

Student committee endorses proposal to change calendar

Earlier Christmas vacation one basis for elimination of Saturday finals

By SCOTT WARD
Staff Writer

Members of the Planning Committee of the University Student Caucus met recently to air support for a Senate Council-endorsed proposal to eliminate Saturday finals.

James Hourigan, an agriculture senator and member of the planning committee, said the committee is an informal and unofficial part of the student caucus of the University Senate. He said the purpose of the organization is to get all the student members of the Senate together to discuss the bills that will be on the floor of the Senate. "We try to get them all together beforehand so they can have some time to think the bills through," he said.

Kathy Ashcraft, chairwoman of the planning committee, said there are three basic reasons for the committee's desire to eliminate Saturday finals.

The first is that Saturday finals are unpopular. Hourigan said there has not been a groundswell of public opinion against Saturday finals but some organizations, such as the Hillcrest foundation and other Jewish groups, have been very vocal. The Jewish Sabbath is Saturday. "You run into a religious conflict with Saturday finals," he said.

Ashcraft said the second reason for supporting the proposal is that professors will have more time to turn their grades in before Christmas. She said it will help alleviate the problems some students face in trying to get home for Christmas, especially those who have to fly home. "Here you are, stuck the last couple of days before Christmas trying to get a plane out of here," she said.

Ashcraft also said that this proposal would put the University on a closer time scale with the local school system. She said there are

many students who have family members in the local school system and this will accommodate family vacations better.

Malcolm Jewell, a professor of political science and a Senate Council member who proposed the elimination of Saturday finals, said the start of classes for the fall semester is currently dictated by a plan that's about 10 years old. Under this system, classes begin on the Wednesday before Labor Day. When Labor Day falls on Sept. 3 or 4, finals have to be scheduled on Saturday to allow teachers time to get grades in and students time to get home.

Under the plan proposed by Jewell, however, classes would begin on the Wednesday before Labor Day only when it falls on Sept. 1 or Sept. 2. In years when Labor Day falls on Sept. 3-7, classes would start the Wednesday 12 days before.

Ashcraft said the proposal is not as drastic as it sounds. Currently, the start of classes falls between Aug. 24 and Aug. 30. If the proposal is passed, the start of classes would fall between Aug. 22 and Aug. 28. Ashcraft, an Arts & Sciences senator, said what is actually happening is that the earliest possible day that classes begin is just being moved up two days.

Jewell said some students might consider starting school a week earlier than in previous years a disadvantage to the proposal. "This is a pretty good trade-off but I wouldn't try to sell it too hard," he said.

Hourigan said the fact that classes will start a week earlier in these years is an advantage because they will end a week early also.

Jewell also said that regardless of the outcome in the Senate today, not many current students will be affected by the rule, because the next time Saturday finals would have to be scheduled is 1989.



Between the lines

Eric Petty, a physics junior, keeps tabs on the weather while working on the second floor of the UK Art Museum, where

the Diane Arbus pictures are on display. There is a 20 percent chance of morning showers today, with warmer temperatures.

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Students buy, sell books through catalog

SGA offers alternative to bookstore text-trading with second annual exchange

By MELISSA BELL
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association is offering students an alternative source for buying and selling their books, at its second annual book exchange.

The exchange allows students to buy and sell their books cheaper than at the bookstore, according to Jim Pustinger, SGA executive vice president and manager of the exchange.

"A lot of students feel they're being monopolized by the bookstores," Pustinger said. "With this they can set their own price and buy at cheaper rates." Students save about 20 percent by

eliminating the middleman, Pustinger said. SGA acts as the intermediary by setting up the process, but the book only exchanges hands between the buyer and the seller.

Students may register their books Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 17-21 at the Student Center information desks, the SGA office and at residence hall front desks. The book title, publisher, course title, seller's price, seller's name and telephone number should be included on the registration form.

The information will be published in a catalog to be distributed the first day after Christmas break at several locations on campus. The catalog, which was introduced last year, is much more cost-effective

than the book exchanges in the past where SGA set up tables and cash registers. "The catalog is similar to the Thrifty Nickel, but students don't have to pay," Pustinger said.

The catalog is longer this year, with 16 pages compared to last year's 12. Also, registration sheets will be distributed in more places to make it easier to enter books, said Donna Greenwell, a member of the book exchange committee.

A major problem with the exchange last year, Pustinger said, was that many students didn't register their books because they wanted the money before they left for Christmas.

But 500 to 600 students did register

about 800 books last year. "I'm sure we can double that, no problem," Pustinger said.

"We feel like it was a big success," Greenwell said. "This year we want to see a bigger turnout since it's the second year."

SGA budgeted \$1,223 to cover printing, labor and advertising expenses. SGA members hope that advertisements in the catalog will reduce the cost. "But our biggest hope is that it will be self-supporting in the future," Pustinger said.

The exchange has a lot of potential and should get better as the years go on, Pustinger said. "It gained a lot of attention last year and was successful. This year it has an image to start with."

INSIDE

UK's loss to Indiana Saturday showed a lack of patterned defense and a shortage of confidence among the younger team members according to coach Joe B. Hall. For details, see **SPORTS**, page 3.

Should prisoners be run for profit? Is a moral for private corporations to run America's jails? For commentary, see **VIEWPOINT**, page 4.

To commemorate its first anniversary, the Bluegrass Nuclear Freeze Campaign has invited social and political activist Molly Rush to speak. For details, see Lance W. Brunner's special opinion in **VIEWPOINT**, page 4.

WEATHER

There is a 20 percent chance of morning showers today, with partly cloudy skies during the afternoon. The high will be in the mid 40s. Tonight will be clearing and cool with the low in the lower 30s.

Patterson school and founder to share celebration

By CAROLYN EDWARDS
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series on the Patterson School of Diplomacy.

Amry Vandebosch and the William Andrew Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce share a common bond this month — landmark anniversaries.

Vandebosch, the first director of the Patterson School, will be celebrating his 90th birthday while the school celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Vandebosch, who was born in Michigan of Dutch immigrant ancestry, came to UK in 1926 as a professor of political science with a doctorate from the University of Chicago. At that time, money for a diplomacy school had been sitting in a trust fund for more than 25 years. UK's first president, James K. Patterson, had left the bequest in honor of his deceased son, William Andrew Patterson. The original amount, about \$800,000, had increased almost

enough to start a diplomacy program.

Patterson's successor, Herman L. Donovan, was eager to set up a diplomacy school. When Donovan asked Vandebosch if he would be interested in directing it, Vandebosch said he definitely was.

A mass of diplomacy schools were spreading throughout the nation at that time, and Vandebosch visited many of them. He considered the best to be the Fletcher School at Tufts University and the School for Advanced International Study at Johns Hopkins University.

After studying the other schools, Vandebosch started organizing the Patterson School of Diplomacy. In 1929 it opened as a graduate school, with Vandebosch as director. Looking back, Vandebosch thinks the school should not have begun at that level. "I think I made a mistake in recommending we set up the same school as these others had," he said. "What we needed was something more practical. I think the present setup is better."

The school used professors on the basis of a "combined appointment,"

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Amry Vandebosch,
first director
Patterson School

which meant they were working both for other University departments and the diplomacy school. But Vandebosch saw some problems with the administration of this plan. It was unclear who was responsible for paying the faculty, and the faculty had no real boss. "It's a good idea to have someone who is master of the house," he said. "The incumbent may decide what side his bread was buttered."

Vandebosch said that from the beginning, the school had no problem finding students. It was given

six U.S. Defense Fellowships which were sizable enough to attract students from all over the country. "They paid well and attracted people from Yale and Princeton and other universities," he said. "We attracted students of good personalities."

Even with the fellowships, the Patterson School of Diplomacy lagged behind other diplomacy schools because of a lack of funds. "Most of them had far more money than we did," Vandebosch said.

But the new school did well in preparing its students for jobs in diplomacy and international law. Vandebosch remembered one student from among the first group who has become quite successful. "One went to the Morgan Bank and before I knew it he was vice president in charge of the London Bank and the Tokyo Bank," he said.

While at the school, Vandebosch said he most enjoyed the relationships with the students and working on foreign policy and international law. "I don't miss committee meetings," he said. "I miss the students and my colleagues." It was given

At one point in Vandebosch's long career as teacher and director at UK, he took a leave of absence during World War II, to work with intelligence matters for the Office for Strategic Services, and working for the U.S. Department of State.

"No one can say I'm not patriotic," he said. "I've served in both world wars." In World War I he was stationed in France as a machine gunner.

Nonetheless, Vandebosch is a strict advocate for peace. "I'm not for war," he said. "I don't understand the administration of today. They seem to want war. Anyone who wants war with the nuclear power we now have is crazy. It means the end."

Vandebosch retired in 1965, received the title of professor emeritus and was presented with the UK Alumni Association's Distinguished Teacher Award. He continued to pursue his interests of traveling and writing numerous articles and books on the foreign policy of South Africa, Holland, Asia, Australia and several other countries. "I was not going to

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Community connection

Christian Student Fellowship, 'a church away from home,' offers learning opportunity

By ANDREW DAVIS
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The Christian Student Fellowship is a "a church away from home" which offers individuals a chance to learn more about their faith, and humanity, by helping others.

"What CSF does is offer a church away from home for students," said John Miller, CSF president, "and it gives them an opportunity to learn more about their faith. It gives them a place to go."

The church is located on the corner of Columbia and Woodland avenues, which is convenient for students. "If you want to go to church and you don't have a car and you live on campus, it's a lot easier to walk down to CSF," Miller said.

Larry Brandon, CSF minister, said he thought the interdenominational church is successful for a variety of reasons.

"We're one of the most

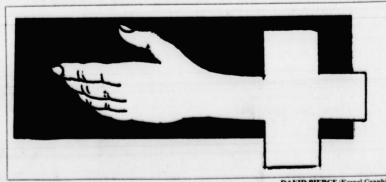
successful campus ministries," Brandon said. One of the reasons is because "we're close to the dorms."

Brandon also said the church is a good place for students to relax as well as a place where they could talk out their problems. He said he sees CSF as a combination of "fraternity, sorority, YMCA and church."

The church helps others by organizing community services around Lexington. The services include good buddy and adopt-a-house programs, visits to the Shriners' Hospital and nursing homes, and a spouse abuse center.

The good buddy program is in conjunction with Maxwell Elementary School where CSF members help children who come from single-parent homes or who have been abused. Miller's good buddy is Wendell Webb, a third-grader who lives in a single-parent home.

Brandon said the difference be-



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tween Big Brothers and the good buddy program is their program "is not as intense as Big Brothers." He said the CSF program takes an hour or so a week after the elementary school lets out.

The adopt-a-house program will start again around February, Miller said. The program, where members paint and repair homes of elderly

people, is similar to the greek version of adopt-a-house, but is on a smaller scale and done more often.

The group visits Shriners' hospital because many of the patients are from out-of-town or out-of-state and their parents cannot come and stay with them. "The kids get lonely. Most are bedridden," Miller said.

They also have a "traveling

group" which goes to churches around the state to tell potential students and parents about UK.

"A lot of people in (some) churches have problems with UK because they think of it as 'an evil place,'" Miller said. He said they go to the churches to tell people that CSF is there for their child attending UK.

CSF members will go on a retreat in Gatlinburg, Tenn., near the end of January, Miller said. The purpose is so new members will get a chance to know some of the older students, as well as to provide a short vacation.

Brandon has three assistants, who each stay for a year. This year his assistants are Joe Risse, Rebecca Krieg and Mark Slato, the weekend weatherman on WLEX-TV.

"So far, it has been great (working at the church)," Slato said. "I'm learning a lot that I wouldn't learn in a classroom."

The CSF is a place for students to

have a "one-on-one relationship with God," Miller said. Therefore, politics never enter into the picture, he said, "because we never saw any reason to 'take a political stance."

"It's the most important thing I do," he said. "It's a way I can show my faith. I don't like to compare myself to those people who scream and preach down on the corner. I'd rather have my actions speak for what I believe in."

Brandon said the church is open to any student who wants to join. He said a lot of the students at the church are from out-of-state and they see the CSF as a "support group."






The church is also, Brandon said, a great place to meet people, which is why he loves working at CSF.

"I don't know where I could find a better job," he said.

Campus Calendar

Information on this calendar of events is collected and coordinated through the Student Center Activities Office, 203/204 Student Center, University of Kentucky. The information is published as supplied by the on-campus sponsor, with editorial privilege allowed for the sake of clarity of expression. For student organizations or University departments to make entries on the calendar, a Campus Calendar form must be filled out and returned to the Student Activities Office.

Deadline: Forms will be accepted no later than the Monday preceding the publication date.

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SPORTS

Hoosiers hand Cats third loss Knight wins 400th, guards defeat UK

By ANDY DUMSTORF
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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — For UK guards Roger Harden and James Blackmon, Saturday's 81-68 loss to Indiana was far worse than any return trip home they could have ever imagined.

For Hoosier coach Bobby Knight, victory 400 was just another win. And for Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall, the search for any patterned offense wasn't found.

"We're not a very good ball club and we've got a tough schedule," Hall said after the game. "We have not been able to get confidence with our young team."

Indiana's backcourt tandem — state products sophomore Steve Alford and freshman Delray Brooks — gave Hall and the Wildcat backcourt something to remember going into Saturday's game with the University of Louisville.

Brooks, starting in his first collegiate game, had 10 assists, three steals and no turnovers to his credit. "I was really, really pleased with Brooks," Knight said. "Brooks is a very, very competitive kid and plays competitively. And I think that spills over a little bit on what other players are doing."

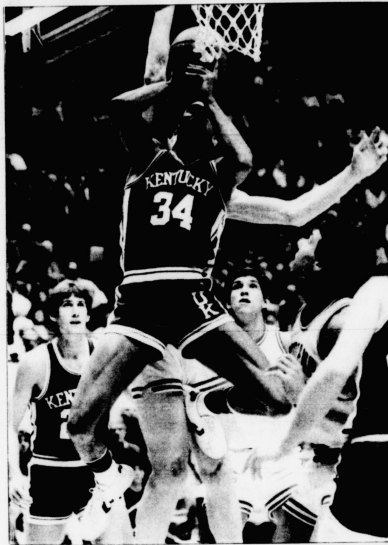
"I think his first game as a starter, he really handled himself well and handled what his responsibilities were really well."

For running mate Alford, who shot the lights out of the ball connecting on 11-of-14 from the field and two-for-two from the line for 24 points, it was another performance Knight will be able to count on for quite some time.

Give credit to both Brooks and Alford, who shut down both Harden and Blackmon in all aspects of the game. Together, the two UK guards logged 33 minutes of playing time.

"I have a tendency to give the credit to the defense," Hall said about Indiana's hounding defense that has made Bobby Knight the General Patton of college basketball. "I thought Indiana played very well defensively."

Indiana was able to control the tempo of the game from the opening



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UK's Kenny Walker goes up for a shot in Saturday's 81-68 loss to Indiana.

minutes, bringing the capacity crowd of 17,214 into the game from the opening tip-off.

Knight said one difference in the game was his players' ability to take control at crucial moments. Moments where they had not been able to take control in earlier losses to Louisville and Notre Dame. "I thought that the thing that was a big difference for us today, over other games that we have played this year, was when things got going away from us we were able to get back into the flow of the game," Knight said.

The Cats clawed back from 10 points down in the second half, and cut the lead to five, 39-54, at the 10:34 mark, only to have the Hoosiers outscore the Wildcats by eight points over the last 10 minutes.

"When we went from a 10-point lead to a five-point lead in the second half," Knight said, "and things started to slide, any good team is going to make a couple of baskets

and going to make a little dent in what you do. We were able to in the second half against Louisville and Notre Dame, to make a dent in the play."

"But that was it and those teams were able to shut us off and then get the thing back over they had it. And we were able to do that today throughout the course of the game," Knight said.

And where the UK backcourt lacked, the Wildcat front line held its own against the likes of Indiana's 7-foot-2 Uwe Blab.

Sophomore Winston Bennett was able to make a significant contribution, despite being sidelined by a previous knee injury. The Louisville Male High School graduate played 23 minutes, scoring 13 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

Freshman Richard Madison came off the bench to score a team-high 16 points and pull down three rebounds in only 20 minutes of play.

UK swimmers capture three of four

Staff reports

Friday night was a night the UK men's swim team will long remember.

The UK team, 3-1, defeated last year's Division III champion, Kenyon College, 69-45, in a dual meet at Gambier, Ohio, and broke nine pool records.

The UK women's team also defeated Kenyon 66-46. UK's Marci Klayer set a new UK varsity record for her swim in the 200-yard freestyle. The UK 200-yard freestyle relay team also set a new varsity record with their first-place finish.

On Saturday the men's team defeated Ohio University 79-34. Marty

Wibly captured first-place finishes in three events — the 1000- and 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard butterfly — the same events he had had record setting performances in the night before.

The women's team suffered their second setback in four starts, 77-36, against Ohio University Saturday.

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Lady Kats lose first game of season

Staff reports

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The Lady Kats came back from a 15-point halftime deficit only to fall short in the closing minutes of Friday night's 65-64 loss to the Indiana Hoosiers.

UK coach Terry Hall benched regular starters Diane Stephens and Debbie Miller for the first 10 minutes of the game for curfew violations. Indiana, 2-2, took advantage of their absence, building up a 39-24 lead behind sophomore Karna

Abram's 13 points and three rebounds in the first half. Abram finished the game with 17 points and four rebounds. Junior Karen Mosley led all scorers for UK, now with a 6-1 record, with 21 points.

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Saturday finals can be phased out under U. Senate proposal

If you'll pardon the expression, it's beginning to look too much like Christmas.

And, by the time final exams are finally over, it's going to look even more that way.

That's because exam week won't end until Thursday, Dec. 20. That's rather late, and it may interfere with the holiday plans of some students.

Another problem with finals week this semester is that the first day of the week will be Saturday, Dec. 15. That's right, Saturday. That means University schedules will be thrown off completely.

Today the University Senate will consider whether UK will ever have Saturday finals again. Common sense argues for a resounding "no" in answer to that question.

Every student knows that our formal education process has gotten us used to a certain way of doing things. We like to have weekends off.

Normally, the weekend before finals offers an excellent chance to brush up on the last few chapters of your readings, go over your notes or even find your syllabus and read it for the first time. Under this semester's schedule of final examinations, however, there will only be one day — Friday, Dec. 14 — for this type of preparation.

Also, under this semester's schedule, workers in the University registrar's office will have to work almost until Christmas Day just to get the semester's grades out on time.

There is a way to remedy the situation from now on, but it would take a bit of sacrifice.

Under the proposal that will go before the Senate today, the University calendar would be changed in certain years in order to eliminate the possibility of Saturday finals.

In years when Labor Day falls on Sept. 3 or 4, classes would begin one week earlier. This means that classes would end one week earlier in December, of course.

Classes usually begin on the Wednesday before Labor Day. Setting an earlier date for the beginning of the semester would mean that students and faculty members would have to cut their summer vacations short. If you're the type who likes to go home in plenty of time for Christmas, however, the sacrifice is worth it.

If we start a week early, we get out a week early. If for no other reason, at least the schedule revision would give us all some time for Christmas shopping.

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Consumers' urge to shop early is reason for Christmas rush

This is a reply to James A. Stoll's column titled "Holiday Propaganda Assaults Shoppers."

I am a witness of the assault on local shopping malls during this season every year, as I work in a retail sales establishment.

Stoll's simplistic view of our society kills me. He paints a picture suggesting that capitalistic Americans (businesses) forcefully demand that shoppers enter their stores. They put Christmas music into every shopper's ear to put them into the Christmas-buying spirit. They put products into shoppers' bags and take their money, while shoppers wonder why it happens to them every year.

It is true the merchants are only out to make a buck, but their system works. Stoll's comment, "Now it's

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down to them merchants versus us consumers with no referee — and America's good taste hanging in the balance," is totally off the wall; it's not a matter of us against them, it's a matter of a business using to its advantage a time of year when consumers lose all contact with reality and run to the stores to buy Aunt Martha something, without forgetting Billy Bob because he may get them something, etc.

I admit I was turned off by the early run on Christmas this year. And it seems to me the true meaning of Christmas is lost in the blitz

to the malls. But that fault of Christmas commercialization goes straight to the consumer, not the retailer. Tell those shoppers who were waiting in line for the stores to open, getting wrapping paper and wreaths for the door two months before Christmas, what Christmas really means. They are the reason the season keeps getting worse. Not the retailers.

The consumer's urge to get his shopping finished early — by starting two months early — is what makes Christmas too commercial. If we quit acting like fools this time every year, maybe the merchants will stop taking advantage of our foolishness.

This editorial reply was submitted by Jack Hayes, an advertising journalist.

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Private companies now running prisons

If this is supposed to be the Age of Aquarius — and our final utopian society has appeared — I think somebody amended the bylaws.

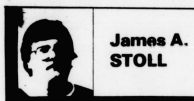
More likely, however, it is the same old society, merely beset with pragmatism. State governments, busily cutting costs in every area that has pennies to spare, are becoming pragmatists by nature.

And for the first time, certain services that have always been provided by the state are being contracted out to private companies. One such "service" is the running of prisons, which is fast becoming too much for state governments to handle.

Perhaps this development is nothing to worry about. After all, someone will always be around who can build a better mousetrap. Only in this case, the chief objective is not a better mousetrap, but a cheaper one.

And the mousetrap is designed to hold people.

The Corrections Corporation of America is one of the new companies which offers to run prisons for the state — and to earn a profit in the process. There is also a group called Behavioral Systems, and when the ad boys get more involved



James A. STOLL

in the stuff we'll see names like "Lockups, Ltd." and "The Slammer Association."

Things like this have been known to get out of hand. Despite America's commitment to firm justice we are also a nation that believes in human rights. While our corrections operations must be strong and determined, they must always strive to avoid cruelty.

Will the drive to run a profit affect the drive to rehabilitate criminals? Will cost-cutting begin to lower the already low standard of living for those incarcerated?

The answer is a confident, unequivocal "probably not."

Any group which renders a service to the state is responsible for the integrity of that service. And any state worth its borders will be overseeing as many aspects of these new businesses as possible. So far, this appears to be happening.

Precise agreements have been constructed to delineate the exact rights and obligations of the private companies — up to and including the use of force to contain prisoners. Insurance is usually arranged for the lawsuits which will inevitably arise.

In any case, it is unlikely that the private sector will be any more cruel than the government, given the horror stories coming out of prisons nowadays. But we'll know we're in trouble when one of these corporations gets cheeky enough to call itself the "Bars Brothers."

Until then, however, we should not look a gift profit in the mouth, for two different reasons.

First, there is an increasingly desperate problem with the growing number of jail inmates in the United States. A Justice Department report last month noted a new record of 223,551 inmates as of June 30 last year. Many states — Kentucky included — are finding their legislatures unable to deal with extremely overcrowded jails and prisons.

Second, despite the concerns inherent in prisons for profit, they are an established reality. Again according to the Justice Department, 37 adult and 29 juvenile agencies in 39 states and the District of Columbia

now employ the private sector in one way or another.

And not for ping pong lessons. Kentucky Sen. Ed O'Daniel estimated it would cost about \$14 to \$16 per inmate per day if the Bluegrass state decided to go with an outside service. Presently the state pays about \$25 per day.

How can this be? Those who accomplish the miracles say it is a simple matter of sidestepping the bureaucracy of government — and in the process eliminating both unions and civil service restrictions.

But the simple truth is, it seems to be working. And if it continues to work, we may soon find ourselves turning to the private sector to provide other government-operated services.

The coming of the "Bars Brothers" doesn't seem to capably signify the arrival of the Age of Aquarius. But a "utopian society" is not what your average pragmatist would have in mind anyway.

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Molly Rush put inspiration into action

"Christ our Lord did not come to bring peace to the world as a kind of tranquilizer. He brought to His disciples a vocation to establish His peace not only in their hearts, but in society itself."

Thomas Merton

In 1941, when Thomas Merton entered the Trappist monastery of Gethsemani near Bardonia, he was renouncing a world thick in the insanity and inhumanity of war. His retreat from civilization into monastic seclusion and, soon after, to a hermitage, was the start of a spiritual journey inward, a passionate struggle with inner contradictions and a search for his path. His path led eventually, of course, not to an-

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onymy and solitary prayer, but to international fame and controversy, as Merton's written records of his private journey of faith became public.

Much of Merton's writings dealt with Christian responsibility in the 20th century, with questions about faith and its relationship to action. His writings during the 1950s dealing with nuclear war and racial injustice, with pollution and Vietnam, had a powerful impact within the Catholic Church and far beyond it.

In March 1972, the Thomas Merton Center was founded in Pittsburgh by Molly Rush and Larry Kessler with the expressed goal of "no less than peace and justice in the world." Drawing its inspiration from Merton, by turning faith into action, the center is a daily witness to the possibility that so-called "inevitable" realities such as world hunger, economic injustices, the nuclear arms race and human rights violations can be confronted and radically transformed.

As a Ministry for Peace and Justice, the center provides important teaching resources, organizes actions such as lobbying and demonstrations, and holds liturgies. Molly Rush has served as the center's director since 1972.

Rush is perhaps best known as one of the "Ploughshares 8," the group of six men and two women who in September 1980, walked into the General Electric plant in King of Prussia, Pa., hammered on and poured blood over two nuclear warheads that were being manufactured there. In 1981, they were sentenced to from two to 10 years in prison.

Rush is currently out on bond, pending appeal of her two to five year sentences.

The Ploughshares 8 are well known in the Lexington area. A year ago in November, Daniel Berrigan, perhaps the best known member of the group, spoke to a large audience at the Newman Center. Several weeks later, Emile de Antonio's film about the trial of the Ploughshares 8, "In the King of Prussia," was shown at the Newman Center in the wake of the TV movie "The Day After."

"In the King of Prussia" became a rallying point for the formation of the Bluegrass Nuclear Freeze Campaign. To commemorate its first anniversary, the campaign has invited Molly Rush to talk about her work and how her faith and commitment to Merton's ideals has led her to social and political activism, including acts of civil disobedience.

Rush is the mother of six children and has two grandchildren. She played herself in de Antonio's film and has been featured in two other films: "Gods of Metal" and "Pursuit of Happiness."

She will speak at the Newman Center tomorrow, December 11 at 8 p.m. on "Faith, Hope, and Political Activism." A reception will follow, and she will conduct a seminar on civil disobedience the following evening at the K-House on Rose Street at 7:30 p.m. Her visit is co-sponsored by the Newman Center and Lexington Friends Meeting, in addition to the campaign.

The Bluegrass Nuclear Freeze Campaign has been very active in its first year providing information about the arms race, creating forums for public discussion and organizing actions. Rush's visit comes at an important time with respect to issues related to the arms race and disarmament.

The proposed arms control talks between Secretary of State George

Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko scheduled for early next month, increasing pressure for disarmament, the controversy over alleged Soviet treaty violations, the administration's insistence of the destabilizing "Star Wars" program, the national meeting of the Nuclear Freeze Campaign in St. Louis (Dec. 7-9), among other items, are issues of critical concern. These issues demand informed public discussion and debate of the kind the campaign has sought to initiate during the past year and will seek to broaden in the coming year.

The arms race, of course, is not the only current issue that demands commitment, public awareness and action. The crisis in Central America and the famine in Africa are continuing and long-term problems. Human rights violations in many countries are rampant. Apartheid is finally becoming an important public issue as civil disobedience mounts in confronting the Reagan Administration's policy toward racism in South Africa.

As our awareness grows about such problems, we cannot help but be concerned. But too few of us translate that concern into commitment and action. It is important that we learn and draw inspiration from the wisdom, courage and commitment of a figure like Merton, or those who have taken his lessons to heart and into action.

Molly Rush is such a figure. She years, like many of us, for peace on earth and good will, but more of us need to support and follow her deeds so that someday we may make this perennial holiday wish a peaceful reality.

This guest opinion was submitted by Lance W. Brunner, an associate professor of music.

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