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Gunman seizes service building

Former UK employee arrested after 11-hour confrontation

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A former UK custodial employee was apprehended by Lexington police after shooting a Physical Plant worker and wounding another during an 11-hour siege yesterday at the Peterson Service Building.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police Emergency Response Unit, which had been on the scene since 8:30 a.m., used a fire hose to disarm and capture Ulysses S. Davis III, 25, of 1946 Bedinger Court in Lexington.

Early yesterday, Davis shot one UK employee while another suffered injuries from flying debris caused by shots Davis fired in the building. William Higgins, 48, supervisor of the Physical Plant Division's utility crew, was shot in the left arm when Davis entered the building at about 6 a.m. Higgins was listed in good condition last night at the UK Medical Center, said Donald Barker, chief of trauma service.

A second man, Richard Briscoe, 62, assistant superintendent of custodial services, received two eye lacerations from flying debris caused when Davis began shooting early yesterday morning. Briscoe was held hostage for about three hours before Davis voluntarily released him, said his doctor, Woodford Van Meter, chief of cornea services.

Briscoe left the Service Building under his own power. Briscoe also was admitted to the Medical Center. He was listed in

good condition last night, Van Meter said.

Davis, dressed in a black Ninja outfit, was armed with a 22 semi-automatic rifle, a 380 semiautomatic pistol, a Remington 870 shotgun, an artillery simulator and a samurai sword.

He holed up in a loading dock in the southeast portion of the Service Building on South Limestone Street. Davis, who police said had cooperated with negotiators throughout the day, was taken by the response unit with a fire hose at 5 p.m., shortly after becoming "agitated."

"(We) shot very pressurized water and knocked him out of his chair," said Sgt. Greg Howard. "After the hose hit him, it pushed him up against a wall and made (the arrest) very easy."

At the time, Davis was sitting in a chair holding a samurai sword. Davis was fired from the Physical Plant during the first week of July for fighting, said Jack Blanton, UK's vice chancellor for administration.

Blanton said Davis thought "he had been wrongfully discharged by the University." However, Davis did not make any demands of the University during the confrontation.

UK police were notified at 6:03 a.m. by a lady who saw Davis along side Patterson Office Tower wearing a face mask and carrying a gun, said Walter Skiba, director of Human Resource Services and acting UK police chief.

UK police called the Lexington police for assistance at 6:15.

The confrontation began when police ordered Davis to halt when they spotted him walking across the lawn in front of the Administration Building, said Robert Johnson, a UK custodian.

Davis took a couple of steps, turned and fired several shots, Johnson said. UK police returned fire as he ran to the Peterson Service Building.

UK police were able to contain Davis in the building until Lexington police arrived.

Lexington police Lt. Drexel Neal said Davis entered the building at about 6 a.m. and began firing randomly.

During the shoot-out, UK and Lexington police officers were pinned down behind their cars on South Limestone as Davis fired indiscriminately from the building.

Skiba said Davis fired shots from the building's front and side windows. Bullets ricocheted as far away as Arby's on South Limestone.

To protect students from the shooting, the Taylor Education Building and Dickey Hall were cordoned off. UK's Transportation and Research Building was also closed.

Until about noon, students were not allowed past the Administration Building. Once in the building, Davis positioned himself in a room in the building's old service area on the first floor, which gave him "a field of fire encompassing both South Limestone Street and the UK campus," said Tom Baum, a Metro patrolman.

After the initial exchange of gunfire, police said Davis fired sporadically from about 6:15 to 9 a.m.

Police called the building at about 6:30. There they exchanged gunshots with Davis, but no one was injured.

Dutch Honaker, an electrician with PPD, witnessed the exchange.

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BRIAN DAWSON/Kernal Staff

Members of the Lexington Police Urgent Response Unit carry Ulysses S. Davis III, a former UK Physical Plant Division employee, from the

Peterson Service Building yesterday. Davis had barricaded himself inside the building and held police at bay for nearly 11 hours.

Students' reactions vary about gunman

By JAYE BEELER
Staff Writer

By late morning, almost everyone on campus knew. Some heard on the radio. Others received anxious telephone calls from frantic parents warning them not to go to classes because a heavily armed man was on the loose on campus.

Receptionists used the Blending-Kurvan Complex public address system to tell residents of south campus that a gunman was somewhere on central campus. Students were told to avoid the area until noon.

Many students were confused about the gunman's position, so they heeded the receptionists' advice and avoided central campus. Some students even refused to leave the safety of their residence halls.

Instead, they resorted to screaming their frustrations up and down the halls.

Ulysses S. Davis III, a former custodial worker in the Physical Plant Division, was the gunman who

turned the campus temporarily upside-down.

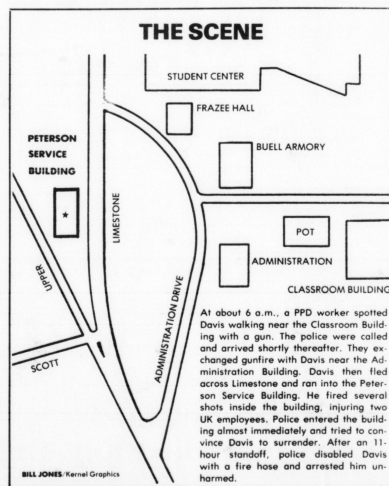
"North campus should have been closed," said Terri Kemp, a political science freshman. "It's scary. When I heard, I ran out of the room and almost had an anxiety attack."

Kim Bell, a textile and merchandising freshman, said, "It's scary. I was scared and I locked the door," said Kim Gates, an education sophomore. Her sister called to tell her about the gunman. "I was not afraid after I found out they (the police) had him contained."

Many didn't find out about the gunman until they were on campus. "I found out on my way to class around 10 a.m. I have been ducking and creeping all morning," said Sheldon Lovelace, a mechanical engineering senior.

Brian Towels, a communications freshman, heard on his way to the Classroom Building around 8 a.m.

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BILL JONES/Kernal Graphics

Opinions about Davis divided

By SCOTT WARD
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News Editor

After it was over, police said Ulysses S. Davis III had acted as if he wanted to die.

Davis was desperate. He had a son to worry about and had been fired from his job in UK's Physical Plant Division. He had what his co-workers described as a bad temper, which often led him to try to fight his way out of trouble.

This time, fighting his way out didn't work. He grew up in a Lexington housing project.

He currently lives in a modest, rented house in a lower-middle class neighborhood in northern Lexington.

In 1984, he was arrested for carrying a concealed deadly weapon — a Smith & Wesson .32-caliber handgun that was found under the front seat of his car. He pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor offense and was

charged \$137.50 in fines and court costs.

In February of this year, the National Guard issued a warrant for his arrest because he was absent without leave.

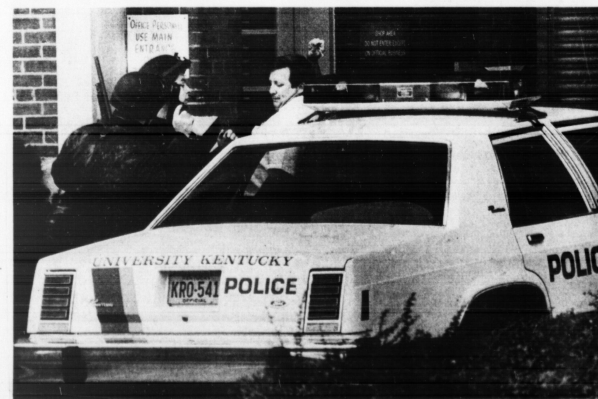
After spending three hours in jail, he was released into the custody of the National Guard. He had missed a drill. Guard officials said it was a minor offense. Issuing a warrant is standard procedure for anyone who misses a drill.

In July of this year, he was fired from his custodial job at UK's Physical Plant Division, a job he had held since 1982. UK officials say he was dismissed for fighting.

Davis filed an appeal to get his job back, but after going through three of the four stages of the appeal process, he apparently dropped the issue.

Yesterday, armed with a .22-caliber semiautomatic rifle, a 380 semiautomatic pistol, a Remington shotgun, an artillery simulator and a

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ALAN LEBRON/Kernal Staff

Two members of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police Emergency Response Unit pull an unidentified man from a dangerous area near an

exit on the east side of the Peterson Service Building. Police were in the midst of negotiating with the gunman.

UK employees injured in barrage of gunfire

By CYNTHIA PALORMO
Editorial Editor

Two employees of the UK Physical Plant Division were injured yesterday when Ulysses S. Davis III barricaded himself inside Peterson Service Building for 11 hours.

William Higgins, a 48-year-old utility worker, and Richard Briscoe, a 62-year-old assistant superintendent, were injured during the first 30 minutes of the siege.

Dr. Donald Barker, chief of trauma service, said Higgins, who has worked in PPD for 24 years, was shot in the left leg. Barker said Higgins, the first to be treated, was brought to the emergency room between 7:30 and 8 a.m. with a bullet wound about 4 inches above his ankle.

The bullet, presumably from a shotgun, has not been removed because it fragmented into two or three pieces, Barker said.

"On the X-ray, you can see the metallic foreign body," he said. "The wound itself is fairly shallow," the doctor said. "There is no associated fracture and he has been stable since his admission to the hospital."

Higgins, who lives at 711 Paul Ave., was listed in satisfactory condition and could be released sometime today or tomorrow. Barker does not anticipate any permanent damage.

Briscoe, who lives in Keene, Ky., has been a PPD employee for 39 years. He was injured when concrete and shrapnel debris from gunfire penetrated his left eye.

Woodford Van Meter, Briscoe's attending physician and chief of cornea service, said he suffered from two cornea lacerations in his left eye. The shrapnel penetrated 90 percent of the cornea causing extensive swelling. Van Meter said that had 100 percent been penetrated, surgery would have had to have been performed.

"The eye was not perforated, so we won't have to worry about infection," he said.

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INSIDE

UK forward Irv Thomas is gaining confidence in himself and from his teammates during his second year in the Wildcat basketball program. See SPORTS, Page 6.

Local band Vale of Tears and the Highway Men offer the latest vinyl from independent labels. For reviews of both, see DIVERSIONS, Page 7.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy today with a high near 40. Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight in the upper 20s. High tomorrow around 40.

Radio Free Lexington finds support for goal in officials and students

By KAREN PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Radio Free Lexington, thanks to recent donations totaling more than \$55,000, has moved closer to becoming a reality and is now on the right wavelength, say UK student leaders and other Lexington radio stations.

Now that RFL has the startup funds needed, the next step is to buy the necessary equipment to broadcast, get and train a staff and, most importantly, acquire another \$15,000.

And acquisition of that amount could be the deciding factor in RFL's success.

"One group or another has been working on this project for years, and this looks like it will be the one to work," said Don Wheeler, general manager of UK's radio station, WBKY. However, he said, "it takes more work than people realize to make a station successful."

The factor that makes a station successful is money, Wheeler said, and he doubts, because of RFL's programming and educational goal, that it will be able to continually raise enough.

"I am doubtful that the station can raise from its audience sufficient funding to operate in the manner that they want to operate," he said. "They will not be allowed to have advertisers because they are an educational station."

The kind of programming they intend to do appeals to smaller groups of people — it's specialized programming. If they do what they say — some of this, some of that — they will have a loyal but not terribly large audience."

Wheeler did, however, say he supported RFL. "I look upon it as a positive development for people in this area. We (WBKY) favor the station. It's a positive thing."

Lexington radio station WFML also respects the cause of RFL.

"I think it's wonderful that there will be another outlet for that kind of music," said Larry Trimer, general manager of WFML. "Non-commercial stations are great and provide a great service to the public. I respect their having the initiative to get this off the ground. It takes guts to get a radio station started."

Trimer also agreed that RFL will be facing obstacles in the future.

"I hope their programming wouldn't limit their audience. But I think the people donating won't care who's listening," he said. "They will be limited by their technical capability. And only being able to serve a

small radius will limit their impact."

Student leaders who have worked on RFL say the "hardest part has been overcome and they have begun working on obtaining the rest of the money needed.

One possibility explored for acquiring the funds has been to get them from the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Board.

"We needed the \$40,000 to get started, we got it, and that's fine," SGA President Donna Greenwell said. "SGA and SAB are not the only avenues to take (for the money), but it's the best for the students because we don't like the idea of a student fee increase to pay for it."

"I've received lots of favorable comments from students," she said. "If we do our homework, we will have a credible radio station. Like any other project, it could be a flop, but I don't think so."

SAB President Lynne Hunt, who is on the RFL board of directors, said a student-run radio station will be a viable addition to campus once it gets past its financial obstacles. But she doesn't think that SGA and SAB are the right places to go for the funding.

"The \$15,000 is going to be tough to raise," Hunt said. "It might be in their best interest to explore other avenues of funding other than the large student organizations or they'll be back in the same boat that they were."

SAB will, however, consider allocating \$7,500 to RFL, Hunt said. "It will be taken in front of the board next semester. It's very much up for debate."

"I'm very much in favor of it; it's a great thing to offer students," she said.

UK administrators, who say they're not familiar with the money required to run a campus radio station, say they are in favor of RFL.

"It will be quite an addition to the campus," said Joe Burch, acting vice chancellor for student affairs. "I think the students will support the radio station in terms of audience and listeners. It will be a good communications medium and a real asset to campus."

"It's an attribution to student power and a good example of what people can do when they want something," said Donald Sands, vice chancellor for academic affairs. "It will serve a large part of the University's mission and complement what we do with WBKY."

•Students

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"You never know," he said. "Somebody else might start trying this."

Some didn't like the interruption of their usual schedules.

"I was scared, but I had to go to my 9 a.m. class to get the notes," said Twalla Williams, a business junior. "It's too close to finals to be missing class — sniper or no sniper."

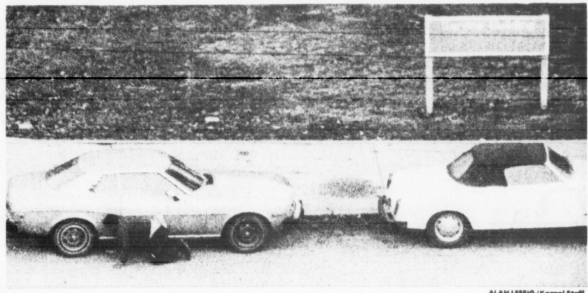
"I don't like skipping class one bit," said Mark Rucker, an arts and science freshman. "I'm mad this could happen."

Others treated the shooting incident with humor.

"The sniper is worth a good laugh," said Rita Mullins, a pre-med freshman. "It's overexaggerated. If the guy stays any longer, he'll have to pay property taxes."

"Peter Kosky, an undecided freshman, said, "When my roommate told me I went out to the hall. Guys were running around with Rambo knives in their pajamas, ready to go get him (Davis)."

"The Holmes Hall militia would have knocked the guy out by noon," Kosky said.



ALAN LESSIG/Kernal Staff

Harold Griffin, a Physical Plant Division employee, crawls away from the line of fire from Ulysses Davis, who barricaded himself in the Peterson Service Building yesterday.

One student knew Davis.

"He (Davis) went to school with my oldest brother," said Mark Mitchell, a marketing sophomore. "They graduated from Henry Clay."

"I was shocked. I always thought he was normal," Mitchell said.

Yesterday's crisis has many students wondering about the safety of the central campus.

But there were some who saw the event as a money-making venture. One student was even seen wearing

Information for this story was also gathered by Assistant News Editor Brad Cooper.

•Employees

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and pieces of lead in his eye. Presumably it was shrapnel from the shotgun blast that lacerated his cornea," Van Meter said. Because the injury was to his eye, there was very little bleeding.

"He said he was very glad to be alive," the doctor said. "He was told that he could be killed at any time, and I think he realizes this."

Van Meter said Briscoe was conscious throughout the ordeal "and on the floor and trying to stay out of the way."

"As I understand it, the fellow shot the shotgun at the floor around his head to scare him. He was intentionally not trying to hit him," he said.

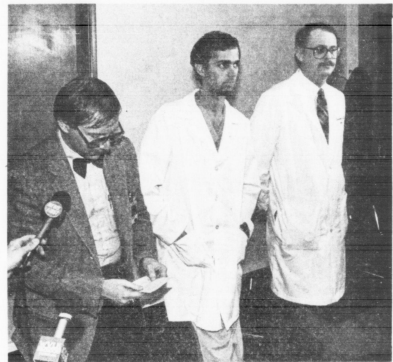
Van Meter thought Briscoe was on the floor at the time the shots were fired. "At the time, he thought he had been shot in the head," Van Meter said.

Barker said he did not ask about Higgins' situation in the building.

Briscoe was not admitted to the emergency room until about 9 a.m.

Van Meter said Briscoe told him he was sitting in his office when Davis "barged in" and shot on the concrete floor around him.

"(Briscoe) had pieces of concrete



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Doctors at the University Medical Center discuss the condition of the two men wounded yesterday in the shootings on campus.

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Members of the Urgent Response Unit learn how to use a fire hose as a possible way of capturing Ullyses S. Davis III. After

several more hours of negotiating with Davis, they used a powerful blast from the hose to render him helpless.

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Honaker said he stepped into the middle of the gunfire when he came down from the third floor to see what was happening.

"I saw two policemen with shot-guns pointed at me, but I didn't see Davis," Honaker said. "The cops told me to 'get the hell out of here' and so I did."

Honaker returned to the third floor, where his wife was working in the accounting department, and locked the office door.

Honaker said he and his wife were freed by Lexington police at about 7:30.

At about 9 a.m., Lexington police lobbed four concussion grenades into the service area.

The grenades caused Davis to drop the simulator and place all of his guns on the floor within easy reach, said Lexington police Sgt. David Childre.

Throughout the rest of the ordeal, Davis held a 40-inch samurai sword while sitting in a chair on the first-floor loading dock. Davis was restricted from moving any farther.

Throughout the day, four negotiators, along with two technicians, tried to persuade Davis to surrender.

As part of their efforts, police brought in his uncle, the Rev. Charles Davis, at about 9:30 a.m. Along with his uncle, Davis' father and two sisters were brought in to counsel him.

Davis' brother, Raymond, was arrested earlier in the morning for disorderly conduct when he fought with a police officer while attempting to reach his brother, Baum said.

The chaplain from Davis' National Guard unit also talked to him, said Sgt. Greg Howard, who served as spokesman for the police throughout the afternoon.

At about 3:15, police requested a copy of a newscast covering the crisis from WLAP-AM, said Charles Fortney, a reporter from WLAP.

According to Howard, police wanted to let Davis know that his complaints were being aired. Davis never heard the tape, Fortney said.

During the negotiations, police said Davis remained calm.

Howard said Davis had a grievance with UK but would not specify what it was. "He just wants to air his complaints."

"He was calm and articulate and he had a lot to say," Howard said.

But at about 4:30, while Davis was talking to his sister by phone, he became unresponsive and his demeanor became negative. Childre said in a press conference last night at Lexington police headquarters.

Noting her brother's change in attitude, the sister screamed, causing

the police to subdue her so she could not reach her brother.

"This played on Ullyses Davis' mind heavily," Childre said.

Police then created a diversion and moved in with the hose. He was handcuffed and carried out screaming by four officers.

Davis was taken to Fayette County Detention Center. He is being charged with two counts of first-degree assault and two counts of wanton endangerment, with more charges expected to follow, according to a Lexington police spokesman.

Davis will be arraigned at 9 this morning in Fayette County Circuit Court.

Information for this story was also gathered by Staff Writer Eva J. Winkle.

sword and wearing a black Ninja warrior outfit, Davis held police and the UK community at bay for just under 11 hours in the Peterson Service Building, where the PPD is housed.

Some co-workers think Davis was desperate and was ultimately forced to take the action he did. Others say he had always been trouble—an explosion waiting to happen.

Two PPD employees, who asked to remain anonymous, say it wasn't the first time Davis had been in trouble.

"Ever since I've known the boy, the boy's been trouble to me," said one of the employees, who has known Davis since childhood. "I never did really care for him." She said that as a youngster growing up in a Lexington housing project, he was "always into something."

But another co-worker said it was just a matter of Davis being mistreated.

William Spencer, who was fired from the PPD last week, said, "I think he was mistreated. They did him wrong (by firing him). He can't support his family. He doesn't care."

But the other PPD worker who wanted to remain anonymous said Davis should have been fired a long time ago. She said the incident that led to his dismissal "wasn't the first time he got in a fight over there."

"He should have been fired. My God, how lenient are they supposed to be?" said another worker, who also wished to remain anonymous.

But Spencer wasn't the only person who sympathized with Davis. "Hope he gets away," said one unidentified PPD worker, who has worked for Physical Plant for 19 years but has considered quitting. "They don't treat people right at all."

But the other two disagreed. "Ain't nothing wrong with working out at UK," said one of them who

has worked for the University for 11 years. "If you do your job and go to work, they don't mess with you." But the employee said Davis "did pretty much what he wanted to do, which was nothing."

"I can't complain about (the PPD)," said the other. "They haven't been unfair to me in no kind of way—yet."

But both also said the job was far from perfect.

"There's a lot of things that need to be straightened out," said the one who has worked there 11 years. The two anonymous employees are primarily concerned about the type of people Physical Plant hires, saying that fights are common and that even coming to work can be unsafe.

But Vice Chancellor for Administration Jack Blanton said the firing process for PPD is "just like it is for anybody else." He said the University's objective is to hire the best people possible for the jobs, and reports of excessive fighting are "all speculation."

"You might say the same thing about the faculty," he said.

But speculation is about the best anyone can do at this point.

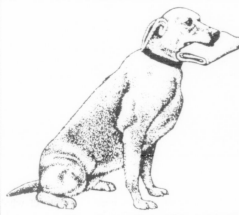
Spencer said Davis had trouble supporting his family and he had a son he was constantly worried about. Those worries played hard on the man, who Spencer admitted had a temper.

"People would try to start stuff, start people fighting. He talked about his son a lot," Spencer said. "He ain't crazy. He's trying to make a point."

That point, Spencer said, does not just apply to Davis.

"They treat us all bad. They don't listen."

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Santa to place 130 calls to sons and daughters of UK faculty, students

By CYNTHIA L. OSBORN
Contributing Writer

You'd better watch out, you'd better not cry, you'd better be home, I'm telling you why — Santa calls are being made around town.

If you can't make it to the mall with your kids to see Santa this year, UK's campus recreation department has an alternative. It's called Santa calls.

Santa calls offer the opportunity for the children of UK students, faculty and staff to talk directly to Santa, said Kathy Rose, club sports director for campus recreation.

"We've had the calls for the past three years with a good response," she said.

The calls will be offered for children between the ages of 3 and 8. This year, as in the past three

years, the response has remained the same and about 130 calls will be made, Rose said.

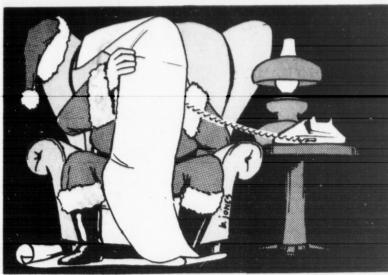
Santa's helper is asking parents to provide such information as the name and age of the child; names and ages of other brothers, sisters and friends; and the child's favorite toy.

With all the information that is provided, few children question the authenticity of the Santa they talk to, Rose said.

Children won't be the only ones who get to ask Santa special requests, Rose said. Parents can also tell Santa their wish list.

Requests such as asking children to clean up their rooms and eat their vegetables are some of the more popular questions asked, she said.

"The Santas who will call the children will be played by 10 different



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people," Rose said. Rose selected these Santas from members of the physical education and campus recreation departments.

"The parents, as well as the children, love the calls," she said. "We get a lot of positive feedback on them."

Many parents send in notes to

praise the calls and to say thanks, Rose said.

Santa will make his calls between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17. He will try several times to reach the children if they are not at home.

Santa will ask the children what they would like for Christmas, but he will not make any promises to them, Rose said.

Supreme Court hears creationism debate

By RICHARD CERELLI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Teaching creationism alongside evolution in public schools was attacked as an attempt to "give God equal time" and defended as true academic freedom in a lively Supreme Court debate yesterday.

The court is to decide by July whether lower courts were right in striking down a Louisiana law that required the teaching of evolution to be "balanced" by teaching creationism.

The lower courts said the law violates the constitutionally required separation of church and state by dignifying religion as science.

But Atlanta lawyer Wendell Bird defended the law, telling the justices "Creation-science is scientific material, non-religious material."

He said the law mainly promotes "basic concepts of fairness and academic freedom ... and gives students all the scientific evidence."

Bird's portrayal of the law and its purpose was attacked by Jay Topkis, a New York City lawyer.

"Oh sure, academic freedom — 'We've got to give God equal time.' That's their idea of academic freedom," Topkis argued.

The Louisiana Legislature enacted the Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-Science Act in 1981 but it was struck down before ever being enforced.

Creation-science parallels a literal translation of the biblical version in Genesis, stating that Earth and most life forms came into existence suddenly about 6,000 years ago.

Evolution, first propounded by Charles Darwin, teaches that Earth is billions of years old and that life

forms developed gradually several million years ago.

Bird urged the justices to give Louisiana officials the chance to explain fully what creation-science is at a trial. He noted that the law was struck down without any such trial.

"Creation-science is educationally worthwhile," he said.

But Topkis called it "pseudo-science," and called creationism "a basically fundamentalist view" of man's origin.

He accused Bird of trying to fool the court "like Tweedledum tried to fool Alice," and voiced confidence that the court would not be fooled.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist elicited roars of laughter from the packed courtroom when he shot back, "Don't overestimate us."

Under past Supreme Court decisions, a law violates the Constitution's prohibition against govern-

mental "establishment" of religion if the law's primary purpose is not secular or non-religious, if its primary effect is to advance or inhibit religion and if it unduly entangles government in religion.

Many of the justices' questions yesterday revolved in on whether the Louisiana law has a primarily non-religious purpose.

"It all comes back to whether this statute requires the teaching of religion," Justice Antonin Scalia said after Topkis asserted that balancing evolution with creationism is not a secular purpose.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor asked whether it would be constitutionally permissible to teach "a purely religious concept in order to balance other concepts perceived to be anti-religious."

Bird said no, but added, "That's not even applicable to this case."

NBC news to show segment featuring business professor

By JAMES HOUNCHELL
Contributing Writer

Brint Milward, director of the research center for the UK College of Business and Economics, is scheduled to appear on a segment of "NBC Nightly News" tonight.

Milward was recently interviewed by NBC correspondent Garrick Utley.

Utley, along with a crew from "NBC Nightly News," visited UK last month while doing research on the effects of foreign investment in the United States.

The segment in which Milward is interviewed is the second of a three-part series titled "Japan: The New Wave." Milward said NBC was specifically interested in the impact and the effects of Japanese investment in the United States.

A news release from the UK College of Business and Economics credits NBC's interest in Kentucky as part of the national attention that the state has been receiving due to its first American manufacturing plant in Georgetown, Ky.

The Japan research committee for UK, which is chaired by Milward, is a multidisciplinary group of faculty members representing various subject areas who are studying the effects of Toyota and other Japanese firms on Kentucky.

Milward said he views Japanese investment in the United States as being good for the country.

"I see increasing Japanese investments in the United States as basically positive. It's creating new jobs for Americans and is also providing good role models for the management of U.S. firms who have, perhaps, forgotten that we're the ones during World War II who taught the Japanese how to manage their industries efficiently."

Milward said the sudden increase in Japanese investment in the United States is the particularly to the depreciation of the U.S. dollar against the Japanese yen and also because it is a way around import trade restrictions of this country.

Last October, when Milward and Richard Furst, dean of the business college, traveled to Japan to meet with government officials and scholars, the going currency rate was 150 yen to the dollar. This rate was down nearly 100 yen to the dollar from just one year earlier.

Milward also credits the stability of the political and economic system of the United States for increased Japanese investment.

Milward's interview was originally scheduled to appear on the Dec. 4 edition of the "NBC Nightly News" but had to be rescheduled due to the recent exposure of the U.S. arms deal with Iran.

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SPORTS

Making the grade

Sophomore Irv Thomas using his new playing time well

By TODD JONES
Senior Staff Writer

He was one doubting Thomas last year. Irv Thomas came to UK and brought with him praise and press clippings from a celebrated high school career. He knew he was good and he knew he could play.

But the praise disappeared and the clippings faded to yellow as Thomas rarely left the pine of the bench. And the more he sat, the more he began to think.

First his thoughts were about whether he really could hit the jumper at this level of play. Then he thought about hitting the road.

"It was tough last year," Thomas said. "I didn't understand everything that was going on. I thought about leaving. There were some serious times like that."

Thomas suffered through his tough rookie year as the only freshman on the club. Nobody else was going through the adjustment that he was trying to make. And this is why he doubted that UK really was the place for him.

But just when Thomas was ready to pack his bags, someone else would convince him to stay. A player or coach would knock on his door at Wildcat Lodge and give him some much-needed advice. Kenny Walker and James Blackmon were two teammates who were always there to offer some words of wisdom.

"Kenny and James both helped me and showed me the positive things about staying," Thomas said. "If someone were to step forward

"It was tough last year. I didn't understand everything that was going on. I thought about leaving. There were some serious times like that."

Irv Thomas,
UK basketball player

and explain to the freshmen about what is possibly going to happen to them and explain their situation better, I think it would make it a whole lot easier."

"But when you're going through the whole situation, you don't understand what is going on. And that was basically what my whole problem was."

Thomas took the advice and decided to stick it out on the bench. And he figured that if he couldn't learn on the floor, he would learn from his seat. As a freshman, he used the time in practice and on the bench to grow as a player.

"I learned a lot last year on the side and I turned it into a positive situation," Thomas said. "I learned a lot about work habits from Kenny and Winston (Bennett), going against them every day in practice. When I look back at it now, I under-

stand the whole situation and I let it work to my advantage."

The learning experience that Thomas underwent during his rookie season is now paying off. And Coach Eddie Sutton is one person who is glad the sophomore is a good student.

In the first three games of the season, the 6-foot-7 forward has been the only inside threat the Cats have featured. Thomas leads the team with 7.7 rebounds a game and is averaging 10.7 points. His statistics have already eclipsed his totals from all of last year.

"Irv Thomas is a hard worker, and I think he is beginning to understand what his role should be," Sutton said. "I thought Irv played well in the Texas Tech game and came back against Indiana and just played a sensational game."

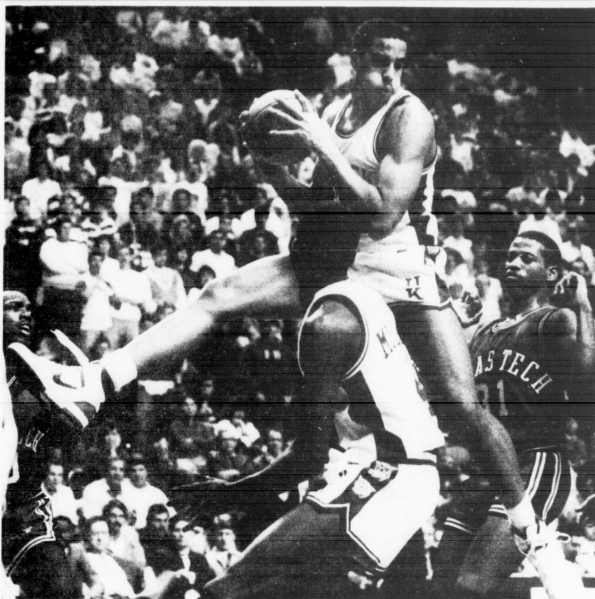
Freshman Rex Chapman grabbed all the headlines in the Indiana game when he scored 26 points. But Thomas also contributed.

Against the Hoosiers, he had his best game as a Wildcat by tossing in 10 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

"My confidence has grown a lot since last year," Thomas said. "It's the biggest asset to my game. Now, I'm feeling more comfortable on the floor and more confident in the game."

The increase in confidence has made Thomas a different player from the one who used to play mostly in blowout games.

He no longer plans to play the mop-up role. Now, he wants to shine.



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Irv Thomas isn't learning anymore. And for Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton, the sophomore has been one of the few bright spots inside the point this season.

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Roadhouse blues

Lexington's Vale of Tears offer hellish spawn from Bible Belt; Highway Men strip rock down to heavy guitar roots

By KAKIE URCH
Staff Critic

The Highway Men The Highway Men/Wanna Records

This independently produced four-song EP is pretty good for what it is — an independently produced EP by a four-piece roots-rock outfit from Dayton, Ohio.

"The Highway Men" (yes, it's the name of the band, the name of the album and the name of a song) is the standout track, with a hard roots rhythm, good vocal and searing countrified electric guitar.

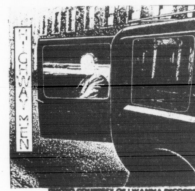


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'THE HIGHWAY MEN'

"After the Sun" features a pedal steel guitar and a Byrds/CSN feel with a John Cougar drum edging, and it's lyrically strong.

The listener wants to hear more guitar and less of the drum and trite lyrics on "Burndown," but on "Wearin' Away," the traveling rhythm and guitar are reminiscent of Lone Justice without Maria McKee... a polished American roots band.

Songs From the Bible Belt Vale of Tears/Cryin' Time Records

This independently produced and distributed LP sports the best packaging by a local group since Velvet Elvis' "What in the World."

Oh, that all the music on Songs From the Bible Belt were as gripping as the ironic photograph on the back cover. We'd have our first Lexington band "classic album" on our hands.

This album is about 70 percent great.

Boring post-punk throwaways like "Don't Just Talk," "Leather" and "Wishing Well" are more than balanced by the originality and musical creativity behind songs like "Under the Big Light," which puts guitar



strings played with what must be a concrete pick over a beat related by marriage to "The Batman Theme."

As for the song titled "Kerri's Theme," we ask: "Who is Kerri and how did she get such a cool theme?" — it just runs all over the place with the bass and it's not just a bridge — it's the George Washington Bridge, both levels, at rush hour.

"Doomster Crash" Tony Briggs' vocals have never been more audible — or more on pitch, and it's only during the terrible 30 percent of the record that you want to throttle Becky Sturdivant's atonal saxophone.

Otherwise, it's a blues sax (as on a great recording of "Call of the Wild") or a jazz sax (as on "My Companion"), but on the bass-dominated "Squatter's Rights," it is that damn sax.

Vale of Tears is one of the few modern bands that fields a true "rhythm section" with its drums

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and bass, rather than a "drum section with bass."

Del Pruitt (drums) and Willie Shuman (bass) work best together on "Wild Times," "Call of the Wild" and "Kerri's Theme," whereas the whole band gets together for a seemingly impossible pop caper on "Fall Out of Love."

"Doom Song" would be terrible except that its irritating dirge quality is probably an exact recreation of what the Middle Ages sounded like, and so might be of interest to history buffs.

All the sounds on this album recorded in Georgetown, Ky., are well-mixed and clear, but it sounds best through headphones or turned up loud.



Vale of Tears

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VALE OF TEARS' SONGS FROM THE BIBLE BELT

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Lexington's police sending a message to drunken drivers

That special day is just around the corner again. The day when the police are out in force, the cab drivers take home a little something extra and the motorists, if they're smart, aren't drinking. It's called D-Day, which is as good a name as any. Tomorrow night, Lexington police will be watching the roads with special care to give motorists a message: Don't drive drunk.

This is an important message to send, especially with the holiday drinking season starting soon. Some may think the D-Day program is harsh, but there's nothing to debate. Drunk driving kills — far too many and far too often. It's just that simple.

An argument could be made that every day should be D-Day. That the police need to keep a close watch over the roads by night, every night. But that's impractical and infeasible.

The rationale behind the one-day crackdown is sound. The police may never be able to catch all drunk drivers before they kill someone, but they can scare a few people sober.

Besides that, the police have better things to do than babysit irresponsible motorists. Society is, and should be, getting tired of drunks cluttering up the roads and taking innocent lives.

Driving is a privilege, not a right. And people who abuse that privilege should have it revoked. Temporarily at first, permanently if necessary.

D-Day may come only once a year, but its spirit should last the whole year through.

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True meaning of Christmas celebration can't be spoiled by merchants' commercialization

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But what is at the root of our anticipation? Is it simply the fact that we will be out of school? Is it looking forward to seeing friends and relatives? Is it thinking about the big meal we're going to eat? Is it knowing we will receive gifts? Possibly, the anticipation is from the true meaning of Christmas, the reason we have this special holiday in the first place.

Perhaps the anticipation, or at least most of it, comes from the commercialized part of Christmas. Everywhere we go, we see, hear and feel Christmas. Is this good or bad? While we're caught up in the yearly

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routine of shopping and decorating, are we forgetting the true meaning of Christmas? I don't think so. I believe that the commercialization of Christmas actually helps to give us the "Christmas spirit." But then, what exactly is the Christmas spirit? It could be just simply saying a friendly "hello" to a stranger that we meet on the street.

The Christmas cartoons on TV each year are easily a main addition. They have been aired numerous times, but every year we watch

them again, and they don't seem to grow old. How many times have we seen "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" or "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer"?

Music becomes a major factor when we hear "White Christmas," "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night" continuously that for some reason, these songs, like the cartoons, are ageless.

Could it be that the Christmas spirit is simply the joy that we feel inside during this season? In this case, everyone's Christmas spirit is different, which comes from many different aspects of the holiday. Christmas joy is felt when we see the sparkle in a child's eye on the morning of Dec. 25. Christmas joy is seeing a proud grandmother who knows that she has baked a turkey to perfection. Christmas joy is giv-

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neric speech to the sold-out audience.

At times, it was almost apparent she had pulled out a speech from her files and was inserting words to fit the situation. On one occasion during her lecture, she stumbled and had to look down as if she had forgotten where she was speaking. Come on, at least remember where you are.

It would be interesting to have attended lectures she gave at other campuses in the region to see how closely they resembled the one she gave here. My guess is they were

A real steal. That's what bringing Dr. Ruth Westheimer to speak on campus last Friday night was.

Last September when the Student Government Association voted to spend \$11,400 to have the noted sex therapist speak, SGA President Donna Greenwell said, "She's a steal — for Westheimer, that is. Greenwell has been accused by some critics of not being fully in touch with what is going on within her administration. But this time she was right; Westheimer was a steal — for Westheimer, that is.

When negotiations took place between SGA and Westheimer's agents, Greenwell said SGA got Dr. Ruth's price down a few thousand dollars. Apparently, that affected the quality, also.

Westheimer failed to deal with any of the popular sexual topics of the 80s during the course of her talk, as she delivered a boring ge-

neric speech to the sold-out audience. At times, it was almost apparent she had pulled out a speech from her files and was inserting words to fit the situation. On one occasion during her lecture, she stumbled and had to look down as if she had forgotten where she was speaking. Come on, at least remember where you are.

probably the same, or at least close to it. Another reason Dr. Ruth's lecture was so bland was the poor audience participation. Westheimer's talks heavily depend upon participation from the audience. Dr. Ruth took only a handful of questions from the floor, but those attendees Friday night were not all that willing to give her their complete cooperation.

Westheimer is nothing more than a trendy yuppish thing of the 80s. The only reason most of the people went there was to be able to tell their friends about it as they go for a ride in the Volvo's. "Yes, I saw Dr. Ruth. It was a scream."

"If you go out and spend a little, you get a little quality," said Jack Rothstein, director of student services for SGA. I agree with Rothstein, but Dr. Ruth's performance was anything but "quality."

SGA's speakers budget was doubled this year to \$25,000, so why

not use it to bring real speakers to campus, such as a prominent social or political figure?

Personalities like former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick, 1984 Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale, the Rev. Jesse Jackson or columnist George F. Will would all excel on campus to speak at a college campus.

Last year, SGA brought Watergate mastermind G. Gordon Liddy and actor/political activist Mike Farrell to campus to speak. Those people aren't the tops, but at least they had more to offer than Dr. Ruth — and they were cheaper.

As Rothstein said, if you go out and spend a little money you get a little quality. So go ahead SGA, spend a little money — then maybe you will get a little quality.

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Dr. Ruth Westheimer

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Students promote college experience through CAE

Once, two high school seniors drove to Lexington to visit UK. Luckily, they had already decided to attend the school because their visit that rainy March day in 1983 did not make a good impression on them.

Completely unaware of the parking situation, they assumed they would be able to park in front of the Gillis Building, where they had an appointment to talk to someone in admissions. Set straight by a guard, they went through the red tape of getting a temporary parking sticker.

After parking, they discovered that finding the Gillis Building was to be most challenging because they had no map. Needless to say, these two girls were quite late for their one-hour meeting, which told them nothing about UK they could not read in University pamphlets.

Guest OPINION

Yes, Angie and I fell very young and very foolish that day and left campus rather unenthused about entering college.

The above story helps explain why both of us later joined Collegians for Academic Excellence. A branch of the Academic Excellence Committee, Collegians was organized in the fall of 1984 to be a group of students that would aid UK in promoting academics and in recruiting high school students by informing them about

the University. Since that time, CAE has grown in prestige and membership.

CAE is the best organization I've been involved with during my years here. The group does a great deal for the University, but most important to me, CAE acts as a buffer between incoming students and their parents and the "big unknown — UK."

CAE provides a work force for the admissions office on several occasions, such as Governor's Scholar Reunion Days and Merit Day. We direct students, participate in student panels and help with schedule advising. Along with admission personnel, CAE members travel to high schools around the state to talk with seniors about UK.

Additional recruiting occurs dur-

ing the CAE Phone-a-thon, when we call many seniors to answer any questions they have. CAE members are also available in the Visitor's Center. We talk to students interested in our majors and will take them to classes with us.

UK has obviously seen the need to aid confused and unsure high school seniors (such as Angie and I once were). Since I've been here, the University has established an excellent Visitor's Center, has moved the admissions office to allow it more space and has stepped up information recruiting efforts, as well as establishing CAE. I'm thrilled to know that today seniors receive much more help and useful information than Angie and I once did.

I believe CAE has been so successful in providing a valuable ser-

vice to UK for two reasons: 1) strong leadership — previous presidents have been Andrew Oppmann and Ben Clifford, while currently John Menkhaus fills the position; and 2) dedicated members who contribute a great deal of time and effort.

Perhaps CAE says it all with its motto: "For the Future." We do believe in the future of UK.

I'm graduating this December. While I'm happy and excited, I'm also sad about leaving CAE, which has been an important part of my years here. I do know I leave the organization in good hands: those of John, Katie, Angie, Bill, Trina, Leslie and John. To all of them, I say goodbye and good luck.

Whitney Halcomb is an accounting senior.

LETTERS

Senator responds

This is in response to the letter from Shaun Meredith regarding his attitudes toward class attendance policies, although I'm not convinced it merits a reply.

While Shaun's rude and sarcastic style leaves a definite impression, the substance of his comments was less than impressive. Does Shaun really believe that attendance is an open or valid test of a student's knowledge and skills, just as is an exam or a paper?

Had the Kernel article been thoroughly read, it would have been clear that the issue before the University Senate deals with the percentage of "excused" absences that will be allowed before an instructor may give a "W" or "I."

The University Senate is the body that makes academic policy on this campus. The majority of that body is faculty. Cyndi Weaver's job as student caucus chair is to pursue the best policies from the point of view of the student. We can feel sure that

the faculty will look out for their interests.

As student representatives, Student Government senators, like myself, Cyndi Weaver and John Menkhaus, must seek to protect students' rights. Perhaps a student seeking to be a hall director would feel inclined to agree with an administration point of view, thus not truly as sympathetic to his peers as such a job in a residence hall might require.

Susan Brothers, SGA senator at large

Finals nights

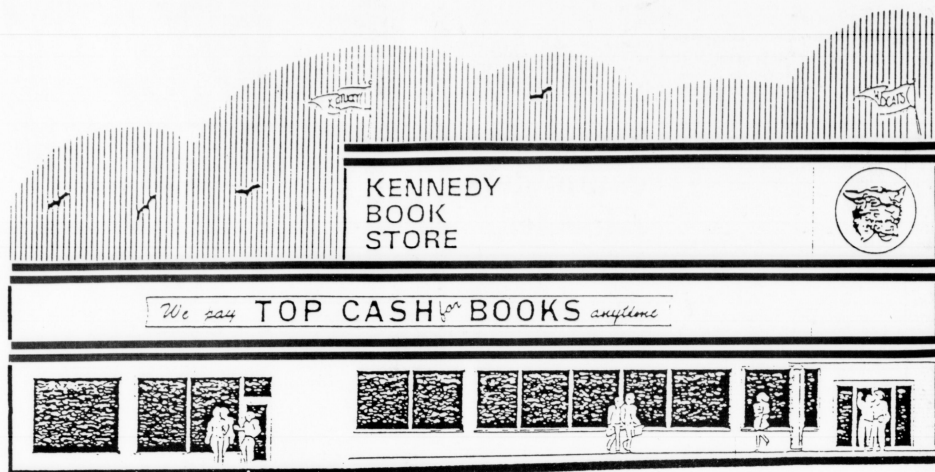
Do you belong to the majority of students who pull all-nighters during finals? If so, you might consider joining the SOA "Cramarama."

The Student Organizations Assembly is sponsoring this event to offer students a quiet place to prepare for their finals. We will be keeping 106 Student Center, the Student Organizations Center, open for 72 hours. The Cramarama begins at noon Dec. 14 through noon Dec. 17. Free food and coffee will be available.

Free "I survived the Cramarama" T-shirts will be given away each night.

If you plan on joining the Cramarama on Sunday or after 10 on a week night, you will need to use the back door since the rest of the building is closed. The back entrance is located in the Student Center parking lot, between Alumni Gym and the Student Center. We will have the entrance marked.

Cyndi Weaver, SOA chairman



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