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Education secretary considers tweaking Title IX

Sports: Law that focused on sexual discrimination could be revamped to address criticisms, concerns

By Derek Poore
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige responded swiftly to a government recommendation that suggested tweaking Title IX, the 1972 law that protects from sexual discrimination in academic or other federal programs.

Wednesday night, hours after the official report was delivered by the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, Paige released a statement saying that he would only consider the recommendations that were unanimously supported by the commission — potentially mixing eight of the 23 proposals.

Despite striking down eight proposals — which were the most controversial — the report by the commission recommends that a retooling of the law go forward.

This report includes several recommendations unanimously agreed upon by all of the commissioners in public meetings," Paige said in a statement.

Retooling may include strengthening the enforcement of Title IX, giving equal weight to each of the three

methods of compliance in the law and discouraging schools from the practice of cutting male sports teams in order to maintain impartiality.

UK women's basketball coach Bernadette Martox recently echoed the retooling sentiment. "Everything needs upgrading," she said. "I think that if they see fit to change it, then it would be fine."

Liz McCaslin, a UK graduate student and the Southeastern Conference's Student Athlete Advisory Committee

representative, said there are many positives to Title IX and that it's often misunderstood.

"Once people are educated about Title IX, it won't be much of a debate," McCaslin said. "It's not just about not having women's sports replicated for every men's sport."

According to Title IX, colleges and universities must sustain the same proportion of male and female students to male and female athletes; exhibit the drive to expand female athletic opportunities;

and demonstrate that female sports interests have been "fully and effectively accommodated" on campus.

Among the recommendations that aren't likely to be considered are allowing universities to ignore non-traditional students when providing sports opportunities, the counting of slots available to student athletes instead of the actual athletes and discounting and ignoring non-scholarship players.

Praisin' the roof: Bands facilitate worship



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Jesus Christ Superstar

Members of the faith band "Unhidden" jam out at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting Feb. 5. (From left) family consumer science sophomore Bubba Wilmschoff, family consumer science junior Jason Eaton, and journalism senior and Kernel photographer Scott Lashinsky.

Faith: Praise-and-worship bands inspire Christians, provide message for FCA members, fraternities

By Paul Haker
STAFF WRITER

In a brick building at Woodland and Columbia avenues, students gather Wednesday nights and sing along and clap in beat to slow, peaceful music played by the band in front of them.

The lead singer of the band, Jason Eaton, a family

and consumer sciences junior, asks members of the crowd to take off their shoes — a symbol from an Old Testament story.

Eaton is part of a praise band for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the crowd members in front of him in the Christian Student Fellowship building are FCA members.

"There's a story in the

Old Testament where God tells Abraham to take off his sandals because he is standing on holy ground," Eaton said. "The chapel is God's house, so I asked everyone to take off their shoes as a way to be closer to God."

Praise and worship bands are a way for students attending Christian organizations around campus to celebrate their faith with others on campus.

The bands start the gatherings and get people

excited about whoever is speaking that night.

James Payne, a classics sophomore who attends Campus Crusade for Christ, a non-denominational Christian organization, said he thought the band added to the worship.

"The band adds vitality to the Crusade experience," Payne said. "As much as I respect the speakers, (the band) adds an atmosphere conducive to worship."

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No signs of agreement on new U.S. resolution

Inspections vs. force: Saddam's agreement to destroy missiles provides more fodder for discord among nations

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UNITED NATIONS — Iraq agreed in principle Thursday to destroy its Al Samoud 2 missiles, two days before a U.N. deadline. Word of the agreement came as chief weapons inspector Hans Blix said Baghdad's disarmament efforts had been "very limited so far."

The mixed signals were likely to provide ammunition to supporters and opponents of a quick war to disarm Iraq. The two sides failed to reach agreement on substantive issues during a heated and bitter discussion in the Security Council on Thursday.

Diplomats said privately that the lack of consensus was demoralizing, but many held out hope for compromise among the council's five major powers. The United States and Britain are pushing a resolution that would open the door for war, while Russia, China and France are calling for continued weapons inspections and a diplomatic end to the crisis.

Chinese Ambassador Wang Yingfan said he, too, hoped for a compromise that could unify the council "but I could see it's very difficult."

There were no signs of agreement at Thursday's four-hour meeting, held behind closed doors.

Bulgaria's U.N. Ambassador Stefan Tavrov, who is considered a likely supporter of the U.S.-backed resolution, said, "I haven't found any important change or ... an important shift in those positions."

At the end of the session, French Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sabliere said the majority of the council still opposed the draft resolution and that he pushed the French proposal for additional time for inspections.

Ambassadors said there was little actual discussion about the merits of the U.S. resolution or the French proposal. They couldn't agree on the content of Blix's next presentation to the council or even agree on which day next week he would appear.

Blix was invited to discuss his 17-page report detailing the work of his staff in Iraq over the past three months. The report was submitted to the United Nations Wednesday and will be sent to council ambassadors on Friday.

In a key section of the report, Blix says Saddam Hussein could have made greater efforts "to find remaining proscribed items or credible evidence showing the absence of such items."

Other sections of the report cited positive examples of Iraqi cooperation, but said it was "hard to understand why a number of the measures which are now being taken could not have been initiated earlier if they had been taken earlier, they might have borne fruit," Blix wrote.

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— STEFAN TAVROV, BULGARIA'S U.N. AMBASSADOR, ON THE SPLIT SECURITY COUNCIL

TV star Fred Rogers, 74, dies of cancer

Remembering: UK students reminisce about show and the man who taught them lessons about life

By Robbie Clark
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Fred Rogers, better known as TV's Mr. Rogers, passed away early yesterday morning due to complications caused by stomach cancer, leaving many UK students feeling nostalgia for brown cardigans and trolley rides to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe, Rogers was 74.

The death came as a shock to many as they

realized the neighborly personality of their diaper days was gone.

"It's awful. I used to get home from school and watch the show everyday on KET with my grandma," said Ashley Paynter, an integrated strategic communication and psychology sophomore. "It feels like a little piece of my childhood has passed away."

As a television show that spanned five decades, "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" helped kids learn to love

themselves and each other.

"A lot of cartoons today are unrealistic and are just used to keep children out of their parent's hair," Paynter said. "But that show taught you a lesson."

Most had trouble remembering the particulars of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," but after further reminiscing, thoughts of the puppet Henrietta Pussycat, Mr. McFeely and, of course, the theme song were rekindled.

"It was a long time ago," said Kim Ekrem, a vocal performance freshman. "I remember him singing 'Won't You Be My Neighbor' and

changing his shoes at the beginning of every show."

"Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" aired from 1968 to 2000. During many of the shows, Rogers did much of the puppet work and voices himself.

Rogers, an ordained Presbyterian minister, was born in Latrobe, Pa., and studied early child development at the University of Pittsburgh.

Rogers leaves behind a legacy of childhood entertainment and fans that found the neighborhood a little sadder yesterday.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.



ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

"We claim him, but we no longer steal bodies."

Tom Owen, associate archivist at the University of Louisville, on a grave robber, from whom the school bought corpses.

Flowers and art come together at UK

Two dozen local floral designers will be sharing their arrangements starting today as part of the annual Art in Bloom exhibit at the University of Kentucky Art Museum. The designs will be featured alongside works by UK art professors and other exhibits in the museum's collection. The exhibit will be open through Sunday.

Recruitment group seeks members

Preparing Aspiring Wildcats, a volunteer student organization that helps recruit high school students to UK, is looking for new members for the 2003-2004 school year. Applications are available in the Undergraduate Admissions Office and are due by Mar. 14. Anyone with questions can call 257-6438.

Group extends application deadline

The Emerging Leader Institute application deadline has been extended to Wed. Mar. 5. Students can earn three credit hours by taking the course on leadership. Applications are still available in Room 106 of the Student Center.

Softball team's home opener delayed

The UK softball team is being forced to wait for its home opener for a few more days. This weekend's UK Invitational has been canceled due to freezing conditions. The team's next scheduled home games are on Wed. Mar. 5, when the Cats are scheduled to face Ohio State in a doubleheader starting at 5 p.m.

Graverobber buried in workplace

LOUISVILLE — Simon Kracht is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery, allegedly amidst graves he robbed in cahoots with the University of Louisville Medical School. "We claim him," said Tom Owen, an associate archivist at the university. "But we no longer steal bodies." Nineteenth-century medical schools often lacked fresh corpses for dissection. Schools routinely bought bodies, no-questions-asked, from grave robbers, shady characters known as "resurrectionists." Usually, resurrectionists were criminals. But Kracht was on the university payroll in the 1860s and 1870s, pulling double duty as custodian and body snatcher.

Louisville priest named in suits

LOUISVILLE — A Louisville man sued the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville and his former teacher on Thursday, claiming that he was abused at his former school. Kenneth Hornback, 43, claimed



THE MACK: Richard Pryor, whose unflinchingly candid stories about himself made for unforgettable stand-up comedy routines in the 1970s, will get to tell those stories again, this time in sitcom form. According to *Variety*, his old routines will serve as source material for "Pryor Offenses," a scripted series that will center on a young, up-and-coming comic who is engaged to a sophisticated African-American attorney while conducting an affair with an earthy white woman who owns a comedy club. In keeping with the R-rated content of Pryor's material, the series will air on Showtime. Called "Pryor Offenses," the show will be co-produced by Jennifer Lee Pryor, the comedian's current wife and manager, and former "Mad About You" writer Bill Grundfest. Pryor tells *Variety* that Grundfest approached her with an outline of 13 episodes. "Bill has created a brilliant way of turning Richard's material and characters into a ... comedy of pain," she said. "It's a show designed to make you laugh till you cry and cry till you laugh."

in the suit that he was abused by Gary Kazmarek, of Burnett, Wis. Kazmarek was a teacher and coached the basketball team that Hornback played on at Our Mother of Sorrows. Kazmarek has also been indicted on sex abuse charges in Jefferson County. Hornback's claims against the diocese echo the claims of more than 200 others, who argue that the Louisville diocese did nothing when told of alleged abuse. The archdiocese has continued to decline comment on the suits.

House passes ban on cloning

WASHINGTON — After a lengthy debate on science and human life, the House on Thursday passed a bill endorsed by President Bush that would ban human cloning and sentence violators to prison and fines as high as \$1 million. In a 241-155 vote, lawmakers decided to ban all cloning even as some urged for an exception so researchers can continue to work toward cures for diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and diabetes. The measure is expected to have an uphill battle in the Senate, where Republicans lack the 60 votes necessary to end debate and force a vote.

Bush's tax cut plan introduced

WASHINGTON — Republicans introduced President Bush's \$855 billion, 10-year tax cut plan as congressional legislation on Thursday, hoping to give a jolt of momentum to a proposal that has drawn tepid support from GOP moderates and has been pronounced dead by Democrats. The Bush administration says the measure, dominated by the president's proposals to eliminate the taxes investors pay on corporate dividends, would stimulate business growth while putting more cash in people's pockets. Democrats say the plan would mainly help the wealthy, provide little immediate spark to the economy and worsen rising federal deficits.

Senators call for image control

WASHINGTON — Senators urged the Bush administration on Thursday to move aggressively in raising the image of the United States abroad, particularly among Muslim countries. Lawmakers increasingly have become concerned about rising anti-Americanism and say they have seen it firsthand in their travels overseas. That has made it difficult to win support for military action against Iraq, and, some fear, could swell the ranks of terrorist organizations. At a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on Bush administration's public diplomacy efforts, the panel's top Democrat, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, said the "enormous good will and energy" the United States received after the Sept. 11 attacks "has been squandered."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Leaders urge further inquiry in police case

Louisville lawmakers: Community officials are ignoring 'obvious violations' in shooting case

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Five Louisville lawmakers said Wednesday they would ask federal prosecutors to investigate whether police violated a handcuffed black man's civil rights when they shot and killed him.

The lawmakers said they were planning to mail a letter to U.S. Attorney Stephen Pence by the end of the day, asking him to present the results of his investigation to a federal grand jury.

"I am frustrated, angry and almost at my wit's end when what appear to be very obvious violations of civil rights as well as unnecessary force that was used against Mr. Taylor, comes back with no indictment" Rep. Reginald Meeks said. "I'm frustrated because my community would not, could not, has not and will not look at this evidence and say no indictment is warranted."

A grand jury cleared Louisville Metro Police detectives Mike O'Neil and Bryan Luckett on Monday night in connection with the Dec. 5 shooting death of James Edward Taylor. Police said the 50-year-old Taylor, whose hands were cuffed behind his back, lunged at the officers with a box cutter.

But the Louisville Democrats — which included Meeks, Rep. Paul Bather, Rep. Tom Riner, Rep. Tom Burch and Sen. Gerald Neal — said the grand jury's decision left them with questions.

"An independent investigation and determination by a federal grand jury is absolutely necessary to restore belief and trust in justice and our law enforcement system," their letter to Pence said.

An FBI investigation of Taylor's shooting has been completed and was forwarded several weeks ago to the U.S. Justice Department's civil rights office in Washington, Pence told *The Courier-Journal*.

"They make the call on whether the case goes forward for civil rights prosecution or whether it is declined," Pence told the newspaper Wednesday.

Bather said he knew the FBI had begun an investigation but wasn't aware it was complete and was being reviewed by civil rights authorities in Washington.

"Great!" Bather told the newspaper. "That's good news."

Bather said earlier that a federal grand jury would at least answer some of their questions and its members would come from a broader pool of people with different standards.

Prosecutors on Tuesday made public hundreds of pages of evidence that were presented to the grand jury, including pictures of a bloody corpse and transcripts of interviews with O'Neil. Police also produced the box cutter a handcuffed Taylor allegedly wielded.

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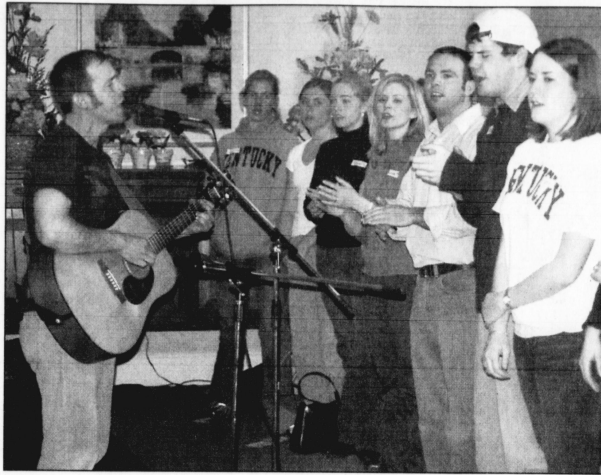
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Worship

Josh Adams leads a group in song Jan. 28 at the Alpha Delta Pi house during The Rock, a bible study held every Tuesday for members of UK's Greek community.

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PRAISE

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The Crusade band plays at every Crusade meeting.

Praise and worship bands range from only one singer to an eight-piece band that includes guitars, bass, piano/organ and drums.

The bands often comprise UK students and can have the same people play every week or can rotate singers and band members.

The Christian Student Fellowship band has played both ways.

Adrea LaRoche, the lead vocalist at CSF, said before last semester, they used to rotate members but recently the same group started playing every week.

"Last semester, it seemed

God had brought this group together and that he really wanted us to have a consistent praise and worship team," she said.

The CSF praise band has two staff members and two students who play for them.

The music generally has an acoustic sound with lyrics that worship God and celebrate the Christian faith.

The words are usually provided on overheads for those who don't know the lyrics, and students usually stand and sing along with the bands.

They sometimes play their own music but usually play cover songs by popular Christian singers. Eaton said his band usually plays songs written by other people.

"We're trying to play more of our own stuff but haven't had the opportunity yet," Eaton said.

Brianna Shaffer, a political science and Spanish sophomore and candidate for vice president of Student

Government, attends The Rock, a Christian group aimed toward the Greek community that tours several UK Greek houses throughout the semester. She said a lot of people came to The Rock just for the music.

"The music isn't trendy, but it's modern," Shaffer said.

"It's a kind of music everyone can sing and isn't out of anyone's vocal range. It's one of the strongest tools for sharing God's word to anyone."

The students are usually involved with the group for a while before they become part of the band. Eaton said he had been active with FCA his freshman year and was asked if he had ever led worship toward the end of the year.

The praise bands sometimes have tryouts. Van Cao, an undeclared senior and the male vocal leader for the Baptist Student Union band, said BSU had tryouts once a year.

"Anyone can try out as long as they are a Christian and have some musical tai-

ent," Cao said. Cao tried out for the first time two years ago and made it and then made it again this year.

Members of the band often play at local churches and conferences together or individually. They practice about two and a half hours per week on average.

Josh Adams, a local guitar player who sometimes leads worship at The Rock, said he first led worship at Transylvania University's Campus Crusade for Christ. He had been playing guitar on his own for six years.

"I really enjoy seeing people worship God," Adams said.

Bonnie Little, a finance and integrated strategic communications junior who attends FCA regularly, said the band was essential to FCA.

"The songs always relate to what the speaker will be talking about," Little said, "and it's a great way to experience God."

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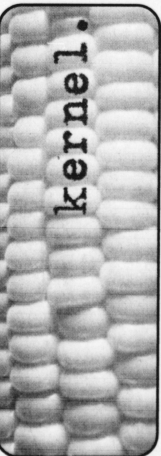
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SPORTS *UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Georgia, 4:00pm, Athens, Georgia ARTS/MOVIES *Regina Carter Quintet, 8:00pm, Lexington Opera House, Public: \$23 UK/LCC Students: \$14	

Doctors identify 96 dead after fire in R.I. nightclub

Jack Russell, lead singer, and Eric Powers, drummer for the band Great White leave the grand jury hearing investigating The Station nightclub fire which killed 96 people, Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2003, in East Greenwich, R.I. Russell's band was on stage when the deadly fire was possibly ignited from pyrotechnics.



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Courts: Members of band Great White could testify; band said it received approval to use pyrotechnics

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The death toll in last week's nightclub fire was reduced by one to 96, and all the victims have been identified, the governor said Thursday.

Gov. Don Carcieri said the final toll was determined after the medical examiner finished examining the remains. It wasn't immediately clear what caused the discrepancy.

The announcement came hours after a federal agency that investigates building disasters said it was launching a formal probe into the blaze that erupted Feb. 20 at The Station nightclub in West Warwick.

The fire rapidly engulfed the club after the heavy metal band Great White set off a pyrotechnic display, sending hundreds of concertgoers rushing to the exits.

"When the doctor, the medical examiner completed all of the work ... it was in fact 96 (dead), and we have

identified all of them," the governor said.

The Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology will look into the location of windows and doors at club, the number of patrons there the night of the fire and the type of construction materials that existed there.

The team would likely use its findings to make recommendations to fire safety groups for improvements in building codes, said spokesman Michael Newman. Two officials from the team had already visited the burned ruins of the nightclub over the weekend.

A grand jury has also begun a separate probe.

The grand jury opened its investigation Wednesday behind closed doors at a National Guard training center in East Greenwich, the same day family members began burying their loved ones.

After sifting through the conflicting versions of what

happened, the grand jury will decide whether anyone should be held responsible.

Lt. Col. Mike McNamara, a spokesman for the National Guard, said no grand jury proceedings were being held at the center Thursday, but the panel was expected to return Friday.

Two members of Great White went to the center where the panel was meeting but did not testify Wednesday. A legal source told The Associated Press that the band members were not prepared to testify, but may be ready as soon as Friday.

The band has said it received approval to use special effects, but the two brothers who own the club, Jeffrey and Michael Derderian, have denied they gave permission.

Legal experts and fire investigators said the Derderians and band members, could be indicted on charges as involuntary manslaughter or second-degree murder.

About 60 people remained hospitalized Thursday, including 36 in critical condition.

Funerals for three of the victims were held Wednesday

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Jazz violinist comes to UK for Spotlight Jazz concert

By Robbie Clark
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Pianos, trumpets and trombones are standard jazz instruments — violins are not. However, UK students and other jazz fans will have the chance to hear a violin interplay with unconventional music this weekend.

Regina Carter, a jazz violinist virtuoso, and her band will be playing at 8 p.m. Sunday night at the Lexington Opera House.

The show is the sponsored by the Student Activities Board Spotlight Jazz Series and is this season's final installment for the program.

"She's one of the world's premiere jazz violinists," said Chris Barbee, director of Spotlight Jazz.

Barbee says that because Carter plays on a nontraditional jazz instrument, "she brings a whole

new genre of jazz to the Spotlight Jazz Series we've never heard before."

The Detroit-born musician began playing the piano at age two and took up the violin when she was four. Her interest in jazz was kindled during high school when she performed with the Civic Detroit Jazz Symphony.

She attended college at the Oakland University in Michigan and began taking gigs in Detroit with other local jazz performers.

She released her first solo album, Regina Carter, in 1997 and has recorded with distinguished jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and pop artists Aretha Franklin, Billy Joel and Dolly Parton.

In January 2002, Carter was invited to Europe as the first non-classical, woman and African-American musician to play The Cannon, Niccolò Paganini's violin kept in a vault in Genoa, Italy. One violinist a year

is selected to play the instrument.

"The fact that she was chosen to go to Europe shows how talented a violinist she is," Barbee said.

The Regina Carter Quintet show, Barbee said, allows students the opportunity to hear unorthodox styles of jazz.

"This is so unique," he said. "I think it's a good show for students to see."

This performance marks the end of the Spotlight Jazz Series for the season. The UK program is in its 25th year and is the longest running collegiate jazz series in the country, Barbee said.

"I think the season was outstanding. The quality of this series was unmatched," he said.

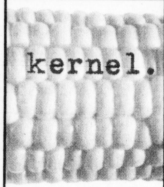
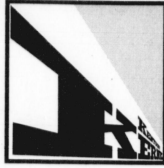
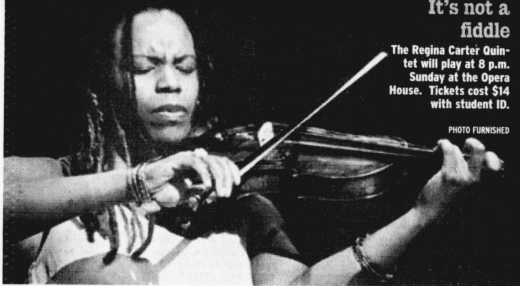
Barbee thinks this show is a good note to end on for the season.

"It's traditional enough for the series as a whole, but different enough to show we're progressive."

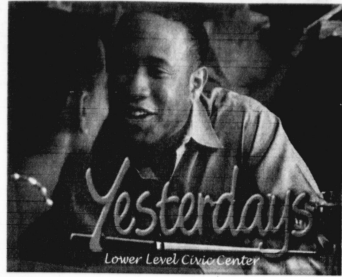
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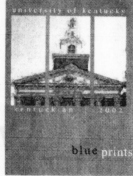
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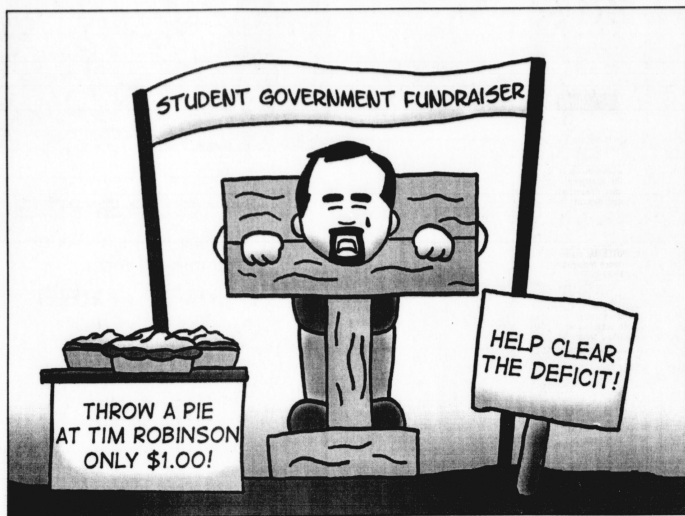
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UK wasted chance to reach out to city

Two weeks after the ice storm has passed, we've all learned something: living on campus has some perks no one really recognized before, mainly power and heat.

But UK should have learned something, too — how to be a better neighbor.

While shelters across Lexington were dealing with their own power outages during the ice storm, UK kept its electricity throughout the ordeal. But it never opened its own doors as shelter, even though it could have housed people in the Alumni Gym, the Johnson Center and Memorial Coliseum.

Representatives for UK said there was a good reason for keeping the doors closed. Had the dorms lost power, UK would have needed the space to house the estimated 5,100 students living on campus. The university wanted to reserve the space in case that happened.

That's an understandable predicament. UK's first responsibility should be to its students and making sure they have heat. But they could have easily opened up a shelter and later helped people move to another place if they needed the space for

students. Shelters across Lexington had to do exactly the same thing as they battled with power coming on and off.

Even UK students were left out in the cold. UK took in members of three fraternities operated by UK, but other Greeks who lease land from UK were charged to stay in empty dorm rooms. Susan West, director of fraternities and sororities, said UK was justified in making students shell out money. "People have to pay for hotel rooms," she said — not exactly the most charitable attitude, given the extreme conditions of the storm.

President Lee Todd says that connecting UK with the rest of Lexington is a priority for his administration. He has repeatedly emphasized that the city and the university should work together for the benefit of students and Lexingtonians.

Here was a perfect opportunity for UK to reach out to the rest of Lexington. While a city spokeswoman said the city never asked UK to open a shelter, perhaps it's because the city shouldn't have had to. UK could have and should have made the offer, if for no other reason than to show that it cared about its neighbors.

Friendly makeover would refurbish new license plates

The '60s are long over, and thank god. Unfortunately, someone forgot to tell the hippies at the Kentucky Cabinet of Transportation. Have you seen the new Kentucky license plate?

Oh yes, it's "that friendly," depicting a smiling sun rising above some rolling hills — and all this drawn with a level of artistic ability approaching that of a 6 year old.

When I first saw it, I asked the country clerk if I could have something else, and they replied that I could not, unless I wanted to cough up some more money for an "I care about kids" plate.

No thanks. So, I'm stuck with the damn thing, but I'm not giving up hope. I've written the Kentucky Cabinet of Transportation, and explained my objection to the plate, specifically taking issue with the "Kentucky — it's that friendly," inscription.

I'm not friendly, and I'm most certainly not "that friendly." But who am I to just complain without also offering some helpful suggestions? With that in mind, I suggested the inscription be changed to "Kentucky — not as bad as you think."

But that's kind of negative, isn't it? Well, I also suggested something that could work the tourism angle with, "Kentucky, at least not all the counties are dry."

Finally, to end on a positive note and to dispel the vicious rumor that we are a backward state, I suggested "I live in Kentucky, and I'm not going to marry my sister."

So far, I haven't heard anything back from the Kentucky Cabinet of Transportation, and to tell you the truth, I'm beginning to think they don't value my input. Until a new license plate is issued, there's only one thing you can do: Fix it yourself.

I've found that if you draw some small downward slanting eyebrows on the sun's forehead with a permanent marker, the sun looks a whole lot less friendly and a bit more like a disgruntled postal worker that is about to snap — a definite improvement.

I've also been considering adding some fangs, but I don't want to get too flashy.

All we can do is hope that the cabinet of transportation will come to its senses and issue a new plate, but in the meantime, if like me, you're not feeling up to being "that friendly," get out your permanent markers and give your license plate a much deserved makeover.

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Learning the art of the written word

From the moment I picked up a pen it has been common knowledge that I am the greatest writer who ever lived. This fact has transformed me into a full-time editor during midterms and finals. You see, it is during these times that every idiot I have ever met comes out of the woodwork in the hopes that I'll proofread their essay or, in more extreme cases, write one for them.

This puts me in a very awkward situation. I can't very well tell someone that I'd rather guzzle a gallon of vegetable oil than edit their paper and, if I do read it, I can't tell them how terrible it is. To avoid conflict, I usually end up evaluating them and offering up meaningless compliments like, "I enjoyed how you capitalized the first letter of every sentence," and, "Putting your name on it was a good idea."

To circumvent similar scenarios in the coming weeks, I think it best to publicly offer some advice in my area of expertise. With that in mind, here are some tips for creating Pulitzer-worthy essays with a less than average intellect.

For starters, it is important to assume

the mentality of a writer. In other words, get in the proper frame of mind. Try not to socialize and only speak to criticize others. Be a wallflower. Chain-smoke expensive cigarettes and carry a ragged copy of *The Catcher in the Rye*.

Throw away any part of your wardrobe that isn't made of corduroy and make sure that your breast pocket is always stocked with a wide array of writing utensils. Scarves are a must and, if you don't wear glasses, now is the time to start. Develop a nervous tic and/or absurd eccentricity. For example, I like to tear out my eyelashes and I refuse to touch doorknobs after sunset. It helps.

Secondly, have a negative attitude and never, under any circumstances, believe in yourself. Dwell on your shortcomings. Read the work of accomplished authors and accept the fact that, no matter what, you will never be as good as them. Really beat yourself up about it, too.

Pull no punches and show no mercy. If you're not sure how to finish a sentence or begin a paragraph just call yourself a worth-

less moron. Look at your face in the mirror and scream. "No wonder nobody likes you! You're ugly and stupid!" Afterward, while you're crying, the answer will probably come to you.

Rely on shock value. Try to include a lot of racial humor and curse words in your compositions; professors appreciate this. If all else fails, just make a mockery of the assignment.

Write your essay on a scrap of rawhide with blue crayon and roll it up like a scroll. Trust me, academics find this behavior indicative of right-brain genius. You'll probably get a scholarship. Quote a scientist and overuse the word "microcosm."

Next, master the art of plagiarism. Familiarize yourself with the "copy" and "paste" functions of your word processor and Internet browser. Use them often. Seriously, stop kidding yourself. You don't have any original thoughts. On the off chance that you do, nobody wants to hear them.

The final stage in formulating a tolerable essay is a process I refer to as "thesaurization." Wherein, the crudest vocabulary

can be refined into argumentative essays bordering on poetics. Personally, I refrain from the practice, but not everyone has the nerdy persistence required to read the dictionary three times.

However, with thesaurization a simple click of the mouse is all it takes to turn "I don't know what that word means" into "Such copious diction is much to strenuous for my diminutive comprehension." It's so easy even you could do it.

Well, I hope this information proves to be useful and helps to ease some of your writing-related frustrations. Remember not to get discouraged.

There may be times when you first start out on a project and think, "This is never going to be finished." But with a lot of hard work and dedication you can have the satisfaction of looking back and saying, "Wow, it wasn't even worth it."

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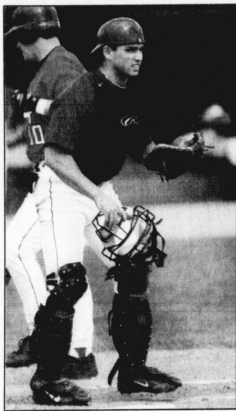
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Brock bounces back from frustrating '02

Catcher Caleb Brock was second on the UK baseball team with a .987 fielding percentage as a junior two years ago. He also hit .281. Last year he missed all but 10 games because of a broken foot but is back to lead the Bat Cats back from a disappointing, injury-plagued season of a year ago.

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Senior catcher watched Bat Cats struggle last year after breaking his foot 10 games into 2002 season

By Tim Wiseman
STAFF WRITER

Sports rarely offer a second chance.

Results of games are final; nothing can change them. You can only hope to get another shot, an opportunity for redemption.

Last season had terrible results for catcher Caleb Brock. His senior season ended with a broken foot in the 10th game. His team struggled on the field as he watched from the dugout. But this year's opening day brings a second chance

to Brock.

Like most, Brock began his baseball career at a young age. He remembers wanting to play so he could join his older brother, Forrest, and his older friends in games.

As he grew older, he kept playing baseball, but there were other sports, too. At Whitesburg (Ky.) High School, he was named Third-Team All-State in basketball and twice Honorable Mention All-State in football. Baseball, however, stood apart.

"After high school, I had

to make that decision, and baseball is my passion," Brock said.

From Whitesburg, Brock went to Lincoln Trail Community College in Illinois. There, he was a two-year starter and team MVP. Then, after years of being a UK fan, Brock joined UK's baseball team.

As a junior, Brock made contributions immediately.

Starting 49 of the 51 games he played, Brock hit .281 and had the team's second best fielding percentage with .987.

Entering the 2002 season, his senior campaign, he was poised to do more.

But things did not go as he had planned last year. He broke his foot and saw his season slip away. Brock remained positive as he endured several weeks of physical therapy, and he waited to return.

Now, he has the chance to erase last season's pain.

This season, Brock is one of the team's three co-captains. He is not a vocal leader, but one who leads by going about his job by "just trying to do what coach tells me."

"Caleb is a solid person that I think both the coaches and players respect," said Keith Madison, head coach of the baseball team.

Brock's example is fitting for the Bat Cats this season.

Like Brock, the team hopes to rebound from last year's disappointment. Like Brock, the team hopes to do the little things quietly and gain respect.

Fortunately for Brock and UK, the Bat Cats get a second chance.

WEEKEND SPORTS

Men's tennis

Coach Dennis Emery's UK tennis squad hosts the No. 26 Tennessee Volunteers at 6 p.m. today at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center. The UK men's tennis team will also host Georgia at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Women's tennis

The UK women's tennis team travels to Knoxville, Tenn., to challenge the Lady Volunteer tennis team tonight. The Cats wrap up the weekend at Georgia on Sunday.

Gymnastics

The GymKats (4-8, 0-5 in the SEC) head west to Brigham Young in Provo, Utah, tonight.

Softball

The UK softball team was forced to cancel its UK Invitational scheduled for this weekend because of frigid temperatures. The UK softball field is frozen and unplayable. The Cats' home opener has been delayed until 5 p.m. Wednesday against Ohio State.

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