

"It costs too much to send the dean from UK to Malaysia," she said.

The American Degree Program, an international exchange program that started this year, will allow colleges and universities in other countries to create their own curricula, teaching methods and textbooks. But there's no guarantee that all credits will transfer.

Like most international students, Soon said her biggest hurdle has been language. She spoke English before she came to America, but she now has to speak to people who only know English. She said she finds it frustrating when she doesn't know a phrase or slang words to use everyday.

She also has trouble learning to drive in America. Cars in Malaysia have everything on the opposite side. In addition, people drive on the other side of the street. Soon laughs as she tells of her first experience in an American car.

"I got the lights, windshield wiper and signals all wrong!" she recalled.

After graduating from UK, she hopes to stay in America for at least another year working in the field of advertising. She then plans to return to Malaysia to work in advertising.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

# The Low-down

## Investigator urges impeachment

WASHINGTON — The chief Republican investigator for the House impeachment inquiry told legislators yesterday that President Clinton had left them with the "sorrowful duty" of removing him from office. GOP investigative counsel David Schippers said Clinton had "repeatedly lied" while Clinton denied his affair with Monica Lewinsky while under oath. But Schippers' Democratic counterpart, Abbe Lowell, pleaded with Republicans to give "second thought" to impeachment and chided Republicans for "going out of their way" to oust Clinton on evidence unworthy of impeachment.

It's something I fought for since I was young, and I'm really satisfied."

Bruce Springsteen, after winning a court case in London, against a firm that blocked his songs before he became famous.

## Women sentenced after collision

LOUISVILLE — A woman sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison after her car struck and killed a motorcyclist, then freed after serving just 30 days, now faces several charges in connection with another collision. Early Wednesday, Roberta Brammer was charged with driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident and giving false information to police. Brammer allegedly struck a parked car, then left the scene on foot. When police found Brammer's car, they questioned her at her home, and authorities said she told them someone else had been driving. Brammer's attorney, Bart Adams, entered an innocent plea on her behalf in Jefferson District Court on Thursday.

James Garvin McKinney died June 30, 1992, after his motorcycle was hit from behind on I-71 by Brammer, who fled the scene. His motorcycle flipped over a guardrail, slammed into a rock wall and burst into flames. Brammer was convicted of reckless homicide and sentenced to 3 1/2 years, but a judge granted shock probation after 30 days.

## Clinton Mideast visit still on

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said today he is determined to go ahead with this weekend's visit to the Middle East. Clinton acknowledged the difficult circumstances he will encounter on the three-day trip that starts Saturday.

The trip, which was agreed upon as part of the Wye negotiations, comes as Israel's peace-making with the Palestinians is on hold. But today, senior Palestinians voted overwhelmingly to declare clauses of the PLO charter calling for Israel's destruction null and void. The vote was an interim step ahead of Monday's session of the Palestine National Council, which is to reaffirm the move in the presence of President Clinton.



## Cohen: Iraq situation 'serious'

WASHINGTON — Iraq's refusal to allow U.N. inspectors into the ruling Baath Party of offices creates a "very serious situation," which still could prompt a no-notice military attack, Defense Secretary William Cohen said today. But the secretary also indicated that a military strike did not appear to be imminent. There are some 20,000 U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region. Asked if Iraq is still subject to U.S. attack at any time without warning, Cohen replied, "The answer is yes."

## Worm's genetic code mapped

WASHINGTON — Scientists for the first time have mapped the entire gene pattern of an animal, a tiny worm that already is providing clues to human problems such as cancer, aging and Alzheimer's disease. Experts called the achievement an important advance in the ambitious effort to map the human gene structure and someday to use that knowledge to find the causes and cures of human disease. By studying genes shared by worm and human, researchers will learn at a molecular level what can go wrong and how to fix it.

## Court OKs execution of Canadian

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A federal appeals court opened the way for the state of Texas to execute a killer from Canada today despite protests from the U.S. and Canadian governments. Joseph Stanley Faulder is set to die by injection for murdering the matriarch of a wealthy Texas oil family during a robbery at her home in 1975. His cause had won support from government officials and death penalty foes in Canada, where capital punishment was banned in 1976, and from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

## Man found guilty of allowing rape

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — In the first U.N. case to focus exclusively on rape as a war crime, a Bosnian Croat paramilitary chief was convicted yesterday of letting a subordinate sexually assault a Muslim woman. Anto Furundzija was sentenced to 10 years in prison after the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal found him guilty of two counts of war crimes for failing to stop the rape.

## Aetna to buy Prudential Healthcare

NEWARK, N.J. — Aetna Inc. is buying the healthcare business of Prudential Insurance Co. of America for \$1 billion in a deal that Aetna said will make it the nation's biggest health benefit provider. The deal, announced today, would add about 6.6 million health members to Aetna U.S. Healthcare's membership base.

Compiled from wire reports.



TAKE THAT: Bruce Springsteen won a legal battle yesterday to block a British firm from releasing songs he recorded before he became famous. The singer told reporters outside London's High Court he was delighted with the outcome of the case.

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**FOUND:** On Complex Drive, Chrysler car key. Come to 2871 to identify. 025 Grehan Building. 257-2871.

**FOUND:** VW keys found with sports key chain. Call 255-7576.

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## FRIDAY 12/11

**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

**RELIGIOUS**  
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:01pm

**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 11/15

**RELIGIOUS**  
University Praise Service, Christian Student Fellowship, 11am, 502 Columbia Ave.  
Sunday Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 9am, 11:30am, 5pm, 8:30pm

**MEETINGS**  
UK Buddhist Association meeting, 4pm, Room 124 Kastle Hall  
Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 8:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Center

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## MEN'S HOOPS

# Duke, U of L await

### UK will spend its holiday break facing off against some of the nations top competition

By Jen Smith  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

After UK's 70-61 win over Indiana in Louisville Tuesday night, talk moved away from the Hoosiers and turned to Saturday's game against Maryland. ("The Terrapins" will be a lot like Indiana, fast-paced, intense," senior forward Heshimu Evans said. "I can't wait.")

Well, the wait is almost over and UK will get its shot at the Terrapins and several other top-notch teams during its winter "break."

The undefeated Terps are led in just about every statistical category by superstar forward Terrence Morris. Morris leads the team in points per game (16.6), field-goal percentage (68 percent), three-point shooting (.615 percent), rebounds (6.4 per game) and shot blocks (1.9 a game).

Steve Francis, a junior guard, is not far behind. He averages 16.1 points a game and 4.2 assists.

The duo helps make Maryland (10-0) one of those teams

UK (8-1) Coach Tubby Smith dreads: a fast-paced, three-guard offense.

But the games don't get much easier from there. Here's a run-down of some of the top teams the Cats will play until classes start again on Jan. 13.

First, there's Duke (8-1) at 9 p.m. on Dec. 22 in the Jimmy V Classic. The Blue Devils are on a roll. Coach Mike Krzyzewski is sporting a team that never fails to impress him. Against Florida Wednesday night, guard William Avery sank a school-record eight three-pointers and finished with 26 points and nine assists as the No. 3-ranked Blue Devils routed the previously unbeaten Gators 116-86.

"Of all the kids on the court for both teams, Avery was just a level above everyone," Krzyzewski said. "What a magnificent performance, not just in shooting but in every aspect of his game. That was one of the better performances here since 'I've coached.'"

Forward Nate Johnson returned to the lineup after a two-game suspension to add 15 first-half points before being taken to an area hospital at halftime for treatment of an infection in his right foot.

Cameron Murray finished with 16 points. Towhac Hopper had 12 and Dion Edward added 11 as Louisville scored more

than 100 points for the first time in nearly two seasons.

UK's third game is against Tennessee (6-2) on Jan. 12 at noon. Tennessee, highly lauded at the beginning of the season by coaches and polls for returning five starters, has been inconsistent.

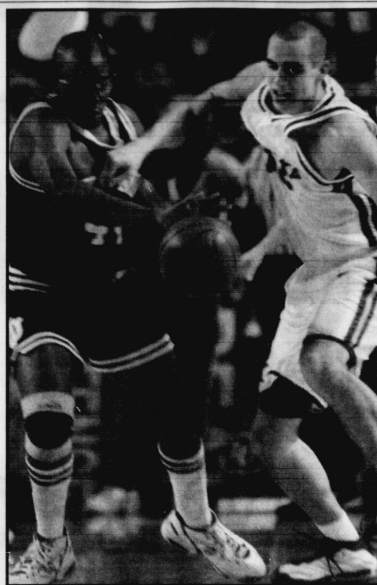
But the Vols' biggest win this season so far was against a team that gave UK fits in the Puerto Rico Shootout last month, Pittsburgh.

Tennessee wasn't at its best offensively, so the Vols turned to defense to beat No. 20-ranked Pittsburgh Sunday.

Tony Harris led Tennessee with 17 points. Tennessee hit seven of eight free throws in the final four minutes, and the Vols held the Panthers to three points in the same span.

Isiah Victor sparked Tennessee early, scoring six points in the first seven minutes. Tony Harris scored six of Tennessee's last 13 points to carry the Vols to a 32-28 halftime lead.

The other inconsistency in Tennessee's game has been the lack of a true go-to guy. Victor is trying to be that guy, but he is only averaging 13.9 points a game. Harris is the only other player with a double-digit scoring average with 12.9.



UK's Michael Bradley and Indiana's Lynn Washington fought for a loose ball during UK's 70-61 win on Tuesday. UK faces Maryland tomorrow.

## WOMEN'S HOOPS

# Cats want to gain respect

### Nasty Cats head into semester break with 7-1 record and Top 25 votes, but still lack other team's respect

By Dave Gorman  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Some women are never satisfied. Just two days ago the UK women's basketball team clobbered Miami (Ohio) 76-56 in Memorial Coliseum. That win brought them to 7-1, which is the Cats' best start in 14 years, but they're still not satisfied. The team wants to make a name for itself.

At the beginning of the season the team's goal was to win all of their non-conference games. They have lost one so far, but they won a conference game against Auburn.

They're still not satisfied. How about 11 votes in the Associated Press Top 25?

No way. "That's our motto for the Nasty Cats," senior forward Jaye Barnes said. "We gotta go out and get ours."

Her co-captain agrees. "Nobody will roll over for us just because we're Kentucky," junior guard Tiffany Wait said. "These wins do help cushion our chances of making the NCAAs, though."

Barnes' "Nasty Cats" get to stay home this weekend for a change to take on Liberty. Last season Liberty

went 28-1 and lost to then No. 1 Tennessee in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Head coach Bernadette Mattox said her team came out sluggish in the Miami (Ohio) game. She wants to see more energy in the Liberty game.

"We've got to come ready to play no matter what," Mattox said.

Mattox also said that all of the games are going to be battles, and she needs her players to be ready to go to war.

Transfer junior point guard Erica Jackson is already in that frame of mind. She listens to rapper Master P's "No Limit Soldier," before every game on the team's stereo in the locker room.

"When I listen to that I'm just on a whole other level," Jackson said. "Mostly everybody likes it, if not they're just going to have to get used to it. On the away games I just listen to my headphones and sing to myself, and they all look at me and say, 'She's crazy.'"

Although the Cats have only lost one game, it is Jackson's third loss in her collegiate career.



UK's Natalie Martinez looked down during a game earlier this season. UK is on the verge of breaking into the Top 25.

"I hate losing," Jackson said. "I just have to determination to get things done and I want to keep winning."

Mattox said she wants her team to keep attacking the basket and play solid defense. The squad is more than taking care of the offensive end of the deal. Four UK players are averaging double figures, and Barnes leads the team with 14.2 points per game.

Jackson will lead her soldiers into battle on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the last home game before the Christmas break.

## STUDENT TICKETS

# 350 show up to grab tickets to bowl game

By Craig Carter  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A loud cheer echoed through the halls of Memorial Coliseum yesterday at around 5:30 p.m. Nearly 350 students packed the upper concourse, but not for the basketball team. They had football on their minds.

The excited fans were their first Outback Bowl tickets. UK's first bowl appearance since 1989 prompted a line up to form across the front of Memorial before the front doors were finally opened at 5 p.m. Ticket windows opened a half-hour later, and many of the students were finally at the end of a long day.

"We had a rotation shift going on," accounting senior Kevin Cogswell said.

Cogswell and two friends, marketing junior Jenny Kennedy and marketing senior Drew Guenther, were the first to walk up the concourse once the front doors opened.

"The first person got here around 7:15 this morning and we worked about two-and-a-half-hour shifts," Cogswell said.

Now that the tickets were in hand, students turned their focus on getting to Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla.

"We haven't figured out how we're getting there yet," Guenther said. "We don't know who's driving. Maybe we'll rent a car."

But traveling to games is nothing

new to accounting senior Neal Thomas. Thomas and a group of friends have traveled to about two or three road games this year and followed the basketball team to last year's Final Four in San Antonio.

"We love to travel," he said. "We just have a good time."

Students were not limited to a certain number of tickets when purchasing. But for those who didn't line up at 7:15 a.m., there should be plenty, said Rodney Stiles, director of Administrative Services for UK Athletics.

"It looks like we could get more if we needed them," Stiles said. "Penn State didn't use all of theirs."

"But don't look for a Big Blue advantage come game time."

"We may get a third of the stadium," Stiles said. "But there will be a lot of bipartisan fans who could cheer for either team. If they cheer at all."

Whatever the case, there promises to be plenty of fans wearing blue and white. Despite the \$45 ticket price, UK students are ready to spend New Year's Day in Tampa cheering on their beloved Cats, even if that does mean dipping into Christmas funds.

"I'm giving this present to myself," Kennedy said.

"So am I," Guenther said. "And this may be about it."

But even so, UK fans are ready to roll toward Tampa and hope the Wildcats can bowl a perfect game.

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ROUNDBALL REVISITED

# A red and blue dream

UK and Indiana offer up some of the most intense moments of college basketball season



**Matt May**  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a wonderfully out-of-control, psychotic display of basketball obsession. Blue on one end, red on the other. The demarcation a perfectly straight line in the center. There were no crossovers. You either were or you weren't. Hoosier or Wildcat. Tradition or tradition. Knight or Smith. All that mattered was that there was no room for a middle ground.

In perhaps the most stunning and exhilarating college basketball atmosphere around, with the exception of Duke and North Carolina, Indiana and UK battled to the bitter end in

their annual classic. The Cats eventually took a 70-61 overtime victory, its fifth straight over the Hoosiers, but that was secondary to the battle of the fans.

For much of the contest, I found myself screaming at my co-writer sitting a full six inches to my right, and much to my chagrin, she still could not hear my rantings. It gave true meaning to the largely ridiculous cliché, "it was so loud, I couldn't hear myself think."

Truth be told, it was so loud you couldn't hear yourself think. More than once, I found myself trying to make a note about the game, only to realize that I forgot what I was going to write. The ear-splitting noise gave me a headache that even Excedrin couldn't handle.

But that was the beauty of it all. Never before have I witnessed a crowd live and die with each bounce of a basketball. Each enormous play had one half of the 19,000-seat arena crying foul and the other half dancing wildly out-of-control.

Not a person in the house would have guessed the score at halftime: it was 21-16 with the noise the two bitter-enemies had generated. The fans had left the pressures of the real world at the turnstiles, entering a fantasy realm where all that mattered was a little, round ball gently falling through a circle with a net attached.

As the intensity picked up in the see-saw second half, the crowd became even more unruly. An Indiana rally in the second half that gave them the lead, had Hoosiers everywhere pounding the aisles with a rhythmically deafening beat. The IU band began taunting, obnoxious fans in the front row continued to berate Cat players.

It was glorious for the red half. But wait, a UK response, punctuated by a Heshimu Evans' reverse slam over two Hoosiers players had swayed the momentum back in UK's favor. The red half sat in stunned silence as Blue crazies at the other end celebrated wildly. A timeout. On the court, cheerleaders from each school chased each other mercilessly with school flags in a scene that evoked images of a circus.

This was a circus. The best and most dizzying circus you've ever seen. When all was said and done, and ESPN's Dick Vitale had stopped yelling, the blue continued to dance, as it had for so many years in a row. The red walked silent and sullen to the exits, quietly questioning referees and looking forward to next year.

With scenes like UK and Indiana basketball games, everyone should be thankful there is a next year because that experience should never end.

TRADE MARKET

## Clemens to change teams

Baseball business: Roger Clemens, this year's American League Cy Young winner, will probably be traded this weekend by Toronto

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Roger Clemens chase was into the weekend. Jose Canseco and Benito Santiago didn't wait that long to leave the Toronto Blue Jays.

Santiago agreed Wednesday to a \$2 million, one-year contract with the Chicago Cubs, while Canseco agreed to sign with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

While they were free agents, Toronto general manager Gord Ash kept up Clemens trade talks and said one team has made an acceptable offer — although the Blue Jays haven't accepted it.

By mentioning the offer, Ash increased pressure on other teams to raise their offers for the five-time Cy Young Award winner.

"I have an offer from a club that from a player point of view satisfies our needs," Ash said. "What I've suggested to that club is that they get guidance from Roger's representatives on how they should proceed from there."

It was believed that the offer didn't come from one of the top three contenders — the New York Yankees, Texas and Houston — and that Ash was dealing with a team he wasn't sure Clemens would accept.

"I guess what I'm directing that club to do is make sure they qualify," Ash said. "They had a lot of questions for me that I couldn't answer."

The most likely candidate to fit that description is Cleveland, although it's possible that it could be Baltimore or a National League team, possibly

the New York Mets or maybe even Colorado or Atlanta.

"The calls today have been a little less frequent. I don't have a reason for that," Ash said. "I would say from the lack of conversation, this is going to drag into the weekend, for sure."

The (Baltimore) Sun reported today that the Orioles are offering a package of at least three players — a left-handed reliever, believed to be Arthur Rhodes, along with second baseman Jerry Hairston and third baseman Ryan Minor.

Ash said the team that made an acceptable proposal didn't contact him Wednesday and that he talked with only two clubs.

One of those was Texas. Rangers general manager Doug Melvin, who traveled to Toronto and talked with Ash for 90 minutes on Tuesday, met with him again in the morning.

"I even paid for breakfast," Ash said.

Money is an aspect of the Clemens negotiations, too. He

has salaries of \$5 million next year and \$6.35 million in 2000. Toronto owes \$5 million in deferred money from the first two seasons of the deal, which currently guarantees a minimum of \$31.5 million over four years.

Clemens, who lives in Houston, is convinced Toronto won't contend and asked to be traded closer to home or to a contender. When he signed with the Blue Jays after the 1996 season, Toronto agreed to comply if he ever asked for a trade.

Santiago, 33, is a 12-year veteran who played in only 15 games last season for the Toronto Blue Jays following an auto accident last January in which he strained ligaments in his right knee. He rejoined the team in September, batting .310 with five doubles and four RBIs in 29 at-bats.

Santiago gets a \$1.5 million salary, and the chance to earn \$300,000 in performance bonuses. Chicago's option is for \$3.5 million with a \$500,000 buyout.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Annual baseball meetings resume

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE — Welcome back, winter meetings.

Shut for six years, the popular swap shop reopens for business Friday when all of baseball — except for the New York Yankees — is gathered at the sprawling Opryland Hotel.

Roger Clemens is available. So is Kevin Brown, Jim Edmonds, Ryan Klesko and Orel Hershiser also could find new homes in the next few days.

Dozens of trades, free-agent signings and rumors on deck. Plus, a sensitive off-the-field subject: a discussion about androstenedione, the over-the-counter supplement used by Mark McGwire.

"I think you'll see a lot," Houston Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "There will be plenty to talk about."

There always has been, making the meetings a fan's delight — especially this year with baseball enjoying such an amazing, riveting season.

Remember what happened the last time they held this event, back in December 1992 in Louisville?

Greg Maddux, Barry Bonds and Paul Molitor changed teams. Marge Schott publicly apologized for racial slurs. The Rev. Jesse Jackson showed up to chastise owners. Florida Marlins president Carl Barger collapsed and died.

And the deals kept coming, about three dozen in all. At one point, several teams were stacked up waiting to announce moves when Philadelphia Phillies spokesman Larry Shenk stepped to the podium.

"We've been cleared by air traffic control to go ahead," he said.

More often than not, that's how it's been at the winter meetings, which began in 1901 and led to the term "the hot stove league."

In 1991 at Miami Beach, 51 players

switched teams in less than a week. In 1990 in suburban Chicago, then-Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda applauded when Toronto and San Diego announced a huge trade: Joe Carter and Roberto Alomar for Fred McGriff and Tony Fernandez.

In 1989 at the Opryland Hotel, "Trader" Jack McKeon chomped his way through 18 cigars during an all-day blitz that brought Carter, Fred Lynn and Craig Lefferts to the Padres in different deals.

So much action occurred that it brought back memories of the time Chicago White Sox owner Bill Veeck and GM Roland Hemond actually set up an "Open for Business" sign in the lobby of the meetings hotel.

The action was such fun for fans, too, it seemed unfair when baseball decided to stop holding them after the Louisville session.

The reason? Acting commissioner Bud Selig and other executives felt that agents turned the gathering into a gigantic bidding wars — \$43.75 million for Bonds and were scared off.

This year, Selig and friends were convinced to reconvene the meetings. They loved the offseason publicity generated by last winter's expansion draft in Phoenix, particularly the trades of Pedro Martinez, Robb Nen, Travis Fryman and others that followed, and felt safer because owners were holding separate meetings.

"We thought there would be more positives than negatives," Selig said.

Most everyone else appeared to agree. The Yankees, perhaps in the best position to trade for Clemens, decided to stay away following their organizational meetings in Tampa, Fla.

That won't prevent the World Series champions from working out a deal with Toronto especially if owner George Steinbrenner decides he wants the five-time Cy Young winner.

## Hawaii hires San Diego's head coach

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — June Jones, the San Diego Chargers interim head coach, has accepted the head coaching job at the University of Hawaii. The Associated Press has learned.

According to a team source, Jones told his players of his decision in a team meeting this morning. Jones was to make the decision official after today's practice.

Hawaii officials worked late into the night Wednesday to finalize a contract with Jones, a former Hawaii player and assistant coach.

The school last week fired Fred vonAppen after he compiled a 5-31 record over three seasons, including 0-12 this season. The winless season tied an NCAA record for the worst single-season mark in Division I-A and is part of an 18-game losing streak, longest in the nation.

Jones became the front-runner to replace vonAppen after Utah coach Ron McBride withdrew from consideration, saying the process was taking too long.

Although the move might seem odd, going from an NFL job to a school that has lost 18 straight games, Jones has ties to Hawaii.

He said while he loves San Diego and the situation with the Chargers, he's had a lifelong dream to return to Hawaii, where he played at quarterback in 1974 and served as an assistant coach in 1983.

Ever after Jones became a strong candidate for the Hawaii job, the Chargers said they would wait until after the season to decide whether to give Jones their head coaching job on a permanent basis.

Jones is expected to coach the Chargers' final three games.

Jones replaced the fired Kevin Gilbride on Oct. 13. The Chargers are 3-4 since Jones took over and 5-8 overall.

Besides McBride, Hawaii officials also interviewed Southern California defensive coordinator Bill Young and Navy offensive coordinator Ken Niumatalolo, a former Hawaii player and assistant.

Other candidates were Duane Akina, Arizona's associate head coach; Larry Kennan, executive director of the NFL Coaches Association; and Cal Lee, athletic director and head coach at St. Louis School, a high school in Hawaii.

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MUSIC REVIEW

# Placebo shows skill

With lyrics and music that mesh perfectly, *Without You* scores

By Ben Salmon  
STAFF WRITER

Rock 'n' roll history is littered with gender-challenged icons, from the brilliant (David Bowie) to the ridiculous (Will anybody remember Marilyn Manson in 10 years?).

Placebo frontman Brian Molko falls somewhere in between. Perhaps the most convincing of all the gender-benders, Molko is a master of emotive lyrics and an even more emotive vocal style.

Placebo's second album, *Without You I'm Nothing*, is a showcase for Molko's talents. The album, the band's first since jumping to Virgin Records, is a somber look at relationships and their aftermaths.

On *Without You*, Placebo has eschewed the ultra-sexy bombast of their 1996 self-titled debut for a more sincere sound.

The first track and first single is "Pure Morning," which sounds exactly like the title suggests — the band sounds like it is crawling out of bed, awakening from a long slumber. The song features a droning backbeat, monotone guitar work and Molko's leering lyrical games.

For the rest of the record, Placebo alternates between its two personas: a groove-based alt-rock band and quiet English guitar-noodlers.

"Brick Shithouse" and "You Don't Care About Us" prove that Placebo can adequately handle the former. Both are scathing, straightforward rockers. The first is spiced up with distortion galore, while the second is supposedly written from the point of view of Molko's former lovers.

More importantly, both songs give Molko's voice a chance to shine. His high, halting tenor is reminiscent of Rush's Geddy Lee, but comes off as far, far less annoying.

Even Molko's vocal abilities can't save Placebo in all cases. When the band pulls back and shows off its sensitive side, *Without You* loses steam.



Placebo's album *Without You I'm Nothing* achieves a near-perfect blend of music and vocal performance.

At its best, though, the album shows off Placebo's considerable pop sensibilities. "Every You Every Me" is an infectious, catchy ditty, while "Scared of Girls" is a soaring, jittery look at the opposite sex.

As mentioned, the most intriguing part of *Without You I'm Nothing* is Molko's voice and wordplay. His sound has a hard-to-define quality that sets him apart from so many singers.

Placed squarely in the upper register for most males, Molko's voice shakes and twitters with striking, genuine emotion. At times, his singing aches so much you begin to wonder if he's going to burst out in tears.

Also a standout on the record is the lyrics. Occasionally blunt but usually totally ambiguous, it always comes through as from the heart.

"I'm unclean/A libertine/"

And everytime you vent your spleen/I seem to lose the power of speech/You're slipping slowly from my reach." These are the words Molko croons on the title track. It's one of many lyrical gems that sometimes seem hidden underneath the instrumental avalanche.

And it's just one example of what makes *Without You I'm Nothing* such a surprising and engaging listen.

Rating: B

# Holiday cheer decks the tube

By Jonathan D. Gent  
TV CRITIC

The Christmas season is now on us, and you all know exactly what that means. It means that most television programs are showing repeats.

This situation is funny, because more television is watched during the holidays than any other time of year. Students of all ages are on vacation. What else can they do but watch television?

What about holiday programming? The annual Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's stuff we watch for some reason year after year. Because Thanksgiving has already passed us by, let's work on that first.

The main thing for the day of thanks is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Was that parade as lame as it was this year when I was six? Lip-synching float dancers and The Backstreet Boys? Couldn't the Underdog balloon just go wild and crush those five New Kids on the Block wannabes? Please.

Additionally, this year on NBC, *It's a Wonderful Life* was shown on Thanksgiving and only Thanksgiving. That sucks. I actually hadn't ever seen the Frank Capra classic until last year. Picture this: It's Christmas, my car was broken down so I couldn't make the trip home. I was all alone, so I made some gourmet coffee, sat down on the couch with a blanket and watched *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Now that it's a Christmas experience! Of course, it could have been so much more with a certain someone by my side. But no, the NBA lockout and the bastards at NBC have decided that

once a year is enough.

Let's move away from Thanksgiving and on to Christmas (when *It's a Wonderful Life* should be aired). This season offers up a cornucopia (wait, that's Thanksgiving) of shows, from the ever-popular "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas," to the evil "Kathy Lee Gifford Christmas."

“ Couldn't the Underdog balloon just go wild and crush those New Kids on the Block wannabes?”

The Grinch has become a staple of Christmas at this point, and I'm sure you've all seen it. If you haven't, find a copy, and catch up to the rest of us, you loser (just watch it 20 times or so). The Dr. Seuss story of an evil being (what would you call him?) who learns the spirit of Christmas touches even the coldest heart is a true classic.

Couple that with Charles Schulz's tale of poor old Charlie Brown, who finally instills in his friends (especially that little bitch Lucy) a bit of that ever-popular Christmas spirit. The scene where Charlie puts the ornament on the tree as it wilts always brings a tear to my eye. Besides Snoopy is, was and will always be the coolest cartoon character on the planet.

Add to these classics the joy of watching the ball drop on New Year's Eve, and what you've got is a solid set of holiday programming. Well, watching the ball drop is the only cool thing on network specials at this point. Might as well be hosted by someone lazier, but I think Angela Lansbury is working on her cameo in the film version of "Murder, She Wrote" starring Pamela Anderson. Bah humbug.

MUSIC REVIEW

## He's the 'Pig of Destiny' set to music

Soundtrack to popular children's movie can be enjoyed by all ages

By Tucky Williams  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Holiday blues beating you down? How about a dose of feel-good medicine from Babe the pig? The prescription is the cheery, jazzy music of the soundtrack to *Babe: Pig in the City*.

The magic of the *Babe* movies is that they are children's films that adults enjoy watching. The sequel's soundtrack casts the same spell: It's an album for children, yet adults will enjoy listening to the music.

The classic songs are what make this collection good. There's a jazzy rendition of "Are You Lonesome Tonight" performed by the Mavericks, a "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" track that will have you swaying, and Edith Piaf belting it out like no other with "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien."

Highlighting this album is Dean Martin's rendition of "That's Amore," introduced by the Mice from the film. Their squeaky little voices singing the classic love song along with Dino will bring giggles to those who hear it. Peter Gabriel performs the song "That'll Do," based on the most memorable quote from the first *Babe*. Even grown-ups will appreciate the subtlety of this children's song.

The only disappointment is "A Heart That's True," sung by E.G. Daily, the voice of Babe. It would have been a treasure had she sung in the pig's voice. Because she sings in a "human" voice, the song is mediocre at best.

Complete with eloquent instrumental music and audio clips from the film, this soundtrack will delight the little person in your life. The fact that kids will want to play the songs over and over again won't be a problem. You'll know that Babe's charm has worn off on you when you catch yourself singing "That'll do, pig."

Rating: A-

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MUSIC REVIEW



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# Phoenix's sun rising

Local band starts with unusual fan base, and looks toward success for its future goals

By Jessica Henderson  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You could say Phoenix Down's music is so powerful it lures people in. It has happened; never mind it was just once, and he was a questionable visitor at that.

Phoenix Down, a local band, was practicing at an apartment off of Limestone when its guitar player, Rob Grove, looked up and noticed that the band's newest fan had let himself in.

"There was this scraggly guy standing there with long hair, weird tattoos, no shirt and a huge scar down his stomach," Grove said.

The man said he heard them playing while walking down the street and asked if he could join them. With no one

sure what to do next, Grove offered his guitar and 10 awkward minutes later the man left.

But these so-called pied pipers want you to judge for yourself. Phoenix Down will play its first Lexington show on Dec. 13 at The 37 Center with another local band, The Amoeba. The all ages show will cost \$3 and will start at 7 p.m.

A friend of the band, UK telecommunications senior Kevin White, said that the band leaves the listener in nothing short of awe.

Describing the band's sound, White, who has known the band from the beginning, said its blend of three driving guitars, coupled with a powerful bass and percussion, set Phoenix Down apart.

While quick to name influ-

ences such as Hum, Foo Fighters and Oasis, the band doesn't exactly sound like anyone.

As Tim Cooper guitar player and UK middle school education senior put it, "It's possible to be influenced by bands, but sound like none of the bands."

Grove agreed.

"You can just take certain attributes from certain bands," Grove said. "Influence is only as strong as what rubs off on you."

In the end, the band labeled its music as "intellectual hard pop" defined by what Grove added are "pop songs with weird rhythms, a little imagination and creativity."

Devotion to music was strong even in the beginning. Cooper slept on a couch for a year, so the band could have his bedroom as a place to practice. After adding two new members and switching around some instruments, the three-piece band named Ishmael made its recent transformation

into Phoenix Down complete in September.

The band stands with Cooper on guitar, Grove with vocals and guitar, UK biology senior Jonathon Scheibly on bass, exercise science senior Dave Peterson on guitar and Ethan Tucker on drums.

When asked about long-term plans, Cooper's and Grove's response was immediate and light-hearted.

"We want to become big, rich rock stars with rooms full of women," Grove said.

"Given the chance, I would completely and utterly sell out," Cooper echoed with a grin.

Just as quick as the jokes came, though, Cooper became sincere in his answer. For now, he will settle for just being part of the band.

"I like to hang out with these guys," Cooper said. "I like to play music with them and look over and see Rob. I always feel so much better after practice than before it."

# Cher finds niche again

After a considerable absence from the music industry, Cher returns with *Believe*

By Melissa Harris  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Cher is a singer I usually don't listen to.

Her latest CD changed my mind. It took all of one song for me to realize that this CD was going to be awesome.

With a superstar production cast, most notably the renowned Metro Crew, and an A-list collection of top studio musicians, *Believe* is an irresistible assemblage of dance-enhancing hooks and grooves, anchored to the hottest of techno mixes and on-target urban funk.

Written and recorded over most of 1998 in London, Rome, Los Angeles and New York, the album shows that Cher has tapped a whole dimension of her vocal prowess — a dimension that has already attracted studio wizards, such as Club 69, Almighty, Phat and Phunky and Xomania Mad Tim to deliver remixes of "Believe." It's no small wonder that the song is a major club hit across Europe. Cher's main goal behind *Believe* is to please her fans.

"I like music that makes you want to move," Cher said in a news release, "but I also pay attention to the lyrics."

Cher's joy in returning to her first love, music, is evident in every note she sings, from the rousing declaration of independence in "Believe" to the sultry strains of "Dove L'Amore." From the anthem

"Strong Enough" to her potent rendition of Amy Grant's "The Power," Cher seems to have found her edge with *Believe*.

While there are accepted measures of show business success, Cher has always set her own standards of excellence. Her career encompasses music, television, film, directing and with the recent release of her debut literary effort, *The First Time*, books.

But even with all she has done, Cher said she is meant to be a singer. "Acting is like having a party at your house and having to do all the work," she said. "Music is like being at someone else's house. I don't have to worry about it. I just get caught up and carried away." It's easy to see where her heart lies.

Cher is preparing a high-profile promotion to coincide with the release of her best album in years. Aside from the release of her new book, she has a full slate of TV appearances scheduled. She will also co-star with Lily Tomlin and the first ladies of English cinema in the new feature film *Tea With Mussolini*.

Cher is also considering a return to the concert stage. "It feels like forever since I've been out on the road," she said. "I'm really looking forward to getting back out there."

Rating: B+

SCENE BRIEFS

## The Straight Dope

Cruise, Kidman take press to court

Score another win for Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman in their paparazzi battle. A tabloid photographer was arrested in Los Angeles yesterday for intercepting a cell phone conversation between the power couple, then selling the recording to the Globe tabloid.

Eric Ford, 27, arrested yesterday morning at his home by FBI agents, was charged for illegally taping a conversation. Ford, who was released on \$10,000 bond, faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted on the three wire-tapping charges.

He sold the goods to the

Globe for an article titled "Is Tom Cruise's Marriage Hanging by a Thread?" The piece, appearing in the June 30 issue, detailed a "a lovers' spat between the famous couple."

A Globe spokesman said his paper did nothing "illegal or inappropriate" in its story. No criminal charges have been filed against the tabloid.

Yesterday's filing marks the latest victory in the ongoing war Cruise and Kidman seem to be fighting with the tabloid press.

Cruise also filed suit against a German tabloid in 1996 for calling him sterile.

Compiled from wire reports.



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D.C. talk

## Playing defense

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's top lawyer told lawmakers in a final defense yesterday that the president's conduct in the Monica Lewinsky affair was "morally reprehensible" but does not warrant impeachment.

White House counsel Charles F. C. Ruff's came as Republicans finished drafting proposed articles of impeachment and planned a vote in the House Judiciary Committee on the alternative of censure. Members of the committee listened intently as the president's lawyer spoke. Behind him sat an entire row of the president's defenders.

"The president has not committed a high crime or misdemeanor," Ruff said. "His conduct, although morally reprehensible, does not warrant impeachment."

## Ready to rumble

ATLANTA — Christina Jeffrey, hired and then fired as House historian by Speaker Newt Gingrich, said she will seek the seat being vacated by the Georgia Republican.

The Kennesaw State University professor is the fourth Republican to enter the race for the suburban Atlanta district. Former state lawmaker Johnny Isakson was encouraged to run by Gingrich and is considered the front-runner.

Gingrich hired Ms. Jeffrey in 1995 as House historian, then fired her after her 1996 review of a Holocaust course she said should have included the Nazi point of view. Ms. Jeffrey insisted her comments were taken out of context.

Compiled from wire reports.

## A little reminder ...

The first final, for those of you with Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes, starts at 8 a.m. on Monday. Don't oversleep!

## Chain reaction

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions to the Dialogue page. Address comments to: "Letters to the Editor" Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor 35 Ench J. Grehan Journalism Building Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042

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## IN OUR OPINION

# Pointing fingers

## Students, not Haney, responsible for acts

Like the Salem witch trials of Colonial America or McCarthyism in the 1950s, the government and the general public love a good scapegoat. In the most extreme case, the scapegoat becomes the embodiment of all that is wrong and immoral in the world and he or she can suffer or die to save the rest from their own sins. Modern day martyrs are few and far between, but James Haney, Jr. is beginning to look more and more like one.

The source of the recent controversy regarding underage drinking and driving began in Haney's Tavern on Leesdown Road. Underage students and football players with fake IDs frequented the bar, hung out with Haney and drank to the point of intoxication. When Jason Watts made the decision to drive his vehicle on that fateful day, he unwittingly implicated Haney in the situation.

While Watts was grossly negligent in the operation of his vehicle, he will face the legal consequences of his willful decision to drink and drive. On the other hand, Haney seems to be taking more blame than anyone else in this case.

The police raided Haney's Tavern, confiscated liquor, and even charged Haney with a misdemeanor. While Haney has a legal duty to stop or to refuse to serve alcohol to a person he knows or reasonably should know is intoxicated, he does not have to police his own bar. Customers come in and out, some can

be rowdy in their drunkenness while others remain controlled and calm. While Haney is not a mother to his customers, he does possess the duty to prevent and to deter wrong behavior if possible. If Haney knowingly continued to serve the students alcohol after they exhibited physical indicators of drunkenness, then his opponents may have a case. But no testimony from the players or his customers offered such a scenario.

Although bar owners and operators can be liable for accidents caused by drunk bar patrons, it is interesting that this issue has surfaced with such fervor recently. Every liquor store in town as well as every other bar and restaurant has probably at least once "contributed" to a drunk-driving incident. Haney's Tavern, though, has certainly served as the object of much police and public scorn. Is it because the drunk driver was a football player, or one of the victims happened to be an athlete on an adored football team?

When a person of college age decides to drink, whether legally or not, he or she knows the consequences of the act. Our society has been inundated with fear-inducing pleas to stop drinking and driving, and the criminal penalties of such behavior can be dire indeed. By attributing blame to a third party in this manner, personal responsibility is necessarily diminished.

So, who's at fault?

## Dave Gorman

KERNEL COLUMNIST

# Library bugs should be exterminated now

Look, I know the University spent a lot of money on the William F. Young Library, but the entire system they are running over there just causes a downward spiral for students who just want to study.

So they have these study rooms you can rent out by showing your student ID. The whole point is to get away from everybody and concentrate on your work.

So let me tell you. I got a study room with my girl. Next thing I know, this tiny security guard that looks like the guy from "Hawaii-Five-O" comes by and checks the room to make sure we're not smoking marijuana or anything like that. As we stop what we're doing and stare at him, he says shyly, "Just checking."

After he closed the door and left, we busted out laughing. He must have heard us, because he came back into the room and asked me if there was a problem.

I responded, "What are you talking about? We were talking."

He said in an angry voice, "Because I heard laughing."

So what? Mind your business. My point is, I shouldn't have to defend myself from a security guard trying to pick a fight with me. If we got a room, do you think we wanted to share our personal conversations with some library worker?

No! Even if we were making fun of him, it wasn't in his face.

We were alone in a room.

It's our business if we want to laugh or talk, as long as we don't run around screaming obscenities and throwing keg parties in the study rooms.

The security guards are harassing students, and we should get rid of them. We can't bring in any drinks, because they'll be confiscated and we'll get a slap on the hand that means we'll be thrown out next time. Stop scaring me! Besides, if you're a college student, odds are you're not dumb enough to bring food or drinks into the computer lab, because if you spill any you might find yourself paying a used car.

Because we can't eat or drink in the library, we are forced to stop our flow of creative juices and pack up all of our belongings and head over to "Blow All Your Money at the Cavalier Warehouse," also known as Ovid's Café, so we can spend our life savings on a pickle and a small drink.

Gimme a break! Why can't we just get some cheap food from K-Lair or bring some snacks and just enjoy it while we study. College students do know how to throw stuff away. We shouldn't have to smuggle in a hamburger in our back pocket like it's a bomb or something. We shouldn't have to hide drinks in our pockets. We're in college, after all, not kindergarten.

Now for the icing on the cake

—the parking situation.

Why are those lots surrounding the entire library (save a few dozen spaces that fill up faster than Roseanne's plate at Denny's) blocked off for employees and other permit holders? Not every student lives in the towers, it only seems that way. Hello, all these spaces are sitting empty at night! We need those spots so "off-campus renegades" like me can get to the library without pulling a hamstring and getting blisters.

Ok, so I'm exaggerating a little. But why should we have to park at Commonwealth Stadium, take a cab to Super America and take a shuttle bus to the library that only comes around every half-hour?

I don't want to hear it from any of you elders who claim to have walked uphill in the snow with no shoes for years. It's the 90s, and we have shoes. Give us ample parking spots at nights, employees don't need to go to the library, thank you. We do all we can to get good grades in their classes.

If this madness doesn't stop at the library, then we're all going to have sore legs from walking ridiculous trips from the end of town, empty pockets from the Ovid's "Monopoly" cafeteria, and failing grades because we've been banned from the library because we laughed at a security guard who wants to be on the opposite side of the ring in a heavyweight bout at Caesar's Palace.

## READERS' FORUM

# Expressions

## Ethics and the media: a fine line to walk

To the editor:

I would like to comment on the Erin McMorrow article about John Lindgren in the Dec. 9 Kernel. Let me preface my letter by saying that I was NOT at the discussion — I am commenting only on what was in the article.

Journalism professor Maria Braden stated that Lindgren is unethical in his association with the Celebrate Jesus 2000 campaign.

I disagree. Mr. Lindgren has all the rights any other citizen of this country, including the rights of free speech and religious expression. His personal life is private, and if he chooses to evangelize during this personal time, he has every right to do so. If he chooses to have a few rounds with his friends at Pure Gold, that's all right, too. It is his choice.

We all have our own opinions about what would make the world a better place. Many local celebrities take time out during the holidays to work for charitable causes (food drives, toy drives), which help meet the basic needs of those less fortunate than us. I'm sure religion is evident at some of these events.

Is this an ethical violation as well, Ms. Braden? Does association with a religious event compromise a person's ability to be objective?

Just this morning, I was watching "The Today Show" on NBC. In one of the last segments, Katie Couric mentioned she attended a Presbyterian church. This statement was made on national television. Ms. Couric was voicing her religious opinion, not reporting a fact. Does this constitute an ethical violation?

Because Lindgren has been a newscaster for some time, I think it is safe to say he has reported on several stories dealing with controversial issues (abortion, euthanasia among others). He has been objective in each case I have seen. His beliefs have not permeated his public persona. There is no reason to believe his involvement in Celebrate Jesus 2000 will make any difference. To be selected for this position, he must have been involved in many other religious programs through the years.

In fact, I find it refreshing. So many times, we forget that the "political and secular world" as the esteemed Dr. Shiv Bakshii put it, is not without humanity.

So often we view the rich, powerful and famous as another species, incapable of feeling. We think that values will only hinder our climb to the top of whatever ladder we choose. When celebrities openly show they have values, it is not unethical — it's just human.

SCOTT WEBB

PHARMACY GRADUATE STUDENT

## Alcohol will never cease to be a part of our culture

To the editor:

There are many constants in this world including, but not limited to, the laws of gravity, energy and motion. But you might even assume that alcohol would not be a constant, and would withdraw into a different galaxy.

You would be wrong. Alcohol was here long before college and will continue

to be a part of campus life until higher institutions of learning become obsolete. It goes along with student life, like peanut butter and jelly. Get used to it.

The University has taken steps to try to prevent alcohol from being present in college life. These steps made alcohol angry. Alcohol took its case to the student-filled houses surrounding the University and was welcomed with open arms. Then the community decided to try to cut down the number of students living in the houses surrounding the University. This infuriated alcohol. Alcohol decided to return to the dorms where it started. From there, it drew people out of fraternity and sorority houses and invited them to drink at the dorms.

Yes, it is true. Students are actually leaving their respective houses off campus to go to drink freely at the dorms. Even fraternities are participating, because if you get caught, your entire fraternity does not get kicked off campus. You and only you get to visit Dean Hazard and sign up for a \$80 alcohol class.

I do not speak for any other students, but we will drink no matter how many rules you make. The University is, sooner or later, going to have to make a choice between peanut butter or jelly.

SETH HOLLIGER

FINANCE SOPHOMORE

## Warning: be careful when you drive this weekend

To the editor:

Stay off the road between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on a weekend night. On a weekend night, after the bars close, between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., a drunk driver is behind two of every 14 headlights you meet.

That's one in every seven cars. Stay off the road between the hours of 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. on a weekday night. During those hours on a weekday night, a drunk is attempting to operate one in every 13 cars.

Last year 16,189 people were killed in crashes involving alcohol in the United States. The average is one death for every 32 minutes. The rate for alcohol crash-related injury rises to a staggering one person injured about every 30 seconds. We lose more college students to drinking and driving crashes than any other single cause. (Source: http://www.madd.org/stats/)

Tragically, public service announcements and educational messages do not reach all of us.

Some of you reading this letter, despite all best efforts, will elect to drive after you have been drinking. The rest of us (who are abstaining or are at the minimum making safe driving decisions) might prove unable to influence what you will do.

Until you make the conscious decision not to get behind the wheel after one drop of alcohol, you will be a threat.

Until you make a simple pact with yourself that if you do not have a safe and sober ride home you will not drink, you will be a threat.

Until you decide to substitute drinking dollars for cab fare, you will be a threat.

Until you begin to think of others, the only safe place to be after 10 p.m. on a weekday night and 1 a.m. on a weekend is off the road.

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