



Dumb Criminals

Sign o' crimes

Members of a citizen's anticrime group in Linesville, Pa., have a new mystery to solve: Who stole their crime watch signs? Five signs and poles were removed from roadsides around Linesville in Crawford County. "We don't know if it was somebody trying to get even," said Ed Barker, chairman of the North Shenango Township Crime Watch chapter. "We don't think it was kids, because the signs were gone, post and all."

You're under
abreast

Michael Copp, 18, Sheffield Lake, Ohio, was charged with stealing his mother's credit card to pay for his 18-year-old girlfriend's breast enlargement surgery. According to a police report, Copp's mother, Gaelene Pakrandi, told officers she had closed the account because her son charged \$2,100 in car repair bills. Police said Copp reopened the account without his mother's knowledge after he found the card in a drawer. He charged \$2,496 to the card to cover the surgery.

Death race
2000

PHILADELPHIA, PA. — Tamika Ross, 26, is being held for trial on charges of the murder of Nathaniel Davis. Apparently Ross ran over Davis' hat with her car. When Davis confronted the driver, a dispute erupted and Davis allegedly hit Ross. That's when the mother of five took matters into her own hands and ran him over with her car, killing him. When questioned, police quoted Ross as saying, "He hit me so I ran him down."

Dead man gets
2 years

A man was sentenced last week to two years in prison for faking his death three times to beat drunk driving charges. Peter C. Gentry was first arrested in 1991, but an official looking death certificate sent to authorities said he had died in a Los Angeles auto crash, and the case was dismissed. In 1994, he was arrested again and sent in another death certificate. A year later, Gentry was again arrested and supposedly died this time of "danzon hemorrhagic fever" in Africa. There is no such disease.

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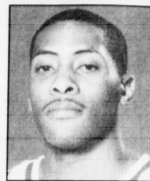
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NATION

Oklahoma school shooting, 4 hurt

STAFF AND WIRE

A 13-year-old student opened fire with a semiautomatic handgun outside his Oklahoma middle school yesterday morning, wounding four classmates before being subdued by a teacher, authorities said.

A fifth student reportedly suffered bumps and bruises.

The wounded were taken to hospitals in Tulsa and Muskogee. None of the injuries appeared life-threatening. "I understand he just got there and decided to start shooting, pulled a gun out and started shooting," Muskogee County sheriff's Deputy Terry Cragg said. "He doesn't even know who it was he shot. There was not a hate thing. I asked him why. He said, 'I don't know.'"

UK philosophy junior Thomas Reimel

is appalled at the news of yet another school shooting.

"The rash of school shootings won't stop until guns are taken out of the hands of children through stricter gun control," he said. "This doesn't happen in other modern nations such as Japan and the UK, where they have more gun control."

Students were gathered outside before the 8 a.m. start of classes when the shooting began.

It was not known how many shots were fired.

As science teacher Ronnie Holuby approached, the boy dropped his empty 9 mm semiautomatic handgun, authorities said. Holuby, who also serves as the school's safety officer, grabbed the boy's arms and pinned him against a brick wall.

The incident scares future teacher Charles Coulston, a secondary education sophomore.

"It is very frightening. They are talking about training teachers with some of the same techniques they train police officers with," he said.

Coulston said he is glad not to be in elementary school today.

"I wouldn't want to have to carry a Tek-9 in my lunchbox," he said.

In Washington, President Clinton told reporters that investigators from the FBI and ATF were on the scene.

"Our prayers are with each of the children and their families," Clinton said. "Right now there are no fatalities, only people who are wounded, and we hope it will stay that way."

Gov. Frank Keating initially issued a statement saying the shooting "must serve as a call to arms for Oklahoma's educators, parents, community and religious leaders to address the root causes of what is hap-

pening to our families and young people."

At Tulsa Regional Medical Center, a 12-year-old boy was in fair condition with gunshot wounds to both arms. A 12-year-old girl was in fair condition at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa with a gunshot wound to the cheek.

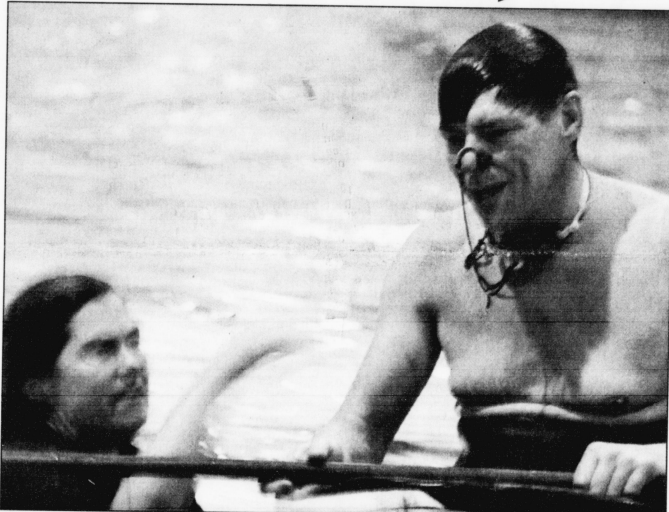
Muskogee Regional Medical Center said it was treating two 13-year-old boys - one for a gunshot wound to the forearm, the other a leg wound.

Justine Hurst, a 13-year-old eighth-grader, stood outside the school with her father, Jim, hours after the shooting. She said she knew two of the victims and the shooting suspect.

"He seemed like a really nice person," she said, identifying the shooter as a seventh-grader in her school. "He had a lot of friends."

ROLLIN'

Kayaking Lancaster aquatics



Nathy Cole teaches Alex Floyd to roll, one of the most important maneuvers to learn in kayaking.

NICK TOMCEK / KERNEL STAFF

Winter's no time for rest: The Wildwatercats stay at the top of their game with some practice at the pool

By Jessica Story
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Nevermind that the weather is too cold for outdoor rafting, canoeing or kayaking — UK's Wild Water Cats have not stopped their activities.

The Lancaster Aquatic Center has become home to their Sunday roll sessions, which are periodically held from November through February, and are for both beginners and experts.

Besides going over basic stroke techniques, club members train for one of the most important parts of white water paddling: what to do when a boat flips over.

"It's a way to practice before

you're in a dangerous situation where if you don't know what you're doing, there could be trouble," said club equipment manager Jeffrey Esterle, a civil engineering junior.

Beginners are encouraged to attend all the training sessions, while more experienced boaters assist in helping new members or sharpen their own skills, said club treasurer Zina Merkin, a geography graduate student and landscape architecture staff member.

The mix of new and experienced

rafters can be a real help.

"The more advanced members have invaluable knowledge about rivers and techniques, which can help a beginner rapidly improve in skill,"

said club member Will Fountain, a chemical engineering sophomore.

Although the Wild Water Cats formed just three years ago, the club continues to attract new members.

Michelle Garrett, a psychology graduate student, attended her first meeting last month and said that she hopes to learn how to roll her watercraft and do serious kayaking.

Students interested in the club do not have to worry about going broke, since the club provides equipment for beginners.

"It's nice to have people who will lend you gear until you can save money to buy it yourself," said club president Corrine Voils, a psychology graduate student.

With the stress of final exams plaguing each spring, rafting season comes at a perfect time to let students "take a very relaxing weekend away from school and get out on a river," Fountain said.

MEMORIES

By Deborah Stacy
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Seniors can get yearbook photos now

Kentuckian offers students chance for posterity

It's time again for UK's graduating seniors to smile for posterity. Beginning yesterday and running through Thursday, UK's yearbook, the Kentuckian, will be taking pictures for the year 2000 edition.

"If you put this much work into it (graduating), you are crazy not to come down here and get your picture

done," said political science senior Sanquetta Taylor. "Thirty years from now you can look back and say, 'There I am.'"

Despite sentiments such as Taylor's, only about 200 seniors are expected to attend the photo shoot this week.

"Part of the problem is people just don't understand the importance of the yearbook," said Mike Agin, student media adviser. "Every-

body gets a high school yearbook. But the Kentuckian is more like a magazine (than a high school yearbook)."

Nobody will have to tell Leslee Wells, a middle school education graduate, to smile. She finishes up school in one more week.

Wells feels that there are many benefits to getting senior pictures taken.

"I wouldn't mind

See YEARBOOK on 2

CELEBRITY STOCK

Website offers celebrity shares

Get 'em while they're hot: Contest prize a night with celebrity in hotel room. Well, sort of...

By Stephanie Drosick
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A night alone with Gwyneth Paltrow in a hotel room. A fantasy evening with Brad Pitt. A new website, StarStock.com, claims they can make these things realities for college students across the country.

"Yeah right. There's no way this website could promise me a date with Brad Pitt," said Beth Hayes, a radiology junior at Lexington Community College. "It sounds like another Internet scam to me," she added.

Officials from StarStock.com beg to differ. "It's just an online game," said Suzanne Hayes, senior vice president of marketing and business development for StarStock.com. "We aren't even selling you something."

The celebrity contest is going on to increase awareness about StarStock.com to college students, Hayes said.

To participate, students must log on to StarStock.com and register. The site offers a game where players buy and sell "celebrity stocks."

The site gives each player one million "starbucks" or fantasy dollars, to buy "stocks" for celebrities depending on who is hot and who not, said Hayes. Students can then sell stocks and buy more to create their personal portfolio.

"It's more fun and little easier to use than real stocks," said Hayes. "We also give away prizes every month depending on how high you rank in the standings."

Ranking of celebrities depends on such factors as getting news coverage or having new movies, shows or albums.

To enter the contest for a celebrity date, students must send an email describing their "fantasy date" with their favorite celebrity in 250 words or less.

Winners will receive a night with their fantasy date in a hotel room.

The catch is that the "dream date" arrives in the hotel room via one of their CDs or movies.

"It sounds too unbelievable," said David Hill, finance and economics junior, "I don't think that would fly."

Some students thought that the idea might not be all bad.

"At least they give you a hotel room for a night," said Erin Gregg, an accounting senior. "You could invite some friends and party."

Not so. In the official rules of the contest it states that the winner of the contest may only occupy the hotel room. The winner also has the option to substitute \$75 for their hotel and video or CD.

"I would just take the \$75," said Brad Wellman, geology junior. "Then at least I can go out and pick up real girls instead of just ones on video."

Hollywood via Wall Street

Some of the celebrity stocks on StarStock.com:

BCLIN - Bill Clinton	\$47.66
AJUDD - Ashley Judd	\$11.32
BPITT - Brad Pitt	\$23.11

To register, buy and sell "star stocks" and submit a description of a fantasy date, log-on to www.StarStock.com.

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The Low-down

Ford Motor Co. and the earth

WASHINGTON — Ford Motor Co. has withdrawn from the Global Climate Coalition, a lobbying group that leads opposition to the Kyoto climate treaty, saying credible evidence of global warming exists and companies should work together to find technological solutions. Ford is the latest example of a Fortune 500 company quitting the Global Climate Coalition and saying global warming must be dealt with. Other companies that have left the group in the past two years include British Petroleum, Shell Oil and Dow Chemical.

We do believe there is something to climate change. There is enough evidence that something is happening that we ought to start looking at this seriously."

— Terry Bresnahan, spokesman for Ford Motor Company, which withdrew from a lobbying group that claims insufficient evidence exists to support global warming.

Court revisits Miranda ruling

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, confronting its landmark Miranda ruling head-on, agreed yesterday to decide whether police still must warn criminal suspects they have a right to remain silent and to get a lawyer's help. In 1966, the court sought to remedy "inherently coercive" interrogations by requiring police to inform criminal suspects of their rights before questioning them. But in a surprising ruling earlier this year, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a long-ignored 1968 federal law means failure to issue Miranda warnings no longer requires automatic exclusion of evidence in federal prosecutions.

Russia: smash Grozny!

DOLINSKY, Russia — Threatening to unleash a major bombardment on Chechnya's capital Monday, Russia warned residents and rebels living in Grozny to flee before federal forces smash it into submission. Planes dropped leaflets on Grozny that said: "Persons who stay in the city will be considered terrorists and bandits and will be destroyed by artillery and aviation. There will be no further negotiations. Everyone who does not leave the city will be destroyed." Most of the civilians in Grozny — the Russians estimate between 15,000 and 40,000 remain — are old or infirm. European Union foreign ministers called the warning "an unacceptable threat."

SabreTech convicted in crash

MIAMI — Aircraft maintenance company SabreTech was convicted yesterday of improperly packaging the oxygen canisters blamed for



OPRAH'S DIVE: Sherry Lansing, chairman of Paramount Pictures' Motion Pictures Group, was named the most powerful woman in Hollywood Monday in a new poll that saw last year's numero uno — Oprah Winfrey — almost disappear from the top 20.



THE WORST: The Spice Girls, kicking off their first concert tour in two years, have been voted Britain's worst group of 1999, according to a poll of pop fans. The feisty quartet, who preach Girl Power and fill the gossip columns of British tabloids with their love lives and antics, won the dubious award from the readers of Smash Hits magazine.

the cargo hold fire that caused the 1996 ValuJet crash in the Everglades. The federal case marked the first time that a maintenance company faced criminal charges in connection with an American air disaster. The plane went down shortly after takeoff from Miami, killing all 110 people on board. The company could face \$2.25 million fines and be forced to make restitution to the victims' families.

Iraq wants more oil-for-food

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq asked the United Nations on Monday for a six-month renewal of its oil-for-food program, but reiterated that it will not accept a draft British-Dutch resolution calling for the revival of U.N. weapons inspections. The oil-for-food program allows Iraq to sell limited quantities of oil, in an exception to U.N. trade sanctions, and to use the money to buy food, medicine and other essential supplies. The program has routinely been renewed for six months since its inception in December 1996. Under U.N. resolutions, sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait are not to be lifted until U.N. inspectors certify that Iraq is free of weapons of mass destruction.

YEARBOOK

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having some nice pictures to put in invitations and many of the schools require a photo with your resume," she said.

For those students not graduating in December who miss the first photo shoot, there will be another opportunity during Senior Salute, the week before Spring Break 2000.

Senior photos will be displayed in the yearbook with each student's name, major, and hometown.

Leslie Meyrose, a communications senior who bought a yearbook last year, said the inclusion of hometowns in the yearbook was a nice touch because she enjoyed seeing where her upperclassmen friends were from.

In the end, the yearbook remains the most comprehensive

memory book of the college years.

Health service management senior Bratt Palmer said "I'd really like to see a yearbook from 1900 to see what life was like. It will be interesting to look back."

You oughta be in...

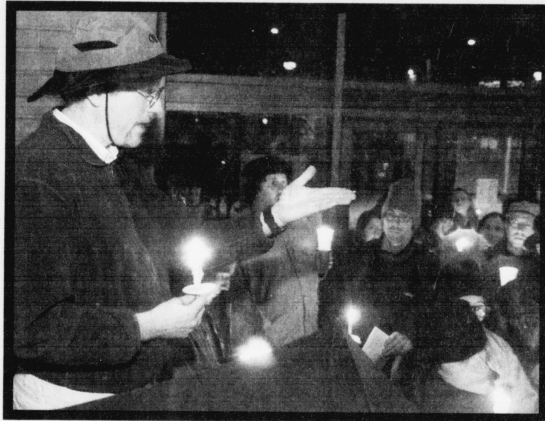
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Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-883-9449. Yearbooks can be ordered at the sitting for \$29.



Seattle City Council Member, Richard Conlin talks to a crowd of about 150 people that gathered for a candlelight vigil in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Seattle Sunday night. Participants discussed the actions that Mayor Paul Schell and Police Chief Norm Stamper took during the World Trade Organization meetings in Seattle.

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THE FINAL FRONTIER

NASA fears probe is lost

Phone home: All aspects of \$330 million mission appear to have failed at this point

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PASADENA, Calif. — Two tiny probes that rode aboard Mars Polar Lander but separated before entry appear to be lost forever as efforts to contact the larger spacecraft also continued without success.

Mission controllers, looking increasingly gloomy and exhausted after failing for three days to detect signs of life from any of the spacecraft, admitted late Sunday it is growing more likely that contact may never be made.

"Clearly the team is getting more frustrated, certainly, and more tense about all of this," said Richard Cook, operations project manager for the Polar Lander.

If no signals are heard, it would be total loss for the entire, \$330 million Mars 96 project, which consisted of Polar Lander, the Deep Space 2 microprobes and the Climate Orbiter, which burned up over the Red Planet in September.

The softball-sized microprobes were supposed to slam into the surface at 400 mph to test a new descent technique that did not use expensive parachutes or rockets to break the fall from space. If the test flight had been successful, future microprobe missions could be sent to cover a wider territory at less cost than current spacecraft.

The \$29.6 million probes were to have emitted their first signals on arrival Friday, like Polar Lander. Every two hours, the orbiting Mars Global Surveyor tried to detect any transmissions from the microprobes to no success.

The probes also had been programmed to transmit automatically once every five minutes if they did not receive commands from Global Surveyor after 29 and 32 hours. No signals were picked up during those opportunities as well.

"If we haven't heard from them in the next 24 hours, we will have exhausted our opportunities to hear from them," said Sarah Gavit, the probes' project manager.

Aside from testing 10 new spaceflight technologies, each probe was equipped with a bullet-like penetrator that was to burrow up to 2 feet beneath the surface and test for frozen water. A unit containing a small radio would remain on the surface.

The probes could have survived a wide range of soils ranging in consistency from coffee grinds to permafrost, Gavit said.

Estimates of their trajectory based on the last data from the lander indicated over the weekend that they might have fallen into a crater, near a region of sand dunes. Both scenarios are potentially fatal.

The probes' batteries, which could barely power a Christmas tree light, also could have frozen in temperatures reaching minus 185 degrees Fahrenheit.

Meanwhile, the \$165 million Polar Lander controllers attempted to find a signal for the third straight day Sunday. Several windows of opportunity came and went over the weekend with no sign of life from the unmanned craft.

Mission managers worked on eliminating simple failure scenarios one by one. They conceded that if, after trying all the obvious remedies, contact still has not been established by midweek, the explanations for the failure would become more complex and the prospects of success would greatly diminish.

"When you start stacking — if this thing has to fail and then this thing has to fail and then this thing has to fail to get into this circumstance — then you're definitely in extra time," Cook said. "We're not there yet. I think we will be, come Tuesday morning."

Sunday's first communications window — designed to use a second antenna — opened at 10:50 a.m. PST and closed 10 minutes later without any transmission from the surface of the Red Planet.

The lander, if working properly, was supposed to have switched radios to relay a signal



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No answer

From left, Mars Polar Lander team members Sam Thurman, flight operations manager, Joseph Beerer flight operation manager, Phil Knocke, flight engineer hear from controllers that no signal has been detected in the latest attempt to communicate with the Mars Polar Lander, at the Mars Polar Lander command center, at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory Sunday in Pasadena, Calif. The Mars Polar Lander has not been heard from since its planned landing on Dec. 3. In the background seating, Richard Cook, Project Operations manager, and JPL director Edward Stone.

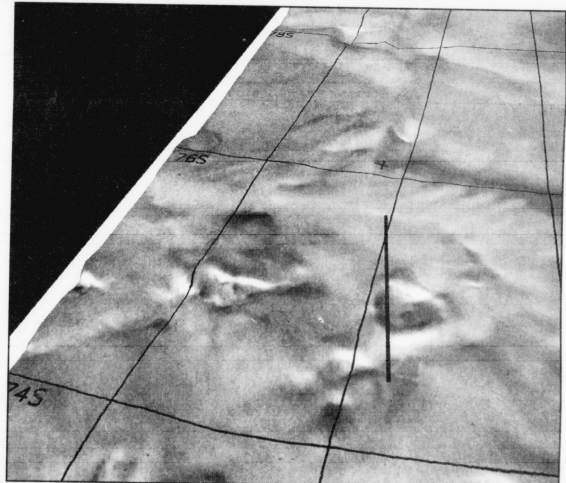
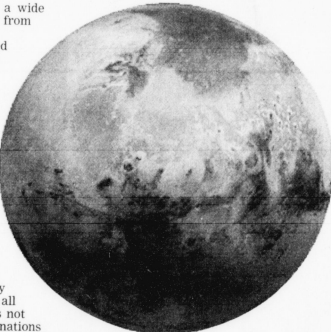


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Point of impact?

This topographical rendering shows the area targeted for the Mars Explorer's landing last Friday.

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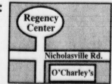
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PREVIEW

Winless UNC-Asheville just right for losing Cats



Desmond Allison will probably be starting tonight's game on the pine. UK coach Tubby Smith isn't pleased with the guard's play of late.

Back on track: Tubby Smith may switch up starting line-up once more for improvement

Travis Hubbard
STAFF WRITER

The UK men's basketball team returns to Rupp Arena for the first time since going on a disastrous three-game losing streak.

The skid marks UK's worst since being slapped by probation during the 1989-90 season. The Cats managed a string of five losses that year on their way to a 14-14 record, the only season in the 1990s UK did not win at least 20 games.

UK (3-3) has emphasized improving its offense while still maintaining its defensive success. The Cats' first chance at resurrection will be tonight against UNC-Asheville.

At 0-7 on the season, it would seem that a matchup with the Bulldogs would be a chance for the Cats to take a deep breath from their intense schedule and build confidence, but coach Tubby Smith says the game could be a dangerous one.

UK does not have time to be concerned with its opponent. The Cats have been an inconsistent shooting team all season. Against Indiana, the Wildcat defense fell apart as well.

"Indiana really picked us apart," Smith said at his

press conference Monday. "Our weak side rotation on defense was a real problem."

Smith also acknowledged the fact that the players' shooting frustrations may have caused mental letdowns on defense. "Because we couldn't hit shots, it distracted our defense," Smith said. Perhaps no one was more disappointed in the team's ineffectiveness and loss to Indiana than guard J.P. Blevins. Raised a true-blue fan himself, Blevins realizes more than anyone what the UK-IU rivalry means to fans.

"I am one of the biggest UK fans in the state," Blevins said.

matter-of-factly. "I remember jumping up and down in my living room while watching Indiana and Kentucky games as a kid."



The sophomore admitted the loss hurts as much, if not more, than the losses to Dayton and Arizona. Blevins also emphasized an obvious sense of urgency against UNC-Asheville tonight.

"We need to win," Blevins said. "I do not mean any disrespect to UNC-Asheville, but I would rather be playing a team that is 0-7 than the No. 1 team in the nation."

The Cats are probably overdue for a rebound game. After consecutive losses they were faced with Indiana, one of their biggest rivals.

"Indiana was the worst possible team for us to have to play at that point," Smith said.

Sophomore guard Desmond Allison may have lost his starting job over the weekend. Smith said Allison has been committing too many foolish fouls and wasn't playing up to his potential. The UK coach likes either freshmen Keith Bogans or Marvin Stone as a replacement.

Cats vs. Bulldogs	
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	UNC-Asheville (0-7)
Series Record: UK leads 1-0	

HOOP WORLD

Magloire's game still raw



Signs the world may end in YZK: UK has dropped three in a row, Bengals score 44, Jam considered NBA worthy



Matt May
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Put the ball in the hoop notes: Okay, we are only six games into this year's basketball campaign, but the fans are already restless with UK's disappointing 3-3 start.

Kentucky basketball has been so good for so long, it is hard to imagine the Cats suffering through a three-game losing streak, let alone actually having to endure one. The loss to Arizona was more than acceptable. Indiana was a better team. Dayton? When you are the winningest program in the history of college basketball, you only get one of those losses a year, and the fourth game of the year is a bad time to use yours up.

Yes, this year's version of the Cats is more like kittens in terms of experience. Only Jamaal Magloire, Tayshaun Prince and Saul Smith have played significant minutes, leaving a squad full of guys trying to figure out what's going on to fill in the rest of the spots.

That isn't an excuse that will fly for long. All of the Cats were high school stars and are extremely talented. Unfortunately, early returns have only Smith, Prince and freshman Marvin Stone playing up to the level people expect.

With so much inexperience and lack of leadership, the most disappointing player has easily been Magloire. This guy returned for his senior season to produce like this? A better question is: *how in the hell did he think he could play with the big boys in the NBA?* A look back at Saturday's game showed what Cat fans feared all along: Magloire has not become the mature, improved player they expected.

In fact, Magloire has regressed — significantly. For a man who is 6-foot-11 and a muscular 280 pounds, the big Canadian may in fact be the softest post presence in college basketball. Magloire likes to pride himself on being tough and physical, an intimidating force in the paint, but this season, especially offensively, has shown him to be clumsy and immature. A missed dunk in which Magloire was rejected by the underside of the rim, a no-look behind-the-back pass turnover, and the return of needless technical fouls are among this year's lowlights.

Until Magloire rises above the petty, immature and senseless brand of basketball he loves, UK will need to look elsewhere for a leader.

Mark it down, a UK player will foul an opponent on a three-point shot attempt at least once a game.

UK center Jamaal Magloire is UK's only outlet for senior leadership.

FILE PHOTO

Head coach Tubby Smith has blamed poor shooting for UK's offensive woes. I have another answer — how about turnovers? It's hard to score if you insist on giving it to the other team as a gift. UK has already given out 59 such presents this year.

Clue No. 134 that the world will end come January 1st, 2000. The Bengals have won two straight NFL football games. The last over the San Francisco 49ers. See, I told you so.

Lucky for basketball, UK football earned a bowl berth, actually giving fans something to cheer for while the kittens get their acts together.

Finally, a little personal note. As a sports journalist, it is my job to be cynical and obnoxious. I'm not supposed to be a cheerleader, even if I do go to school here. Every once in a while I even wonder if I'm doing the right thing by ripping athletes. Then, along comes someone who has no connections to me at all and reminds me that I am indeed reaching my audience. Thank you Matt Nilson, I appreciate it.

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Season's greetings

A bevy of artists try to spread a little bit of holiday cheer, churning out another years worth of Christmas music

By Tim Staley
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

A chill is in the air, houses twinkle with tiny lights and the malls are crowded with irate shoppers. Yes, the holiday season is finally upon us and with the Christmas cheer comes the Christmas albums.

It seems to me that with each passing year the number of artists, both established and up-and-coming, putting out Christmas albums keeps on growing. I'm not altogether sure about the cause of this. Perhaps there are just more artists that are fans of holiday cheer. Then again, it could just be rampant commercialization of yet another holiday. Who knows?

This year brings Christmas albums from Jewel, Ringo Starr and yet again, Amy Grant.

We start off though with a holiday collection of various artists, new and old. *Midnight Clear* features classic tracks by artists such as the Al Green (without doubt, the smoothest man alive), Bing Crosby and Ella Fitzgerald. Christmas standards like these are mixed with less traditional renderings like "Silent Night" by Eli and Raze's techno-fied version of "What Child is This."

This album is what a Christmas CD should be, new and old, a little bit of something from everyone, all in a neat little bundle.

Then we have Ringo Starr's *I Wanna Be Santa Claus*. This is the first Christmas album to be put out by a former Beatle. I like and respect Ringo too much to bad mouth him, so I'll just say that this album demonstrates why fan artists should have an entire Christmas album all to their self.

Once again Amy Grant has decided to put out a disc of Holiday tunes. I'm not really sure how many Christmas CDs we really need from this woman. A *Holiday to Remember* is not really that bad. Grant mixes the Christmas covers with a few of her own songs.

The big surprise of the group was Jewel's *Joy: A Holiday Collection*. I must admit that I was expecting a mediocre album at best. Much to my dismay, my ears were greeted with a pleasant blend of Holiday joy. Jewel succeeds in paying homage to the originals' while still putting her own personal touch of each song.

Another great thing about this disc is the fact that she only slips in a little yodeling once. On the downside, she does include a special Christmas version of her song "Hands." I mean, what the heck is up with that?

If you're looking for some music to put you in the Holiday spirit, there is plenty of it out there. If none of these are to your liking, you can also resort to the classics, like Elvis's *Christmas Album* or Bing Crosby's *White Christmas*.



Contemporary Christian-gone-pop-music star Amy Grant has released yet another Christmas album



The lovely and buxom Jewel has entered the Christmas music foray with her new album

HOROSCOPES

A little something from the stars

The planets and stars have aligned for some pretty weird stuff this week, better watch out

By Jennifer Ortiz
STAFF ASTROLOGER

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22- DEC 21)

OK, time to get out of that bed. Yes, I know that pillow is so soft, the blankets are so warm and that dream was really good...great, now you've got me all sleepy. Thanks. I have too much stuff to do and staying all snugly-wuggly won't help. Do you get what I am saying? Are you feeling my pain? Good... then you know what you've got to do.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22- JAN 19)

Milennium wannabe babies... OK in a sense you are, but you're really not. Just like how you've felt lately? You are there but then again you are not. Did Mom send you home with too much Thanksgiving leftovers? I think it's Hefy time, toss all those bad and yucky things right out the door.

AQUARIUS (JAN 20- FEB 18)

Maybe it's just me, but every time I hear or think of Aquarius that damn song from 5th Dimension just slips into my head and it doesn't go away quickly either. Sucks don't it, kinda of your life story right now? Cheer up, it will get better. Take it from me the girl with the eternal black cloud.

PISCES (FEB 19- MARCH 20)

How's my favorite little fishes? Aren't y'all glad that turkey is the traditional main course and not seafood? Otherwise, none of you would be reading this. Still, beware of what's around you and look out for the harmless ones, they may eat more than others.

ARIES (MARCH 21- APR 19)

Whassup my fellow rams? Have a good Thanksgiving? Really? What did you do? OK, I was just being polite, you can shut up now. Hearing that a lot lately? OK, any way you don't always be in a rush to open your mouth. Shut up once in

while and listen. Trust me, it may shed some light to the problems you are having. That and a nice sizeable check.

TAURUS (APR 20- MAY 20)

Did you know that you have a car named after you? You probably did, but just in case, there was your little who gives a damn useless tidbit of the day. But for real, something is brewing around you and you haven't quite figured out what to do yet? Well, don't put too much effort into it, you have to save your energy for up-coming finals. It's one of those things to debate about when you're sitting on the commode and have nothing else to do.

GEMINI (MAY 21- JUNE 20)

Can I get wha...wha? Exact? You don't know what, do you? Well you got 24 hours to figure that out or total destruction... no I'm just playing. (Disclaimer: If by some odd chance something life altering does happen to you in 24 hours please don't blame me, it's not my fault, I'm just a girl trying to get her start as a big writer/journalist. I really didn't do any voodoo or black magic to cause anything, OK?)

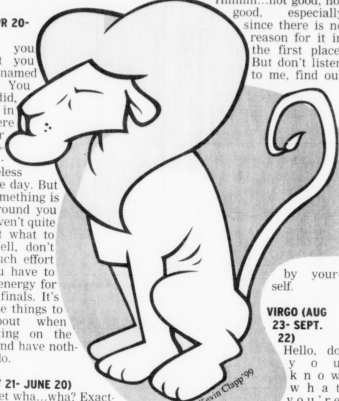
CANCER (JUNE 21- JULY 22)

Are y'all the crab sign? Now wait just a minute... I didn't imply anything just a simple little question. However, if you continue to crave that type of lifestyle (or for some of you living it...and you know who you are) be lucky that may be all you may get. "Livin' the Vida Loca" may have worked for Ricky,

but you ain't Ricky, so take life a little more seriously and slowly.

LEO (JULY 23- AUG 22)

Growl... are you biting off more than you can chew at the expense of someone close to you? Hmm... not good, not good, especially since there is no reason for it in the first place. But don't listen to me, find out



by yourself.

VIRGO (AUG 23- SEPT. 22)

Hello, do you know what you're doing? Me neither. It could be a potential problem if you dwell too much longer. But overall, y'all are doing pretty good. So give yourself a pat on the back and a beer to a friend... hint hint.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23- OCT. 22)

My fuscious Libras... too many comments like that and pretty soon that big ol' head of yours will be swelling by the minute. Granted, you have some good qualities, but don't let them get overshadowed by the ugly ones. Allow people to see you for who you really are.

SCORPIO (OCT 23- NOV 21)

Scorpio, Max Scorpio, police commissioner for Port Charles. OK, I've been watching way too much TV these days. But if you've noticed, there's not that much on. And that is why y'all have been the video game kings and queens. No? OK, but the effort was good wasn't it? If you are like me you're probably just trying to get by day by day. No again? Hmm... are you bored? Ready for the semester to end? OK, good, one out of three ain't bad. Unless you're in Vegas, then it just sucks!

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50,000 Number of lives lost due to second-hand smoke.

\$97.2 Cigarettes annually cost Americans this, in billions of dollars, in tobacco-related health care costs and lost productivity.

80 Percentage of smokers who say they're tired to quit at least once.

70 Percentage of smokers who say they want to quit.

25 On average, someone who smokes heavily at this age can expect to have at least a 25 percent shorter life expectancy than a non-smoker.

5-7 Number of attempts the average smokers makes before they quit for good.



Here's a little history lesson

1942

Columbus receives tobacco leaves from the natives of San Salvador and introduces tobacco smoking to Europe.

1970

Congress requires that all cigarette cartons carry the label: "Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined that Cigarette Smoking is Dangerous to Your Health."

1984

At American Lung Association/American Thoracic Society Annual Meeting, U.S. Surgeon General Koop calls for a smoke-free society by the year 2000.

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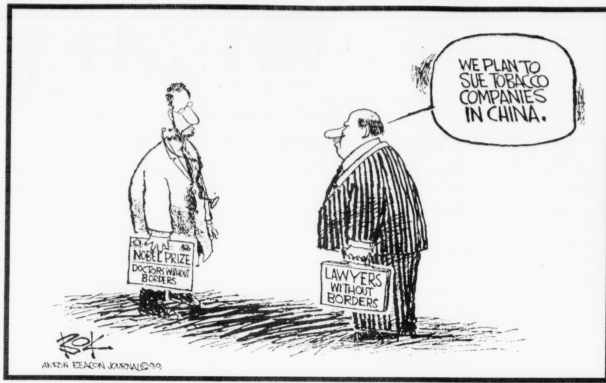
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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Texas A&M is about tradition; keep bonfire

To the Editor:

As a former student of Texas A&M University, I have grown used to the feeling of frustration I encounter when other people don't understand our traditions.

Ian Rapoport, in his column that appeared in the December 2 Kernel, simply doesn't get it. He asserts that Bonfire is "ridiculous" and represents "blind allegiance to doing things over and over."

Mr. Rapoport, and all of these other people outside the A&M family, is missing something important. BONFIRE IS NOT ABOUT

FOOTBALL. Bonfire is part of a campus identity of unity, family and love.

I don't expect Mr. Rapoport, or anyone else for that matter, to understand our traditions. Please, however, understand that Bonfire is more than a pyramid of logs.

Students choose Texas A&M because they want to be a part of something different and special. They love their school, and more importantly, each other.

Mr. Rapoport attends an Ivy League school in New York City. I have a hunch that if he would take some time to learn more about why Aggies feel so passionately about

their traditions, rather than criticize them from his Ivory Tower watchpost, he might find that he has a lot to learn.

I, for one, wish that every college and university had the same sense of community and loyalty that exists at Texas A&M, the kind of community that traditions like Bonfire build.

Yes, Texas A&M needs to review the tradition and do what it can to make it safer. To eliminate it altogether is a step in the wrong direction.

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IN OUR OPINION

Welcoming smoke-free

Making residence halls smoke-free is right step to help promote health

48 million people smoke in America; however, only two percent of this fall's housing applicants identified themselves as smokers. This low number has promoted the Office of Residence Life to investigate whether all 17 of UK's residence halls should go smoke-free.

Many other buildings on campus, such as Patterson Office Tower and half of the residence halls, are already smoke-free, according to Jim Wims, Director of Residence Life. Since Kentucky has a strong foundation built in the tobacco industry, this a major stance to take. But it is a positive one. Smoking is an activity that not only affects those who choose to do it, but also their friends, family and anyone in vicinity. Second-hand smoke kills 50,000 people each year. Those are lives that can be easily avoided.

The point here is not to make smokers feel badly. An alternative could be to have smoking halls and non-smoking residence halls. That way everyone has a place to comfortably live. But in the end, promoting healthy and safe living is a step Residence Life should take.



FILE PHOTO

Brian Granger

GUEST COLUMNIST

Hating one another gets us nowhere

Last Friday, I stopped by the Free Speech platform at the Student Center and I was quite disturbed at what I heard. Hate speech directed toward sexual preference has always happened, but on Friday, Charles Spingola of Unashamed and Associates preached a message of hate.

I was in the area taking photos for the Kernel and approached Spingola to get his name, since he was in many of the photos. When I walked up to him, his first question was my name. "Brian," I responded. Then he asked if I was representing a gay organization. I looked him straight in the eye and said, "No, I am not with a gay organization since I am not homosexual, but if I were, I would have no problem admitting it to you or anybody else." He said he would respect that, which puzzled me, because it was different from what he was saying.

Students were arguing with Spingola about his preaching of hate, and his message that everybody is a sinner who will go to hell because this is what the Bible says. Coming to UK in August, I only knew one person — he was in my high school junior religion class in Michigan and he used the Bible as proof for everything. People in the north do not use their Bibles to prove everything, so this has disturbed me for a few months now.

One of the best things I heard that afternoon was "Christians like you make Christians like me look bad," hollered by a student. How true, I thought. I have a weak Christian faith, and it becomes weaker and weaker each time I hear someone say, "But the Bible says." Please, find another way to explain something. People like myself who do not read the Bible could often care less if that is where your proof lies.

Unashamed and Associates read, and read from the Bible, while students argued. After I was there for an hour, somebody decided to entertain the troops and stand in front of Spingola yelling, "Praise Zeus," trying to get a laugh. After three or four, "Praise Zeus's," some students were getting upset and asked this student to sit down. Another student offered Spingola a dol-

lar to shut up, Spingola took the dollar, put it in his pocket, and continued speaking.

Argue with Unashamed and Associates. Yes. Debate them. Yes. Yell "Praise Zeus," while the man is trying to speak. No. Although I do not agree with his views, like many others there, he has the right to speak. If I ever attended a KKK rally, I would listen to what the Klan said before I started yelling at them in their Halloween costumes.

"Friends don't let friends become homosexuals," was a banner Unashamed and Associates held up, and below it was the verse in the book of Leviticus that reads homosexuality is wrong.

When I got back to my dorm I opened my dusty Bible to see where Leviticus is, and I'll be damned, it was the third book in the Bible. Die-hard Christians claim the earth is about 6200 years old, so I figure Leviticus was written circa 4500 years ago. I am probably off by a thousand years, but the date is irrelevant. The book was written long before my time, yet people still cling to something so old.

C'mon this is 1999, 4500 years after this verse was written in the Bible, do people have to belabor the Bible and continually use passages as evidence?

In 1969 John Lennon wrote a song called "Give Peace a Chance," and the lyrics replicate the title, "All we are saying is give peace a chance." Does the hatred that people have toward others do anything for society? Can we give peace a chance, and people the chance to live how they want?

One of the best lines I have ever read was in the British novel, *Transpotting* by Irvine Welsh. The character, Spud, says, "It's ax hate. Hate, hate, hate, wi a couple ah punters (fellows). But whair does it get us, likesay, man. Whair the fuck does it get us?" Please, anybody, tell me, where does hate get us?

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KERNEL COLUMNIST

If suing rights a wrong, then do it

Car accidents can be fatal, but luckily for me, I survived a major crash.

First, let me say that I don't have a license to drive, so of course I was not driving. My cousin was driving the car. This was not a fender-bender — the car we were in was totaled.

Our family is divided because I chose to sue my cousin's insurance company. Needless to say, there will be no happy holidays.

Tempers flared, accusations were made and communication came to a halt. The question is why? Some members of my family and I are puzzled why anyone would be upset.

Kentucky has a no-fault law, which states that, regardless of who's at fault, a passenger is entitled to receive ten thousand dollars for medical expenses and lost wages.

I know we live in a sue society. We sue people for a variety of reasons. I think the number one reason is not for money, as people think, but for pain and suffering.

For example, last week there was a case in which a woman sued a boy's parents because a soccer ball kicked by him hit her in the face and caused major damage. You may disagree with her actions, but the fact is, she is hurt.

It doesn't matter if it was an accident because she is still hurt. I believe that most people do not hurt others on purpose but when they do, they should take responsibility. The boy's parents did not kick the ball but they are responsible for their son's actions because he is a minor. If not them, then who?

One of the differences between my case and the lady's case is she is suing individuals whereas I am suing an insurance company.

People who drive should recognize that insurance means if an accident happens between two or more cars, somebody is responsible with exception to weather-related accidents. In those cases, each insured driver is covered by his or her insurance.

Police determine who was at fault. The police report is the final word. It doesn't matter what I say or what he says because the police report says it all.

Two possibilities when you are involved in an accident: (1) Your rights may go up or (2) You may be dropped and have to seek a new insurance provider.

Drivers pay insurance to have the luxury to drive. When an accident happens, a passenger in the car is never at fault. Simple as that. Auto insurance companies are in business to insure their drivers at all cost.

Nan Ison, an education senior, remembers when she was in a car accident and did not sue the person who hit her. She regrets that decision because ten years later she is still suffering from problems related to her accident.

Ison's advice to accident victims is if you are hurt in any way, you should sue because the effects are long lasting.

My physical injuries are expected to heal with time, but the mental injury that I suffered will last a lifetime.

We never want to talk about death. We sometimes think we will live forever. I know the truth.

The difference between dying and thinking you are going to die is life. When you are dead, all thoughts cease to exist. When you think you are going to die you become like a VCR — you rewind the accident back to the beginning without pressing any buttons; it just happens. The fear becomes trapped in your mind.

The way that I cope with what almost happened is remembering I have a second chance. The pain and suffering I have endured because of that accident was a blessing in more ways than one.

The one thing I have learned is you must live for you. It doesn't matter what anyone thinks of you, whether it be family or friends.

What counts most is what you think of yourself — we should all live our life as if this day is our last.

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