

'IT JUST LOOKED LIKE FUN'



MICHAEL CLEVELAND/Kernal Staff

When you go Bladin' on in-line skates like the Rollerblade (shown above, courtesy of John's Running Shop), you do it in style: It's good exercise and is catching on in Lexington.

New breed of rollerskates lets kids, adults 'catch air'

By TIM WIESENHAHN
Senior Staff Writer

Chad Blackburn chummed up Sunset Drive in Lexington, Ky., at nearly 20 mph riding a single-file cushion of wheels bolted to the boots on his feet. He was brandishing a hockey stick.

As he crested an incline on the normally congested street, Blackburn lowered his stick and slapped a rubber ball to his mate, Stacy Cook. Cook had wheels on his feet, too.

Clad in a black bandana and black wrist pads, Cook welcomed the ball to his hockey stick, lengthened his stride and pushed the ball out of reach.

Screaming down the receding grade as the wind rippled his bandana, Cook caught site of U-shaped wooden contraption jutting above a neighbor's hedge and eased his pace. Cook called the contraption a "half pipe." He pointed out his find to Blackburn, retrieved the ball, slammed the rubber brake fixed to his right heel to the pavement and stopped. Blackburn came abreast of Cook and fixed his gaze on the half pipe. "Let's catch air today," Blackburn said.

"Yeah, catch air," Cook answered. They were happy. The "bladin'" would be good today.

Bladin' is not a street gang initiation rite. Bladin', however, is an adaptation of ice skating and roller skating technically called in-line skating. Somewhere between 500,000 and 1 million pairs of in-line skates have been sold in the United States. Ankle-smug, nylon padded ski-boots bolted to four or five single-file polyurethane wheels comprise a pair of in-line skates. They can transform any sedentary couch potato into a lanky speed merchant. Blackburn and Cook know why.

"Going downhill, bent down, with the wind in your face, it feels pretty — awesome," Blackburn said. "It's a good workout. It's a good method of fitness. It's not just for play," Morris said.

Sheila Thompson, budget and planning manager at the Lexington Herald-Leader, is using her pair to do both. Thompson, 39, is an avid runner who skates to supplement her training and spend more time with her 10-year-old daughter, Addie.

"It's easier to skate than I thought," Thompson said. "I'm not the speediest person in the world, but I've gotten real smooth." Thompson and her daughter began skating together in August. About twice a week they tour the streets of Chevy Chase, a neighborhood near UK.

"It's a lot of fun, but I still haven't gotten proficient at stopping," Thompson said. "But I haven't killed myself yet."

At the heart of every pair of in-line skates is a single-file arrangement of the three, four or five wheels that propel the skater. The wheels differ in hardness and have to be replaced about every 1,000 miles.

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Election dates set up; 3 likely to enter race

By GREGORY A. HALL
Senior Staff Writer

Keeping a watchful eye on the future but a hold on the past, the Student Government Association is scrambling to set up elections for a student trustee while working to close the book on its regular election last week.

SGA President Sean Lohman said yesterday that April 17 and 18 have been set as tentative dates for the election of the student member of the Board of Trustees.

"At the same time, the SGA election board will meet tonight at 7:30 to discuss appeals of the presidential election and student trustee election. Election board chairman Greg Watkins said rules for the election could be presented to the SGA Senate for approval next week.

He also said that some complaints

about violation of election rules by the campaign of president-elect Scott Crosbie campaign have been filed.

There was also one against the Christa Collins campaign, and some complaints regarding the senate race.

Lohman, two-term SGA president and trustee, refused earlier reports that he would seek a third term as student trustee. He said he had considered it but said yesterday he will not run for the student trustee position.

A vocal member of the board during his two terms, Lohman opposed the nomination of Charles Wellington as president and interim president, and vigorously opposing being excluded from the presidential search committee.

He also opposed the interim president being allowed to be a candi-

date for president.

Three other candidates have emerged, including former SGA president and student trustee Cyndi Weaver.

Scott Damron, a first-year law student, is running for the student trustee with Crosbie's endorsement. SGA Senator at Large Cheryl Beasley has also said she will run.

The election of out-of-state student Crosbie created the need for the election of a separate student trustee.

Under Kentucky law, the student body president is also the student trustee, provided he or she is a full-time student and a Kentucky resident.

Crosbie is from Huntington, W.Va.

A debate between student trustee candidates is being planned, but details have not been worked out.

Releasing reports: Colleges do it differently

By KYLE FOSTER
Senior Staff Writer
and MARY MADDEN
Assistant News Editor

The UK Police Department's recent decision to comply with a federal law prohibiting the release of any police records that name students is a move not being repeated at many colleges in the region.

The Department of Education notified UK in a March 4 letter that the University was in violation of the 1974 Family Educational Records and Privacy Act, which is designed to protect "educational records."

Subsequently, UK Police Chief W.H. McComas said any police records listing students have been pulled from the media file. "All other records that do not involve students remain in the media file," he said. "We have clarified our policy to conform with the law by creating a policy that we're not going to release student records."

But an informal survey by the Kentucky Kernel revealed that other universities have different interpretations of what constitutes educational records and continue to release records with students' names.

For instance, there has been no change in policy at Bowling Green's Western Kentucky University since it received a letter similar to the one received by UK.

Stockham shone, could be new dean

By CAROLINE SHIVELY
Staff Writer

ANALYSIS

When James Kuder says he faces "a tough decision" in choosing the next dean of students at UK, he's not kidding.

The school brought in four diverse candidates to fill the position, and each seemed to make a positive imprint on those who will have a hand in the final selection.

Kuder, UK's vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said he expects to make the choice between these "very different candidates" for the position sometime next week. A quick rundown:

•Charlotte Davis, director of university unions and student activities at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the only female finalist.

•George Jones, dean of students at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, Livingston College, is the only minority finalist.

•Don Robertson, associate dean of affairs at Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va.

•David Stockham, acting dean of students at UK.

The finalists displayed different strengths, backgrounds and policies in their extensive interviews by student leaders, faculty and administrators. Students and UK staff members who interviewed the candidates filled out

evaluation forms, which Kuder will review before making his final decision.

Kuder said he is looking for "a person who is very student-oriented, a good administrator who can manage a budget and work with people and a thoughtful decision-maker."

"We need a woman or man who will reach out to get things going for students and work well with faculty," he said.

How does each candidate fare in important issues?

Although Robertson, Jones and Davis have been working in student affairs, Stockham has about a five-year jump on them. And in the years before that, Stockham worked in a related area, student housing and services.

Stockham also has been acting dean of students for six months and is the only candidate who has worked at UK.

"I think I've had a chance to experience the position, and the campus has had a chance to experience me," Stockham said.

All of the candidates said they had an "open-door" policy to students. However, Jones listed activities such as eating in the students' cafeteria and "dropping in" on student organizations as

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Officials release name of transplant recipient

By NICK COMER
Staff Writer

Officials at the Albert B. Chandler Medical Center released the name of the hospital's first heart transplant recipient yesterday.

According to hospital officials, Jimmy Epling, 40, of Pikeville, Ky., is making better-than-expected progress.

"Mr. Epling is in good spirits," said Dr. Michael E. Selecka, who led the team of surgeons in the surgery Friday morning. "He is walking around and eating and doing everything he needs to do."

Selecka said Epling had been moved from the intensive care unit to a regular room. Immediately following the operation, hospital officials said Epling would be in the intensive care unit for at least five days. Selecka said Epling's progress led to the change.

"Let's say I am pleased but not surprised," Selecka said. "By day

two, he was up out of bed and walking around."

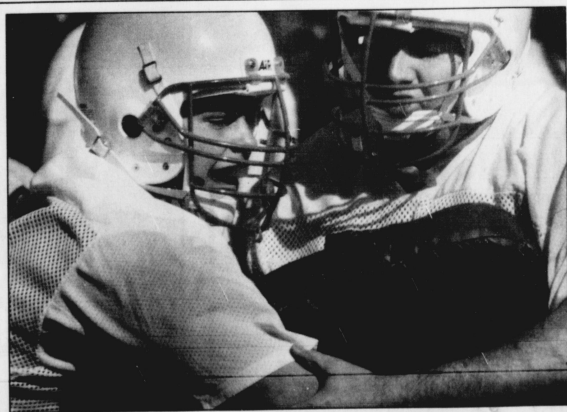
The biggest concern now is arteriosclerosis, Selecka said, which normally is handled with bypass surgery. The location of arteriosclerosis in heart transplant patients prevents bypass surgery from being effective, however.

Selecka said he also was concerned with organ rejection and infection, although Epling has shown no signs of either problem. He said he will have a biopsy done probably tomorrow to test for rejection.

With the drugs currently available to prevent rejection, Selecka said there is a one-year survival rate of 90 percent and a five-year rate of 75 percent.

Selecka said he is eager to perform more heart transplants at UK.

"As soon as we get a donor, we'll do it," he said. "From a personal perspective, I would like to do another one right now. It just depends on donor availability."



GREG EANS/Kernal Staff

SHAKING OFF RUST: UK football players, out to improve a 4-7 season in 1990, worked out on the first day of practice yesterday in shorts, without pads. For story, See Page 2.

UK TODAY

"Legal Questions and Answers for Small Business" will be presented by attorney David Andrew at 2:00 p.m. in room 228 Student Center. The cost is \$10.

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SPORTS

Bat Cats prepare for stretch through April

By **BOB NORMAN**
Sports Editor

Keith Madison feels good about his team's 22-6 record and its third-place ranking in the Southeastern Conference, one of the best conferences in baseball.

But he knows his team has to get better, and he also is profoundly aware of the deceptive nature of optimism in baseball.

"We feel good about things," the head baseball coach said, "... but we are not where we want to be."

At this point last season, UK's 1990 team was 19-9, 8-18 in the SEC. Last place.

But the difference between one year and the next is often refreshing, as the Cats have gone 5-4 in the SEC this season, including taking two of three from the Mississippi State last weekend.

The Cats will once again test their mettle today as they face Kentucky State University (5-3) today at 3 on Shively Field.

The Cats, in fact, have three opponents to play at home during the next three days — State today, Marshall University tomorrow and Belknap College Thursday — before they travel to Nashville, Tenn., Saturday to play SEC rival Vanderbilt for a three-game series. On the surface, these games may seem insubstantial for the Cats. They are not SEC games and, from a historical

perspective, they are not competitive.

UK, since its first meeting with Marshall in 1934, has compiled a 47-15 combined record against the three schools. But Madison, especially after last season's disaster, doesn't take anything for granted.

"Kentucky State has always been a team that runs very well," Madison said of the team the Cats beat 8-4 last season. "They also have a good hitting ballclub."

Said Kentucky State coach Ron Braden: "UK always makes good contact. They can score a lot of runs real quick."

No lack of respect here. UK's last two losses have not come at hands holding bats or the hands throwing curve balls — they have come at the hands covered by leather gloves.

Against Tennessee they committed a season-high six errors in a 7-1 loss. Sunday, UK lost a crucial attempt at a three-game sweep of SEC rival Mississippi State 4-3. Only one MSU run was earned.

"What that tells me is that when one person makes an error, everyone else gets tight," Madison said. "... But 25 out of our 28 games we have played excellent defense."

UK's offense will face KSU's Michael Chappelle today.

Expect a group effort from KSU's mound.

"We're going to pitch everybody. I don't let anybody pitch over three innings," Braden said.



UK coach Bill Curry observes his new football team yesterday.

UK coaches search to find new starters

By **BOB NORMAN**
Sports Editor

When UK assistant football coach John Guy watched his football players running through their first spring practice yesterday, he was watching for more than just who was going to help carry what he calls "the load" for next season's team.

He was watching to see who would carry the burden.

"When you talk about carrying the burden, you talk about starting and everything that goes into starting at this level," Guy said.

"Someone who shares the load is a contributor. We are trying to develop contributors, not backups."

The burden is — at this very early point in the preseason — heavy, and the load has yet to be shared.

The burden left for UK's returners is staggering. Without All-SEC linebacker Randy Holleran, linebacker Billy Swanson and bandit Jeff Brady, UK loses 340 tackles. That equals more than one-third of all tackles made last year (988).

And the percentage of burden left on the offensive side of the ball is even more drastic. Gone is Al Baker, who led the Cats in rushing with 780 yards. Baker was second in receiving with 317 yards.

Altogether, Baker accounted for 30 percent of UK's rushing and receiving yards. He scored 10 of UK's 14 rushing touchdowns.

The receiving core, in general,

ran out of eligibility after the end of last season.

Look at the names and numbers: leading receiver Phil Logan (565 yards, 37 receptions and four touchdowns); Baker (35 receptions, two touchdowns); tight end Rodney Jackson (282 yards, 34 receptions and two touchdowns); and John Bolden (11 receptions, 118 yards and four touchdowns).

All these names and numbers are gone from UK. They all represent little parts of the full burden left on those players performing yesterday in blue shorts (pad practice begins today).

UK head coach Bill Curry said he wasn't worried if new names and new numbers would replace the old — he is just concerned with when.

"They have to," Curry said bluntly. "We've just got a long way to go. It's a lot different (without last year's talented seniors)."

Because of UK's style of using many players during the season, both the offense and defense have many contributors returning.

At defensive end is Derrick Thomas, who proved in the Tennessee game that he was ready for the big time. Replacing the mighty Holleran is Marty Moore, who had a lot of quality minutes last season.

Expect five-year senior Gary Willis to play a strong hit man in place of Brady. And much of the burden will be carried by returning starters Dean Wells, Larry Jackson and Sterling Ward.

On the offensive side of the ball, UK has five quality quarterbacks vying to fill the spot that produced as much trouble as it did surprises last season.

Last season's starter Freddie Maggard gets knocked out with a shoulder injury. Brad Smith enters and shows a certain amount of brilliance before going down with a knee injury. Then in comes Ryan Hockman, who played great games against Florida and Tennessee.

Now enter freshman athlete Poogie Jones and 6-foot-3 gun Mike Kinney.

Those quarterbacks will have small but effective targets as well.

Kurt Johnson, projected as starter at flanker back at 5-7 and 140 pounds, is stout and has a knack for outsmarting larger defenders.

Neal Clark, at 5-9 and 170 pounds, probably will start at split end. Clark, if he lacks a certain amount of explosiveness, has a smoothness to overcome it.

At running back, Mike Thomas, Craig Walker and recruit Damon Hood will vie for Baker's vacant spot. Thomas is the front-runner but currently is being nagged by "respiratory problems." Hood, Mr. Kentucky in football, is expected to make an early impact.

Returning at fullback is powerhouse Terry Samuels — a redshirt freshman himself last season. He started six games to rush for 325 yards and catch 34 passes for 223 yards. His name was on the Freshman All-SEC list at season's end.

"I'm going to miss Al (Baker) because of his strength and speed," Samuels said after yesterday's practice. "... But we've got some good backs that have come in. Right now it's a matter of coming together."

Soccer team signs 9

Staff reports

UK soccer coach Sam Wooten signed the first nine players in the history of this soon-to-be varsity sport on Friday. Among those signed, are four former All-State players and one two-time Southern All-American player.

"The guys we signed (Friday) will dictate the pace our program is headed," Wooten said. "I am completely confident in our abilities to come out this fall and be competitive...."

UK's 16th-ranked men's tennis team will face the Mississippi State Bulldogs today at the Downing Outdoor Tennis Complex at 2.

The Cats are 14-7 and hold a 3-1 Southeastern Conference mark.

The UK women's golf team picked up its first tournament title of the spring in winning the South Carolina Women's Invitational last weekend. The 12-team tournament featured four of the nation's Top 20 teams. UK senior Jayne Lohr led the Cats and finished second — three strokes behind winner Nina Van Drumpt of UNC-Wilmington.

Information for this story also was gathered by Senior Staff Writer Al Hill.

Need a new place?
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University Forum

Time: Thursdays, 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.
Place: Room 206 - Old Student Center

The Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of Students invite the University community to participate in the University Forum during the spring semester. Students, faculty, and staff will have an opportunity on alternate Thursdays to express their views on the topic of the day or on any other matter of public concern. The University Forum will have no formal presentations. Diverse viewpoints are encouraged, and the spirit of the town meeting will prevail.

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DIVERSIONS

'Bonfire' is better as a home video

VIDEO REVIEW

Associated Press

There's something about a Brian De Palma movie that's just not right. There's always something off-center or riding the razor's edge of sloppiness. It's like a well-dressed woman with perfect makeup who has lipstick blotches on her teeth.

"Dressed to Kill" started off as a fast-paced, slick erotic tease and promptly slipped into a very careless B-movie. "Scarface" had the promise of a hard-edge adventure with a lot of tension and drama, and then deteriorated into a drug joke. "The Untouchables" borrowed so heavily from other movies that it was hard to get much honesty out of it.

"The Bonfire of the Vanities" (Warner Bros.), based on the Tom Wolfe novel, was generally trashed by critics and audiences alike when it played theatrically.

What's off about this latest De Palma work is that the movie can't be taken seriously. The characters are straight out of a comic strip and proceed through some cartoon-like situations. So it probably works as video on the home screen because it's no better or no worse than a Saturday morning cartoon.

Sherman McCoy is a self-styled "Master of the Universe." He is a millionaire and has an uptight, snotty wife and a spoiled, married mistress, Maria. His very ordered and affluent life comes crumbling down after his mistress runs over a man in the South Bronx, flees the scene and leaves Sherman holding the bag.

It's not just another hit and run. The victim is black; Sherman and Maria are white. A local black minister, the Rev. Bacon, wants to make the accident into a racial cause celebre. The district attorney, who wants to run for mayor, needs minority votes and is eager to prove that the city goes after white criminals just as diligently as it does black criminals.

Riding the periphery of it all is a down-and-out drunk, Peter Fallow, whose career in journalism is about to come to a screeching halt. Fallow chronicles it all, gets the inside track and ultimately produces a best-selling book.

There are a few cute twists to the story of Sherman's fall and Fal-

low's rise, but all are as predictable as Fallow's next drink.



HANKS

As Sherman, Tom Hanks, looking very odd with capped teeth and precision cut hair, is somewhat jerky and nervous. He moves like he's in pain throughout the movie — like he's walking on broken glass and is not quite sure how to get off.

Melanie Griffith has finally found her niche and is quite believable as Maria Ruskin, a manipulative bubblehead.

Bruce Willis as Fallow somewhat overdoes the drunk routine — without much style. It becomes a trifle boring after a while. But Willis is Willis and remains his acerbic self.

About the only likeable character in the entire movie is Morgan Freeman's Judge White. He also is the only character who bears any semblance to reality.

There's good support from Kim Cattrall as Judy McCoy, Saul Rubinek as Jed Kramer, F. Murray Abraham as the D.A., and John Hancock as the Rev. Bacon.

Headley-Whitney exhibit features women artists

By SHARLA MIZE
Staff Critic

The 13th annual Women Writers Conference (April 11-13) is complemented by a women's art show at the Headley-Whitney Museum through April 21.

The Headley-Whitney show is an all-Kentucky juried women's art exhibition. The exhibit, which opened March 10, also is accompanied by lectures and music.

The art show includes a wide and interesting variety of works by

ART REVIEW

women artists. At least two of the artists — Helene Steene and Linda L. Johnston — represent UK.

Yesterday, Christine Havice, a UK art history professor and the new director of the Honors Program, gave a lecture on the history of women in art. Havice also served as a juror for the exhibit.

Sunday the museum will feature

The Reel World String Band. Carolyn Curry will deliver a coffee lecture April 9 titled "Women's History: How Far Have We Come?"

April 10 there will be a women's dinner party featuring blues/jazz artist Cheryl Skinner. Also featured will be "Corset," a historical comedy by Katherine Cramer and Ann Kilkelly, looking at the history of women's undergarments. The piece will be performed by Syncopated, Inc.

The Jefferson Duo will perform a coffee concert on April 16.

For more information, 255-6653.

Currently on exhibit in on campus in the Rasdall Gallery is Ted Kincaid's MFA photography show, "The Ecstasy of Gravity."

Kincaid used a gelatin silver print method that created haunting images.

It is obvious that Kincaid is experienced in this media and will be a successful artist outside the university atmosphere. The show runs through April 12.

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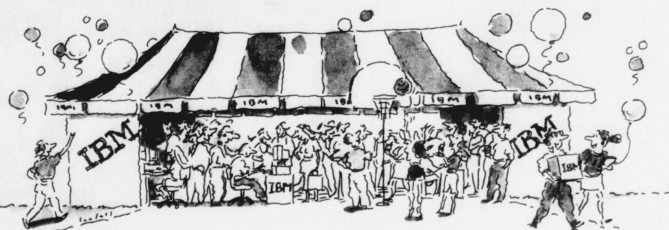
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Student body should help UK 'pack the stacks'

Years ago, when the UK student body was a much smaller place, graduating classes would get together and donate something to the University — like a tree or a fountain — as a way to show their appreciation.

As enrollment grew and the campus started spreading its wings, that tradition began to die out.

Now, however, some students are trying to resurrect that idea. And for a worthy cause to boot.

So UK's graduating class of 1991 is giving the school "University Day," set for tomorrow. This year the widely touted celebration will benefit the "Pack the Stacks" fund-raising campaign for the UK Libraries.

The day's program, which is being planned by the Student Library Endowment Committee, features a lecture from Chai Ling, a prominent leader of the Chinese student uprising at Tiananmen Square.

But the most important part of "Pack the Stacks" campaign may belong to you. Graduating students are encouraged to donate \$35 to the Library Endowment Fund drive.

We have all experienced the frustration of needing a book for a research paper of class presentation, only to discover that it was nowhere to be found on the Margaret I. King Library's shelves.

Help the library system build up its collection so future UK students won't have to go through the same nightmare we have.

The \$35 donated by students will be used to buy a book for the library and the donor's name will be on a nameplate in the book.

Forking over that kind of cash, we realize, is not easy, especially considering our woeful economy. Dig deep anyway. Give a little back to a school that has given you a lot. A worthy cause deserves a chance to succeed.

Poor SGA voter turnout says a lot about campus

Last Wednesday night Byl Hensley and Jen Saffier walked down to the basement of the Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building and leaned against its white-painted walls.

They were about 10 feet from the Kentucky Kernel newsroom, about 1 million feet from the outside world. Campaigning will do that to a person. Leaves you tired, disillusioned. Your face hurts from all that smiling.

Walking up to them, however, I noticed something a little peculiar that I couldn't spot in the other UK students running for Student Government Association president and vice president.

It was an almost indescribable look of, well, despair. Neither of them had to say anything. The tone in their voices was indicative of people who had already conceded. Hensley and Saffier, the election underdogs, were ready to chew off the leach and go home.

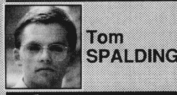
The reasons were simple, Hensley said. They did not have friends showing campaign literature in people's faces as they walked by Margaret I. King Library. Hensley said, quite candidly, that he didn't feel comfortable asking his friends to do that.

They did not have much support. Neither is in a greek organization, although Hensley was a Sigma Nu at Ohio State University. They did not receive the Greek Political Action Committee endorsement. Their only real vocal support was from the Kentucky Kernel editorial board, and any election pundit knows that's the kiss of death.

What struck me as odd — and what left me in some ways also disillusioned — was the fact that this was perhaps the most balanced, or at least diverse, pool of candidates running for SGA's top position in years.

It's a shame that none of the candidates appealed to voters. It's an even greater tragedy, however, that there apparently weren't enough potential voters to appeal to.

Less than 4,000 students out of 23,000 voted. That was evident in my Appalachian Music class, when the instructor, Ron Pen, asked how many people in the class — about 20 were present — voted in the SGA election. Only a smattering of hands were raised.



Tom SPALDING

It is disturbing to see that even someone as well-known as Christa Collins gets only 800 votes. It is embarrassing to see Keith Clark and Brandon Smith get less than 600, to see Hensley-Saffier receive only 300.

I don't think Scott Crosbie would have lost the election, but until you poll every student at this University that's impossible to say.

What the results show is that the office is not worth running for. Plain and simple. What this also evidently means is that you can't serve in office unless you belong to a fraternity or sorority. That is not a slam on the greek system. That is more a complaint that they are organized enough — and informed enough — to vote.

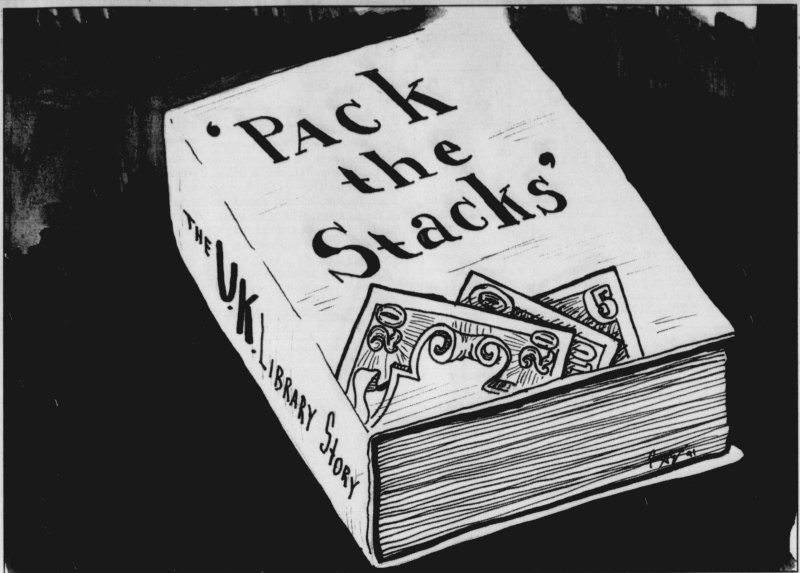
Should it be changed? Should SGA's top offices be picked the way the folks over at Student Activities Board pick their people (read: select, not elect)? Should we bother to spend hundreds of dollars in two weeks when the polls go back open and we vote for the student trustee on the Board of Trustees? Of course not.

But I can't help but remember Hensley's expression last Wednesday. He and Saffier finished last. They knew it. They knew enough people wouldn't pick up on what they considered great ideas. They knew they had wasted their money on campaign fliers.

It was surprising, then, to see the very daring Hensley shave his head and adorn a black T-shirt with the word "Looser" before election results had even been announced? No.

I saw Hensley again yesterday afternoon in Appalachian Music class. He looked peeved, but he wore a look I hadn't seen from him in a while. Relief. Voter apathy is the last thing on his mind. His only concern is getting that hair to grow back.

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Devoid of ideas, GOP has politicized war

By Don Yates

Because of the enthralling pictures of Iraqis surrendering to Americans — whether they were soldiers, reporters, or Domino's delivery guys — a significant event slipped by unnoticed two weeks ago.

The ignored event was the beginning of the 1992 campaign season, and it was no coincidence that it entered upon the exit of the war. Less than 24 hours after the president had declared an end to hostilities, Capitol Hill crackled with the sounds of partisan battle over the political spoils of war.

Congressional Republicans ushered in the infant campaign with a cynical attempt to claim the credit and legacy of the Persian Gulf conflict.

Prior to the President's post-war address to the Congress, Republican leaders distributed tiny American flags to their rank and file to ensure that their party would be at its flag-waving best when the cameras went on.

In the days following the ceasefire, House Republicans assailed Democrats as well-known as Chris Collins gets only 800 votes. It is embarrassing to see Keith Clark and Brandon Smith get less than 600, to see Hensley-Saffier receive only 300.

The parade of fulminating Republicans, however, were very selective in the things they remembered about the months leading up to the war.

Republicans forgot war foes, such as ex-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral William Crowe, conservative arms negotiator Paul Nitze and former president Reagan's last chief of staff, Howard Baker.

Collective amnesia gripped the Republicans when it came to the fact that four of the last six secretaries of defense (nearly all from GOP administrations) were against the use of force in the Gulf.

Conservative columnists Pat Buchanan and Robert Novak, early critics of U.S. policy in the Middle East, were granted a silent pardon for their sins and ignored. Republicans failed to explain what set this group of earnest war opponents apart from the traitorous Democrats who had voted against the president.

The manipulation of a war for political points is hardly a new

political tool reveals the mounting frustration Republicans are experiencing over their continuing failure to win both the executive and legislative branches.

Winners of five of the last six presidential elections and owners of the White House for eight years under the most popular chief executive since FDR, the Republicans still cannot convince the American people that they are fit to set the na-

debts burden in our history and attempted to cut social programs founded in the face of stiff public opposition.

What happened to the Reagan deregulation schemes to remove governmental meddling? They failed. The government, its real growth never checked, was rendered helpless to prevent problems such as the S & L debacle or the environmental crisis.

What happened to the Republican promises to restore honesty in government, law and order, and shore up the decaying morals of the nation? They failed. The country's ethical tailspin actually increased during the 1980s with events like Iran-contra, the HUD scandal and the explosion in urban crime. All failed.

Faced with the demise of their agenda, Republicans in the Bush era have simply refused to provide a new domestic agenda. Bush's domestic political agenda is like the Loch Ness Monster, occasionally sighted but its existence never proven.

Republicans, however, are only mirroring the Democrats in this shortcoming. Since 1968, the Democrats have been unable to unite and produce a comprehensive, workable national agenda.

The GOP has, at the very least, and it is the very least, had the Reagan creed to offer. Now both parties are barren of vision. To regain the advantage the Republicans will rely on the Persian Gulf victory to cover their domestic fiascos.

So in the 18 months leading up the next election, do not be too surprised if you hear more and more from the GOP on "its" win in the gulf, and less and less on the really vital domestic issues such as poverty, homelessness and crime.

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phenomenon in American history.

The ancestors of today's Republicans employed the same stunts after the Civil War to prevent the loss of their Congressional majority.

Republicans of that era painted the Democrats as a party of traitors who had attempted to rip the nation apart. This tactic was called "waving the bloody shirt" because of its blatant, heavy-handed use of wartime passions and pride to score campaign victories.

Though the tactic is the same, the strategy has changed in the last 100 years. Today, Republicans are "waving the bloody shirt" in the hopes of gaining control of the federal government.

The fashioning of the war into a

tional political agenda.

The GOP flirted with the dream of refocusing the national political agenda during the so-called Reagan Revolution. The Reagan Revolution reminds me of the quip, "What if they gave a war and nobody came."

In the 1980s, the GOP gave a revolution and nobody ever showed up. The Reagan Revolution turned out to be nothing more than a collection of conservative pipe dreams that shriveled up when exposed to the light of practical politics.

A few examples prove this: "What happened to the Reagan economic plan to balance the budget by cutting taxes and slashing social programs? It failed. Today our nation groans under the heaviest

Help is available for children of alcoholics

Counselor's CORNER

Dear Counselor: I've recently heard about Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOAs) who have problems in their lives. I'm not really sure what this means. One of my friends has been reading some books on this topic and says that I fit many of the characteristics of ACOA's.

My mother drank often and at times heavily, but I never thought of her as an alcoholic. She never passed out or missed a day of work. I'm just confused about the whole business. Ted, business sophomore.

Dear Ted: First, let's look at the label itself. ACOAs are adults or young adults who are the children of alcoholics. Now maybe the word alcoholic seems too strong so let's substitute the phrase "problem drinker."

The commitment to drinking in-

are dependent on alcohol or drugs.

•Adult children have strong needs for control and often overreact to change by feeling out of control.

•Adult children constantly seek approval and affirmation.

•Adult children are overly responsible or overly irresponsible.

•Adult children are extremely loyal — often past the point where such loyalty is deserved.

•Adult children usually feel that they are different from other people and are not sure what constitutes "normal" reactions and behaviors in relationships.

•Adult children often exhibit their own "alcoholic" behaviors — over-drinking, over-dragging, over-caring, over-sexing, over-working or over-spending.

In looking at these characteristics, the damaging effects of having a parent who is a problem drinker is readily apparent. Let's look a little closer at some other effects on the family.

Charles Whitfield, in his book, *Healing the Child Within*, reports that neglect; anger and threats; criticism and perfectionist demands;

guilt and shaming messages; harsh discipline; and mental, emotional, physical and spiritual mistreatment or abuse are common in families where there is a problem-drinking parent.

Such parental behaviors are hurtful and result in children feeling inadequate, unworthy, unlovable, without rights and without hopes that they will amount to anything.

Either consciously or unconsciously these feelings are carried into adulthood and may manifest as chronic procrastination or underachievement; lack of perseverance or not completing of projects; and repeated failures just short of success.

There is hope as well as help in this situation. While there are many problems for ACOAs to confront, those who seek counseling can often learn to cope with how situations more effectively; resolve negative feelings about themselves; and reduce or eliminate their own self-defeating behavior patterns.

Students who wish to address these issues can help by the UK Counseling and Testing Center, 301 Frazer Hall or call 257-8701.

Blades

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"The best wheel is a soft, comfortable wheel," Morris said. "In other words, it doesn't bounce you around. It takes some of the shock out of it. It's very smooth and it's very fast."

To keep the ride smooth and fast, Morris recommends rotating the wheels every 60 miles or about once a month.

"The idea is these wheels actually have an edge on them," Morris said. "You only wear one side of the wheel."

Despite the smoothness and comfort of the skate, Cook complained that it lacked durability. His pair was beset with scrapes and holes patched with electric tape.

"They wear out in like a week," Cook said. "That's the only bad thing about them, the wheels wear out way too fast."

Nevertheless, the soft, fast wheels allow an in-line skater to experience a phenomenon skaters like Cook thrive on.

"Ice skaters don't skate up hill," Morris said. "On rollerblades (a brand of in-line skates) you skate up hill. People think, 'Oh my gosh, a hill. It's going to kill me.' But it's not bad at all. The whole trick is learning to use the brake. That's the only difficult thing. You have to watch the road. You have to plan ahead."

Although in-line skates offer versatility and agility, they are not cheap. New skates can cost anywhere from \$90 to \$330.

"It's a big investment," Morris said. "A good recreational skate starts at \$145. So for \$15 a usually leisure pedestrian can rent a pair of in-line skates, elbow pads and wrist guards and spend a day blading."

But the beginner should take it slowly, Morris said. "When you first start skating I recommend staying off the hills. Stay in the parking lot that's level. Experiment with the break and see how everything goes."

Angie McFadden, 10, a fifth-grader at Garden Springs Elementary School, is a beginner. She said she saw her first pair of rollerblades in a running shop. At Christmas, she rolled into the ranks.

"It's like ice skating. Your ankles go from side to side, and it's hard to get moving at first — but it's much faster," McFadden said. "I've fallen plenty of times, but I've never gotten hurt."

Despite McFadden's mild collection of bumps and bruises, in-line skates offer more support, comfort and safety than ice skates, Morris said. "It's easier than ice skating, and it's feels safer because of the support in the ankle — that's the difference," Morris said. "Unlike ice skates, you don't wiggle around. The boot does all the work."

"On ice skates you're limited to a pond. It's flat. You skate around in a circle. Rollerblades are fine on any surface except grass. They go over bumps real easy."

The idea came about from hockey players who didn't like to run in the summer time," Morris said. "But they had to stay in shape because the season was so long and so demanding. So the guy who invented the skate was a hockey player."

Today about half a dozen brands of in-line skates are for sale in the United States. High-tech materials and neon colors draw buyers to skates once reserved for hockey players. Morris said he has nearly 100 pairs of skates in stock, which probably will sell out before the end of spring. But his store only features one brand — the Rollerblade. Since its introduction in 1981, the Rollerblade has captured 70 percent of the in-line skate market, Morris said.

Rob Hayslett, 20, an undecided UK sophomore working at the Lexington Ice Center, said he said demonstrated Rollerblades at a nearby mall about a year ago. But most afternoons Hayslett said he uses his Rollerblades to play street hockey or to just "tool around" the neighborhood.

"It's sweet," Hayslett said. "Just like ice skating — identical. A lot

of hockey players go out and rig and roll." Hayslett said.

Mark Montgomery, a salesman at All Sports in Lexington, said sales of the Rollerblade have been brisk.

"We sell a lot to kids and a lot to college students looking for transportation around campus," Montgomery said. But he added that basic transportation was not his only motivation for offering in-line skates.

"It just looked like fun."

Fleet Feet, a full-line sporting goods store in Owensboro, Ky., began selling the Rollerblade in September. Brad Loucks, manager at Fleet Feet, said he saw his first pair of in-line skates at a sporting goods show in Chicago and jumped at the chance to display them next to his collection of tennis rackets and baseball gloves.

"They were big in Florida and the West Coast and moving into the Midwest," Loucks said. "So I jumped at it. I wanted to be the first to have them."

"All ages are buying them. But mostly to kids 10 to 24 — both boys and girls."

David Hopper, a salesman at Phillip Gall's Footgear in Lexington, said he has featured the "Ultra Wheel" skate for more than a year. Many of his customers are "young adults" browsing through his inventory, looking to buy comfortable footwear, like walking shoes, Hopper said.

Blackburn and Cook, however, have never worn walking shoes. And as they whiz over the asphalt and swirl about a half-pipe, the adolescent duo only remotely resembles "young adults." But they don't seem to care. Blackburn and Cook are bladers, and bladers never browse. Bladers wallow in the fun Montgomery unearthed. They ache to rig and roll with Hayslett. They embrace the punishment McFadden avoids. They lust for the speed Morris cages. Blackburn and Cook know why.

"If you're going real fast and you can't stop — jump and fall," Cook said.

(breakdown of minorities) is, talk with the Black Student Union, see what they're doing in leadership and get minorities involved in organizations."

All of the candidates expressed a strong desire to work at UK, but only Stockham displayed a willingness to stay here. The last dean of students, Doug Wilson, was in the position for less than four years before he left for another position in Oklahoma.

If UK follows a trend that has developed in recent searches, Stockham should be considered the front-runner.

Police

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WKU's attorney is still researching the matter and is expected to make a decision within the next few weeks, said Laura Howard, managing editor for the College Heights Herald, WKU's student newspaper.

The police reporter for the College Heights Herald "still looks at the reports every day," Howard said.

The 1974 act, better known as the Buckley Amendment, gives students the right to have their educational records protected, said Joe Burch, vice president for University relations.

"UK will not release names, but that doesn't mean it won't be made public during the proceedings," he said.

But some questions arise, such as what is an educational record, and whether police department records constitute educational records.

"I don't believe that every institution can make up its mind about what a law says... We are not in a position to say what the law is or determine for ourselves what it means — it's been pointed out to us what the law says and we're in the position to follow that," Burch said.

Dan Joseph, police reporter for Indiana University's student newspaper, the Daily Student, said it obtains student names despite reluctance on the part of its police force.

"We generally don't have a problem (getting information)," he said. "They (campus police) are reluctant to give it, but usually if I pressure them enough, they will."

At Northwestern University, in Evanston, Ill., campus police give the Daily Northwestern reports without student names.

However, Daily Northwestern reporters have a "rapport with the officers" and usually can get names within regular bounds — excluding more severe crimes, like rape, said Todd Spangler, Daily Northwestern deputy editor.

UK Police compile and send a list of the number and type of crimes committed in a given week — without names — to the Kentucky Kernel on a regular basis.

Crime records with students' names had been available for many years.

The Daily Tarheel, from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, receives reports with the name of the person being charged, but the victims' names usually are withheld, University editor Stephanie Johnston said.

This policy has not changed since UNC received a letter from the Department of Education informing the University of its violation.

The universities of Tennessee and Alabama are awaiting analysis of a March 13 ruling by a federal judge in Missouri before making any changes in their current open-records policies.

In the ruling, Judge Russell G. Clark said campus crime reports were not part of educational records.

The ruling is binding only in the Western District of Missouri.

The Department of Education has not decided whether the Missouri ruling will affect its order to close the records, said Eta Fielek, spokeswoman for the department.

Fielek said the department has asked the Justice Department for guidance.

"We've asked them to look at the decision in terms of precedent," she said. "What legal action is necessary, if any. Right now we are telling schools that they need to comply with the law."

Burch said no one really knows what the Missouri court said, and the Department of Education has not changed its mind.

"We are where we were before (the Missouri case)," until the department informs UK of a change, Burch said.

"We've been given an interpretation that we are expected to abide by and we are abiding by it."

A case pending in Calloway Circuit Court is directly challenging Kentucky's interpretation of the open-records law and the Buckley Amendment. Attorneys for the case said a ruling is expected this summer.

Information for this story also was gathered by The Associated Press.

Dean

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things he does on a regular basis to keep in touch with students' lives.

Jones also admitted to jello-wrestling in an event to benefit Rutgers University. He said a dean of students should not only work with students, but should be "willing to

have fun and let students laugh at you."

Multiculturalism was stressed as an important part of universities by the four candidates. However, Davis was the only candidate to form a plan to encourage enrollment of minority students.

Davis said she was "disturbed over low minority enrollment" at UK. To get minorities more involved at UK, she said she would "find out what the population

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