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Patients create cards of joy

Children in UK Med Center design winners

Ben Abes
Staff Writer

With each stroke of her red crayon, 5-year-old Megan Young felt like a star. Her bright smile, almost as bright as the twinkle in her eyes, would make anyone feel warm inside. The finished product was an autographed copy of her holiday card, now produced in mass quantities for distribution as the 1996 UK Children's Hospital holiday card.

The card features her painting/coloring of a family of smiling Christmas trees, as well as a drawing of a snowman by fellow patient Melissa Byrd.

Young was brought back to Lexington from her home in Irvine, Ky., earlier this week. She is one of the many patients who make frequent visits to the fourth floor of the Chandler Medical Center.

For Young, it is a form of lymphoma, diagnosed earlier this year, that brings her back to Lexington regularly. She hopes to return to Irvine, which is about an hour away, for Christmas. The longest stay the family has had at home since learning of her illness has been three weeks.

Young was very adamant about the part of Christmas that excites her the most.

"Opening the presents," she said. "That's my favorite part!"

Young visits the hospital about every other week. This week it was because of a high fever. Her parents, Doug and Gina Young, never know what symptoms will force them to pack up their bags and head to UK, but they always enjoy the friendly smiles they find when they arrive.

"Everybody has been so nice," Doug Young said. "Everybody is always very polite and always smiling."

Gina Young has been surprised at the response she gets when she tells friends of her daughter's newly found fame. "People are always telling me, 'We go out and buy those (cards) every year' and 'I didn't know that was your daughter,'" Gina Young said.

The proceeds from the sale, which totaled more than \$7,500 last year, benefit the UK Children's Hospital, and, according to Child Life Coordinator Judi Martin, the decision of which works of art will make it on the card is a hard one to make.

"It is always tough," she said. "We've got a committee that selects the pictures. Usually we're aided with two drawings that just go great together."

She said that was the case for this year. But the two drawings also kept the committee within some other guidelines they use when examining the entries.

"We do try to select kids from different age groups," Martin said. "Plus we have kids that we've worked with



PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP/Kentucky staff

HOLIDAY CHEER Megan Young, 5, drew the family of Christmas trees for the front of the UK Children's Hospital 1996 Christmas card. Young, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma, visits the hospital about once every other week. Another patient, Melissa Byrd, 11, designed the snowman that appears on the opposite side of the card.

a while that we want to get noticed."

Martin said she has worked with both children for quite a while.

Martin described the second artist as 11 years old going on 32, and based on Byrd's drawing you might agree.

Byrd's snowman is just one of her favorite things to draw. "I like to color houses, snowmen, rainbows — all kinds of stuff," she said.

Byrd credits her fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. McCormick at Star Elementary in Rush, Ky., for developing her artistic talent, and said the decision to draw a snowman was easy.

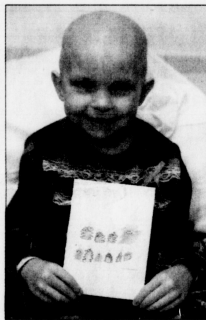
"She's the one that taught me how to draw snowmen," Byrd said. "They said draw something Christmas-like, so I decided a snowman is Christmas-like, so I drew it."

Byrd's mother said their reaction was as anyone would expect.

"We were very excited for her," she said. "We were very, very happy."

Byrd makes the two-hour trek from Rush at least once a month for treatment of cystic fibrosis.

The cards are available in packs of 15 for \$4.99, and are available at local Kroger stores or through the UK Children's Hospital Fund Development office at 259-1115.



SAM HAVERSTICK/Kentucky staff

CONGRATULATIONS Tressa Davis, who will graduate with a degree in family resource management this semester, receives an award in an HES program for December graduates.

Program held for Dec. grads

By Lindsay Hendrix
Features Editor

Yesterday the College of Human Environmental Sciences continued what it hopes will become an annual tradition. For only the second year, the college held a recognition reception honoring 1996 December graduates.

The speakers at the ceremony, which was held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Erikson Hall, included Dean Retia S. Walker, Chancellor Elisabeth Zinser, and Betty Hughes, president of the College of Human Environmental Sciences Alumni Association.

Louise Gladstone, director of student services for the college, recognized the graduates by announcing their names and having them come to the front of the room.

"We're wishing you the best as you're leaving us today," Gladstone said. "Good luck with finals."

Although the ceremony honoring the graduates was held during dead week, the students still have to pass their finals before they can graduate.

But there is little doubt that all will do

fine. As a matter of fact, the college staff is already congratulating them on their achievement.

"This has been a very special activity, and again we celebrate you," Walker said.

The students agree that the ceremony is an excellent addition to their end-of-the-semester activities.

"It's important because a lot of our December graduates don't make it back for the May ceremony," said Sarah Hillard, senior home economics education major.

She was the co-chair of the joint committee in charge of the ceremony. The Student Advisory Council and the Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences joined to make the group that was in charge of making the ceremony a success.

And they all agree that this year it was exactly that.

For one thing, they had a much higher turnout than last year. But last year was the first time they ever did this, so they expect it only to get better.

"We discussed ideas for recognizing students in some way and someone suggested

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Students research campus diversity

By Kathy Reding
News Editor

The Lexington community, incoming and present UK students, and faculty all have different ideas about what diversity is and whether UK fits that description.

Communications 525 students spent the semester researching the topic and presented their findings yesterday.

When it comes to faculty, UK has two and a half times the amount of males on staff than females, 1,304 compared to 492.

Class presenter

Steven Klaus said his group randomly picked several colleges and departments to look at the ethnicity of their employees. In the group chosen, 70.5 percent of the employees are white, 25 percent are black and the remainder belong to other ethnic groups.

Klaus said in the same group of employees, 72 percent said they thought UK was diverse and 28 percent said UK was not diverse enough.

"Those numbers mirror the breakdown," Klaus said. "We need to do some work here."

Klaus said he would like to see the percentages come out 50 percent in each group.

Overall, 7 percent of the faculty are black. About 7 percent of the Lexington population is also black, presenters said.

Another group examined the diversity in content and contexts

in academics. They also randomly selected a group of colleges to see how curriculum decisions are made.

They reported that each college has a faculty committee to decide on curriculum, but different faculty teach the same courses differently, naturally adding diversity.

"The way professors get to the end goal of the course is different than others would," said Erin Greer, a communication student.

"It's extremely important that students have teachers that use different varieties of teaching in their classes."

Students also had ideas for providing a greater diversity of ideas academically.

Jamie Craig suggested faculty be required to go to a diversity training workshop at least once a semester.

"Students are required to take a cross-cultural class for a whole semester," he said.

Craig, in his research, talked to Linda Worley, director of the Teaching and Learning Center, about this possibility.

"Instructors think they've learned all they need to learn," she said.

Socially, students found some aspects of UK to be more diverse. Their most diverse social examples included the Student Organizations Center, the Emerging Leader Institute and Office for International Affairs.

Some in the audience questioned the role of Greek organizations in the diversity of the university, saying they reduce it.

NEWSbytes

NATION Commerce grant investigated by House

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration awarded a \$3.2 million grant to a Democratic fund-raiser's company after rejecting another firm that had placed first in the bidding, government documents indicate.

The grant, the largest ever from the Commerce Department to run a minority business assistance center in Los Angeles, was awarded to Cordoba Corp. even after government auditors twice warned that the company did not appear to be financially fit, the documents show.

Cordoba is run by California businessman George Pla, who for two decades has raised money for Democrats and was a member of President Clinton's finance board in 1992.

The 1994 grant is being investigated by the House Commerce Committee as part of its inquiry into whether the Commerce Department has been used to reward Democratic donors.

NAMEdropping

Reynolds debts total \$11.2 million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Burt Reynolds may owe millions to creditors, but there's one who is in no hurry to collect.

"I'm still Burt's friend, and I'll help him out all I can," country music businessman Buddy Killen said Wednesday.

"He's working himself to death trying to get out of this. ... He's an honest guy."

Reynolds, star of the now-defunct CBS series "Evening Shade," owes Killen \$825,442, according to the actor's recent bankruptcy filing. Reynolds' total debts are \$11.2 million.

Killen and Reynolds became friends in the early 1970s when the actor was seeking music for the film *Deliverance*.

Compiled from wire reports.

'Nutcracker' keeps tradition

By Lisa L. Miller
Senior Staff Writer

The Lexington Ballet combines precision and warmth in this year's production of the "Nutcracker Suite." A tradition in Lexington since 1977, the "Nutcracker" is one ballet that can encompass both the technical demands of dance and the emotions of family.

"The 'Nutcracker' is one of the first major ballets that each member of the family can enjoy," Amy Desiato, first-season company member, said.

"Even if a person doesn't like ballet, he or she will usually find something to like in the 'Nutcracker.'"

Based on a fairy tale by E.T.A. Hoffman, the "Nutcracker" was choreographed originally by Lev Ivanov, who developed the story line with composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky.

The "Nutcracker" begins on Christmas Eve as the Von Stahlbaums are giving a party. Herr Drosselmeyer, Clara Von Stahlbaum's grandfather, arrives and gives Clara a nutcracker soldier doll.

Fritz, Clara's jealous brother, breaks it. Drosselmeyer repairs the doll, and the guests depart while Clara goes to sleep.

Filled with memories of the party, Clara dreams of the King of the Rats and his army. As they begin to taunt Clara, her beloved nutcracker comes to life to protect her.

The remainder of the ballet consists of Clara's adventures with the nutcracker.

Lexington Ballet's 1996 "Nutcracker" was guest choreographed by Babi Gandaras and Karl Kaufman. It is staged by Lexington Ballet's artistic director, Xijun Fu.

Fu, a native of China, performed with companies in China, Chile, Chicago and Cincinnati. He brings his extensive background to Lexington and this year's "Nutcracker" in hopes of creating a unique production.

"I hope to bring more humor this year. I also hope that this can be a production that any family can enjoy," said Fu.

Fu believes, though, that the dancers themselves bring something extra to the stage.

"They bring magic. There is more than just technique. There is elegance. The dance skills learned are important, but they are worthless without a performer's elegance and magic."

Part of the magic develops from the children involved in the performance.

The ballet is noted for its use of many children in the choreography. This year's staging utilizes about 40 children from the School of the Lexington Ballet.

"I like to work with the kids. It's great to help them and watch them improve," said company member Rodney Beard.

Lexington Ballet is offering an opportunity for area children to meet dancers in their costumes at the third annual Sugar Plum Party, tomorrow from 4-6 p.m. at the Opera House.

Performances will be held Dec. 13-18 at the Opera House. For tickets call 257-4929.

SPORTS

SPORTSbytes

UT coordinator heading to 'Bama

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee has given Alabama permission to court Volunteers assistant head coach and offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe, said Doug Dickey, Tennessee athletic director.

New Alabama coach Mike Dubose is expected to offer Cutcliffe the same jobs with the Crimson Tide. The Knoxville News-Sentinel reported yesterday.

If that happens, it would mean a job change for current offensive coordinator Woody McCorvey, whom Dubose had indicated he would like to keep on his staff next season.

Dubose, who has not been specific about what staff changes he would make, did not immediately return telephone messages left at his office.

for Roger Clemens kept on going yesterday, with the three-time Cy Young Award-winner keeping mum about when he'll sign or where he'll go.

Cleveland, New York, Baltimore and Toronto are all believed to be in the hunt for Clemens.

Based on off-season moves so far, most if not all are expected to have a better chance than Boston at getting Clemens the World Series title he still seeks after 13 years in a Red Sox uniform.

Clemens, 34, filed for free agency for the first time in his career, saying he wanted a four-year deal.

The Red Sox have reportedly offered Clemens four years for \$24 million, though not all of it guaranteed.

Reports say Cleveland was prepared to offer as much as \$32 million for four years.

Clemens still deciding
BOSTON — The bidding

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Irish and Wildcats ready to do battle

By Chris Easterling
Sports Editor

UK will play its second consecutive home game tomorrow night when Notre Dame visits Rupp Arena for an 8 p.m. tipoff.

The Cats (6-1) have won 13 straight games at Rupp, dating back to a 1995 loss to Mississippi State. UK has not lost a home contest against a non-Southeastern Conference foe since losing to Pittsburgh in the second round of the 1991 preseason National Invitational Tournament. That amounts to a 29-game winning streak against non-conference opponents.

The Irish come to town with a 3-2 record and a legitimate NBA prospect in forward Pat Garrity. The 6-foot-9 junior from Monument, Colo., is averaging 24 points and five rebounds a game. He scored 36 points in a one-point loss to Indiana in South Bend, Ind.

David Lalazarian, a freshman forward from Tustin, Calif., is the only other Notre Dame player averaging double-figures, scoring 10 points a game.

The home game gives UK a break from the road, where six of the first seven games have been played away from Lexington. Despite the four days the team has had since it last played, the time off really hasn't been a vacation for them.

"Practice is harder than the games," Derek Anderson said, "so I wouldn't say that (it's a time off)."

The series

The game against Notre Dame will mark the third game the Cats have played against Indiana schools this season. Prior to the Irish, UK defeated Purdue in Chicago and Indiana in Louisville. The team is beating schools from the Hoosier State by an average of 24 points.

UK and Notre Dame have met 52 times before, with the Cats owning a dominating 36-16 advantage in the series.

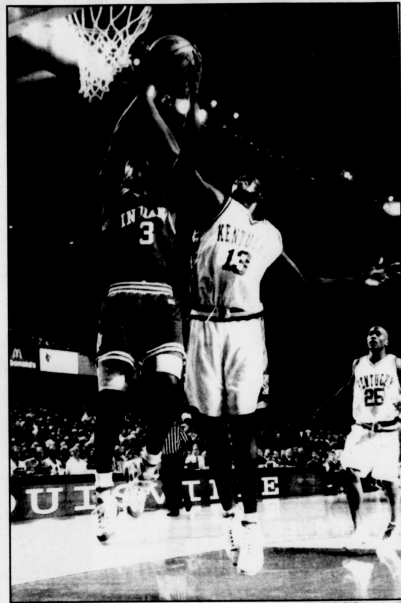
In games played in Lexington, the Irish are winless in four attempts, with their last loss at Rupp coming on Jan. 6, 1994, by a 84-59 score. This will be the Irish's third visit to Rupp Arena. A majority of the games in the series — 32 to be exact — have been played at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

Ticket lottery Sunday
This Sunday there will be a student ticket lottery for the four home games which will be played over the semester break. The lottery will be held at Memorial Coliseum.

These games are on Dec. 23 against North Carolina-Asheville, Jan. 4 against Tennessee, Jan. 7 against Mississippi State, and Jan. 9 against Canisius.

The coliseum doors will open at 8 a.m., and all students must be at the door by 8:15 a.m.

Students must have their UK IDs. Each ticket costs \$5, and you



PROJECT IN THE MIDDLE Nazir Mohammed has made tremendous strides since the beginning of the season.

may purchase only one ticket per game per ID.

In order to purchase tickets, you must be a full-time student (12 hours undergraduate, nine

hours graduate) in the fall semester.

Guest tickets, if available, will go on sale on Tuesday morning at 9 at the coliseum ticket window.

SCOUTINGreport

BACKCOURT

Notre Dame lost its point guard Ryan Hoover to graduation. They now look to seniors Admore White and Pete Miller. Admore leads the team with 5 assists per game, but his inexperience shows through with his 14 turnovers. UK has the luxury of platooning dynamic scorer Wayne Turner and the experienced Anthony Epps at point, while Derek Anderson plays the majority of the minutes at shooting guard.

FRONTCOURT


Pat Garrity is in a zone. Notre Dame's 6-9 power forward has been terrifying the competition, scoring 24 points and 5 rebounds per game. He's led the team in scoring in each of Notre Dame's contests, snagging a career-high 36 against Indiana. UK sends Jared Prickett and the improving Jamaal Magloire down low.

BENCH


UK's Allen Edwards has emerged as one of the premier sixth-men in the country. He has seen time at nearly every position for the Cats this season — generally playing 20-30 minutes per game. Freshman David Lalazarian anchors the Notre Dame bench, chipping in 10 points per game.

ETC.


This is the 53rd meeting between these two teams, with UK holding a 36-16 series edge. Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod is no stranger to Kentucky — he graduated from Louisville's Belarmine College.




Anderson



Garrity



Mercer



White

Notre Dame at UK
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UK (6-1)
National ranking: No. 3

Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
G Derek Anderson	21.4	4.0
G Anthony Epps	9.9	2.7
C Jamaal Magloire	7.1	6.3
F Ron Mercer	20.1	5.4
F Jared Prickett	9.8	5.7

Reserves: F Allen Edwards, 11.0 ppg; G Wayne Turner, 6.6; C Nazir Mohammed, 6.5; G Stephen Maschio, 1.5; F Cameron Mills, 0.0

Notre Dame (3-2)
National ranking: None

Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
G Pete Miller	3.8	1.8
G Admore White	4.4	4.8
C Matt Gotsch	5.3	6.3
F Derek Manner	8.8	6.6
F Pat Garrity	24.0	3.2

Reserves: F David Lalazarian, 10.0; G Keith Friel, 5.8; G Antoni Wyche, 5.0; F/C Marcus Young, 0.4; F Phil Hickey, 2.4; G Jimmy Dillon, 1.8

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Cats running low on healthy bodies

By Rob Herbst
Assistant Sports Editor

Memorial Coliseum may be turning into Memorial Hospital.

The fabled on-campus facility of the UK women's team is the home of a squad that is losing healthy bodies in a hurry.

With only 10 members to start with, the Cats never had an over-abundance of players.

Take away freshman Robyn Embry, who has not played because of a stress fracture, and that makes nine players.

Suddenly, however, UK may be looking at only six healthy athletes when they take on Miami (Ohio) at 7 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

To make matters worse, two of the Cats' casualties are last year's two leading scorers.

Junior forward Shaunda Roberts is listed as doubtful this evening because of a cyst on her back that was drained this week.

The Toledo, Ohio, native is averaging 15 points per game this year.

Joining Roberts on the doubtful list is junior center Kim Denkins. The second-team All-Southeastern Conference player from last year sprained her ankle in practice on Wednesday.

The other health problem involves freshman center Katie Vieth. She is dealing with the flu but is listed as probable for tonight.

"We're looking for some upperclassmen to step up (tomorrow)," said UK head coach Bernadette Mattox. "Vonda Jackson and Shawn Manning are going to have to play a lot of minutes, and we're going to have to make

some adjustments."

On a team with four freshmen and one junior college transfer, UK's six upperclassmen were expected to lead the squad, including second-team All-SEC Denkins.

But Mattox admits that neither Denkins nor the others have taken leadership positions this season.

"Only one player has stepped up and that's Shaunda Roberts," Mattox said.

"The rest of them have not stepped up to their capabilities. That's what we've asked them to do and that's what they have to do for us to move up."

Six games into the season, both Denkins' points per game and rebounds per game averages are down. She is averaging 9.7 points per game, down from 15.4 last year, and is grabbing seven rebounds per game, down from nine rebounds per game last year.

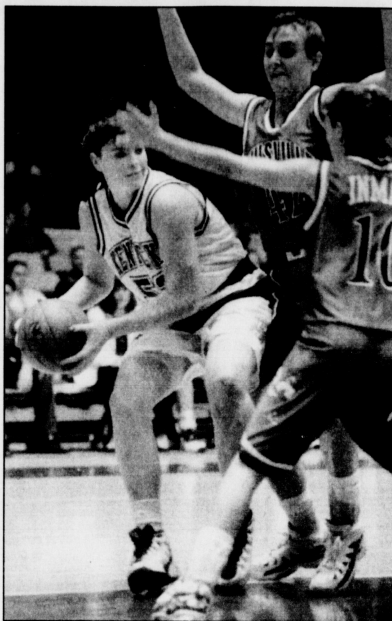
By her own admission, Denkins has not played well.

"I've been playing very bad," Denkins said. "I'm not rebounding as well as I did last year. Scoring-wise, I think I'm rushing my shots."

Denkins' last game may have been one of her worst games at UK. Against Toledo last Saturday, she scored six points, grabbed four rebounds and played only 16 minutes.

"I played awful in that game," Denkins said. "I was thinking 'gosh, can I even play anymore?' But then coach told me just to concentrate."

At 6 foot 3 inches and by no means scrawny, Denkins stands out among teammates, and no one



HURTIN' Shawn Manning is one of the few Wildcats who will be in uniform tonight when UK plays host to Miami (Ohio).

would ever question her ability to play basketball.

In fact, Denkins could be one of the nation's finest players, but she has not made it to that level yet.

"She should be one of the most dominant players in the country," Mattox said.

"I think she's got the capability to do that and she's definitely got the body to do that. But we're still working for her to be that dominant player."

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Cool Cats and T-Blades to play two at Rupp

By Ryan Kramer
Staff Writer

Tomorrow night, the Cool Cats host Louisville. But for an instate rivalry so big, the "Cat House" is not big enough, so the team worked out a deal with the Thoroughblades to move the "Cat House" to Rupp Arena and play a double-header.

The T-Blades' game begins at 7 p.m., and the Cool Cats will take on the Cardinals right after that.

Tickets can be purchased for the regular price and will allow you to see both games.

After a long road trip, during which the Cool Cats were winless until last Saturday, when they beat Findley 6-4, they will be glad to get home to a more welcome environment.

Although the team won the game against Findley last week, they suffered a huge loss when back-up goalie Chris Page went

down with a tailbone injury last Friday night.

As of yesterday morning, it was unknown whether Page would be able to dress for Louisville, or if the team would have to play with only one goalie, as they did against Findley.

But playing in Rupp is still a big deal for the young Cool Cats, who don't want to get too swept up in the emotion of the large crowd.

"We can't let it affect us — no show-boating," said team captain Ryan Ward.

Ward said he thinks that, while playing in Rupp will be "fun," he prefers the close intimate relationship between fans and players at the ice center.

"It's closer," he said.

Last year the Cool Cats handled Louisville with a fair amount of ease, but the team is wary of letting up, because Louisville picked up a couple of quality players during the off-season.

"I can't wait," goalie Justin Hosie said. "Rupp Arena!"

If Hosie has to go as the only goalie, he'll be ready, knowing that the team will back him up — "As long as I don't get ejected."

That might sound like a joke, but Hosie has a serious concern. If he does get tossed, or hurt, they don't really have a back-up.

Kevin Fraiser, an assistant coach, does have one year of eligibility left, and Chad Roseanack was a net minder before coming to

the Cool Cats last year, but the options are limited if Page can't make it.

The entire city knows about the fame the basketball team brings to the University, and the Cool Cats hope that playing a few games a year at Rupp can do the same thing for them, both as individuals and as a team.

"I'll get our name out there. I'm going to be 23, so I'm not too worried about the future prospects, but some of the players could be being watched," Ward said.

On Friday the 13th, Rupp Arena will play host to the "Cat House," and the Cool Cats want the city to see the rivalry that let the football fans down, now live up to its expectations.

"It's gonna be great!" Hosie said.

GAMEinfo

The Cool Cats will play a doubleheader with the Kentucky Thoroughblades tonight at Rupp Arena. The T-Blades play at 7, with UK and Louisville to follow.

N. M. State hires boss

Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Nebraska assistant coach Tony Samuel was expected to be hired yesterday as the football coach at New Mexico State, the Las Cruces Sun-News reported.

The newspaper said the announcement was likely to come at an afternoon news conference.

Samuel would replace Jim Hess, who was fired Nov. 12. Hess coached at New Mexico State for seven seasons and had a 22-55 overall record.

University president J. Michael Orenduff wouldn't confirm that Samuel was his choice, nor would Samuel comment when reached Wednesday night at his home in Lincoln, Neb.

"You'll get the official word then," Samuel said of the news conference.

Others reportedly in the running for the job were former Texas and Purdue coach Fred Akers, Utah offensive coordinator Fred Graves and Murray State coach Houston Nutt.

Al Gonzales, New Mexico State athletic director, met with Orenduff Wednesday afternoon, at which time a final decision was made, the newspaper reported.

Hess is the sixth football coach at New Mexico State to be fired in the past 30 years.

Hess, whose base salary was \$114,000, has since been reassigned in the athletic department, but his duties were not announced.

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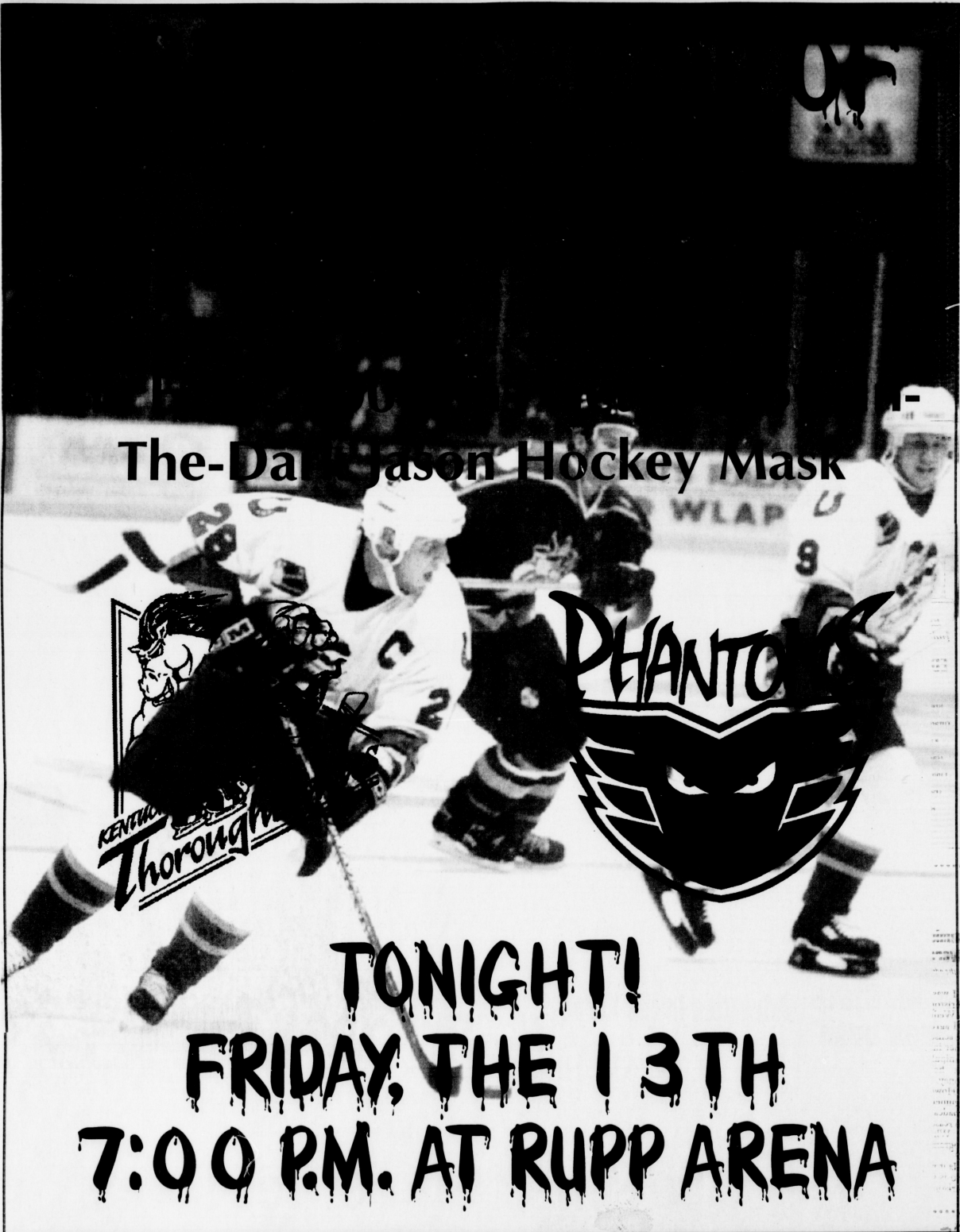
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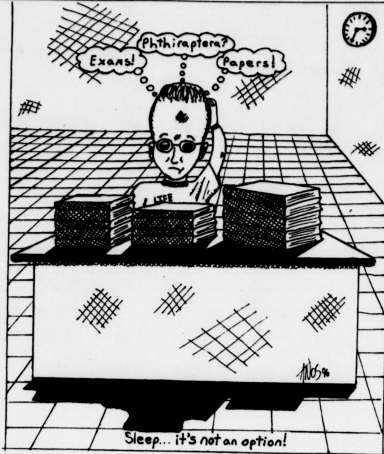
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Christmas is a time for remembering special guy's birth

UK fans went nuts. On April 1, 1996, thousands crowded the streets on campus to celebrate the Wildcats' victory over Syracuse to win the NCAA National Championship.

drank wine to the point where they were drunk. They also cast away people who were among the poorest. Eventually, this type of communion was so corrupt that it was discontinued.

Now, people take emblems at their churches, all they really need anyway. The focus of communion is the remembrance of Christ, not food.

Same goes for Christmas. There's a few things you might want to remember this Christmas season.

First, remember that Jesus volunteered to come to earth to suffer and die. No one forced him to do so — it was out of his love for ALL.

Second, remember why he had to die in the first place. When he was nailed to the cross, suffering, he covered the cost of what we should have suffered because of our repeated disobedience to God in our lives, and that includes me. He volunteered to take our place, so that we could skip that stage of suffering.

Third, remember that the only way to eternal life is through Jesus — and the process is quite simple!

It requires believing and accepting Christ into your heart. John 11:25-26 says, "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Need a hint on how to start a relationship with Jesus? Pray. Talk with him — he wants to hear from you.

Tell him you want to accept him in your life. Tell him you accept his forgiveness.

He may not answer every one of your personal requests, but he will provide for the growth of your relationship with him and for your understanding of him.

It's comforting to know that in life, there's one friend who will never leave.

Jesus proved this when he sacrificed himself for our sake — true love.

All he asks for is you — he wants you to accept him no matter what you may have done.

If he can handle the sins of the whole world, he can sure deal with whatever you dish at him.

The UK Wildcats may very well win another championship this year, and that would be nice. But this Christmas, remember to celebrate Jesus, much like you would the Cats.

This Christmas, treat yourself to the gift of Christ.

Kernel Columnist Rusty Mansau is a journalism junior; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.



Rusty Mansau

Kernel Columnist

Happy holidays

Whether you're driving back home along Interstate 64, flying the friendly skies or simply walking a couple of blocks — be careful.

It's a simple message, but a number of deaths occur during the holiday season for a variety of reasons, especially on the night when everyone celebrates the dawn of a new year. The next day, New Year's Day, holds endless possibilities for the next semester and year.

However, some don't live to see the ball drop from Times Square in New York City, because they try to drive home drunk.

But the driver is not the only one affected. The vehicle the driver may collide with could be filled with other friends, family — or even worse, people the intoxicated driver has never seen.

Remember, these holidays, when you drink, please give someone else the keys.

On a brighter note — relax.

Exams will be done in a week, and whether the report card holds straight As or a lowly 1.2 grade point average, the next semester always holds something new and challenging for stu-

dents. But that's next semester. In the meantime, enjoy the company of friends, forget about the fall semester and chill out.

Put yourself on the back if you made it through this semester in one piece, with sanity intact.

Remember what the holiday season is all about — family, friends and loved ones!

Perhaps take time to help those who are less fortunate than we are and spend a night volunteering at a soup kitchen, or visit a nursing home, whose residents may not have family who care.

But presents are good too, both big and small. It's not what it's in the box that counts, but who gave it, what it means and how you can pawn it.

One more thing: Have fun.

By the way, the Kernel Editorial Board had fun this semester, despite numerous changes within the staff. We hope you had fun reading our product. Best of luck on finals, and remember to pick up our humble publication when you return after refreshing the soul. See ya in January.

Kernel logo with 'Established in 1894 Independent since 1971' and 'EDITORIAL board' listing Brenna Reilly, Tiffany Gilmarin, Kathy Reding, Gary Wolf, Lindsay Hendrix, Tracie Purdon, and Ben Abes.

READERS' forum

Emmick's column needs diversity in opinions

To the editor: I was intrigued when reading Christopher Emmick's column on Wednesday.

I agreed with Mr. Emmick in the sense that television, as well as other institutions in our society, manipulate our fascination with the holiday season to make money.

However, I am troubled by his argument that our society should broadcast his claim that "Jesus is the reason for the season."

Why should our television programs promote this subject at all? It is not possible for everyone who is Christian and believes in Christmas to celebrate this holi-

day on his or her own? By promoting the idea of Christmas, we alienate all the people in our society who have different religious backgrounds.

The message to these people is that their religions do not have merit.

In a society as diverse as ours I find it disheartening that we have so little appreciation for people who hold beliefs other than our own.

Grant Ferguson middle school education

And the now the dean speaks on plus/minus

To the editor:

It was clear, from statements made by a number of students at the meeting of the University

Senate held on Dec. 9, that there is a significant amount of student opposition to the new plus/minus grading system.

Some of the discussions at that meeting as well as a number of articles in the Kernel published in the last week or so have focused on the perceived disparity within a grading system which does not have the A+ grade.

I'd be interested to hear from your readers if they think that the addition of an A+ grade (i.e. using the College of Law's rather than the College of Fine Arts' system) to the present Arts and Sciences' grading system would improve its fairness.

Steve Hart associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences.

TALKback!

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions to the Viewpoint page in person or by mail.

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At Christmas it is better to give stupid gifts than get 'em

There are a lot of great gifts out there for Christmas.

And there are also a lot of stupid ones. Take a wild guess at which ones I'm going to discuss today. Yes, stupid gifts. It's almost a time-honored tradition to receive one each year.

It's also a tradition to search frantically for the gift's UPC code or bar code, and break down in front of your family members, who think you've gone mad.

The ultimate revenge comes in giving these same people gifts that they too will like less than Aunt Edilen's fruitcake (or is it really scale meat loaf).

Fear those weird people who have completely forgotten the meaning of gift-giving and have reverted to ties this year. I offer you "Kasey's Guide to Gifts: 1996 Edition." First off, you'll need a gift for Dad, who probably gave

you a package or two of socks. I recommend you stop by ShopKo and purchase a "Milk Can Popcorn Tin." This decorative tin (upon which appears an expressionless cow) is shaped like an actual milk can, and your dad might be fooled into thinking it's an antique.

If ol' Dad is into fishing, buy him a game for your Super Nintendo system that you'll in all likelihood get to take back for a better one. It's "Bass Masters, Classic Pro Edition," with which Dad can do something he's never done before — catch a fish. Next, there's Mom, who probably surpassed Dad's lack of good gift-giving style with a few packages of underwear (of which Dad then

took a picture). I recommend a Native American Barbie Hallmark ornament for the tree. Not only will she be hanging a Mattel version of Pocahontas on a tree limb, but she'll also be making your Christmas tree more politically correct.

Then, there are the siblings. This year you can surprise them with any one of a wide variety of lame gifts, as children's gifts seem to be getting lamer each year.

For the little brother of the family, how about a Crayola Favorite Colors light

set? True, it's nothing more than a regular string of colored Christmas lights, but he will never know, because it's packaged in a big

Crayola box. For your little sister: Barbie gifts! The only question is — which stupid Barbie gift?

There's the Barbie Answering Machine Phone, the Barbie & Ken "Star Trek" Dolls and Dr. Barbie (who looks extremely professional in a miniskirt).

If you have the bucks, go to Target and purchase the ultimate stupid Barbie gift: the My Size Dancing Barbie.

This is a mega-sized Barbie with which you can dance.

You can also wear her dress (if you can fit into a girls' size four to 10). Yet for \$109.19, you might be better off sticking to the Barbie Minivan — in fashionable white and pink design. For the older child of the fami-

ly, go to Target and spend \$49 for the Electronic Baseball Dart Game.

This stadium-shaped dart board has its own announcer and crowd noise. Gee, makes me wish baseball season were here again.

Now, don't forget Fido, or Tuffy. Yes, the dog or cat of the family needs a stupid gift too — even if they took pity and didn't give you one.

Head over to PetSmart and buy your pet some cool clothing that it will absolutely refuse to wear. Some real crowd pleasers include antlers, Santa caps and Santa outfits. But if none of these stupid gifts is good enough for your pet, I highly recommend the \$19.99 Hollywood Jacket. It is a

black satin jacket with a leopard print collar. If none of these gift ideas works for you, and you also happen to be on a limited budget, there's always the dollar store. Just follow a few guidelines while shopping there:

No buying jewelry for a significant other.

No buying food items made by a company called "Edibles."

And no asking for a receipt, "just in case..."

Otherwise, happy gift hunting!

I know there are a lot of decent gifts out there — but you can look past them all and find the bad ones. It just takes a sharp eye, and a sharp pair of scissors to cut the tag off. See you in January, when I'll probably be the miserable owner of a Land Before Time IV video. (I didn't even know they made the first three!)

Guest Opinion Kasey Kerber is a sophomore news-editorial major and Daily Nebraskan columnist; her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

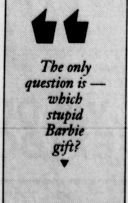
INFORMED SOURCES

Tung Chee-hwa, who was overwhelmingly elected to be Hong Kong's first post-colonial leader.

"PEOPLE IN emphasize rights, rights. I'm not saying they're wrong, but the Chinese believe duty is far more important than rights."



Guest Columnist Kasey Kerber



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CAMPUS

Environment HES graduates receive recognition

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we have a reception since we can't have a regular commencement exercise," Walker said. Walker gives the credit for this year's ceremony to the students who were in charge of publicizing the event. "They're just a great group of students — they've done an excellent job of publicizing the event," Walker said. And some of their parents came to see what all that strong leadership has accomplished. The high participation of both students and guests this year may have been the factor that made the college continue the ceremony. "I think it's a tradition we'll continue," said Walker. "The feedback we've been getting is very positive."

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Fans take shots at free UK tuition

By Brandy Carter Staff Writer

Imagine standing in front of an awestruck crowd, the basketball in your hands. You have one try to make a shot from half-court. If you make the shot you win free in-state tuition, about \$1400, for the spring semester. Five lucky students will be selected at the women's basketball game against Miami University of Ohio tonight for a chance to sink a half-court shot and win free tuition. Numbers will be drawn before halftime, and those students who are selected will put up the shots.

If none of the five students makes the shot, then the contest ends, and they will try again next year. The contest ends as soon as someone makes a shot. "The money is being provided by the Women's Basketball Victory Club."

"We want to increase student attendance at the games ... and their overall awareness about the program," said Barry Stumbo, victory club president. Students who are members of the Student Athletics Council or who have played college or professional basketball are ineligible. Students must shoot behind the line. "We wanted to offer this in the fall during dead week to students because students are thinking about how they will pay for the spring semester, and this should increase participation."

said Winn Stephens, director of the Victory Club. Last year Mike Geulcher, a marketing senior, made the shot and received free tuition this semester. "When I let the ball go I knew it was close, but I didn't think it would go through with nothing but net like it did," said Geulcher. For Geulcher, making the shot eased a lot of financial pressure. "It was neat. Normally my summer job pays for school. Making the shot cut my costs right in half," said Geulcher. Nervous thoughts raced through Geulcher's head as he prepared to shoot. "I was just hoping it would go through. When you get up there to shoot you don't think you just let it all go," said Geulcher. Geulcher is not eligible to go for the shot this year. Speaking about Geulcher's incredible shot, Stephens said, "It was really cool to have someone win; you don't see that often. The Women's Victory Club would like the shot for free tuition to be an annual event. "The primary purpose is to get students involved. We are trying to build student involvement and create a fun event to get students involved," said Stumbo. If this year's game is anything like last year's, sponsors are expecting a large turnout.



PICKING UP THE PIECES Firefighters cleared an accident scene yesterday afternoon at the corner of Maxwell Street and South Upper Street after a two-car wreck around 3:30. A student was taken to Central Baptist Hospital following the wreck.

NORML wants more participation

By Jennifer Mueller Contributing Writer

Randy Ross, president and director of UK NORML, urged students last night to continue to support the legalization of marijuana for medical purposes. On Nov. 5, Californians voted on a ballot initiative that would permit seriously ill patients to use marijuana in their medical treatment. A law has been passed in California and Arizona legalizing the use of marijuana as medicine. "The issue of legalization, at least not in the recreational use alone," Ross said. "It is more about having compassion for sick and dying people." Ross said marijuana has been proven to help patients regain strength.

He also said in cases of patients with full-blown AIDS, marijuana acts as an appetite enhancer. UK's chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws holds monthly meetings to help gain more members and support. "We feel the organization and the meetings are a good opportunity to give UK students, and the school itself, a chance to affect state policy and the entire state," Ross said. The organization hopes to make an impact on statewide policy regarding medical marijuana. "I feel NORML is ready to take off in Kentucky," said supporter Graham Wilk, a marketing sophomore. "People need to give NORML a chance; many people don't have a lot of knowledge as to what we are about."

The UK NORML organization hopes to continue meetings and produce newsletters in the spring. Ross also hopes to speak with legislators to help strengthen NORML's position for legalization of marijuana for medical use. They also hope to have the continued support of SGA funding, students volunteering to give ideas, and help with writing and producing spring newsletters.

Lexington lawyer Gatewood Galbraith, a strong advocate of the legalization of marijuana and a member of NORML, was originally scheduled to speak last night, but Ross told him not to come because he did not expect a large crowd to attend the meeting. Ross is confident of Galbraith's support and said he would make an appearance at the January meeting.

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BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD

By Robert Duffy
Arts Editor

Editor's note: Arts Editor Robert Duffy was given the opportunity to fly to Los Angeles to see an advance screening of 'Beavis and Butt-Head Do America' and to interview the creator, Mike Judge. The Kernel was one of approximately 100 college newspapers that participated in the event, which was totally funded by Paramount Pictures.

LOS ANGELES — You've heard the laugh. In fact, you've probably heard every one of your friends imitate the laugh countless amounting offers, it was all for live action ... No one was even considering animation up until a year ago when this (*Do America*) started up and I just said, "I don't want to go and take the time to write a screenplay if it is going to be live action."

If you saw Judge walking on a street, you would never imagine that he is the man responsible for one of the most perverse television shows airing today. However, as he explained certain aspects of the show, although professionally and in an interesting way, listeners could sense a devious devil hidden underneath his charming smile.

"Beavis and Butt-Head" debuted on MTV on March 8, 1993, shortly after a feature on "MTV's Liquid Television." At first, the show gained a lot of criticism for being too violent. The media jumped on this idea, especially when a woman claimed her small children lit a fire because they had watched the television show.

"This woman left a five-year-old and a two-year-old in a trailer unattended and went on a date, which is illegal," Judge said. "When she came back she was completely flipped out and said 'Beavis and Butt-Head' was on the television. The kid had started a fire when he was three, before 'Beavis and Butt-Head' was on TV."

Beavis and Butt-Head Do America chronicles the two characters' adventures after the worst thing that could possibly happen to them happens: Someone steals their television. Motivated to take action, the two try to find a new set to replace the old one. They stumble into a hotel room, where minutes before a gangster was on the phone with someone, saying that he was going to hire two people to kill his wife.

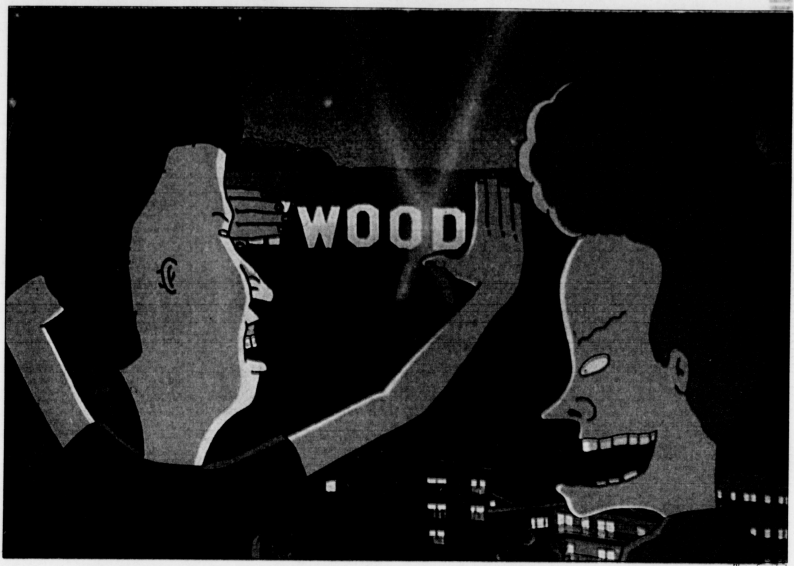
This is where the two anti-heroes get confused — when he offers them \$10,000 to "do" his ex-wife. From there, a crazy adventure begins as Beavis and Butt-Head trek across the country.

And yes, Cornholio is in the film. "Cornholio was something that hit me like a ton of bricks when I was trying to go to sleep one night and thought, 'Beavis should pull his T-shirt over his head and start babbling,'" Judge said.

And ever since those bricks hit, Cornholio was an instant classic.

One thing that people will not see in the film, however, is the two finally "scoring" with women.

"It's like Charlie Brown with Lucy and the football," Judge said. "I mean, you always know she's going to pull the football away — it's just a matter of how it's going



FROM PERVERT ZEROES TO HOLLYWOOD HEROES



Since 'Beavis and Butt-Head' went on the air, the murder rate has gradually gone down.

Mike Judge
Creator and voice of Beavis and Butt-Head

ALIENS AND AGENTS

Mars Attacks!
Warner Bros.

★★★★1/2
By Josh Herr
Staff Critic

The world is being invaded by malevolent aliens, and only the president and a diverse group of Americans can save our beloved Earth from certain destruction.

Sound familiar? Well, think again, because impish director Tim Burton is back with a vengeance and ready to show you exactly how much fun an alien invasion can be in his new film, *Mars Attacks!*

Based on a series of trading cards, the story is fairly standard stuff. Under Burton's direction, however, what could have been a rehash of this summer's juggernaut turns into that rare species: a film that is both parody and tribute.

As usual, Burton creates a world of insane set design and insane characters, held together by great special effects that are somehow simultaneously breathtaking



and cheesy, and a sense of humor so sick you can't help but laugh. The film sports an all-star cast, but it is the aliens that steal the show. Computer-animated but designed to look like stop-motion, the mischievous invaders run wild through the streets, creating anarchy, like Gremlins with ray guns. They really aren't evil so much as a group of five-year-olds pulling off national monuments to some freelance surgery, the aliens keep the laughs going.

In the role of U.S. president we have the always entertaining Jack Nicholson. For most of the film he reigns in his usual insanity, but when he gives his final plea for peace, look out. Nicholson plays another role as a Vegas hotel manager, but he is less successful in

this, due largely to an obviously fake accent and mannerisms.

Rounding out the first family are Glenn Close as the first lady, played as a hypochondriac Barbara Bush, and Natalie Portman as their daughter. Close is amusingly weird, but the talented Portman is given almost nothing to do.

Pierce Brosnan gives one of the film's best human performances as a scientist who is convinced the aliens come in peace. Also notable are Michael J. Fox and Sarah Jessica Parker as two reporters who are romantically involved but competing to cover the alien landing.

All the same, I have two words of warning: First, after the hysterical opening scene, the film moves slowly until the aliens arrive. Second, accept the fact that your favorite character is probably going to die — almost all of them do, and usually in a comedically disgusting way.

If you're looking for a good laugh, and you've always wanted to see someone bowl with the Easter Island statues as pins, this is the film for you.

Just beware of falling monuments.

Jerry Maguire
Tri-Star
★★★★1/2

By Matt Mulcahey
Contributing Critic

When I went to see *Jerry Maguire*, I didn't know what to expect. Was it a comedy, a love

story, a sports movie? What I got was a little bit of all three, in one of the most enjoyable movies of the year.

Tom Cruise plays Jerry Maguire, a cutthroat sports agent who has it all ... that is, until he realizes that he doesn't like what he's become: greedy and heartless.

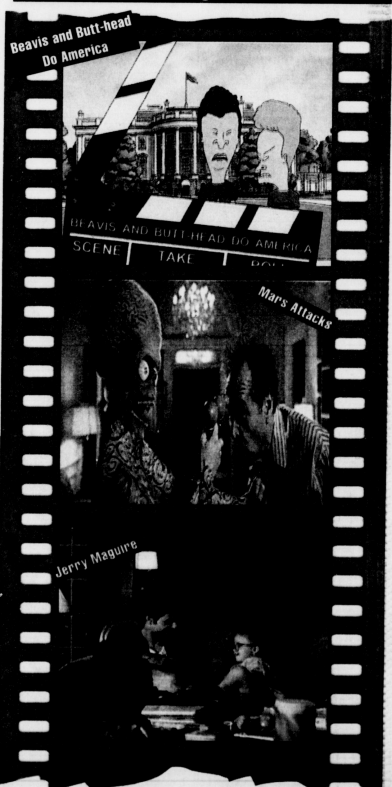
He writes a memo to all his co-workers about how his fellow agents should concentrate on personal relationships with their clients. Maguire is fired soon after by a backstabbing agent named Bob Sugar (Jay Mohr). He loses everything — his job, his fiancée and his self-respect.

All Maguire is left with is Rod Tidwell (Cuba Gooding Jr.), a second-rate wide receiver who thinks he should be making first-rate dollars, and Dorothy Boyd (Renee Zellweger), a co-worker who was moved by his memo.

What makes *Jerry Maguire* work so well is how director Cameron Crowe (*Say Anything, Singles*) perfectly balances romance and comedy. Another strong point of the film is the chemistry among the very appealing cast members.

Cruise's famous smile comes in handy in his first attempt at romantic comedy. He is fantastic, but then again, isn't he always? Newcomer Renee Zellweger, who plays Cruise's love interest, has a vulnerable and innocent quality that makes her perfect for the role of Dorothy Boyd. She and Cruise create sparks as the two lonely

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people who find each other. However, the best performance of the movie comes from Gooding. He provides most of the funnier moments as cocky, brash wide receiver Tidwell, who is Maguire's only loyal client. Bonnie Hunt (*Jumanji*), Regina Taylor (*Poetic Justice*), and Kelly Preston (*Twins, Junior*) round out

an excellent supporting cast. As in any Cameron Crowe film, there is the mandatory Eric Stoltz cameo (he's been in all of Crowe's films, and just about every other movie). *Jerry Maguire* is a movie with something for everyone. The performances, especially Gooding's, and the perfect blend of romance and comedy make it a must-see.