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President Ford addresses high school students



Former President Gerald Ford talks with area high school students yesterday at the Lafayette Club in Lexington.

By ELIZABETH WADE
Associate Editor

Former U.S. President Gerald Ford told 50 select Fayette County High School students last night that he is in favor of Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell's recent proposal for American military to shoot down planes carrying illegal drugs.

"I have no reservations with the military taking drastic action," Ford told the group at the Lafayette Club yesterday.

Ford, who is the nation's only president not to be directly elected, addressed the students' questions that included his views on President Bush's drug policy, changes in the Russia, the recently failed coup in Panama and his least favorite moments in the White House.

The informal meeting preceded a closed speech on "America's Economic Challenge at Home and Abroad" that was part of the Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the Executive Women's Council and the Board of Governors of the Lafayette Club.

In dealing with the nation's drug policy, Ford said more education and treatment is needed. He also said that more interdiction is needed to stop drugs from being imported into the United States, and additional prosecutors and judges also are needed.

"We must stop the demand for drugs," Ford said. "(Marijuana and alcohol) are gateway drugs to hard drug areas."

Ford also said he is concerned with the smuggling of assault weapons into the United States.

Referring to the shooting at Standard-Gravure in Louisville, Ky., in which nine people were killed, Ford said that although he has never owned a gun or had one in his home, he believes people who use guns properly do have the right to own them.

"Those who use the assault weapons are the criminals that should be put away," he said. "Restrictions we currently have on importing assault weapons is absolutely desirable."

Ford suggested changes need to be made concerning how guns are purchased in the United States, including requiring a delay on the purchase of all firearms.

Ford said he has been impressed by President Bush's desire to be the nation's "education president." Ford said that Bush's recent conference

in Charlottesville, Va., that brought the nation's governors together also was impressive.

"One of the most enjoyable things I've done since leaving the White House is meeting with college and high school students encouraging them to participate in government," he said.

Ford said the United States must continue to provide students with a better education in order for the nation to remain competitive in the emerging global economy.

Students at the event, who were selected by their high schools on the basis of essays and attendance, said they were impressed by what the former president had to say.

Chas Kibler, a senior at Henry Clay High School, said he thought Ford's "way of talking with people smooths rough edges."

CHANGES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

East German officials meet with opposition leaders

By GIRARD C. STEICHEN
Associated Press

BERLIN — Communist officials met opposition leaders in Dresden and talks were expected soon in Leipzig in the first sign of a shift in the East German government's hard-line stance, news reports said yesterday.

Prominent Lutheran official Hans Otto Furian, meanwhile, said in East Berlin that the Communist Party "must give up its grip on total power."

There were increasing signs of willingness yesterday by some Communist Party officials to talk with pro-democracy activists. But East German leader Erich Honecker reiterated his hard-line stance.

Also yesterday there were conflicting reports as to whether the Lutheran Church had taken up a dialogue with the central government or whether the contacts remained on the local level.

West Germany's ZDF television network, quoting high-level church sources, said that "talks had begun with central offices" in the East German government

about the unrest. It did not elaborate or identify the participants.

ZDF said talks between local Communist leaders in Leipzig and pro-democracy activists also are set to begin. It gave no timetable.

Talks between Communist officials and opposition activists already have been held in Dresden.

West German radio reported Dresden's mayor, Wolfgang Berghofer, told activists that all demonstrators who are still jailed "who were not accused of violence would be freed."

Several hundred people, and possibly thousands, were arrested in weekend demonstrations.

Communist officials in Dresden first met with opposition leaders on Monday. Berghofer said another meeting was scheduled for next week.

The 77-year old Honecker has given no indication he is about to change his hard-line ways.

In a meeting Monday with Chinese Vice Prime Minister

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Changes in Hungary mean domestic unrest, critics say

By ALEX BANDY
Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Some opposition politicians yesterday predicted political instability as a result of compromises made at a historic and formed a new Socialist group.

The four-day congress that ended Monday overwhelmingly approved a new party line calling for "a constitutional state based on a multiparty system where the source of the power is the will of the people expressed in free elections."

It adopted a manifesto pledging commitment to democracy and a break with the Leninist mold.

But still unclear is whether the new party will divest itself of all remnants of Communist rule, and how fast.

The congress elected Rezsos Nyers, formerly Communist Party chairman, as president of the new party. It named a 25-member presidium, where reformers are in the majority.

Imre Pozsgay, a key reformer on the presidium, had come

plaints about the new party, Hungarian radio said yesterday. It quoted him as saying in an interview with a Finnish newspaper that "too many differences among the reformers" exist.

The opposition initially reacted to the new party with skepticism, and some people privately said they were not impressed by the change because economic problems persist.

Speaking at a rally of about 600 people yesterday, Nyers acknowledged that the new party had image problems.

"Some still feel that the Communists are incapable of democratization," he conceded.

He told reporters later that "major changes are required for the party to win the people's trust."

In his speech, Nyers said three issues divided the party: party chapters at the workplace, the workers' militia, and the assets of the disbanded party.

Radical reformers demand ending party representation at the workplace and abolishing the

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MAJOR DECISION: Nathan Miller, an English sophomore, talks with Penny Medley of the Office for Experiential Education yesterday at the "Major Affair."

Grades weighed heavily by colleges

By PAT OROVENSKY
USA TODAY/Apple College Information Network

WEWAHITCHKA, Fla. — Sharon Gaskin sits in her cubbyhole guidance office at Wewahitchka High School and holds up a list ranking the 51 seniors by grades.

The boy sitting across from her sees his name in the bottom half.

"You want to go to Florida? You want to go to the University of Georgia? You want to go into forestry? They look at people up here," she says, gesturing toward top of the list. "You still have time to get there. But it's up to you to do it."

Gaskin is one of three counselors who serves the 600 students of Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe High

Schools, the only two in rural Gulf County on the Florida panhandle.

In a pilot project coordinated by two college admissions directors, the counselors try to persuade students in an area where college is not a tradition that education beyond high school is essential.

Their message is the same as that coming from other U.S. admissions counselors: The first

thing a college looks at is a student's grades. In many cases, a student who starts to think about college as a high school senior could be three years too late.

Eight of 10 college admissions officers who responded to a USA TODAY survey said a student's academic record — grades, rigor of

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Homecoming candidate disqualified

By PAMELA MITCHELL
Staff Writer

Homecoming queen candidate Ashley Judd was declared ineligible last night because of a personal advertisement that appeared in the Kentucky Kernel yesterday, the Student Activities Board announced at its weekly meeting.

The advertisement broke one of the SAB's contest rules and requirements that were handed out to every organization and made publicly available, according to SAB President Michael Bowling.

"The responsibility lies on the organization (who sponsored Judd); it's a very unfortunate situation," Bowling said.

The rule broken stipulates that no campaigning or publicity to promote a candidate is allowed. Failure to comply with the rules "will be grounds for immediate disqualification," the rules said.

Judd said there was some discussion among SAB officials about the decision being reversed because the classified was approved by an employee in the advertisement department at the Kernel.

"I'm a victim of circumstances," Judd said. "... I don't see how someone having placed an ad in the Kernel would have caused a spot on the contest. I don't think the rule was unfair, I think it's unfair someone told the Kappa to go ahead and put the ad in the paper."

Bowling said last night, however, that it appeared the decision would stand, adding that the Kernel is that arbitrator of the rules.

Michael Agin, Kernel general manager and UK student media adviser, said his company's classified advertisement office was under the impression that after the 16 candidates were announced in the paper, personals were permitted. He said the official rules were not given to him on paper.

"The rules have never been given to us in writing," he said. "I think the homecoming committee needs to look at its rules and make them clear to all the people involved. ... I don't feel it's the Kernel's responsibility to police the homecoming committee's rules."

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Kip Bowmar
Arts Editor

Author moves from spy genre to religion with new book

By DEIRDRE DONAHUE
USA TODAY/Apple College
Information Network

Having recently crossed that rubicon of adult life, his 40th birthday, Ken Follett is having something akin to a literary midlife crisis. The author of such best-selling thrillers as "Eye of the Needle" and "The Key to Rebecca," has turned his back on the genre.

At 973 pages, "The Pillars of the Earth" (Morrow, \$22.95) certainly requires more than one airplane flight to finish. Set in the 12th century, the book weaves a tale around the building of a fictional English cathedral.

While Follett admits switching from the primarily male spy genre to historical fiction is a gamble, he points out that it is not his first switch. In 1983, he wrote the non-fiction best seller "On Wings of Ea-

gles," about the 1979 rescue of two U.S. businessmen in Iran.

Follett's fascination with cathedrals began in 1973. A reporter for the London Evening News, Follett found himself in East Anglia killing time before his train departed. He was struck by the splendor of the Peterborough cathedral, built in the 12th century. "It was the size and the majestic perfection of the whole thing," Follett says.

Although he abandoned his career as a journalist after his success with the World War II thriller "Eye

of the Needle" — written when he was 27 — Follett pursued his interest in medieval cathedral architecture through visits and books.

It wasn't until 1986 that he began working in earnest on "The Pillars of the Earth." Follett hired a professional researcher and consulted experts in different medieval disciplines.

Writing a longer book didn't create problems — "Oddly enough, it didn't feel all that different," Follett says. But he found describing a character's whole life rather than

just a certain period to be challenging.

The book took three years and three months to write. "And that was working six and seven days a week."

A resident of London, Follett keeps office hours at home, writing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Before he actually starts writing, he works out the plot.

Of all his characters, Follett found Philip the monk the most sympathetic "despite his celibacy — which I have no identification

with." Married for the second time, he is the father of two and stepfather of three.

Nor did writing about religious fervor of the Middle Ages stir him.

"I like Philip's passion, his ambition, his ideals, but his theology leaves me cold. ... I'm not a religious person at all."

Critic Gary Jennings savaged the book. He particularly loathed Follett's 12th century "Liberated Woman" who defies the monks. Follett defends his depiction of women. "The information is suffi-

ciently inadequate to let the novelist make his own choice."

Despite Follett's semi-monastic life spent at the word processor — or because of it — he employs a hobby rare among novelists.

He is the bass player in a rock band called Kevin Small and the Trousters, organized by his 21-year-old son. "It's one of my favorite things to do." Writing requires so much "plotting, thinking ahead, contrivance. When you're playing in a band, you just play. It's such a contrast. I find it totally relaxing."

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Colleges stress grades

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courses or class rank - gets most weight in their admissions decisions. Only 9 percent look first at admissions exams, such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the American College Test.

Of the 798 four-year colleges responding, 59 percent say grades are the No. 1 factor in deciding who gets in. 13 percent say it's the type of courses the student took in high school; 10 percent say it's class rank.

Among the 82 most selective schools in the survey, 79 say a student's academic record gets most weight.

"We just pore over that transcript," said Bob Lay, dean of enrollment management at Boston College. "We look at the challenges the kids have accepted. How hard they have pushed themselves in the program."

Ed Custard, admissions dean at Florida's New College, one of the nation's most selective public schools, said: "We're looking for people who want challenges, who are looking for the most demanding curriculum they can get."

If a high school offers no honors or advanced placement courses, students "should look for challenges outside school," Custard said. In Gulf County, Fla., the messages are starting to be heard. Two years ago, only 50 of the county's 137 high school graduates went to college. Last year 83 of 157 went on to college. Two weeks ago 40 students

signed up for a series of evening classes to prepare for the SAT, taught by Carol Cathey, a counselor at Port St. Joe High. It's the kind of SAT-prep course that parents elsewhere pay to get from private firms.

"When I decided I was going to teach the course, the school board decided to pay for it," Cathey said.

Cathey's program is part of a countywide effort to turn around students' attitudes toward college, embraced by Superintendent Walter Wilder whose enthusiasm spreads through both high schools.

"We have a total buy-in by the counseling staff," Wilder said. "And we have it set up so every teacher is a counselor" - each takes responsibility for guiding up to 15 students from ninth grade through graduation.

Credits, which can be converted to scholarship dollars at graduation, are earned for grades, attendance, volunteer activities and parent involvement.

As each report card comes out, students who earn all A's and B's get a gold card good for discounts at local stores, free admission to school dances and sports events.

In other places, where college is expected to be the next step after high school, some new trends are being noticed:
• Students are applying to more schools.
• Applications are down at high-priced, selective Eastern schools and up substantially at many schools - public and private - with lower tuition.

Kluge tops Walton as wealthiest man

USA TODAY/Apple College Information Network

For the first time in four years, Sam Walton of Bentonville, Ark., who founded Wal-Mart Stores Inc., has been booted from the spot as No. 1 on the *Forbes* magazine list of the nation's 400 richest people. The list is in the Oct. 23 issue, which appeared on newsstands yesterday.

The new No. 1: investor John Kluge of Charlottesville, Va., with net worth of \$5.2 billion.

Not that Walton is in the poorhouse. He's just taken his \$9 billion stake in his discount retailing empire and divided it among himself and his four children - \$1.8

billion each. Now the Walton clan - Robson, John, Jim and Alice - are on the list. Walton is No. 20; his kids are Nos. 21-24.

More than just the *Forbes* ranking has been upset this year. The whole image of the nation's richest man changes, too. Walton, 71, a rather fabulously wealthy, lives a rather humble lifestyle. He drives a 10-year-old pick-up truck with his two bird dogs in tow. He lives in the same home with wife, Helen, that he's lived in for years. He drops in unannounced to Wal-Mart stores around the country and hops behind the checkout counter to help. He doesn't talk about his money.

"If we had our way, we wouldn't

be on this list," says Walton's daughter.

The contrast to the new No. 1 couldn't be more stark. Kluge, 75, who once owned the Harlem Globetrotters and Ice Capades, lives on the 6,000-acre Albemarle Farms south of Charlottesville in a 45-room house that *Town and Country* magazine has called "the grandest estate built in America since the 1920s."

His private golf course was designed by Arnold Palmer. His British-born third wife, Patricia, posed nude in magazines and soft-porn movies in the late '60s.

From his early days as a Frito Lay salesman, the German-born Kluge turned a group of TV and ra-

dio stations and billboard properties into Metromedia Inc. In 1984, he bought out shareholders in the company and ever since, he's been selling off the pieces and pocketing the profits.

Forbes says he made \$4.65 billion on the deal. His cellular phone networks are cash cows; he just sold the franchise in New York City for \$1.9 billion.

He still owns 70 percent of Orion Pictures and the Ponderosa Steak House chain.

Today, he's worth a cool \$1 billion more than No. 2 on the list, investor Warren Buffett of Omaha, Neb., who has a net worth of \$4.2 billion.

Faculty teleconference

Staff reports

A teleconference debate and discussion on faculty rights, academic freedoms, and governance and tenure will be held at 1 p.m. today in the Worsham Theater. "Tenure and Governance: Negotiation vs. Litigation," will give students the opportunity to discuss the issues with 14 educational rights experts before a national and studio audience.

Other teleconference topics will deal with the black athletes, health care and the shortage of minority males on college campuses, according to Chester Grundy, director of minority student affairs. A sequel to "Beyond the Dream" also is scheduled, Grundy said. "It allows people to participate in an important communications event," Grundy said. The event is free and open to the public.

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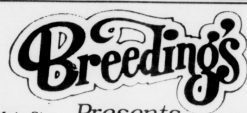
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Administration was swayed by student opinion

Admitting that you made a mistake is not always an easy thing to do, but the example UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton set Monday by asking the UK Athletics Ticket Committee not to take away 56 of the student body's lower-arena seats should be noted by his fellow administrators.

Shortly after Newton announced on Thursday that students would have to give up 56 prime seats to boosters who were financing Memorial Coliseum's renovations, the athletics office realized the mistake it had made: UK students are among the basketball team's strongest supporters, and taking away some of their best seats was perceived by some as an indictment of their loyalty.

Taking away the students' seats would have surely widened the already significant gap between the student body and alumni. And during these trying times, the last thing the basketball team needs is division among its fans.

While it was refreshing to see the athletics department act quickly on the problem, there are still some questions about how the process was handled initially. Students were never told about the decision, or even about the possibility that they would lose some tickets. Furthermore, officials seemed to have ignored the proper channels to take the tickets away.

Newton announced Monday that the University only needs 42 seats to give to boosters, and those seats could be taken from the allotment that the University normally hands out to recruits, supporters and corporate sponsors. That leaves the question why the University could not have used those tickets in the first place and avoided the trouble of stepping on students' toes.

Before Monday night's meeting of the Student Athletic Council Newton said there probably will be occasions when the athletics department may ask students to give up some of their tickets for special events.

UK Student Government Association President Sean Lohman proclaimed Monday that Newton's decision not to take the 56 student tickets was a "victory for the students." That may have been the case in this situation, but in order to prevent further problems student leaders must take steps to ensure that the student body's tickets are not ripe for picking by the University.

It is imperative, therefore, for student leaders and athletics officials to meet soon and decide what the proper process will be if students are asked to give up some of their tickets and what can be done to ensure that all sides adhere to the rules.

As Newton said Monday night, it's time that the University put the ticket incident behind it and become concerned with Rick Pitino's new style of offense.



National Coming Out Day Homosexuals celebrate anniversary of protest march

In commemoration of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, today has been named National Coming Out Day. The goal of this annual event is to increase the visibility of the more than 20 million gay people in the United States.

Therefore, this article is being published today to inform the readers that there is presently a group forming on campus for lesbian and gay students, staff and faculty.

The purpose of the meetings are to provide opportunities for campus affiliated gays and lesbians to discuss issues of com-

mon interest, try to answer questions of concern and support one another in our lifestyle.

Several avenues to pursue have been discussed. These include: forming a group for those who desire to come out to family and/or friends; providing a speaker's bureau for interested faculty who wish to present a gay or lesbian speaker.

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ent!" - still holds a lot of value for me. I am not interested in being blatant and doubt if many people are.

I don't consider being gay a total or even the most important definition of who I am. But being gay is a part of who I am. I definitely won't go back into the closet, where I am expected to deny part of myself. I will not return to the charade of always being careful to have people think that the man I live with is just a good friend, not my lover. We are through with the fears of being found out.

The lesbians and gay men coming out today have two messages. First, we are (homosexual), and we won't go back into hiding. We expect and demand to be treated no better or no worse than any other people.

Second we are saying to gay people who are still concealing their sexuality, "Come out, come out, wherever you are." This is not a demand or an accusation, it is an invitation. When you are ready to come out, we are here to support and reinforce you.

Opinion surveys show the most commonly shared factor by people who indicate they accept homosex-

uals is a personal acquaintance with a gay man or lesbian who is open about his or her sexuality. This means knowing an openly gay person statistically correlates with the acceptance of homosexuality more than does age, political identity, religion, educational level or amount of income. This data certainly supports the view that each person who comes out is taking a politically and socially powerful action.

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Those of us who are out of the closet are out to stay. We are not strange or exotic people. We don't want special treatment. We just expect to be accepted for who we are, having full and equal responsibilities as everyone else.

Chuck Smith is a graduate student in the political science department.

Letters

Meat eating unhealthy

I applaud Chris Green's column about every individual doing his or her part to help our environment. There is much too much complacency. And we must learn to use less of the Earth's resources.

I have one more way, besides all the conservation measures he mentioned, in which every individual can make a significant impact: eat low on the food chain, eat a pure vegetarian diet. Besides significant personal health benefits, consider these facts:

- 80-90 percent of the grain grown in the United States is eaten by livestock, not people.

- One acre of land can produce 20,000 pounds of potatoes or 165 pounds of beef.

- 4 million acres of U.S. cropland (about the size of Connecticut) are lost each year to soil erosion, 85 percent of which is directly associated with livestock raising.

- To produce food for one year for the typical American eater requires 3 1/4 acres of land. But for a pure vegetarian it requires only one-sixth of an acre, a ratio of 20-to-1.

- The driving force behind the destruction of the tropical rain forest is the American meat habit. One pound of wheat requires 25 gallons of water to produce, while one pound of meat requires 2,500 gallons of water - a ratio of 100-to-1.

- The same amount of fossil fuel needed to produce one pound of beef produces 40 pounds of soybeans.

- For each acre of American forest cleared for parking lots, roads, houses and shopping malls, seven acres of forest are converted for grazing livestock and/or growing livestock feed.

- All of these facts and more are in the book *Diet for a New America* by John Robbins. The book is compelling reading. A meat-centered diet is unhealthy to be sure, but it is also a gross waste of the Earth's resources. I urge people to think about what they put into their mouths and how it got there.

Michael Fogler is an academic adviser in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Gun control needed

I would like to commend the Monday, Sept. 18 editorial that stated correctly that the U.S. Constitution gives all citizens the right to bear arms.

The Constitution does not guarantee the right to keep and bear arms for sporting purposes. The purpose of having armed citizens is to prevent a forced take over of government and subsequent removal of other rights.

At the close ranges used in the Louisville shooting and in the California school yard massacre, a pump shotgun firing 00 buckshot would be much more deadly.

Brad Easton is a Lexington Community College graduate.

Today, all around the nation, thousands of gay men and lesbians will be coming out to their friends and families. "Coming out" is a term used by the gay community to describe making one's homosexuality publicly known.

The purpose of the meetings are to provide opportunities for campus affiliated gays and lesbians to discuss issues of common interest, try to answer questions of concern and support one another in our lifestyle.

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Guest OPINION

our true selves and feelings with our families and friends.

How different things are from when I came out 19 years ago. Today in coming out, one still has to make it over hurdles of emotion and fear, but there is support from other gay and lesbian people. In Lexington, the Gay and Lesbian Services Organization and the Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates provide encouragement and support for gays and lesbians in a positive atmosphere.

The gay activist slogan of the last decade - "Better blatant than la-

Secretariat was more than just a horse



David DICK

class, and he knew it.

Life for Secretariat was more than finishing 31 lengths ahead of all the other three horses that ran in the 1973 Belmont Stakes. It was more than the over 500 matings of his stud career.

Life for Secretariat included unusual, instinctive behavior that caused him to understand humanity's need for something special and exceptional.

A man and woman without a horse, especially a fine horse, is an incomplete man or woman. Richard III would have given his kingdom for a horse, but beyond that need born of desperation there is an enriching necessity that only comes with a Secretariat - a sweet excellence unobtainable by humans.

Herein lies the mystery. It embraces the unique relationship mankind shares with dogs, and dogs with horses, too. There's a cross-species kinship, a bonding that improves our humanity in a way oth-

erwise unobtainable.

Secretariat may have been syndicated for more than \$6 million, but no value could ever be placed on the way he looked at those who came to look at him. His instinctive intelligence included the ability to know his influence crossed the usual boundaries of the horse world.

He walked right into the hearts and minds of men, women and children, stayed awhile and then romped back across his paddock to be just as famous.

Secretariat needed man and man needed Secretariat. Neither would be finished without the other.

Why is that so? Perhaps as much as anything else it speaks to the universality of all God's creatures.

We are dependent. No longer can we think of only remote and exotic subspecies as non-dependent or endangered. Each one of us is endangered and the endangerment is complex.

Without a Secretariat to put a smile on our face, and a tingle throughout our being, we become more joyless and earthbound.

It is true, other means are available - our children, the way the autumn sun slants through the chang-

ing colors of the leaves, the way a squirrel scampers across a high wire on a city street, the way spiders spin their webs on frosty mornings up and down the October countryside - yet, without the horse, the human incompleteness still haunts us.

As the days of 1989 wind down, and the leaves of another October turn yellow and red and fall to the ground, the horse cemetery at Claiborne Farms encompasses the body of Secretariat.

His fans will visit there in the seasons ahead, and yet, the memory of the great Triple Crown stallion will still be living back at the stable, in the jockey rooms of the stand, and down on the rail of every racetrack across the nation.

Secretariat was the kind of horse by which other thoroughbreds measure greatness.

Yes, think not that Secretariat was so famous he didn't have time to look into the eyes of a child, and convey a feeling of warmth.

This was the horse that helped make living a joy.
Rest easy, Big Red.

Syndicated columnist David Dick is the director of the UK School of Journalism.

Meet the newest member of the Kernel:



Jerry Voigt
Editorial Cartoonist

Hometown: Jeffersonville, Ind.

Major: Fine Arts freshman

Career Goals: To be an editorial cartoonist

Duties: As Editorial Cartoonist Jerry draws the cartoons that appear on the Viewpoint page Mon.-Thurs. and he sits on the Kernel's Editorial Board, which decides editorial policy.

SPORTS

Barry Reeves
Sports Editor

Equestrian club on the move

By JOHN KARIAN
Contributing Writer

Increased membership and campus visibility during the past two years have helped the UK Equestrian Club come to the brink of national prominence.

Just two years ago, the team had only three members, but has since expanded its membership to a self-limited 17.

"We have six horses (for practice), and each gets ridden three times," said Christine Comella, a psychology junior from Pittsburgh. "Right now, we really can't take any more people."

Comella, who serves as president of the club, said that 10 potential members were turned away last month.

One of the reasons for the club's growth is because of person-to-person exchange of information and efforts made by its members.

"I got involved because I had a friend to contact," said Jennifer Spradlin, an animal science senior from Versailles, Ky. Spradlin, who was one of the three club members in 1987, also is

responsible for Comella's involvement.

"She chased me all over campus for awhile," said Spradlin. "She really wanted to join the club real bad."

With increased membership comes heightened expectations concerning this year's competitions, the first of which is Saturday in Hiwassee, Tenn.

"We know what we're doing a little better this year," Comella said.

Last year's team won its region and finished eighth nationally.

Betsy Fishback, the club's coach, said she expects the team to have another successful year, especially since it is competing in a rather weak region.

"We could be sixth or higher nationally," Fishback said. "After that, a lot of it depends on luck."

Fishback, a native of Pennsylvania who coached at Midway College for eight years before coming to UK, has been responsible for keeping the equestrian program going at UK.

Drawing on her experience and strategy, Fishback prepares the riders for the competitions. Her

team said she always seems to know what the judges are looking for during competition. There are five divisions in equestrian competition, and it is important to be strong in all five divisions to do well nationally.

"You have to have a good rider in each division to be competitive on a national level," Comella said.

"We have a lot of experience this year," said Deanna Craychee, an animal science junior from Chicago. "And I think that will be (our) best attribute when we get into competition."

Craychee has been riding for 10 years, and Comella and Spradlin each have 12 years of experience.

While riding experience is not a pre-requisite for joining the club, it is extremely important to compete in horse shows.

As in any sport, practice is the key to success of the team.

"Practice is very important," said Denise Burkel, a marketing sophomore from Louisville, Ky. Burkel has been riding since she was five years old. "I try to practice three times a week."

Vanderbilt football team has too many problems for Coach Brown to mention

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — There is a simple reason why Vanderbilt University football coach Watson Brown can't put his finger on his team's problems — he doesn't have enough fingers.

"It hasn't been just one thing killing us," said Brown, whose 1-3 team faces an uphill struggle to reach its goal of a winning season.

Vanderbilt lost to previously winless Memphis State University last week 13-10.

"We had breakdowns in every phase of the game," Brown said. "We missed blocking assignments, ran bad pass patterns, made some bad throws, missed some tackles and had breakdowns in the kicking game. We were in disarray. We simply did not play well in any area."

Brown said the poor play against

Memphis State was especially disappointing because he felt his team had made progress the previous two weeks.

Vanderbilt recorded an impressive 54-10 win over Ohio University and made a strong showing in a six-point loss to nationally ranked Alabama.

"We fell backwards, especially on offense," Brown said. "We have enough talented players on offense to be better than that. Our whole offense has to get more aggressive, more mature and more poised. We can't continue to wait three series to settle down and get going."

Brown said practice, leading up to the game with the University of Florida in Gainesville, will be devoted to problem-solving.

"Our players and coaches know how poorly we played against Memphis State," he said. "We all know we have to get better."

The Commodores will be solid underdogs against the Gators.

If they lose to Florida, Vanderbilt will have to win five of its last six games in order to record a winning season. Of those final six games, three are on the road — at Mississippi, at Virginia Tech and at Tennessee. Virginia Tech upset nationally ranked West Virginia, while Tennessee is rapidly shaping up as one of the top teams in the nation.

UK travels to Nashville to play Vanderbilt Nov. 11.

"I don't look at it other than just one game at a time," Brown said.

"If we get our problems worked out and corrected and play the way we're capable of playing, we can beat Florida. The same goes for the next game, and the next."

"I said at the start of the season we would be capable of beating any team on our schedule, and I still feel that way. I haven't given up by any means, and neither have our players. But if we're going to win, we're going to have to play much better than we did before."



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