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## HEALTH CARE IN KENTUCKY

Part 2 in a 3-part series

### Med schools facing small numbers

Program won't suffer, officials say

By TONJA WILT  
Senior Staff Writer

The decreasing number of students enrolling in the medical program has caused an increasing amount of concern among UK officials.

"Before, we could really select the cream of the crop, if you would, but at the moment the crop's very small," said Dr. David Wilson, a professor in pediatrics serving as a part-time director in the UK College of Medicine. "So even though we're still managing to get a fairly sizeable cream, if you would, we don't have as many choices as we had before."

Statewide, the number of residents applying to medical school in the past five years has declined 32.4 percent. The numbers continue to go down at UK with the applicant number dropping 35.7 percent since 1982.

Dr. Emery Wilson, dean of the College of Medicine, said he believes that UK has reached the point where

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
High school graduate applications	375	336	346	331	294	241
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Enrolled in Med School	96	79	88	71	74	71

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the number of applicants will no longer decrease.

"We have seen a bottoming out in the number of applicants. We think we are at that nadir now," Dean Wilson said. "We can't get too much lower because we have 1.6 applicants per place and we can't really get much lower than that and have enough applicants to fill the places."

The need for physicians in Kentucky has caused officials to be reluctant in considering lowering the number of places available in the medical school.

"There is no real reason to think that we should decrease the number because we need the positions in the state," Dean Wilson said. "There are still a

large number of underserved areas. Of 120 counties it is said that 80 counties are underserved."

According to previous studies, the optimum number of physicians in Kentucky is 193 positions per 1,000 people. Now, however, the state has 143 positions per 1,000 residents. In south eastern Kentucky the number of physicians reaches as low as 83 positions per 1,000 people.

One of the reasons offered by medical school officials as to why the numbers of medical students are declining is the cost of tuition.

"A lot of students choose not to even think about medical school because

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## Legislature puts finishing touches on education plan

By MARK R. CHELLGREN  
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Selected House Democrats met yesterday to put the finishing touches on a list of education initiatives that could be presented to Gov. Wallace Wilkinson as early as Friday.

According to a list obtained by The Associated Press, the package would cost an estimated \$219 million in the 1990 fiscal year above current expenditures, \$313 million in 1991 and \$352 million in 1992.

Rep. Roger Noe, D-Harlan, said that when the proposals are put to Wilkinson, he expects they will be accompanied by another list of potential sources of revenue to pay for them.

Among the tax options are conformity to the federal income tax code, closing some loopholes in state taxes and higher personal income tax rates for those earning more than \$50,000 annually.

"When this proposal goes to the governor, there will be options for him to consider that we believe will pass the legislature," said Noe, who is chairman of the House Education Committee and has been one of the primary architects of the legislative education package.

Noe acknowledged that passage of a tax increase by the General Assembly would not be easy in any event and all but impossible without Wilkinson's support.

The list of education initiatives that will be presented to Wilkinson do not comprise

a cure for what ails Kentucky schools, Noe said.

Instead, he said they were "the things we must do to keep us afloat in education and that's all this list does is keep us afloat."

Other lawmakers who attended the session Tuesday said the list represents the minimum that legislators want for education.

"Now we're looking for some good faith on the part of the governor to compromise," said Rep. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington.

House and Senate leaders will get a chance to look at the draft this week and lawmakers hope to be able to present it to Wilkinson by Friday or Monday.

Wilkinson has shown little inclination to go along with lawmakers on their education plans, especially those that would incur a tax increase to pay for them.

But now included in the legislative education list is at least \$75 million each year of the coming biennium for school restructuring, Wilkinson's pet project.

Noe said it is unlikely legislators will look favorably on restructuring unless their own ideas are included.

"We are not willing to supplant the proven, workable, visionary, if you will ... goals of education with his new, untried restructuring," Noe said. "We're willing to complement those programs with restructuring."

The plan assumes that teachers would

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## Engineering professor working with oil spills

By JULIE ESSELMAN  
Special Projects Writer

While an oil spill disaster off the coast of Alaska continues to corrode the environment and arouse criticism of the dismal clean-up effort, in a small lab in Anderson Hall, a UK mechanical engineering professor is working on ways to make such efforts quicker and safer.

And in addition to helping protect the environment from the disastrous effects of future oil spills, he hopes to bring credit to the University and Lexington and help the community with business in new technology.

Kozo Saito, a 39-year-old associate professor from Japan, has been researching the technique of cleaning spilled oil off the ocean through a burning method for the past three years.

He is the only researcher in the country receiving a continuing grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to work on this particular project, and as far as he knows, the only one in the nation working on it at all.

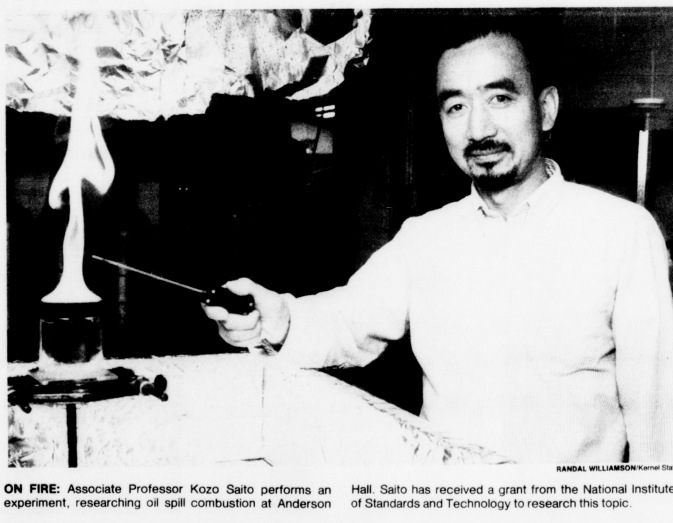
Funding for this project was very competitive, Saito said, so receiving it "is a recognition to UK."

Saito's only colleagues on this research at UK are a visiting professor from Japan and a graduate student.

"The number's very small, but the quality is very high," he said. "We made a lot of progress last year."

And this year, he said, "so far, so good."

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ON FIRE: Associate Professor Kozo Saito performs an experiment, researching oil spill combustion at Anderson Hall. Saito has received a grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to research this topic.

## Wright tries to rally his colleagues

By JIM DRINKARD  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Jim Wright, opening his defense against a string of ethics committee charges, sought Tuesday to rally Democratic colleagues and told them, "I intend to fight and I intend to win."

He said that while he may have made mistakes in judgment, "I have never done anything to dishonor this institution and I never will."

In a half-hour speech to a private session of the Democratic Caucus in the House chamber, and later in press releases, Wright chose to concentrate his defense on one issue: the charge that his wife, Betty, did no substantial work for the \$72,000 she received from a Fort Worth friend from 1980 to 1984.

But more troubling to many of his colleagues were charges that Wright sought to evade House limits on outside earned income through seven bulk sales of his book, "Reflections of a Public Man," most of them made in lieu of accepting speaking fees from interest groups.

Wright was gathering affidavits from people in Fort Worth who said they had worked with his wife and observed what she did in return for her \$18,000-a-year salary from real estate developer George Mallick and the partnership of the two couples formed, known as Mallickto.

He said she had researched investment opportunities in real estate and office building ventures in Fort Worth and New York and studied investments in a musical in the movie version of the musical "Annie," and in oil ventures and stock purchases.

Wright received a standing ovation at the end of his caucus speech, which included an admission that he had made some errors in judgment and "may have made some mistakes in my life," according to participants.

He also told his fellow Democrats, who re-elected him as speaker just four months ago, that he did not want to continue to hold the post if he couldn't be an effective leader of the party, according to one member present.

## Huang, McCain honored as outstanding seniors

Staff reports

Michael Huang, a chemistry senior, and Leah McCain, a social work senior, were named the outstanding graduating seniors last night.

The award is named for former UK president Otis Singletary.

Huang, the son of Yang H. and Jane R. Huang of Lexington, was a member of the first class of Singletary Scholars.

Huang also was a National Merit Scholar, and currently has a 3.97 grade point average based on a 4.0 system.

Huang plans to attend medical school at UK.

McCain, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, currently is vice president

of the Student Government Association. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hank McCain, and is from Owensboro.

McCain is a member of the Student Social Work Association, and has worked as a Fayette County legal aid.

In addition to the senior awards, the UK Student Center Activities Board presented awards to the outstanding freshman, sophomore and junior on the Lexington campus.

The outstanding junior award was presented to Scott Anthony Kuhn, a journalism/broadcast junior.

The outstanding sophomore award was presented to Sean Lohman, a political science sophomore.

The outstanding freshman award was

presented to Christa Elizabeth Collins. Collins is studying special education, speech and communications disorders.

Other awards presented last night include:

- Deserving Blind Student Scholarship, presented by Delta Gamma sorority, to Brenda Davis, a social work senior.
- Panhellenic Scholarship, presented by the Panhellenic Council, to Jennifer Lynn Farmer, a communications sophomore.
- Outstanding Sophomore Award, presented by Links junior honor society, to Paige Marie Foster, a secondary education/social studies sophomore.
- Lances All-Campus Scholarship, presented by Lances junior honor society, to Kenneth Hensley, a biology sophomore.

- Residence Hall Leadership Award, presented by the Department of Residence Life, to Nick Vaccaro, an arts and sciences sophomore.
- Office of Minority Affairs Spirit Award, presented by the Office of Vice Chancellor for Minority Affairs, to Joan Coates, a business administration/finance senior.
- Paul Robeson Award, presented by the Office of Vice Chancellor for Minority Affairs to Chris Chenault, a general studies senior.
- Student Development scholarships, presented by the Student Development Council, to Huang, and Lynn Zaremba, a pharmacy senior.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**  
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# SPORTS

Tom Spalding  
Sports Editor  
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Assistant Sports Editor

## Former Derby winner knows pressure

Associated Press

Lucien Laurin, who won the Triple Crown in 1973 with Secretariat, can relate to the pressure trainer Shug McGaughey is feeling with Easy Goer as this year's Kentucky Derby approaches.

"It's a great, great honor to be so lucky to have such a nice horse," Laurin said. "Naturally you're nervous. You're always nervous when you run a good horse."

"It's rough when you go through all of this. You have a lot of pressure."

Laurin faced an especially difficult time after Secretariat lost the Wood Memorial. His stablemate, Angle Light, won the race, with Sham second and Secretariat third. Laurin said the next two weeks leading up to the Derby were "really, really rough."

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Lucien Laurin,  
trainer

"Frankie Martin (Sham's trainer) was mad at me. He thought I'd run a rabbit, and the rabbit won. I didn't run no rabbit."

Angle Light was owned by Edwin Whittaker, while Secretariat's owner was Meadow Stable.

"The man wanted to run in it, and it was two different people," Laurin said. "When people pay you to train horses, if they want you to

run, you can't come up and say no."

The colts ran as an entry in the Derby, but this time, Secretariat won, and his time of 1:59 2/5 was a record. Sham was second.

After Secretariat won the Preakness, with Sham second again, the stage was set. Secretariat was the big favorite for the Belmont, and Laurin thought he would win easi-

ly. But no one, not even Laurin, expected the awesome performance Secretariat gave the entire 1 1/2 miles that day—a 31-length victory in 2:24, another record.

Still, it's especially difficult to keep a horse at its peak over the five-week grind of the Triple Crown.

"You know, the most important thing in this business is to keep them sound and on top of their form for so long," Laurin said. "That's what makes it tough. It takes a good horse that can take that."

Laurin, now 77 and again training horses after periods of retirement and semi-retirement, said Easy Goer is that type of horse.

"He looks like he's got a terrific shot to win the Triple Crown," he said.

## UK demolishes Ohio

By KIP BOWMAR  
Staff Writer

The 11th-ranked UK men's tennis team recuperated from a disappointing loss to 3rd-ranked Louisiana State University Sunday by whitewashing Ohio University at the UK Downing Outdoor Complex yesterday, 9-0.

The victory wasn't a surprise — but winning so big was, considering UK's mental state.

"Yeah we were let down after LSU," UK assistant coach Mike Benson said. "We competed hard and lost a close match. Hopefully we'll see them (LSU) again in the post season. They are good at home but not as good on the road."

The Wildcats seemed to need

the breather they got in playing the Bobcats. "It's good because it gives us the opportunity to play some sets in a competitive situation," Benson said. "They (Ohio) were a good tune-up for both Tennessee and Georgia."

Senior Willy Laban, who moved up to play as UK's top seed, responded with a straight set victory over Jay Ethridge 7-6, 6-1.

Another UK senior, Mario Rincon, stepped up from No. 3 to play No. 2 and soundly defeated Ohio's Chris Peterson 6-3, 6-2. In No. 3 singles, Ian Skidmore beat John Beathler 6-4, 6-3. UK sophomore Sam Stinnett beat Matt Kline 6-3, 6-1.

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# Dallas owner Shramm quits, marking the end of an era

By DAVE GOLDBERG  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An era came to an end yesterday when NFL owners unanimously approved the sale of the Dallas Cowboys to Arkansas oilman Jerry Jones and Tex Schramm, the only president the team ever had, resigned to head the new International Football League.

The vote, at a special meeting, was followed by the announcement that Schramm would head the new league, which hopes to start play as early as next spring. Schramm had headed the Cowboys since their start 29 years ago as an expansion team.

Since Jones bought the team Feb. 25 for \$146 million, Schramm has been left out of all of the team's major decisions.

For example, Jones, without Schramm's approval, fired Tom Landry as coach and replaced him with Miami coach Jimmy Johnson.

"It's just not my style to sit around and take orders. It's difficult for me because I've been running an organization for 29 years. Jones has said he would be in charge of everything from jocks to socks. He has."

**Tex Schramm, ex-Cowboys owner**

"It's just not my style to sit around and take orders," Schramm said earlier. "It's difficult for me because I've been running an organization for 29 years." Because the sale involved the

purchase of Texas Stadium and the Cowboys' vast complex at Valley Ranch, the NFL withheld approval until all financial aspects of the deal could be studied.

Under previous owners Clint Murchison Jr. and H.R. "Bum" Bright, Schramm's autonomy as leader of the franchise was unchallenged.

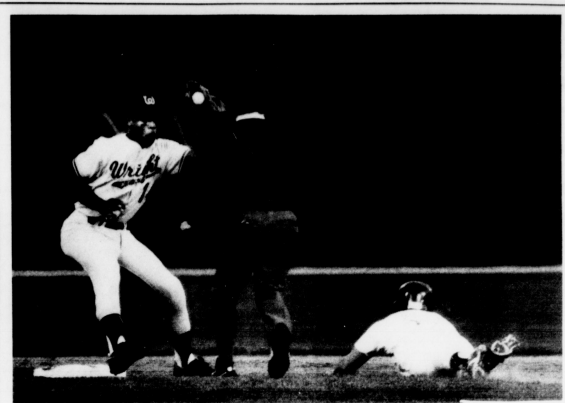
"Jones has said he would be in charge of everything from jocks to socks. He has," Schramm said.

Schramm's new league would play in the spring and have six sites in the United States and six in Europe.

"I think it would work," he said. "You would have to have television behind it but I believe you could get that."

Schramm envisioned that such a league would have the backing of the NFL. Clubs could buy shares of the NFL corporation.

"It wouldn't be mandatory," Schramm said. "It would be like buying stock."



**ALL THE WRIGHT STUFF:** Wright State University's Keith Gordan tags out UK's Darin Rie- man during last night's game at Shively Baseball Field. Wright State beat UK 8-1.

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# DIVERSIONS

## Just for starters

Former UK student tries getting established on comedy circuit as opener

By ROB SENG  
Arts Editor

"People are always coming up to me and asking me how I got into comedy. It's not like they run an ad in the paper, I just knew that this is what I wanted to do," said Shaun Meredith, a former resident adviser and student at UK who has been on the road for the past year trying to establish his name on the comedy club circuit.

Meredith came to UK in 1984 from Raleigh, N.C. to major in philosophy. "I didn't get my diploma because it was too stiff to wipe with," explained Meredith. "Philosophy did help me learn how to think about the random subject and stand up comedy is just a matter of observation and making people laugh at things that normally they might cringe at."

Meredith worked as a resident adviser at the football dormitory (Kirwan 1) in 1985-86 and said that he often had to explain certain things to the kids the docile nature of the squirrels on campus. "They couldn't understand why they were right up to you. They won't let you hunt them, they'd say."

Meredith first tried his hand at stand up comedy when he "slinked off" to Louisville and called the owner of Fat Cats (a Louisville pub) and told him he was a professional comedian. "I came on in between hands and it was hell. No body was in the mood for comedy," said Meredith.

Out of that experience, Meredith learned what it was going to take to establish stage presence. "I

found out that learning to bomb gracefully is more important than sucking up to an audience.

"Even if you're bombing, it won't be a real bomb until the audience knows that you know that you're bombing. It's all composure and the only place that you can get that is stage time," said Meredith.

Meredith has spent the past year as the opening act for two or three other comedians. "As the opener, you have to remember that while you're never going to be the star of the show, the show is definitely dependent on you to initiate the pace," said Meredith. Meredith is set to move up to the feature comedian slot in about six months.

According to Meredith, the most important aspect of stand-up comedy is establishing a rapport with the audience and getting them to laugh at things that normally may not be very funny subjects.

"I get most of my humor from what not only makes me mad but what gets others mad. If you can get them to laugh at something that makes them mad, then you've got an emotional link with the audience and that's the whole secret."

Although he is from the South, Meredith has learned the importance of not tying your humor to one certain region. "You've got a couple of standard jokes where it says 'Insert town here' but it's about it. You have to go for mass appeal and play off everyday habits that make you human rather than Northern or Southern."

"The South has this unique legacy about it because if you make fun



Shaun Meredith, a former UK student, is trying his hand on the comedy club circuit.

of being Southern, people from the South laugh because they're very secure in what they are."

Like most comedians, Meredith is always being asked how much the movie "Punchline" is like the comedy circuit. "I always tell them that it has the same relation that '9 To 5' has to working in a steel mill. It's just using comedy as a premise because what comedy really is, is getting paid to live out of a suitcase."

## Radio talk show hosts flex political muscle

By JOHN DIAMOND  
Associated Press

BOSTON — The nation's radio talkmasters, who discovered their clout in the drive to kill the congressional pay raise, will meet in June to do what they do best — talk, and organize their budding political power.

"What we're going to do is see what things we all have in common and try to get people to participate at the appropriate moment," said Boston's Jerry Williams of WRKO, an old hand at generating a public furor via the airwaves and the host of the conference here.

"A good many people who listen to talk radio feel frustrated that they never knew what to do" in responding to issues, Williams said in a recent interview. "We just lead

them down the path, (telling them) here are the principles."

Beginning June 9, Williams will have most of the visiting talk show hosts on his afternoon program. Led by talk show hosts, listeners flooded Congress last February with a torrent of tea bags bearing the message "Read my tea bag: no 50 percent raise." The public pressure helped quash a salary hike for congressmen, judges and others on the federal payroll.

Now, Sigel, in Seattle, is trying to generate national interest in a campaign to boycott Exxon to protest its response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill. He has been interviewed on other radio stations around the country and says he is receiving 200 letters a day, many containing demolished Exxon credit cards.

The talk show hosts have loosely formed a federation but, as yet, it has no name. Williams is considering "Vox Pop," short for the Latin phrase vox populi, or voice of the people.

Williams and other radio hosts say they are lobbyists for their listeners.

But others see them as demagogues who gloss over the complexities of issues and sell a largely conservative brand of conventional wisdom to their audiences.

Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif., a supporter of the pay-raise bill, spoke out against the radio-driven pressure against the measure. "We became cartoon cannon fodder for trash television and for talk radio," Fazio said from the House floor. "We fell prey to the deception of the rabble rousers."

Rob Seng  
Arts Editor

## Alice Donut plugging improved second LP

By JACK SMITH  
Staff Writer

Alice Donut may be from New York, but they're making a name for themselves in Lexington. Alice Donut returns to Lexington for the third time tonight at the Workstage. What you'll see are five rock musicians minus big hair and big egos.

"Chance and luck have such a huge part in what you're doing for a living," said bassist/conflict injector Ted Houghton in a recent phone interview.

"You could be a gas station attendant or a rock star and there's really no difference. People will listen to a rock star and they won't listen to a gas station attendant. These rock star attitudes have to stop. Britny Fox is the perfect example. It takes about five minutes of listening to Britny Fox and you know these guys are definitely gas station attendants with lions' manes."

Like their debut release, *Donut Comes Alive*, Alice Donut's new *Alternative Tentacles* release, *Buck-*

*ets of Sickness and Horror in an Otherwise Meaningless Life*, is full of cow punk/hardcore/roots rock/brash/garage music covering subjects from burning martyrs to life in the womb. (And what band wouldn't kill for a song called "My Life is a Mediocre Piece of Shit.")

"On the first record, we tried to cram as many songs as we could on a record. The new one needs to be listened to a side at a time," Houghton said.

According to Houghton, *Buckets of Sickness* is a better record because the songs were more thought out and they had more time in the recording studio.

"The first time we came to Lexington, we had recorded about a month before that. A couple of months in the tour, we were in San Francisco and we played it for the people at *Alternative Tentacles* and for (Jello) Biafra. He said that he thought that some of it was good, but most of it was a piece of shit and that we could do a lot better," said Houghton.

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## 'Temple' shows The Cult worshipping American music



By CHARLIE McCUE  
Staff Critic

**SONIC TEMPLE**  
The Cult  
Beggars Banquet/Sire Records

Seven years ago a band emerged with a sound that was like no other. After many personnel changes as well as name changes, the band had finally achieved a decent sound. The first album, *Dreamtime*, somehow squeaked by undetected.

The second album blended archaic mysticism with raucous instrumentation. The result was *Love*, possibly one of the best albums ever made. But then something happened.

The band started doing more partying and becoming more of the American rock scene.

The product, *Electric*, was a harder album with a more metallic sound. As the title implied, the album was definitely electrifying.

It's seven years later and The Cult has released its new album *Sonic Temple*. To appreciate the album, you must first understand

its conception. The Cult, with several bouts of drug dependency and hours of partying, wanted a different approach.

They moved to Los Angeles and immediately hung out with the California crowd. *Sonic Temple* is the most American-influenced album to date from The Cult. The band has even added an American, Matt Sorum, to the permanent line-up. The album was produced by Bob Rock, the previous producer of Bon Jovi and Aerosmith.

The dominant theme on the album is that of America, from "American Horse," which is about the Americanization of Europe to "New York City."

"New York City" is one person's first impressions of the Big Apple. "I jumped across the ocean, found a big apple. So I took a bite. She teased me with her taste, laid my soul to waste, stabbed me in the back." Iggy Pop contributes backing vocals on this tune.

The band has finally achieved what it set out to do — to fuse the blatant rock effort of *Electric* with the cerebral spiritualism of *Love*.

The first single and video is "Fire Woman." The song is an obvious attempt to capture a broader audience of headbangers, trendies and just about everyone else outside the band's immediate circle of fans. The song is good but pales in comparison to some of the



*Sonic Temple*, shows that The Cult, pictured in their *Electric* days, has soaked up the various influences of American music.

band's older material, namely off of *Love*.

"Fire Woman," with its dominant guitar chords and lead singer Ian Asbury's screeches, is reminiscent of the Doors. Asbury even goes so far as to deliver monologues in the middle of songs, much like Jim Morrison did.

The song is supposedly about Asbury's girlfriend "Twisting like a flame in a slow dance. Come on little sister, come on and shake. Fire woman, smoke she is rising, smoke on the horizon."

"Sun King" is probably the best song on the album. When you hear it, thoughts of "Electric Ocean"

from *Electric* come to mind. Asbury and company move through the song smoothly and subtly.

*Sonic Temple* is the band's most eclectic album, from the cellos on "Eddie" to the just plain heavy metal on "Automatic Blues" and "Sweet Soul Sister" to the "Kashmir"-like beginning of "Soul Asylum."

In an interview with the British magazine *Melody Maker*, Asbury stated, "It (the album) is a kind of spiritual experience — the venue has become more like a temple."

I seriously doubt anyone will be worshipping *Sonic Temple*. It's far too mediocre.

## Dickies' 'Second Coming' is a welcome resurrection



By ROB SENG  
Arts Editor

**SECOND COMING**  
The Dickies  
Enigma Records

The Dickies, one of the bands that burst out of California in the late '70's with their brand of idiotic punk, haven't been heard from in a while.

Contributions to the "Killer Klowns From Outer Space" soundtrack last year have been about it since 1983's "Stukas Over Disneyland" album.

With *Second Coming*, The Dickies show that the time off hasn't dulled their sense of humor. Song titles like "Monster Island," "Cross Eyed Tammy," "Magomba II" and an ode to one of the all-time greatest party movies (for insomniacs) "Caligula" show that The Dickies still have tongue planted firmly in cheek.

Like their peers, The Ramones, The Dickies have an affection for '60's music and the album opens

with a cover of "Hair" from the movie of the same name.

"Monster Island" has that cheesy organ in the background that marked '60's standards like "Runaway."

Song titles are dead giveaways to the content. In "Going Home," lead singer Leonard Phillips sings that "my feelings got hurt/Now I'm going out with Kurt/Goin' home what can I do/I wanna talk about it on Donahue."

"Booby Trap" has, as you guessed it, a well-endowed female as its subject but the twist here is that she's a vampire. "If you want to date her, better get her home before the light of day," warns Phillips. "She has a novel way of leaving her calling card/She leaves her mark/While she's stealin' your heart." I guess when she knocks men undead with her looks.

Lou Reed's *New York* may be the best album of the year so far but we also need albums like this one to help us ease the pains of everyday life. There's guilty pleasure to be had with idiotic fun like The Dickies. If you still don't feel the need to succumb to The Dickies, maybe you need to heed some advice from the band and just "Dummy Up."

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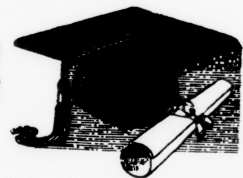
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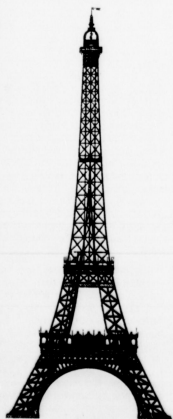
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## Incident at the Delt house blemish on greek community

Recently, the greek community at UK took a week to pat itself on the back — and rightly so. Greek Week — held this year from April 3-7 — is a time when chapters honor their outstanding members, remember contributions they have made to the Lexington community and this campus, and celebrate their achievements. It's a week when stereotypical views of fraternities and sororities hold absolutely no water.

This year's program, however, was overshadowed by an incident which worked to discredit all that Greek Week celebrates. When some members of Sigma Chi fraternity ransacked the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house — damaging property and injuring members — the "Animal House" image of greek organizations was supported. This is an image that greeks are constantly fighting, and they should. Much of the time it is not accurate.

Anyone who completely condemns greek organizations for being deny of immaturity and useless social organizations needs to take a closer look. The greek community provides a sense of belonging and place for its members, while serving this campus and community in many ways.

But events like the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house brawl strongly reinforce a negative image of the greek system. The situation smacks of two grade school bullies duking it out on the playground over a name-calling incident. The school principal — in this case the UK Dean of Students Office — not knowing who started the fight, punishes both children.

So each fraternity now must sit in its corner, sucking its thumb, and think about why it is being punished.

At an institution of higher learning, the actions of both Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Chi — and any other fraternities involved in the incident — are certainly out of place. In fact, in any setting populated by "adults" such banal name-calling (Delts) and violent responses (Sigma Chi's) only can be described as immature.

In a greek system that is constantly struggling to provide positive growth for its members and helpful service for the community, groups such as those that participated in the Delt house incident should be excluded.

Every fraternity and sorority at UK should be enshrined by the actions of the members of those two chapters. Because it was not each other they were severely damaging — it was the perception of the greek community as a whole.



## Tidbits

Assorted odds and ends, corrections and other thoughts

Well, due to the proliferation of anti-Adam letters and opinions expressed in the Kernel recently and at least partially because no major issue is jumping out at me right now, I'm just going to spew forth a couple things to think about.

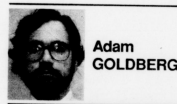
**Tidbit No. 1:** A couple of days ago, a college student that had been missing since spring break was found dead in Mexico. He was a student at the University of Texas and was kidnapped during an evening on the town, just over the border.

As it turns out, he was killed during a "Satanic ritual," as part of a human sacrifice — as were several others.

Some news reports linked the "cult" to drug smuggling. Worse, some of the apprehended killers said that they were influenced to do it after seeing "The Believers" — a movie about an obscure African superstition that involves human sacrifice.

Hold it right there, buster. First of all, the fact that they were involved in smuggling marijuana into this country is irrelevant. Most everyone with a criminal record in that area of the country has, at one time or another, been at least marginally involved in sneaking illicit drugs into the country.

Second, "The Believers" had nothing to do with what they did. The movie depicted a religion that believes that sometimes God requires a leader of a village to sacrifice his first-born child. Obviously, not more than 10. Certainly not a stranger.



Adam GOLDBERG

Ted Bundy did the same thing. Hours before his death, he blamed everything he did on pornography and rock 'n' roll. Mainstream America ate it up.

They're probably really going to get off on this. Jerry Falwell et al are going to intensify their crusade against literature and movies that don't strictly adhere to their view of the supernatural.

But one should look at the facts of what members of the cult did. Not what movies or books they read before they committed their crimes. If I read "Romeo and Juliet" and then go out and kill my girlfriend, should Shakespeare be banned?

No — but watch for this kind of backslash coming out of this incident.

**Tidbit No. 2:** In the Letters section of the Kernel on April 11, two letters slightly misinterpreted my column of March 21. They took part of what I said as saying that it was OK to drive while under the influence of marijuana. That is not what I meant, nor is it a view I believe.

The actual paragraph in question read, "If I have a joint, (and) I'm not endangering other people by driving my car, (and) I'm not in-

fluencing children by having a joint in the privacy of my own home. Why is that illegal?" So it's not the best sentence I've ever written, and I had to add the and's to make myself clear this time, but my intended meaning was the opposite of how it was interpreted.

In fact, I am in favor of mandatory severe jail sentences for first-time drunken (and high) drivers. The only way to keep impaired drivers off the road is to make sure that they realize that if they drive drunk, they'll go to jail. Period. I also would be in favor of permanent revocation of their drivers license following a first offense. Driving drunk is not a matter of personal privacy, it's a matter of protecting society from harmful and irresponsible actions by the few.

**Tidbit No. 3:** There aren't enough working pencil sharpeners on campus.

**Tidbit No. 4:** My definition of narcissistic, as used in my column of April 11: Self-admiring, putting oneself on a pedestal; believing that as a result of spending outrageous amounts of money on a name-recognition campaign that to get oneself elected to a self-serving, ineffective and burdensome "representative" office qualifies her or she to "represent me."

**Tidbit No. 5:** To Pete Rose: As a good friend of mine likes to say, you x'ed it baby, now live with it.

**Tidbit No. 6:** To C.A. Duane Bonifer: Got any lottery tickets?

I am in favor of mandatory severe jail sentences for first-time drunken (and high) drivers . . .

**Tidbit No. 7:** As I was walking to the Taylor Education building the other day, I watched three cars casually drive straight through a red light. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County police officer driving behind them, stopped at the light. He didn't even attempt to pull them over and ticket them.

**Tidbit No. 8:** The U.S. Senate just approved \$67 million in non-lethal aid to the Nicaraguan contras. Hasn't anyone in Washington D.C. ever heard of self-determination? Why can't Nicaraguan voters decide their own form of government? \$67 million could house every homeless U.S. citizen, but our legislators are more interested in helping a very, very small minority of Nicaraguans feed their (heavily quoted) "Freedom Fighters."

**Tidbit No. 9:** Why can't you use a Wildcat calling card number from a 257-phone?

Adam Goldberg is a political science sophomore and a Kernel columnist.

## Letters

### Changing views

Adam Goldberg's column from April 6 ("Kentucky Lottery really a tax to help Wilkinson") philosophically contrasts with his earlier column of March 21 ("Leave Me Alone"). Both directly address a fundamental question of government: whether its role should be to not only protect its citizens from each other, but to protect them from themselves.

In "Leave Me Alone," he falls into the more conservative (in the Jeffersonian sense) camp — the government should only protect its people from each other. In "Kentucky Lottery," he completely reverses himself and backs the more extreme "protect them from themselves" stance, in proclaiming that the poor (or, as he put it, the repressed) are incapable of properly deciding their own fiscal fate, that they are inherently either too weak or too stupid to avoid this new Great Temptation, the Kentucky Lottery.

Having been a member of the "lower class," as he puts it, I find this highly insulting. Does Mr. Goldberg seriously think that the poor are genuinely attempting to buy their way out of their poverty through the purchase of lottery tickets? Does he credit the less solvent with so little intelligence that they cannot see the stunningly low chances of actually winning anything?

I hope not, but from the self-righteous tone of his column, I cannot make that assumption. Mr. Goldberg, the poor who buy lottery tickets are not attempting to buy a new existence, they are buying at least the momentary feeling of hope; they might, however flimsy, that they might, somehow, break out of their poverty-stricken condition.

Would you deny them one of their relatively few pleasures, over your concern that they might not be spending their money in the way you see as "most correct"?

And more fundamentally, is this your decision to make? This question, of course, brings us back to the aforementioned question: should government protect a person from his or her own actions?

I think not. For a free society to function, it is my opinion that some sense of self-responsibility, of accountability, must prevail. A person must be responsible for his or her

own actions. A government which attempts to protect individuals from the consequences of their own acts inhibits, and in extreme cases, eliminates this responsibility — and removes the key of self-motivation which can lead a person to improve his or her own life.

If a person is protected from everything, he or she will not consider his or her own decisions meaningful. In the end, he or she will simply give up trying, because it wouldn't matter.

The two approaches to government are not mutually compatible. Perhaps Mr. Goldberg should consider the ramifications of his seemingly random pontification before releasing them to the general public. When analyzing an issue, I would suggest that he step back and in the words of E. Whitney Brown, take a look at the "big picture."

Rykyandar Korra ti is a computer science graduate student.

### Fraternities childish

I am writing concerning the recent attack on UK's Delta Tau Delta fraternity house.

I was distressed by this childish and thoughtless act. Fraternities are always stressing brotherhood, community, and all that other

### Those involved may graduate with a degree, but also a criminal record!

crap. Broken windows, broken furniture and assault don't seem to fit into this "image."

All this was done because of some name-calling ("butt pirates," I think). Grow up, isn't this college? Aren't we here to get an education for a successful future?

Those involved may graduate with a degree, but also a criminal record!

Scott Johnson is a marketing senior.

## Death penalty discriminates between the races

### GUEST OPINION

It is time for those who support capital punishment in theory to confront how it is actually being administered. Execution advocates must acknowledge that, by embracing the death penalty, they endorse a system which is infested with racial discrimination.

The numbers tell the story. Nearly half of the 2,200 inmates on death row are minorities. More than 700 black people have been sentenced to death for killing whites since 1972. Twenty-seven of them have been executed. Only 40 whites in modern history have been sentenced to death for killing blacks. None have been executed.

Even though a majority of homicide victims in this country are black, we reserve the death penalty almost exclusively for killers of whites. If you are black, you are more likely to be murdered than if you are white. If you are black you are also more likely to be sentenced to death by the government than if you are white. Something, is terribly wrong.

Research conducted by social scientists in more than a dozen states confirms the existence of racial bias in deciding who dies in America's death chamber. These highly sophisticated studies discount for legitimate factors that could influence the sentencing decision — like the defendant's criminal record, the number of victims, etc. When all factors are analyzed, race — of the defendant and the victim — emerges as the critical variable.

man was punished by as little as two years if the defendant was white but with mandatory execution if the accused was black.

Even after the Civil War and the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, Kentucky courts continued to enforce racist laws, including a restriction on testimony by black witnesses, even when a crime had been committed against them by a white person. Under such a system a black woman, for instance, could not testify against (or prosecute) a white rapist. Ultimately, the federal courts were forced to intervene to ensure the right of blacks to testify against whites in the courts of Kentucky.

Unfortunately, we can no longer expect the federal courts to remedy racist death sentencing practices. In 1987 the Supreme Court acknowledged that capital sentencing disparities "correlate with race" but, wringing its hands, ruled that "these arguments are best presented to the legislative bodies." A new proposal to Congress — the Racial Justice Act — would ensure that death sentences are not imposed in a racially biased manner. This measure deserves the support of Kentucky's congressional delegation.

Our system is beginning to resemble that of South Africa — the only other country with a western style legal system which executes more people quicker than we do. How ironic, then, that Ronald Reagan called on the South African authorities last year to commute

the death sentences of the "Sharpsville 6," a group of black activists who were convicted of killing a township counselor on the basis of highly questionable evidence.

Reagan remained silent, however, while Andrei Sakharov, Amnesty International, and others tried, unsuccessfully, to halt the Florida execution of Willie Darden, a black man with a compelling claim of innocence whose Florida trial was tainted by the prosecutor's racial comments.

Our national political leadership has created a climate of insensitivity to race discrimination. By making a black rapist, Willie Horton, the center piece of his ugly presidential campaign, George Bush pandered to white America's racist fears. The fallout from such a campaign enables a Klansman to cast himself as a Republican and become a member of the Louisiana statehouse. And in Kentucky, a decade of such leadership permits a Centre College fraternity to stage a public mock hanging of a black man. It is only in such an environment that a racially-skewed death sentencing system could flourish. Whether we are prepared to remedy this problem will tell the world how committed we are to equal justice.

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# Medical schools now facing shortage of entering students

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they're concerned that it's very expensive and (the cost) is a concern for us," said Dr. Wilson. "We never turn a student away for lack of resources. We will find you money, hopefully scholarship money, or grant money, but if not we at least will find you loans, so no one should dismiss medicine as a career because they don't have money."

According to annual reports on medical education, Kentucky has one of the highest non-resident tuitions in the nation, with a price set at \$15,640 for the 1988/89 academic year. Only eight of 75 public medical schools charge a higher non-resident tuition. Due to the expense, Dr. Wilson said, more out-of-state people are not looking at UK.

Although the amount of students enrolling in UK's school of medicine has

decreased, authorities at the medical college agree that the quality of the classes will not decline.

"We won't accept you until we think you're ready to come to our school, because if we do, there's potentially two tragedies, a tragedy for us and a tragedy for you," said Dr. Wilson.

"If the application pool got to the point where the quality of the applicants was jeopardized and we were admitting people who are unlikely to succeed in the college of medicine, then we would give serious consideration to a reduction in class size," said Dr. Peter Bosomworth, chancellor of the Chandler Medical Center. "Our basic position at the moment is that we are maintaining quality, and as long as we do that, we will maintain the present class size."

If the quality of medical students at UK ever becomes a question, the University will be

forced to consider a reduction in class size. However, the declining number of applicants has not reached that point.

"Our basic position at the moment is that we are maintaining quality, and as long as we do that we will maintain the present class size," Dr. Bosomworth said. "The real issue for Kentucky is not so much how many physicians we turn out, it's how many we retain."

The entering statistics for UK students enrolled in the college of medicine have remained almost the same as those four years ago. The average student score on the Medical College Admission Test in 1984 was 52 and the grade point average was 3.59. In March of 1989 the students scored a 52 on the MCAT and had a grade point average of 3.5.

In order to prevent the class sizes from being reduced, more efforts are being made to recruit potential students.

"One of the things we would like to do is to offer more of a variety in the ways we can educate students in medicine school," Dean Wilson said.

An idea under consideration is an option to change the duration of time taken to complete medical school and residency.

One option would be to shorten the time spent in post graduate work. With this program students would only spend three years in medical school and apply the fourth year that they would normally spend in medical school, toward their residency.

Other options are also being considered for shortening undergraduate studies.

"We need to look at shortening the undergraduate end of that as well," Dean Wilson said. "Maybe people could come in after two or three years of graduate school and then knock off a year of medical

school or residency, and thereby shortening it to as little as eight to nine years rather than 11 years."

Another consideration is also lengthening the post graduate studies from a four-year program to a six-year program. The purpose of this program would be to benefit the working students, or parents who are interested in medical school, but do not have the time to apply themselves to the four-year program.

An honors program also has been proposed in order to make the medical program more attractive to potential students. The program would offer alternative curricular choices, rather than a fixed curriculum.

Despite the length of post graduate studies, students will still be expected to know the same

amount of information as in the current four year program.

"We're looking at various ways to attract people, the fact is that in order to pass the examinations, like the national board of examiners, you still have to know a certain amount of basic information," Dean Wilson said. "We can change the duration of the time but we can't change the information."

Even though there is much concern about the number of medical students at UK, officials are pleased with the quality of the medical program.

"We're very proud of all the things that are going on here," said Dr. Wilson. "This is a fun place to go to medical school because the faculty truly cares about the students. It's a very personal place. I like that sort of attitude."

# UK Professor attempting to combat the effects of oil spills

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There currently are three main methods to clean up oil spills, Saito said — mechanical, chemical and burning. In the burning method, the oil is contained with a type of noncombustible tubing, and then a device similar to a grenade is dropped in the area to burn off the oil.

This is the quickest and cheapest technique, Saito said, but it also poses several problems, one of which is called "boilover." The oil layer, which becomes thinner and thinner as it burns off, has a much higher boiling point than the water beneath it. At some point the ocean water begins to boil, and then it

penetrates the oil layer, causing an explosion and fireball that can harm or kill workers near the spill site.

Saito's work involves predicting how long it takes for this boilover effect to take place and how exactly it occurs.

Individuals involved in this method of clean-up "don't know how strong this boilover is or how close they can be to the fire source," Saito said. Therefore, the Environmental Protection Agency is reluctant to have this technique used.

But with his research, Saito said he hopes the burning method can be used more effectively in the future.

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**Kozo Saito, professor**

not take the oil spill near Alaska seriously enough and waited too long before acting to contain it and clean it up. Now, he said, it may be too late.

"If you wait a long time . . . what is left (of the oil) is very difficult to burn, and it spreads all over the place," he said.

He compared it to a fire, which is easy to put out if small, "but once a fire gets large, it's very difficult to control."

"I don't think (Exxon) did good work," he said. "I think you can get that same opinion from other people, too."

After some fundamental work,

Saito said he can predict the boilover time on a 1.2 meter scale. But now he wants to go into more detail on the mechanism of boilover and get more precise results.

However, he expressed concern that the quality of labs at UK may hinder his progress. The more sophisticated and detailed research

needs extremely clean and controlled lab space, "that we are missing," he said.

But for now, Saito is pleased with the success so far of this research and excited about its potential for UK and the community.

"What I'm interested in is giving more credit to UK," he said. "Since I am from Japan, somehow

I'd like to help this country, and UK and students."

Saito said he hopes that eventually can involve local companies in the project, giving them "merit and profit."

"If we are very successful with this project, many people can get a lot of credit," he said.

Saito, who came to the United States in 1980 to work at the University of California in San Diego, said he enjoys living and working here.

"The spirit of this country I really respect — to try to challenge new things and develop and see how far we can go," he said.

# Legislature finishes state education plan

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receive a full 5 percent salary increase in both years of the 1990-92 biennium, which would cost another \$45 million the first year and nearly \$48 million the second.

By 1992, the draft legislative education list includes the following expenditures:

- \$46.1 million for pre-school programs for 3- and 4-year-olds.
- \$19.3 million to pay the state's share of federal programs for handicapped children.
- \$52.2 million for the power

equalization program for poorer school districts.

→\$63 million to pay for 1985 initiatives such as smaller classes in elementary schools.

→\$37.8 million for higher education.

→\$17.7 million for elementary school counselors.

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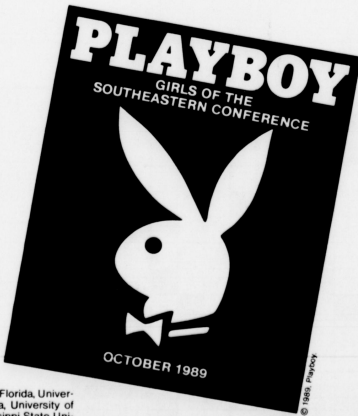
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