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## Impact of decision not known

### Time will tell whether reforms affect careers

By TOM SPALDING  
Editor in Chief

It's too early to tell what impact the state Supreme Court's decision will have on UK students majoring in education and their plans to stay in state or leave after graduation, some UK students and faculty say.

Because the Supreme Court declared the Kentucky school system unconstitutional and called for a complete overhaul, several drastic changes could be made — among them financial — which could entice students at UK and other colleges to consider Kentucky instead of someplace else.

Already, approximately 80 percent of UK students originally from Kentucky stay after graduation and teach in state, according to Ed Sagan, Dean of UK's College of Education.

That figure may change, depending on what types of reform are implemented, he said. The number could rise, or fall.

"The problem in predicting is, we don't know what the reforms will be," Sagan said. "I think the only thing we're sure of is a greater equity in funding."

According to the court ruling, the



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entire school system needs to be rebuilt and the Kentucky General Assembly must adopt a program that makes sure every child in the state has an equal opportunity to get adequate education.

The court said the legislature must also provide adequate financing for every school district, which would potentially mean more money and better pay for teachers in Kentucky.

"They're talking about additional reforms, but beyond that I have no

idea what they will be and what effect that will have" on student's decisions to stay or go, Sagan said.

A big incentive is money — more of it, possibly, and evenly distributed between school districts.

"With all the talk that's been going on, hopefully we'll be provided a better environment when we get out," said Mickey Campbell, a secondary education senior at UK. "If you have the possibility (for teachers) to earn more money ... the reform gives them another reason to stay."

Campbell said he planned on staying in state anyway, reform or not. He said most of his friends who are education majors feel the same way.

"Most of the people I've been in contact with hope to stay in state," he said. "Most of us have ties to the state. The reform just gives them another reason to stay."

Amy Chappell, an elementary education senior at Transylvania University, also wants to remain in Kentucky after she finishes school. She was glad to see the reforms come when they did.

"I think the overhaul is necessary," she said. "Kentucky has always been near the bottom."

for high-school students. Two students (bottom photo) listen to Braden.

## The Basics

- The Kentucky State Constitution requires that the legislature provide "an efficient system of common schools throughout the state."
- Kentucky's public school system has been ruled unconstitutional because it is underfunded, inadequate and unequal. The state Supreme court said that the present system is discriminatory, and that it sentences children in poorer school districts to inferior educations.
- The Court also ruled that even the wealthiest school districts are not providing an adequate education.
- Taxes most likely will increase, but it hasn't been decided which taxes would take the increase.
- The court said that if the taxpayers in a district want to pay extra taxes for education they still can.

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There are 1,350 students enrolled in the College of Education, according to the admissions office.

Fifteen to 20 percent of students originally from Kentucky who graduate from UK in the College of Education go somewhere else, Sagan said. If any figures change because of the reforms, it is likely to be there, Sagan said.

"One reason (they might stay) is

that salaries, supplies and facilities would improve and the job becomes more attractive," he said.

"I would say reform would probably help decrease (the number who leave)," Campbell said.

"I don't know how much, but with more emphasis placed (on bettering schools) it offers more opportunities."



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# CAMPUS NEWS

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## SGA considers immediate action on Chinese resolution

By KRISTI WILLETT  
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Four Chinese student representatives met with Student Government Association President Sean Lohman and Vice President Paige Foster Tuesday afternoon to discuss the details of a resolution to be proposed next week during an SGA meeting.

The resolution is to show support for the Chinese students in Beijing in their fight for democracy, Lohman said. SGA would like to help the students in China as well as the Chinese students on UK's campus, he said.

According to Lohman and Foster, a final

draft of the resolution will be completed and proposed after further planning with Chinese student representatives next Monday.

About 222 students from mainland China attend or teach at UK, said Xiang Sheng Ye, a Chinese scholar in the department of plant pathology.

Chinese students and concerned supporters have been active in their campaign for democracy by holding fundraisers for the students in Beijing. They have also worked with Amnesty International. Tables with T-shirts and artwork for sale have been set up outside the UK Medical Center Library and at other locations around Lexington.

A petition gathering the names of supporters has been circulated.

A candlelight Memorial Service at Central Park downtown was held Tuesday night to honor the people in Beijing who died for the cause of freedom, Tuzun said.

One of the main concerns of Tuzun, Ye and Wei-Yang Lu, a member of the Engineering Mechanics department, is that people do not forget what is going on in China.

"We want to remind them of what is happening in Tienanmen Square in Beijing and why people there are dying," Ye said.

As many as 5000 students have been killed in Beijing and UK students as well as people

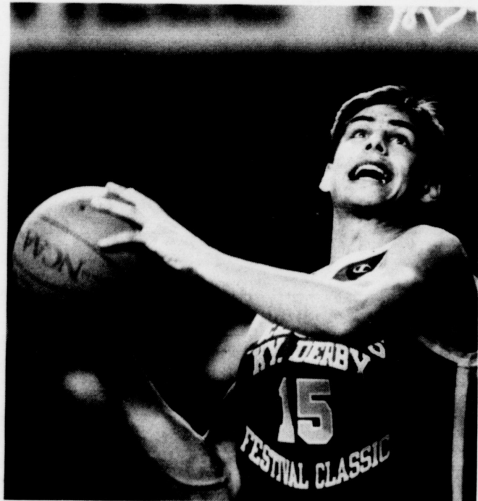
everywhere should be doing what they can to help, Tuzun said.

"If through letters and petitions you can just save one student's life it will be worth all the effort," Tuzun said.

One action being taken to help the people of Beijing is the creation of a new organization to be called, Chinese Students and Scholars Solidarity Union.

"The union is a continuance of the independent student union in Beijing to carry on the democratic movement," he said.

More than 40 similar groups already exist in the U.S., Ye said.



DAVID COYLE/Kernal Contributor

UK signee Jeff Brassow puts in two of his 16 points during the McDonald's Derby Classic all-star game in April.

## New recruits expect playing time

By MICHAEL MU  
Contributing Writer

Its ranks are depleted, but the UK basketball team's talent next season won't be if new recruits Jeff Brassow and Henry Thomas have their way.

By announcing his decision this week to transfer to the University of Arizona, Chris Mills became the third starter to leave UK in wake of NCAA sanctions.

Brassow and Thomas, who signed before the penalties were announced, say they're still coming to UK next fall even though teammates seem to be falling by the wayside.

Already, Sean Sutton and LeRon Ellis said they are leaving.



THOMAS

Jeff Brassow and Henry Thomas say they're still coming to UK next fall.

Eric Manuel has been declared ineligible to play for UK.

UK's two new recruits don't plan on just filling a space. They plan to make room for others on the bench.

"(Jeff) is a very talented athlete and a big offensive player," said Kirk Wrinkle, assistant coach at Alief-Elsik high school, where Brassow starred.

"He will be an asset to the UK's program."

"Thomas is a possible starter next year and he will be a big help to UK's situation next year," said Lake Kelly, head coach at Austin Peay University.

UK was placed on a three-year

probation that includes no post-season play for two years and no television coverage for one season.

It has prompted many Cats to leave. But Brassow and Thomas are intent on staying.

Brassow, an all-City and all-district performer in high school, brings his spectacular leaping ability to UK.

He is the second leading scorer in Alief-Elsik's history.

Brassow had talked to new UK Coach Rick Pitino last week, and said he was impressed.

"I'm looking forward to coming to UK next year and playing for the Wildcats," he said.

Thomas, a multi-talented performer at Clarksville (Tenn.) high school, averaged 24 points and seven rebounds. He was an all-district performer.

Brassow and Thomas were both recruited by the Eddie Sutton coaching staff of last year.

Both players are currently playing in summer basketball leagues.

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# 'Tired' of long hours, fraternity adviser quits after 16 years

By ELIZABETH C. MOORE  
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After 16 years of tiring work, Michael Palm's last day should be an easy one.



PALM

Palm, an assistant dean of students and fraternity adviser at UK, resigns tomorrow.

Palm believes that not many people would put in the long hours that he has over the years.

"I've been here 16 years and I'm pretty much tired," he said. "I've done all the late night calls . . . and the hours I spend at this job are overwhelming.

"I feel sometimes like my job is 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he added. "People expect you to be at things all the time."

Deciding to resign was not easy. "I've thought about (resigning) for

more than just this year," Palm said. "I've thought about for the last few years, but I just decided that this year would be the best for me. I kept putting it off and decided, 'well, maybe next year, maybe next year.'"

Palm has a degree in art from Eastern Illinois University and is involved with the Lexington Art League as vice president and would like to concentrate his time on that.

At 44, he thinks it's the right time for a change. "Somehow I don't envision myself at 55 running around at fraternity functions," he said.

"Someone once jokingly said, 'it's time to grow up and get a real job,'" Palm said. "I don't think they realize what this job entails."

Since his arrival at UK in 1973 from Eastern Illinois, where he was assistant dean of housing, Palm has seen many changes in the greek community.

Fraternity chapter membership at UK has grown from almost 30 members then to around 60 or 70 now under his guidance, he said.

Also, when he came here there

was only one main greek function—a banquet.

Since then, Palm has developed Greek Week, a week full of events that sororities and fraternities participate in together.

Under his supervision, Palm introduced a way to determine the best fraternity and sorority on campus. Used by the Greek Activities Steering Committee, a "point system" entails many things such as intramural competitions, chapter service awards, and the cumulative grade point average of each fraternity and sorority chapter, just to name a few.

At one time there were just awards for Outstanding Greek Man and Woman. Palm has developed many more awards. The Chapter Service Award, the Chapter Achievement Award, and Leadership on Campus Award are just the tip of the iceberg.

"I've enjoyed the fraternities at UK, and there's no doubt I'll miss the student contact," Palm said.

He will, however, still be involved with fraternities at the national level. Palm is an advisor for

the Educational Foundation for Fraternities.

"It'll be difficult to leave because I've had a pretty successful career here at UK and I can credit the students for a lot of it," he said. "They've been pretty helpful and cooperative in changing a lot of

things." One example Palm cited was the Intrafraternity Council adopting a dry rush without UK's administration asking them to do it.

Palm isn't sure whether he will be staying on at UK in another capacity.

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# DIVERSIONS

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## Thompson's latest centers on politics

By KIP BOWMAR  
Section Editor

"The only way for a reporter to look at a politician is down."  
—H.L. Mencken

It is quite obvious that gonzo journalism founder Hunter S. Thompson has a similar attitude about everything and everyone he writes about in his book, *Generation of Swine: Tales of Shame and Degradation in the '80s*, which will soon be released in paperback.

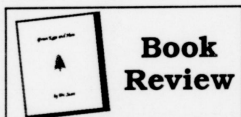
He addresses a variety of bizarre issues ranging from the slightly sublime to the completely ridiculous.

On one hand Thompson writes of gambling exploits that would be make a member of Gamblers Anonymous blush. On the other hand, he offers political prose with a great deal of insight. While most writers would retreat in fear of lawsuits arising from such a style, Thompson presses on.

The book is a collection of a notebook he kept for the last two years with *The San Francisco Enquirer* and covers a litany of topics ranging from a tattoo parlor to the Iran-Contra scandal and the political fortunes of people like Gary Hart, George Bush, and Ed Meese.

Some of Thompson's political assertions test the bounds of reality itself. But he never rose to fame or prominence for that love of reality.

Thompson has a talent to cut to the bone of what motivates people. He also offers insight to the human condition. Of course, as a whole his picture of the human condition is quite bleak. But it's Thompson's expositions about politics that sets him apart:



"The evil demon, sex-crazed, twisted cowboy preacher is gone now . . . Gary Hart is back in Colorado, and his high-powered presidential campaign is a smoking ruin . . ."

For fans of gonzo journalism, (especially Thompson's) the book is a must read.

"*Generation of Swine: Tales of Shame and Degradation in the '80s*" by Hunter S. Thompson is published by Simon & Schuster and is out in hardback.

## Williams' latest effort a success

By KIP BOWMAR  
Section Editor

I sound my barbaric yawp over the world.

—Walt Whitman

This unlikely quote captures the underlying spirit of Robin Williams' latest and arguably best film, "Dead Poets Society."

Unlike past films where Williams has played the outrageous comic genius, his character is more reserved. He still has the razor-sharp wit but it is held in check. Fans who have come to see another reprisal of "Good Morning Vietnam" will be disappointed.

The film requires thought and the viewer has to let the plot and the characters develop. Williams' character is not the dominant character. He is merely a catalyst that sparks the other characters from lethargy. The cast



has a very strong ensemble appeal.

The movie opens in New England in a prep school in 1959 with another schoolyear about to begin. The tradition-laden school is oblivious to the procession of time on the outside world. The only thing that has changed at the school is the addition of a new English teacher, John Keating (Williams).

Keating makes an impact immediately with his unorthodox teaching methods. He has his students perform a number of exercises to look at things in a different perspective.

The battle lines are drawn be-

tween the iconoclast Williams — who provides the inspiration for his students to form their own "Dead Poets Society" — and the administration. It becomes clear it is only a matter of time before he will be forced out.

The acting is very good and portrays the mundane emotions honestly. There is very little overacting.

While the film deals with some sad events and has a forboding title, the movie is not morose. It affirms the human spirit.

The ending provides a fitting denouement to the movie without going over the edge.

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# Musician back from injury, now on solid ground

By HUNTER HAYES  
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Larry Carlton was working in his home studio in Los Angeles, Calif., last year, when he noticed two teenagers and a German shepherd run under his carport.

Suspicious, he went to shut the garage door when one of the youths raised his hand and fired a .357 Magnum at close range.

The bullet ripped through Carlton's carotid artery, a key artery near the neck. Carlton, an accomplished musician, was rushed to the hospital in time.

He survived.

But the long period of recovery then began.

Carlton's arm was numb and he spent eight months recovering from the shooting (the case is currently unsolved).

During that time he completed a new album, *On Solid Ground*, and formed an organization to benefit the victims of violent crimes. The organization, Helping Innocent People, is designed to give aid to victims in Orange County until they can receive further help.

Even before the freak shooting, Larry Carlton's life could still be called a Hollywood success story.

A major influence on the pop and jazz scenes for nearly 20 years, Carlton has played guitar for 35 of his 41 years. In that time he has compiled an impressive resume.

He began his studio career in the mid-1960s. In the early 1970s he worked with a jazz group, The Crusaders. He is widely recognized for his work with Steely Dan, Joni Mitchell, Barbara Streisand, and his 1981 Grammy Award winning performance (with Mike Post) on the theme to television show "Hill Street Blues."

In 1978, Carlton released his first solo album, *Larry Carlton*. Since

then he has left studio sessions behind and released seven more albums for MCA. Carlton earned a second Grammy in 1987 for Best Pop Instrumental Performance for "Minute By Minute" from the acoustical *Discovery*. His tour to support his newest release, *On Solid Ground*, included a stop in Lexington on June 6.

Between shows at Breeding's, Carlton spoke about his career.

"I started playing (guitar) when I was six," Carlton said. "So by the time I was 16 or 17 years old, everybody was talking about me in Los Angeles. They had heard about this young, up-and-coming guitar

player. I had a head start on everybody because I started so young."

Carlton looks ahead at his solo career and says that his session days are definitely behind him.

Carlton said that his first night back "was great."

"We were ready, you know?" He said. "It's nice to be out playing for the people that want to hear it."

After finishing his world tour, Carlton plans to release a Christmas album that he has recorded for this year. Meanwhile, Larry Carlton is glad to be back standing, and playing, "on solid ground."

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## Courageous UK students deserve praise, support

Yiming Rong stood in front of a makeshift booth outside a grocery store last week, selling a few of his personal items to raise money for his friends and family back in China.

For the last few weeks Rong, a teaching assistant at UK, has spent many of his afternoons trying to gather funds and raise public awareness of what's happening in China.

As many as 5,000 Chinese students died earlier this month fighting for more democratic conditions. Hundreds more are being sought out by the government and will suffer some sort of penalty for their role in the protests.

Getting "the truth" to friends and family has been difficult.

The Chinese government has scrambled radio waves, banned journalists and eliminated a free press — so most of the news people get is often false and misleading. The Chinese government is doing all of this in an attempt to end what gunfire couldn't end — to snuff out the last bit of protest.

That's a shame. What people like Rong are doing is getting information — through facsimile machines, for example — over to China so the people receive an accurate account of what's going on.

"If through letters and petitions you can just save one student's life it will be worth all the effort," one Chinese student said.

It is the duty of everyone to help those who cannot speak and live freely, he said.

Unfortunately, that takes money not readily available. That's why Rong and others are selling their personal belongings.

So far, response to the fund-raising efforts has been good. In just two days last week, one group netted \$1,000 faster than you can say Emery package. And that figure is still growing.

It's a good sign. In this day and age, it's refreshing to see people fight for something they so strongly believe in — democracy. Something we have but too often take for granted.

That's why people all across the country like Yiming Rong deserve praise — and our support. Their actions have been courageous.

But we shouldn't stop there. It's necessary to continue raising money — and public awareness — to keep the fight going.

One of the Chinese students' main concerns is that people do not forget what is going on in China. Always remember, they said.

That's the least we can do.



## Our ex-Kentucky home

Columnist offers Rick Pitino a few suggestions for Wildcat Lodge

Last week, our beloved Editor in Chief Tom Spalding (or whoever writes those inane things) editorialized that the soon-to-be-unoccupied Wildcat Lodge should be reopened as a child care center for use by the many UK students who are burdened by snotnose, screaming brats.

Well, we all know how much we love having those damn kids in our classes when their parents decide to bring 'em along and let the class be ruined for everyone while the professor stews. But I'm still not going for it.

The weightroom idea obviously was tossed off by Rick Pitino as he got all lathered up (and we all know he wouldn't say anything irrational) at the big announcement speech, so I've decided to give the guy a few suggestions. I hope they're helpful.

(And no, I'm not gonna endorse the Wildkitten name either).

So here it goes:  
• We could knock out the front wall (the other half of "we" being, of course, Happy Chandler) and turn the place into a bookstand. Happy could sell copies of his book and I could push copies of my latest bestseller "Bowhead Rhetoric: Inside the Modern Sorority Girl." It'll be a hoot.

• We could round up all those money bags boosters, illiterate hill dwellers and other hard core UK types and lock 'em up in there. Then maybe they'll see how annoying they are and stop bitching about how Richie should be playing more or why Ellis needs to hit the boards harder.

Anyway, they won't have to worry about those things anymore because Richie's competition at guard will be walk-on Satchmo or walk-on Buford. And Ellis is gone, and nobody really misses him, or his silly haircut, anyway.

• Let's make it into the official Joe B. Hall Museum (and contrary to common belief, B. stands for beans). Hall looked pretty good after all the NCAA stuff exploded in Sutton's face, now didn't he?

We'll put the original Eric Manuel ACT



answer sheet in there, the Emery package that Claud Mills allegedly received that videotape in, and a little vial filled with some of the pus drained from Sean Sutton's eye, just to remind us how really nasty (and runny) the '88-89 season was.

• We could make it into a combination message parlor and strip joint, something Lexington's definitely missing.

• I stole this one from the Kernel gang. A new clubhouse for my brotherhood, or sisterhood, of whining nihilists called S.A.F.E. (Students Against F—ing Everything). We basically hate everything. All we care to do is sit around, drink

beer, belch and criticize stuff. If you care to join, just call 555-BURP and we'll get back to ya. Maybe.

• As it stands in the shadow of UK's very own phallic symbol, Patterson Office Tower, we should tear down the lodge and build a big ol' fountain and dedicate it to all the big, dumb white guys who just didn't have the physical prowess to make it on the court.

We'll call it the Syrupy Blue Spouting Spew or something equally offensive and tasteless.

• Just one last suggestion, as a tribute to our soon-to-be smashed, trashed and steamrolled '89-90 team, we could fix it up like a funeral home and have a wake each time the Cats get buried. The name: Pitino's Burial Pit or maybe even Pointless Enthusiasm Gardens. And to make it even more fitting, we could paint it white, lily white.

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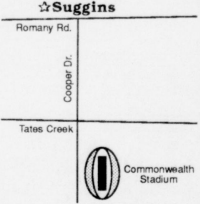
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