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Fire raises concern

Residence hall closes off bathrooms from residents

By Chris Padgett
Staff Writer

Some residents of Blanding III are ready to pack up their belongings and move out of the co-ed South Campus residence hall.

On Friday and again yesterday, fires broke out in restrooms located on the second floor of the three floor low rise across from the Seaton Center. During both instances, hallways on the second floor filled with clouds of smoke which crept under the doors of residents' rooms. No alarms were triggered by the smoke in either instance. UK Police are investigating the fires as arson.

According to a report filed by Blanding III Hall Director Leslie Wilson with UK Police early Tuesday morning, "unknown persons set fire to a bathroom shower curtain in the second floor bathroom."

John Gavin, a materials science sophomore, is concerned that fire alarms in the building did not go off when his floor was filled with smoke. "It is very concerning to me that fire alarms did not sound during the fiasco," Gavin said. "We could have died in our sleep."

As a result of the incidents both men's restrooms on the second floor have been closed indefinitely. Residents have been told to utilize the men's bathroom on the first floor of the building. The first floor men's restroom has only four toilets and four

showers. There are over 80 men living in Blanding III who will have to use this facility.

"I think it is really pathetic that all the guys should be punished and be made to use the single restroom on the first floor," said David Miracle, a civil engineering sophomore.

Keith Ungarait, an undeclared freshman, questioned whether or not anyone had the authority to close the restroom. "I wonder if this is allowable by public health standards," Ungarait said.

Signs posted on the bathrooms' doors early yesterday morning informed residents that they should contact UK Police or the Office of Residents Life if they have any information regarding the incidents.

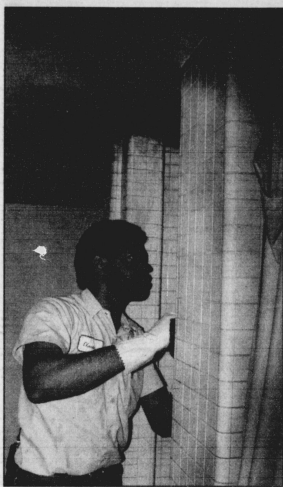
Dale Howard, a political science sophomore and Blanding III resident, is ready to pack his belongings. "This place is worse than hell," Howard said. "I can't wait to get out of campus housing."

Wilson was not in Lexington yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

According to Deborah Hazard, director of residence life, problems have plagued the dorm. "There seems to be a number of incidents that have occurred recently," Hazard said. "We would like to bring a solution to this problem as soon as possible."

A meeting was held last night at Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons for the residents, and representatives from the UK Fire Marshal's Office, campus police, and the Office of Residence Life were on hand to answer questions and provide information.

UK Police are currently investigating the incident, which falls into the category of first-degree arson.



SANEIWA WICKRAMARACHI/Kernel staff

HOT SHOWER UK housing employee Claude Corneliso cleaned the shower on the second floor of Blanding III, after someone set the shower curtain on fire.

Battle of New Orleans

The Southeastern Conference Tournament kicks off tomorrow in New Orleans' Superdome with 12 teams competing for the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. UK begins its quest for a fifth consecutive SEC tournament crown Friday in the quarterfinal round. The Cats will play the winner of tomorrow's Ole Miss-Florida game. See preview pages 4, 5.



HELENA HAU/Kernel staff

Student may dodge aid crunch

Staff report

The backlog on a government contractor's computer which caused the National Department of Education to fail to process 900,000 college financial aid applications should not affect current UK students.

Lynda S. George, Director of Student Financial Aid, said returning students should be fine, due to a later application deadline of April 1.

However, George noted that high school seniors will have to wait to find out how much money they will receive for attending college.

"For current students, the back log should be out of the way," George said. "The problem will hit incoming freshmen who are using the information as a deciding factor in choosing a university."

The form, called the Free Application for Federal

Student Aid, is used to calculate how much a family can contribute to a student's education. Schools use the information to determine eligibility for financial aid packages.

George said the back-up will not affect the amount of funding but will delay many students' notification of their financial aid status.

Elizabeth Hicks, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Student Financial Assistance Programs, said that the department now promises to process by the end of March all applications that were received by March 1. Applications received during March should be processed by April 15.

Hicks cautioned that the problems may not be completely solved and said that it is possible that the government will not have information in time for colleges to make financial aid awards by May 1.

Students and parents, wondering why they

haven't received their financial analyses yet, have flooded a question-and-answer phone line, Hicks said. In response, the department has expanded the hours and added more operators.

The department blames the backlog on 21 days of work time lost during the partial government shutdown and the blizzards that closed offices during a crucial testing period.

In addition, the department has a new contractor and is using a new optical imaging system. Hoping to catch up, contractors have increased production at two processing companies, which are now working around the clock, seven days per week. They also have set up additional work sites.

Education Secretary Richard Riley plans to send a letter to college presidents, explaining the situation and asking them to consider delaying that deadline, he said.

To check on the status of financial aid applications, applicants can call 319-337-5665 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST Saturday.

Aja says sacrifice provided good opportunity for learning

By Gary Wull
Staff Writer

"You can't always get what you want."

This is an idea that Student Government presidential candidate Alan Aja has been taught for most of his life. When he was young and living in a middle-class Hispanic home, he learned about limitations.

His father worked part time jobs, while being a full-time student. And his mother was working full-time at a job she enjoyed, but which didn't pay much.

"This made me see eye-to-eye with people of lower economic backgrounds. It taught me not to

take things for granted," Aja said.

While living in Miami, Florida, he and his younger sister and brother lived in the same bedroom of a small two-bedroom house.

"It was really rough because I was 12 years old and you're growing up and going through the adolescence stage," he said.

"I would've liked the nicer clothes... but it was only a time where we had what we needed and my parents taught me to appreciate that," Aja said.

When he turned 12, Aja's family moved to Louisville. He attended Atherton High School. For the first couple of years he felt alone, because he was not involved. Noticing this, his father

approached him and told him to become a part of things.

"They told us to focus on academics, but they also encouraged us to be involved on campus, because that's where the experience comes from," he said.

Throughout it all Aja has learned to make the best of things. "Things are going to happen in life because they are going to test us and make us stronger," he said. "There is always a positive to every negative."

Growing up, no rules or ideas were forced upon him. He said his father would show the conse-

quences and would make them learn from their own mistakes.

"He always taught us to think before you act."

Aja gave his philosophy on parenting: "When parents force things upon their children, they are more likely to rebel."

During the conversation a young man with a mohawk walked by. Most people would give a strange look, but Aja appreciates the style as a way of establishing individualism.

"I like when people keep their identities and are not afraid to be themselves."

Martin Luther King Jr. has



Aja

NEWSbytes

WATION Dole wins big in 'Junior Tuesday' voting

Sen. Bob Dole took a commanding lead in the Republican presidential race last night with an eight-state primary sweep against fast-fading Pat Buchanan and a shrinking field of challengers.

"I always felt in my heart it was going to happen, but you never know until the people vote," Dole said in an interview, confident now that his third bid for the Republican nomination would be successful.

An ecstatic Dole urged Republicans to rally around him and turn their fire at President Clinton.

"I think it is a big, big boost," the Senate majority leader said, predicting he would handily win New York's primary on Thursday and carry momentum into next week's "Super Tuesday" contests in Texas, Florida and five other states.

"I think we are in a very strong position to win the nomination," he said, and for once there was no voice in dissent.

Dole won primaries in Georgia, Vermont, Connecticut, Maryland, Maine and Massachusetts and seemed headed for a "Junior Tuesday" sweep when returns were counted in Colorado and Rhode Island.

All told, the day's booty represented more than a quarter of the 966 delegates needed to clinch nomination — with another 93 up for grabs in New York and 362 in next week's "Super Tuesday" contests in Florida, Texas and five other states.

Buchanan vowed to fight all the way to the August Republican convention, but acknowledged, "It's an uphill battle everywhere."

Also in for a bad night was multimillionaire publisher Steve Forbes, who was already focusing on the Thursday showdown in New York. "We can win in New York and nationwide," he said, ignoring Dole's lead in the state — and the momentum likely to come from last night.

WORLD Mideast peace on shaky ground

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israeli troops blocked more than 1 million Palestinians inside the West Bank yesterday and sealed the homes of Islamic militants whose bombing war has terrorized Israel and shaken the peace process.

Stepping up their offensive against the militants, soldiers raided a West Bank village, herding all the men into the main square for questioning. Prime Minister Shimon Peres vowed to imprison relatives of the suicide bombers without trial.

In an about-face, the military wing of Hamas said it would heed a call from the group's political leaders to halt the bombing attacks until July. The wing, Izzedine al Qassam, claimed responsibility for four bombings in nine days that killed four bombers and 57 other people.

Angry Israelis buried the 13 victims of the latest attack, killed Monday when an Islamic militant blew himself up outside Tel Aviv's main shopping mall. Half the dead were children.

In Washington, the Clinton administration sent bomb-detection equipment to Israel yet ready to help intercept terrorists at border crossings.

NAMEdropping

Scorsese sore over censorship

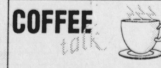
STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Martin Scorsese is making sure Swedes know exactly how he feels about the country's censors, who chopped some violent scenes out of his film "Casino."

The Swedish Censorship Bureau forced the director to cut three sequences, totaling one minute and 40 seconds, out of the three-hour movie, arguing that they were too violent for viewers, the Swedish news agency TT said.

The movie stars Robert De Niro and Sharon Stone in a tale about sometimes bloody mob influence in Las Vegas casinos in the 1970s.

"It was my wish that every audience should experience 'Casino' the way I cut it, but that will not be the case, and a censored version seemed to be a better alternative than not being able to show the film at all," read part of his disclaimer translated from Swedish by The Associated Press.

Compiled from wire reports.



Alan Aja

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▼ To relax, he plays the piano

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Gillooly talks about inspiration, writing

By Jeff Vinson

Q: Could you tell me what your inspiration was for writing 'Venus in Spurs'?
Sheila Gillooly: The book is about the female fear of commitment, which is kind of the opposite approach of what is typically thought of as being a male phenomenon.

And the impetus for me writing it was basically that after about 15 years of desperately, desperately trying to get myself into a relationship... once I got kind of settled into it, I discovered that I had a lot of ambivalence about being there. And that really shocked me because I thought that it would be sort of a miracle and that I would no longer have any problems, which was of course not the case.

Q: So what was the problem? What did you see?
S.G.: This happened when I was in my late 20s. I started to kind of look around at the many kind of close women friends that I had.

We had all basically traveled through out teens together, you know, going to singles bars, trying to set each other up on dates and generally having kind of crash-and-burn experiences with men.

Pretty much most of the women I knew at that point for

whatever reason had actually become involved in pretty good relationships, but in fact, when I looked at most of those couplings, I saw that it was the woman in most of the relationships that seemed to be having more difficulty with the sort of day-to-day requirements of commitment and domestic responsibility and intimacy and so forth, and we were really sort of the bitches of the relationship and the men were kind of the more accommodating ones. That really went against everything I had been led to believe to be the case.

So I just started thinking about writing the book because I thought well this is something that never gets talked about.

Q: So how did you react to those feelings of uncertainty? Was it a good thing for you?

S.G.: I think that it was kind of good, as distressing as it was to experience the ambivalence and the ways in which that complicated my relationship and seemed to be complicating the relationships of my friends.

At the same time it was kind of a great relief to me to see that after having been brainwashed for all those years about, oh you'll never manage to get your romantic life on track because men have this terrible fear of commitment, it was sort of empowering to real-



Photo furnished
VENUS IN FURS Sheila Gillooly will be signing her new book, 'Venus in Spurs,' tonight at Joseph-Beth Booksellers.

ize that I wasn't victim to someone else's whims, I was victim to my own whims. That at least I felt like I could make an attempt to change, whereas as I had always felt really powerless in the face of like the three-date dump.

Q: What kind of reaction have you had to this "new concept?"

S.G.: I haven't encountered a great deal of opposition. Even though it is a different approach, it doesn't seem that people find it all that controversial.

The two responses I have encountered so far have been one, a kind of relief on the part of men because their so used to being vil-

fied about their own fear of commitment. This idea has given them insight into confusing romantic situations that they've gotten into with women. And then for women, it was kind of amazing. For them it was something that, like me, they had felt but hadn't really been able to articulate to themselves because it's in such opposition to our socialization as women.

We've really taught that a large part of our validation comes through romantic success — a normal woman really wants to get married. For women it's hard to admit that you have some conflict around it.

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Noted author to sign new book at Joseph-Beth

By Jeff Vinson

Campus Editor

Sheila Gillooly is no stranger to seeing her name in print. Her articles have appeared in *Details* and *Comptonian*.

But her first book *Venus in Spurs: The Secret Female Fear of Commitment or Why You Head for the Hills When Love Comes to Town* has opened her life to a new level of publicity.

Gillooly, a distant relative of the late Confederate President Jefferson Davis, said she's completely "agoraphobic."

"My mother's like frantically calling me everyday, like 'Please go out of the house today,'" Gillooly said. "My boyfriend got us a dog (Greta) just so I'd go outside and walk it."

So far the beginning of her nine-day promotional tour has been fun. She said she's met a lot

of nice people, and for someone who is afraid to fly, just arriving safely on the ground from her home in New York is reason to celebrate.

Gillooly added that after a three-hour interview for a piece that will air on NBC's "Dateline" in late March, she can handle anything.

To say that she enjoys her life is an understatement. She's having fun and wants others to join in.

And she hopes that both women and men can learn something from *Venus in Spurs*.

"I wrote this piece for *Details* originally with the same title and on the same topic and a bunch of publishers contacted me because they thought that it would make a good book," Gillooly said.

Gillooly admits freely, however, that writing a self-help book wasn't exactly her goal.

"I've never even read (a self-help book)," Gillooly said. "I'm so Joe-average. I'm just a chick who's gone out on a lot of bad dates."

Because she's not an "expert," she felt it was important to talk about her personal experiences in the book. And for someone who loves "to make people laugh," humor is one of the tools she uses to illustrate her ideas.

"If I hadn't been able to make my points with humor — and I know I make serious points in the book — I would have been too embarrassed," Gillooly said. "I wouldn't want to tell people what to do and not at least give them the pleasure of cracking up sometimes when their reading it."

Gillooly will appear tonight from 7-8:30 at Joseph-Beth Booksellers for a reading/signing of *Venus in Spurs*.

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New albums deliver strong sound

By Julie Anderson
Assistant Arts Editor
and Lisa Miller
Staff Critic

Whipping Boy Heartworm ★★★

With a name like Whipping Boy, I wasn't sure what to expect—heavy metal, techno, yodeling? After 20 seconds, the sounds of calm stringed instruments, an Irish accent, and repetitive love lyrics answered my confusion.

This Dublin based band has a lot to share with the world. Heartworm is Whipping Boy's debut album. Perhaps, because Heartworm is the band's first album, Whipping Boy is afraid to turn up the unique aspects of their sound. Most of the songs straddle the fence between the common and the unique.

Specifically, the first song of the album, "Twinkle," sings the typical radio love song with repetitive lyrics and a catchy melody. This standard sound occurs through out most of the album, but not entirely.

The song "Personality," for example, diverges from the typical pop radio template with a lot of rhythmic changes and vocal approaches.

Again, the band really comes into their own with the song "A Natural" where the lead vocalist, Fearghal McKee, sings a sad ballad, beginning with a calm musical background and heightening to a strong rhythm pick-up as the song ends.

One virtue of this album is McKee's calm voice, which performs angry songs like church hymns. The band's sound reminds me of Scandinavian languages. In Norwegian, for example, the merry rhythm of the language makes even the most obscene words seem kind.

Several songs stray from the typical radio sound. I like to think that is the direction the band will take in the future.

The Prayers beautiful lies ... ★★★ 1/2

Lexington's answer to a musical deadlock in style is The Prayers.



WHIPPING POST Sound clips from Whipping Boy's album, 'Heartworm,' can be found on the Kentucky Kernel online at <http://www.uky.edu/KYKernel>.

Their mixture of sounds in original arrangements do not conform to the standards of today's music society.

The group's third album, *beautiful lies ... and the ugly truth* is filled with a multitude of styles and personal views that reflect the thoughts and emotions of each band member. All four members of The Prayers have been "blessed" with vocal talent that allows for universal lyrics that don't lack in personal intonation and expression.

The first track on the album,

"Something," details guitarist Willie Eames' view of a relationship on the brink. Through the lyrics, he searches for "something" that will make the once wonderful relationship work again.

The middle section of the album displays the rest of the band's talents with other personal journeys from bassist Smith Donaldson, percussionist Tim Welch, and guitarist Caleb Miles.

Drawing the album to conclusion — "The Joke's On Me" — is prophetic story of how the singer

realized that his attempts have been in vain.

Lyrics like "to hold onto nothing/let go to fall/so be my salvation/ sing me to sleep/I'm holding my breath/but I know I'm in too deep" combines with soulful guitar licks to penetrate the soul of any listener.

At the pseudo-conclusion of the track the guitar dies off only to come back louder than ever. Maybe one can interpret that Miles and The Prayers really got the last laugh.

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No. 1 UK favored to repeat as SEC Tournament champion

The Southeastern Conference Crown UK again Tournament in New Orleans figures to be exciting. Oldsmakers will have a tough time deciding how many points the No. 1 Cats will win. How about against the Florida-Chi. Miss. winner? 32-40? Not out of the question.

Then, there's the likely matchup with Arkansas in the semi. How many there'll be set at least 20. The Hogs are depleted. The Cats are considered against them in SEC Tourney play.

On the final Mississippi State or Georgia, don't much matter. Take UK by at least 16, probably more.

Primo (Ronald Reagan) has stunned Arkansas' Nolan Richardson (Jesse Jackson). Florida's Lon Kruger (Walter Mondale) and South Carolina's Eddie Fogler (Michael Dukakis) in the past 11 left corners to take the election this year.

If UK doesn't win a landslide, Primo should ask for a recount. If you thought Warrigate was bad, whatever it takes to beat UK gives the opponents are from the SEC might be worse.

You play UK. Ask yourself you've got a job, if you play your best possible game. You come to the tipoff, full of confidence, energy and hope. You know the Cats are a great team, but you think to yourself:

Great teams lose of nights.

The Wildcats don't why they are the Cats that on Wild game since losing to Massachusetts early in the year.

After more games, players talked of the NCAA Tournament and the ultimate goal (the national title). That being the case, don't be surprised if the result of Bourbon Street ending in the Superdome don't fan the Cats.

You must forgive them, since they don't know any better. All they know — it seems — is a full-court press. It seems team believe that in the best way of the way.

Who will give you, as the SEC adds at least, UK has played to meet perfection? Primo has yet to lose an SEC Tournament game, and you wouldn't happen this year.

UK's four-year run has started to resemble the Republican dominance in the 1980s.

Mississippi State Bulldogs

No. 1 Seed (196)

Key Player: Ernest Daniels (12.1 ppg, 8.5 rpg); Gary Wilson (17.8 ppg, 5.7 pt FGA); Donnie Jones (13.9 ppg, 5.4 rpg)

Overview: State struggled early in the season, due in large part to a hole at the point guard spot. But the Bulldogs have pulled it together down the stretch, winning seven of their last nine to finish atop the SEC West. They're very heavy on Damper and Wilson to take the offensive load.

Outlook: The Bulldogs are the only SEC team other than UK with a secure NCAA spot. The top two New Orleans games give MSU a chance to improve its seed in the Big Dance. Reaching the finals might make the Bulldogs as high as a four seed in the NCAA.

Arkansas Razorbacks

No. 2 Seed (187)

Key Player: Kevon Wood (13.1 ppg, 6.4 rpg); Carmel Robinson (13.1 ppg, 6.7 rpg); Pat Bradley (8.5 ppg, 5.6 pt FGA)

Overview: Field pushes the ball against these young Hogs, but what they do with it once they get it is in the air. Without leading scorer Jesse Price, the Razorbacks have struggled down the stretch, losing three straight and five of their last seven.

Outlook: The Hogs are a trouble. However, Pat Bradley may have a chance, when Mike has been forced to leave Arkansas, Nolan Richardson could be scrambling to make the NCAA. The Razorbacks will need at least one win to make the field of 64. A loss will leave them WITTING.

Alabama Crimson Tide

No. 3 Seed (181)

Key Player: Eric Washington (17.3 ppg, 6.7 rpg); Ray Rouseff (11.8 ppg, 1.0 blocks); Brian Williams (11.7 ppg, 2.5 rpg)

Overview: Opponents use long leading the ball to the hole against the Tide. The SEC West has only two games against the Crimson Tide opponents who finished better than 500 in the SEC.

Outlook: The Crimson Tide actually meet the semi to be considered for the NCAA. Alabama has been out of luck, but against St. Peter's and Bucknell early in the season might be too much to overcome.

Ole Miss Rebels

No. 4 Seed (182)

Key Player: Keith Carter (13.5 ppg, 5.3 rpg); Arvin Sisco (10.7 ppg, 4.1 rpg); Jabon Dantley (8.2 ppg, 2.5 rpg)

Overview: After struggling early in the season, Coach Rick Barnes' squad is on a roll. The Rebels' long win streak, enough to qualify as red in Oxford. But the Rebels' shooting has been world-class, with the team's 40.8 percent.

Outlook: The Rebels, with a 40.8 percent, have come into their own this year. The Rebels are out of the question, and the NFL is a stretch at best. However, Ole Miss has a seemingly bright future, with the loss of this year's team returning next season.

Auburn Tigers

No. 5 Seed (181)

Key Player: Wes Flanagan (13.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg); Lonnie Winters (10.8 ppg, 3.8 rpg); Pat Burke (11.3 ppg, 8.7 rpg)

Overview: After losing key players Melvin McInnis and Chris Daniels early in the season, the Tigers managed what starts in the Top 25. But Auburn has been headlined in the conference, losing its first three SEC contests.

Outlook: The Tigers, with a 40.8 percent, may likely be recognized in the NFL. After starting the season, Coach Eric Egan's team has gone south, losing eight of 11 to close the year. A top 25 in the finals certainly would make a strong case for Auburn, but even that might not be enough.

LSU Tigers

No. 6 Seed (181)

Key Player: Chase Ford (11.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg); Ronnie Ricketts (11.2 ppg, 6.7 rpg); Mike Mahoney (7.8 ppg, 1.7 rpg)

Overview: The Tigers' record should be about to get even rougher with the loss of leading scorer Ronnie Henderson, who was averaging an SEC-leading 22.4 points a game. Henderson is undergoing knee surgery this week.

Outlook: It's been another tough year for the Tigers, due mostly to injuries to key players. The Tigers have been a wash for LSU, it doesn't get better in the SEC Tournament. The Tigers must face a hungry South Carolina team, and with not much to play for, LSU will likely make an early exit.

There are teams on the NCAA bubble: Georgia, South Carolina, Arkansas, Alabama, Auburn and Vanderbilt need victories to head to the best tournament in the world.

The Wildcats clearly are the class of the SEC. Everyone that knows anything about college basketball could tell you that. The year's best talent is in the SEC, and you wouldn't happen this year.

UK's four-year run has started to resemble the Republican dominance in the 1980s.

Primo (Ronald Reagan) has stunned Arkansas' Nolan Richardson (Jesse Jackson). Florida's Lon Kruger (Walter Mondale) and South Carolina's Eddie Fogler (Michael Dukakis) in the past 11 left corners to take the election this year.

If UK doesn't win a landslide, Primo should ask for a recount. If you thought Warrigate was bad, whatever it takes to beat UK gives the opponents are from the SEC might be worse.

You play UK. Ask yourself you've got a job, if you play your best possible game. You come to the tipoff, full of confidence, energy and hope. You know the Cats are a great team, but you think to yourself:

Great teams lose of nights.

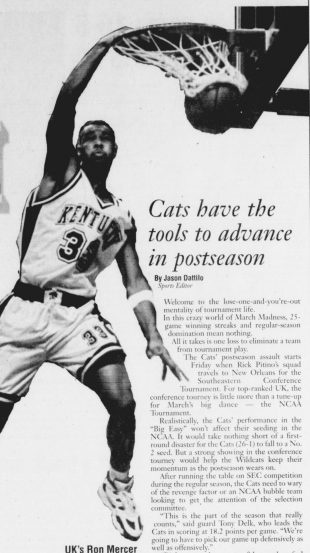
The Wildcats don't why they are the Cats that on Wild game since losing to Massachusetts early in the year.

After more games, players talked of the NCAA Tournament and the ultimate goal (the national title). That being the case, don't be surprised if the result of Bourbon Street ending in the Superdome don't fan the Cats.

You must forgive them, since they don't know any better. All they know — it seems — is a full-court press. It seems team believe that in the best way of the way.

Who will give you, as the SEC adds at least, UK has played to meet perfection? Primo has yet to lose an SEC Tournament game, and you wouldn't happen this year.

UK's four-year run has started to resemble the Republican dominance in the 1980s.



UK's Ron Mercer

Kentucky Wildcats

(196, 16 in SEC)

Key Player: Tony Dink (19.3 ppg, 4.4 rpg); Andrew Walker (15.5 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Mike McCarty (10.8 ppg, 5.9 rpg)

Overview: Since a 10-point loss to Massachusetts in the season's second game, the Wildcats have enjoyed 25 straight victories while recording the first all-time SEC record since Auburn's 14-2 mark in 1958-59.

Outlook: If UK doesn't win 65 percent of the time, stock value will certainly overstate the value of the team. If anything else, it would send the NCAA selection committee into quite a tizzy. A loss here would be more than a surprise, try and stop shock. The Wildcats should win this tournament, and easily.

Georgia Bulldogs

No. 2 Seed (187)

Key Player: Kaku Davis (15.6 ppg, 4.8 rpg); Shannon Anderson (14.9 ppg, 5.5 rpg); Carlos Strong (13.8 ppg, 5.9 rpg)

Overview: With an early non-conference schedule, this experienced Georgia team has averaged 10 of its first 11 games. But the Bulldogs aren't 7th seed in the season.

Outlook: If UK doesn't win 65 percent of the time, stock value will certainly overstate the value of the team. If anything else, it would send the NCAA selection committee into quite a tizzy. A loss here would be more than a surprise, try and stop shock. The Wildcats should win this tournament, and easily.

South Carolina Gamecocks

No. 3 Seed (181)

Key Player: Larry Davis (19.5 ppg, 4.7 rpg); Bill Mack (14.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg); Mark Williams (12.9 ppg, 4.3 rpg)

Overview: Early on, a 100-80 loss to South Carolina would be the team to get a run for the SEC crown. But a 100-80 loss to the Wildcats in both team conference games set the tone for the Gamecocks' season.

Outlook: The Gamecocks 16-10 must be the best in the first round and the "Clemson" Bulldogs in the quarter-finals to even catch the NCAA Tournament committee's eye. At 16-11, South Carolina would be a lock to make the NFL. The NCAA would still be uncertain at best.

Vanderbilt Commodores

No. 4 Seed (182)

Key Player: Frank Secker (16.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Drew Maddox (14.4 ppg, 6.9 rpg); Mike Evans (12.2 ppg, 6.5 rpg)

Overview: Vandy started the season with wins over UCLA and Virginia, but the Commodores' talent has been a mixed bag since. VU relies on the three-point shooting of Secker and Maddox. If those two aren't hitting, Vanderbilt will be in trouble.

Outlook: Vandy at 12-12, will need a run in the SEC Tournament to reach the NCAA. It's possible, but not probable. The Commodores get a tough draw in the first round with Auburn. If Vanderbilt survives the Tigers, Mississippi State awaits. Then it's Georgia or Alabama, both teams fighting for an NCAA bid.

Florida Gators

No. 5 Seed (181)

Key Player: Damon Hill (17.5 ppg, 8.3 rpg); LaRon Williams (10.2 ppg, 5.0 rpg); Greg Williams (8.8 ppg, 2.4 rpg)

Overview: The Gators' run has continued from their First Four glory days in 1990. Guards Cliff Cross and Chris Williams' game, so is forward Aronie Buckler. The early season's contribution of UFL's 100 and other scorers, the team's 75-point frame hasn't been able to copy the success of the game.

Outlook: The Gators have been losing, but make up the season. Senior Damon Hill has been a consistent performer all year, but with little supporting cast, the team might not be a good one. UK would be the favorite opponent.

Tennessee Volunteers

No. 6 Seed (181)

Key Player: Steve Homer (17.7 ppg, 8.7 rpg); Brandon Whiston (10.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg); Damon Johnson (8.4 ppg, 6.7 rpg)

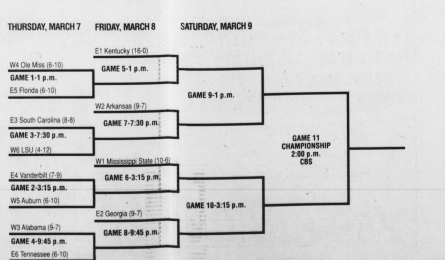
Overview: The Volunteers, who play offensively at a snail's pace, are the most boring team to watch in the SEC. With this slow-down style, Coach Kevin Wilton averages a conference-low 62.5 points per game.

Outlook: The Vols have shown tremendous improvement throughout the season with a consistent crew of players under Kevin O'Hall. A healthy run in the SEC Tournament would be a nice way to send senior center Steve Homer out an NCAA bid out of the question.

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1988	UK	Alabama	Baton Rouge
1989	Florida	Alabama	Orlando
1990	Georgia	Alabama	Nashville
1991	Mississippi State	Alabama	Birmingham
1992	Arkansas	UK	Lexington
1993	Vanderbilt	UK	Murphy
1994	Arkansas	UK	Atlanta
1995	UK	UK	Atlanta
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Tennessee's Steve Hamer (above) and Vanderbilt's Frank Secker



Vanderbilt's Frank Secker

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Wildcats romp 19-5 as baseball returns

By O. Jason Stapleton
Staff Writer

As the rains came down on Lexington yesterday, the UK baseball team was preparing to take the field for its first home game of the season.

The Wildcats (8-2) played host to the Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers (1-4) yesterday in a cold rain that fell for most of the game.

In his first UK start, freshman Eric Bishop recorded the win as the Cats clobbered Kentucky Wesleyan 19-5.

Bishop looked extremely sharp in his four innings of work. He walked one and gave up one hit while striking out seven of the 14 batters he faced.

Coach Keith Madison was extremely pleased with the freshman hurler's performance especially considering the adverse weather conditions.

"(Bishop) certainly handled the conditions and he didn't pitch like a freshman today," Madison said. "He was up for the game and threw well."

Bishop, a Louisville, Ky., native, was excited to get his first start and preferred it to the relief role which he has played in the past.

"By starting the game I was able to get used to the weather gradually," Bishop said. "I didn't have any problems adjusting to it at all."

After four innings Bishop was replaced with another freshman, Omar Henry, who did not handle the weather as well.

With the bases loaded, Henry uncorked two wild pitches in a

row, allowing two runs to score. Later in the inning, after loading the bases a second time, he walked in another run.

But the Henry's bad outing did not daunt Madison's opinion of the young pitcher.

"Omar has done an outstanding job for us this spring," said Madison. "He is leading our staff in appearances and has only had two bad games, and today was one of them."

Madison believed that Henry's biggest obstacle was the weather and not his control.

"He just got frustrated out there today because the ball was slick and the mound was slick," Madison said. "His problem today was mostly mental."

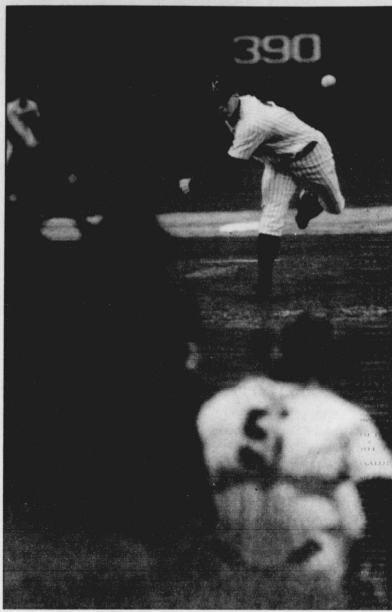
The Wildcat's bats were hot yesterday. With the wind blowing in, the Cats relied on working the count and lining singles rather than trying to hit the long ball.

The Wildcats rocked six Panther pitchers for 15 hits and 15 walks. Tim Gowen (0-1) took the loss for Wesleyan.

The first two innings were where UK got the majority of its runs, scoring six in the first and seven in the second.

"Our guys were mature enough and intelligent enough to know that the wind was blowing like crazy and they did a great job of really taking quality strokes," Madison said.

One area that could have been improved upon was team defense. Pete Pryor, who had two errors at first base, attributed the bad defense to the poor weather condi-



MATT BARTON *Kernel* staff
PLAY BALL The UK baseball team played its home opener yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium. The Cats won their fifth straight game, 19-5.

tions.
"We're gonna make some real strides in our defense this year, and tonight's (errors) were just due to the weather," Pryor said.

Notes:
▼The Wildcats battle the Georgetown Tigers today at 3 p.m. The game will be played at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

Blandford flips out at UK's home opener

By Rob Herbst
Staff Writer

Second baseman Paul Blandford kept with tradition when he made his entrance onto the field before the Wildcats' home opener with Kentucky Wesleyan.

Blandford performed what he called a "round off back flip" as he took the field.

The back flip has been approved by UK head coach Keith Madison, although Madison once thought it was arrogant.

"At the beginning I didn't like it, I thought it was a little bit hot dog," Madison said. "But that's

just the way Paul plays the game. He has a lot of fun playing. If he didn't compete hard, I probably wouldn't let him do it."

According to Blandford, he doesn't do the gymnastics to show off. Rather, he does it because children seem to enjoy it.

"I started to do it in junior college and the kids who come out seem to really enjoy it," Blandford said. "I attribute it to them."

One place where you won't see Blandford's stunt is on the road. He only performs at Hagan Stadium where he does not care if the other team believes it is cocky.

"The way I see it, they are play-

ing in our house and our rules," Blandford said. "But I only do it in my house."

Long trek

Although the elements weren't up to par and the game was a tad long, some hard core baseball fans still watched the Cats' opener.

Sherry Morgan, Laurie Owen, Amy Hayden, Heather LaFavers, and Misty Baize, all Kentucky Wesleyan students, made the long three-hour drive from Owensboro, Ky. just to see the Panthers play.

Along the way, the group almost ran out of gas in Bardstown and got lost in downtown Lexington.

Unlike UK students, they even had to pay \$2 to witness the game.

"It's an adventure," Owen said. "We're missing classes for this. But the teachers understand. They don't care."

Four of the five Kentucky Wesleyan students stayed for the entire game which lasted 3:40. Only LaFavers decided to drop out and not view the 19-5 thrashing.

The Cats also had their supporters for the home opener. Jeff Hollis, a history junior, and Everett Katz, a finance freshman, wanted to get into the baseball atmosphere.

"This gets you in the baseball mood," Hollis said. "I'm gonna come to about all of them. It's nice not having to pay five dollars for a game."

"I really wanted to see the field," Katz said. "I also wanted to see Chad Green. I hear he's real good."

No denim here

The baseball Cats aren't wearing denim, but this year's uniforms do feature a new element — pinstripes.

Madison said: "If you love baseball, you got to love pinstripes."

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WHAT'S your sign?

By John Abbott

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Just to be malicious, you spend all day strolling around computer labs with a powerful magnet hidden in your pocket, erasing people's computer disks when they aren't paying attention.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) To learn your fate this week, I call to the Psychic Scam Network for assistance. I can't believe I wasted ten bucks listening to some pseu-

do-mystical garbage I could have made up myself. You are also fated to waste time and good money on something completely useless -- a Mariah Carey CD, for instance.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) I know you are dying to ask God why He made Geminis so vastly superior to all of the other signs. Do not pester God with these foolish questions, lest He transform you into a Cancer. Simply enjoy your absolute wonderfulness and let it be at that.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) My investigations on the Ouija board tell me that this week you will find true love ... or maybe blue gloves. Unfortunately, my contact in the spirit world is an atrocious speller. Let me get back to you later.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Nothing exciting happens to you this week.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Congratulations! You are the winner of the "The Astrologer Is Feeling Sort of Lenient At The Moment" award.

You will enjoy romantic success on Friday night, and you will also receive a partner in a class

project who is weak and easily bullied into doing all of your work for you.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) I just flipped a coin to find out your future. Heads: your friends will disown you, you'll get a monster paper cut on your tongue, and a large rock will fall out of the sky and hit you on the head. Tails: your hair will fall out, your breath will smell like a septic tank, and you will become allergic to air. OK, so I rigged it. Whatcha gonna do about it?

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) For you, I painted a pentagram on the floor of my apartment so I

could summon Satan and ask him what will be transpiring in your life this week. I waited and waited, but he never showed up. You will be similarly cursed this week, waiting endlessly for something which is not forthcoming.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) You will have grotesque nightmares about sex-change operations all week. Each morning, you will wake up in a cold sweat and check yourself to be sure that you have all the parts you are supposed to have.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) So ... I hear you've met someone very special. You've got a new

sweetie. What's in store for you lovebirds? I'm having some technical difficulties with my crystal ball -- it either says that your new flame is deeply devoted or deeply disturbed.

You two should probably break up, just in case.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) I bought a Tarot deck to see what was, so to speak, in the cards for you. But the instructions were too hard to understand, so I built a card house out of them instead.

The house was badly misshapen, and it fell down. I take that to mean that your week will be lousy.

DIVERSIONS bytes

Web site offers easy job search

A new free online magazine and research tool for post-graduation job search recently went live on the Internet. StudentCenter (<http://www.StudentCenter.com>) is structured in a simple, easy-to-access format and offers the optimal balance between practical, how-to information and offbeat humor to help relieve job search stress.

The site includes step-by-step guidelines for writing the perfect resume, cover letter, and thank-you notes, as well as lots of other helpful tips such as definitions of career buzzwords and details on legal issues and employment rights. StudentCenter provides descriptions of more than 1,000 industries and will soon introduce an interactive "Career Doctor" to help students discover the right career for their individual skills and interests.

There is no charge to use the resource.

Shaw play comes to Cincinnati

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As the SGA candidates gear up for another spring filled with elections posters and stump speeches, we would like to offer a wish list of sorts.

It seems that the candidates begin every year by talking about ways to make campus better, but by the time they are finished, they're only trying to trash their opponents.

Hopefully this year it will be different. First, we would like to see an issues campaign. With two experienced candidates running for president, finding issues worth debate shouldn't be difficult.

The candidates should challenge each other to discuss their voting record, and why they made those decisions. They should keep to the actual issues, instead of using student catchphrases, like increasing "student power" or getting more of a "student voice" on campus.

We would like to see the real issues discussed, instead of listening to fluffy campaign rhetoric.

Since there are only two presidential candi-

dates in this election, we would like to hear more from the Senate candidates this year. In the past, we have heard very little from those candidates, and they have had to say little to get elected.

It seems too often that colorful posters are the only real ideas of substance that Senate candidates have to present. That often leads to a disorganized group of students who spend more time bickering than looking for real solutions.

Finally, the student body should take some time to find out about student government.

More than \$250,000 is pumped into the organization each year, yet very few students take the time to vote or get involved. Students should find the time to look at the group and see how they can make it better.

By asking for discussion of relevant issues, hearing from all the candidates and getting more students involved, we can make this election one of the best in years.

tion that they officiate other than at UK?

Jennifer Sexton
education senior

Ad was in poor taste

To the editor:

In regard to your insulting and witless piece, "What is a Commodore" (sic), the Vanderbilt Commodores were named in honor of "Commodore" Cornelius Vanderbilt, the 19th century financier, shipping, and railroad magnate whose donation of one million dollars founded Vanderbilt University in 1873.

It is true that Vanderbilt's 1995 basketball team is not a challenging competitor for this year's UK Wildcats. Vanderbilt University's stiff admission standards sometimes deny entry to promising young players, who may wind up as freshman phenoms on other SEC schools with less demanding entrance requirements.

Vanderbilt's philosophy is that in today's tough job market, getting a top-notch education is

more important than having a good basketball team.

I am not sure what the UK Administration's priorities are on this issue. However, I do feel certain that the vast majority of UK's student body that aspires to high academic achievement is poorly served by such a vulgar and tasteless display of journalism.

David Cooper
Vanderbilt Alumnus

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Pat Buchanan's foreign policy is pro-Israel

Pat Buchanan has always favored a strong, independent state of Israel. He has been a lifelong friend to the Jewish people, both individually and collectively speaking.

In 1973, as a special assistant to President Nixon, he strongly supported the decision to aid the Israelis with a massive airlift that saved the country in the Yom Kippur War.

In 1976, he supported the Israeli raid on Entebbe, and in 1981 he supported the Begin government's attack on the Baghdad nuclear reactor.

In 1986, he was instrumental in getting Natan Sharaniski released from the Gulag at the urging of his wife Avital.

His columns throughout his 20 years as a writer contain numerous affirmations of his view that the U.S. has a "moral commitment" to guarantee the security and survival of the Israeli state, "as he told Human Events editor Allan Ryskind in 1992, and not a single reference that could even remotely be considered anti-Semitic. Why, then, the charges?"

The charges of anti-Semitism are based on political disputes, caused by stands that Mr. Buchanan has taken over the years which have angered some columnists, lobbyists, and pundits.

They are rooted, in part, in disagreements about the direction of American foreign policy, and have nothing to do with supposed expressions of racist or anti-Semitic sentiment by Mr. Buchanan.

Some of these stands include: His support of the "land for peace" policy in the Middle East, which is now the official policy of the Israeli government.

His early opposition to a U.S. commitment to re-establish the Emir of Kuwait because it would put American lives at stake in a conflict that he believed was not vital to America's interest. Actually, Buchanan favored deterring Saddam Hussein's aggression in Saudi Arabia.

His defense of John Demjanjuk, a retired Cleveland auto worker, against the charge that he was "Ivan the Terrible," the Treblinka Death Camp guard responsible for the mass murder of Jews. Despite deportation by the U.S. Justice Department on the basis of evidence falsified by the Soviet KGB, the Israeli Supreme Court subsequently ruled that it was a case of mistaken identity, which Buchanan had maintained all along.

The best evidence of where Pat Buchanan really stands on Israeli policy is found directly in what he has said in his columns.

On the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, 6/25/82: "Politically, mankind suffered no irreversible loss with the

sweeping of the PLO from the international chess board. As virulently anti-American as it was anti-Israeli, the PLO has been a Soviet cat's-paw, the linchpin of international terror, the base camp for the worst elements on earth, a friend to every enemy of the United States from the Sandinistas in Nicaragua to Idi Amin in Uganda."

On the state of Israel, 1983: "Israel remains a tough, resourceful, energetic nation, an offspring of the West... whose current struggle merits sympathy and support."

On the Israeli strike against Iraqi nuclear reactor, 6/11/81: "From a security perspective, the Israeli's preemptive strike against the Iraqi nuclear reactor outside Baghdad was timely and crucial."

"Given the implacable hatred of Baghdad for Israel - the nation referred to only as 'The Zionist Entity' - the prospect, indeed, the probability of atomic weapons in Iraqi hands, was one with which the Israeli literally could not live. (Righteous United States condemnation of Israel, a small sliver of land with three major cities, rings hollow. How, for example, would the Zionist president Reagan and Secretary of State Haig to act if weapons-grade material were being fed into a Soviet-built Cuban reactor, with Castro declaring: 'This one is for the

Yankees.' (What Israeli could go to sleep secure with revanchist Palestinians a few miles away nursing their hatred of the 'Zionist imperialists' who destroyed their homeland and drove their fathers and mothers into refugee camps?)"

On the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights, 12/17/85: "It would not be at all unreasonable if the Israelis came to the conclusion that their survival, more than ever, depends upon the lives alone."

"If a majority in that country have arrived at such a conclusion, it is natural to seek security in geography and guns, not treaties and talk."

"The militants - Syria, Libya, Iraq, the military wing of the PLO - settle for nothing less than eradication of the 'Zionist entity' from the Arab world. Within Egypt, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia, there are millions more for whom the humbling and destruction of the Jewish state is a nightly dream. Even the moderate governments in the region - Egypt, for example - could probably not survive a permanent peace which left East Jerusalem under Israeli control."

On former Prime Minister Rabin, 9/17/93: "...the statesman who brought peace after a half century of fighting for Israel's place in the sun..."



GUEST opinion

Guest Columnist
Linda T. Muller
is a Buchanan for President campaign representative.

READERS' forum

Intramural refs don't play fair

To the editor:

As a student at the University, I have participated in the Campus Recreation Intramural Sports. During the basketball season, I have watched several of the games and what I witnessed at one particular game was unacceptable.

First of all, how can it be fair to allow the referees who officiate basketball also have their own team play? Well, fair or not, on Thursday Feb. 29 in the semi-finals there were several referees who played on one of the teams. Only they seemed to think that they did not have to play by the rules.

It is stated in the rule book that under no circumstances can a game start even a minute late due to players not being present. But for some reason, this game on Thursday started ten minutes

late.

What should be a forfeit was a game that continued. This team, who just happened to win and advance to the finals, played with their fellow players officiating. An appeal was filed but denied, saying that the late players were officiating another game. My only question to the campus recreation department was "What game?" There were no other games going on at that time. When I mentioned this, the department representative responded by saying that they do not like teams to forfeit in tournament play. Is this written in the rule book that any team who is late to a tournament game, does not have to forfeit? Or is this just for those whose members also referee?

The intramural department has treated teams unfairly due to special "bending" of the rules for the referees who play in the same league. My only other question is, where else are referees allowed to play in the same league and divi-

Institutional racism causes education problems

The civil rights activists of decades ago fought ardently for the desegregation of schools and public accommodations. Through peaceful demonstration, court battles, and the education of the public, the dream of equality was realized, at least on the surface.

This superficiality of equality was seen as a step in the right direction, but the ultimate goal of equal opportunity in education still had a long way to go. The public often reads or hears about reports concerning the state of the American educational system. Minorities often score lower on standardized tests than their white counterparts. A simple answer to this perplexing question used to involve judging the mental capabilities or potential of the stu-

dents. However, many parents of minority children offer a different perspective. An interesting case in Waco, Texas highlights the problem and offers a solution.

Lester and Coque Gibson have children in the black educational system in Waco. Their son failed the basic skills test eight years ago and their 16-year-old daughter failed last year. Seventy-five percent of the black students, 66 percent of the Hispanic students, and 37 percent of the white students failed the test.

The white-dominated school board attributed the failing grades to poverty and poor parenting. Given the disparity of scores, it would seem that the school board was pointing to the black population as examples of bad parenting.

Now, while black students may live in significantly lower income housing and may not have as much money for material goods, their lower standard of living cannot really be the significant justification behind the low scores. Nutritional deprivation and want of basic necessities can stunt a child's mental and physical development, but this doesn't seem to be the case in Waco.

The black children may, for the most part, not be as wealthy as their white counterparts, but the level of poverty they experience could not physiologically hinder their children's ability to think, learn, and participate in school activities.

The other factor, poor parenting, doesn't seem to apply either. The same people who are accused of being poor parents are currently taking an active role in their children's futures by trying to cor-

rect the problems. Seeing the present system as a failure, they have organized Project Exodus, a drive aimed at breaking away from the Waco Independent School System and forming a new one.

Many parents like the Gibsons blame their children's low scores on institutional racism and the low expectations teachers have of minorities. They think that taking the children out of the system is the answer to this problem. In Waco, as well as in other parts of the country, black parents are rebelling against the system and placing their children in church schools and private academies. The number of these black private schools has doubled to 400 in the past twelve years. It comes down to the way students are treated in class. Gibson offers his son's experience as an example of this differential treatment of black students.

His son was kept in remedial

math classes and was never allowed to learn the basic algebra that turned up on the test. How can students pass a test when they haven't been exposed to the classes that would teach them the needed skills?

Institutional racism can affect a child in a highly detrimental way. If a black child is not encouraged, especially at an early age by those people (teachers) who have the power and authority to make such a difference, then they may be less inclined to speak up in class, ask questions, and make it clear when they are having problems. In addition, people who feel as if they are not appreciated certainly don't make themselves stick out in the crowd.

While I can understand how institutional racism can work to the detriment of not only blacks, but also society, the idea of segregating schools again in order to achieve equal education is not as clear to me. By taking black children away, the problem is left untouched. The makers and

executors of this racism are left to continue their wrong ways. The idea of integration in society is a reminder to people that we are all equal and that we all deserve to be treated with respect. The people of Waco shouldn't have to fight for their children's education - it should be free. The teachers, principals, school board, and trustees should reflect racial diversity. Once there are people in power who can stand up for minority interests, then institutionalized racism will begin to wane.

It's a hard fight to cure racism, and unfortunately, the fight always lands predominantly on the shoulders of the victims. The only way to cure this problem is to confront it head on and not allow other people to take away basic rights. Power is not only blacks, but also society, the idea of segregating schools again in order to achieve equal education is not as clear to me. By taking black children away, the problem is left untouched. The makers and

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STUDENT LEADER Phil Curtis, SGA presidential candidate, spoke to about 100 students last night at the Alpha Xi Delta social sorority house.

Curtis offers passion for SGA

By Chris Padgett
Staff Writer

Vowing last night to provide UK students with a passionate approach to effective and efficient leadership, Phil Curtis and Tim Niebel announced their run for the two highest offices in the UK Student Government Association. UK senior Jenny Hansen, the three-time NCAA national gymnastics champion, introduced Curtis to the crowd of about 100 people, who had met in front of the Alpha Xi Delta social sorority house.

"I was competing in a meet in Auburn, Alabama and Phil and a couple of his friends were the only ones that had decided to come and cheer us on," Hansen said. "His traveling all that way to cheer us on really touched me and I have thought only kind things of him ever since — he is a friend to all."

Curtis said he was the mastermind behind last fall's campus-wide party. Under Curtis' leadership, thousands of pounds of food were donated by students who attended the parties to God's Pantry food drive. Curtis brought forth the idea in SGA and organized the very successful event.

Both Curtis and Niebel are currently Senators at Large in the SGA Senate.

According to supporters, Niebel has been credited by many in SGA with cleaning up many of the problems with SGA's campaign laws. As a result of Niebel's efforts as chair of an SGA committee, many new campaign reforms have been implemented.

"Phil Curtis will bring a much more different approach to the office in that he would bring with him a true commitment and open mind," Niebel said.

Another SGA Senate candidate, Brian Kirby, spoke kindly of the duo. "Phil and Tim will turn out to be the most effective elective leaders the UK student body has ever had, because they really do care about the lives and well-being of others."

Mandy Lewis, a social work junior, who is running unopposed for her college's seat on the SGA Senate spoke in favor of Curtis's bid to succeed current SGA President Shea Chaney.

"I believe that Phil and Tim will turn out to be the best president and vice-president duo that UK has ever seen," Lewis said.



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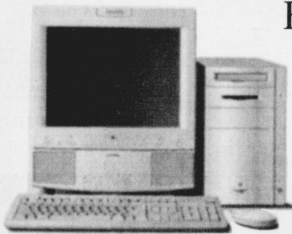
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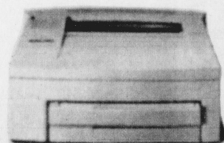
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