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A NIGHT AT THE OPERA



The UK Opera Theatre's production of Gaetano Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor opens tonight at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts. Although sung in Italian, director Phillip Miller does not expect this to be a problem. For the preview, see Page 3.

State budget ax may fall again on Ky. colleges

By GREGORY A. HALL
Associate Editor

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The clock has struck 11 on the possibility of another budget cut for the eight state universities.

A cut seemed inevitable after a meeting yesterday including the eight state university presidents and Kevin Hable, Gov. Brereton Jones' cabinet secretary.

Based on the meeting, UK President Charles Wethington said he will tell his top administrative officials Thursday to prepare for another cut — in the first year of the 1992-94 biennium.

Jones' biennial budget request will be released next week. "There is a strong likelihood that there will be a further cut for higher education," Wethington said.

No one in the Jones administration would say whether a cut is definite. Hable said a final decision has not been made.

"We're trying desperately not to have to cut it," Jones said. "But I can't make a definitive statement right now."

After the meeting, Hable told reporters that "the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the likelihood of a budget cut."

Wethington said he will not give his administrators an estimate of how much to prepare to cut.

Hable would not specify the possible range of the cut. Other state agencies were required a few weeks ago to submit plans for 10 and 15 percent cuts.

Wethington said he doesn't believe a cut would be that deep.

"I don't see anything on the horizon, still, to indicate that the cuts would be that severe," he said.

The state universities were ordered in November to cut 5 percent of their current year's budget.

"If there is any good news, it is that there is not another cut this year," Wethington said.

However, at the time Wethington said the 5 percent cut left the University "close to the vest."

Wethington wouldn't say if another cut would mean layoffs.

"I don't think that it serves any purpose to speculate on worst-case scenarios," he said.

But if cuts were in the 10 to 15 percent range, he said it would be "fair to say" layoffs would occur.

Any further cut would mean a continuation and a tightening of UK's hiring.

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Jones: 1/4 board members will remain

By GREGORY A. HALL
Associate Editor

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Brereton Jones told state university trustees and regents yesterday that he would re-appoint at least one-fourth of them under the proposed process to select board members.

The meeting at the Governor's Mansion was attended by board members from the eight state universities, their presidents and the

state Council on Higher Education. Jones proposed an amendment to Rep. Ernesto Scorsone's (D-Lexington) bill, which has passed the House but faces changes in the Senate.

The bill would create a nine-member nominating committee that would present three candidates to the governor for every board seat, from which he would choose the appointee.

It also calls for all higher-

education boards to be abolished and reconstituted. But the original proposal caused fear among some higher-education officials about lack of continuity.

Jones said he would support an amendment to address those fears. His proposal would require the screening committee to nominate a minimum of half the incumbent board members. He then would be required to re-appoint a minimum of one-fourth of the incumbents.

But earlier in the day, Senate President Pro Tempore John "Eck" Rose (D-Winchester) said all incumbents should be nominated. "I think that all the incumbents ought to be considered again."

UK President Charles Wethington, who attended the meeting, said the proposed amendment answered his concerns about continuity.

"I think that I hear interest in con-

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University students observe legislation at work in Capitol

By GREGORY A. HALL
Associate Editor

FRANKFORT, Ky. — While hundreds of anti-abortion protestors swamped the State Capitol yesterday, a much smaller group of UK students managed to make a presence of their own for a different purpose.

About 30 UK students trav-

eled to the Capitol building to learn about the legislative process and meet state officials.

The event was coordinated by the Student Government Association and Collegians for Academic Excellence.

Students met Gov. Brereton Jones and legislative leadership

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Former UK student gets rape indictment

By JOE BRAUN
Assistant Editorial Editor

UK sophomore Kevin Wayne McPherson was indicted yesterday by a Fayette County grand jury, charging him with the first-degree rape of a female UK sophomore.

The indictment allegedly took place around 1 a.m. Oct. 27, 1991, under a deck at the Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity house, 447 Columbia Ave.

The indictment states that the defendant is accused of committing "first-degree rape by engaging in sexual intercourse with (the victim) by forcible compulsion; against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

McPherson, of Shelbyville, Ky., will be arraigned before Judge Rebecca Overstreet in Fayette County Circuit Court Friday.

The grand jury's decision does not decide innocence or guilt, but determines whether probable cause is present for a trial to take place.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Tamra Gormley declined to comment on the grand jury's decision until McPherson's arraignment.

Lexington attorneys Ken Smith

and Larry Roberts will be representing McPherson in his trial, which will be set at his arraignment Friday.

Roberts said McPherson "will plead not guilty" at his arraignment Friday.

"The grand jury indictment doesn't have any effect at all. . . . All it is an official charge. You can't be tried in Kentucky unless you've been indicted by a grand jury to be tried on a felony," Roberts said.

Roberts said while "it's not customary," McPherson did not speak at the grand jury hearing, "by his own choice."

The alleged victim, an undeclared sophomore, said: "I thought the case was very strong. My friends and my sorority are very supportive (of me)."

The Kentucky Kernel was told that the alleged victim is a member of Delta Gamma social sorority. Sorority president Trisha Henry said she would neither confirm nor deny that the victim was a member because of sorority policy.

McPherson's membership in Phi Kappa Psi has been suspended until

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UK students Christy Whitaker (left) and Kim Shafer participated in last night's candlelight vigil outside Patterson Hall.

Gulf vigil organizers unhappy with turnout

Staff reports

A candlelight vigil was held last night in remembrance of the one-year anniversary of the war between the United States and Iraq, but organizers of the event

were disappointed that only 30 people attended.

"I really hoped for a larger turnout," said Kim Shafer, an elementary education senior,

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Bush speech an attempt to begin '92 campaign

By WALTER R. MEARS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With a deadline challenge to Congress and a preemptive set of economic steps, President Bush moved Tuesday night to end his campaign slump and seize the initiative in his quest for a second term.

In the long-advertised State of the Union address billed as his political Super Bowl, Bush asked the Democratic Congress to pass his economic program by March 20 and said the voters should demand it.

"From the day after that, if it must be: The battle is joined," Bush said. Actually, the battle already is joined, and it will not abate until the Nov. 3 presidential election.

Speaker of the House Thomas S. Foley said the Democrats aren't going to yield their economic demands, including a tax cut for the middle class to be financed, for fairness, by higher taxes on the rich.

Bush dismissed it as "soak the rich" thinking. It has been a veto issue in past tax disputes.

Battered by an economic slump he has acknowledged he misread, Bush has seen his standing plunge

from the record polling highs of the Persian Gulf victory days to an approval rating down to 43 percent in the latest New York Times-CBS News Poll.

The State of the Union, that hour of ceremony when a president tells Congress and the nation his plans and proposals for the year ahead, was his first, and best, chance of the year to reverse the slide.

And Bush raised the stakes by talking about it for 10 weeks, advertising the address as his answer to the recession that has made him politically vulnerable.

As a campaigner, he has complained that while he could act in the Persian Gulf without waiting out the slow pace of congressional action, on economic measures, he has to await the tortuous process of House and Senate action.

But he said Tuesday night there are things a president can do without Congress, "and I am going to do them."

He said he had just ordered a change in tax-withholding tables so that less money will be taken from paychecks and people will have

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SPORTS

UK hoping to end latest 'January slump'

Pitino's Cats regroup for Mississippi

Associated Press

It was a dark week for the No. 14 Wildcats. UK entered last week ranked No. 8 in the nation and riding an eight-game winning streak. There was talk about moving into the top five in the next poll.

But then came a 107-85 loss at Tennessee last Tuesday. And four days later in what was billed as a "Pig Roast" in Rupp Arena, Arkansas skrewed the Wildcats 105-88 and snapped a 23-game home winning streak against Southeastern Conference teams.

"We have got to turn it around," understated UK coach Rick Pitino, who had never experienced a loss to an SEC team in Rupp Arena in his three seasons as coach.

The losses left UK 14-4 overall and 4-2 in the SEC East Division, tied for first with Tennessee.

Talk around the state will invariably turn to the "January Slump" that always has been an excuse by fans for losing games.

And in the past 10 seasons, the Wildcats have registered 32 of their 85 losses the first month of the year.

But it was foul trouble that plagued Kentucky in its most recent setbacks.

Against Tennessee, the Wildcats were called for 41 fouls. Five players fouled out.

In the Arkansas game, two players fouled out as UK was called for 30 personals. Jamal Mashburn, the team's key player, was rendered ineffective by early foul problems and scored only four points in 21 minutes of playing time.

"Mash really didn't play," Pitino said of the sophomore forward. "He wasn't a factor."

UK also suffered a poor three-point shooting performance against Tennessee, making only six of 32 for a season-low 18.8 percent. In an 85-67 loss to Pittsburgh the second game of the season, it made only seven of 36 for 19.4 percent.

But against Arkansas, the Wildcats made 12 of 29 from three-point range for 41.3 percent.

In both losses, however, the final score wasn't a fair indicator of how the Wildcats played as Tennessee and Arkansas pulled away in the final minutes at the free-throw line.

Tennessee, leading 83-76 with 3:55 left, made 20 of 24 foul shots

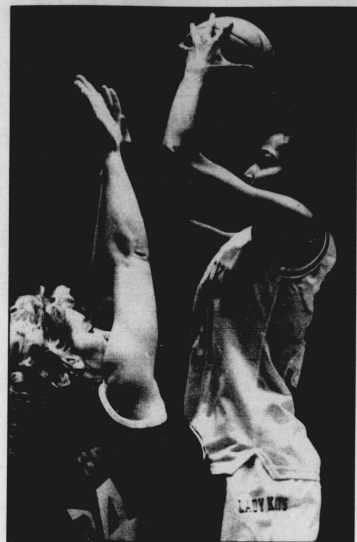


MASHBURN



PITINO

| GAME NOTES | | | | | | | | | |
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| Kentucky (14-4) vs. Mississippi (8-8) | | | | | | | | | |
| Tonight, 7:30 Rupp Arena | | | | | | | | | |
| THE SERIES | | | | | | | | | |
| UK leads 77-8 | | | | | | | | | |
| Last season UK won both meetings, 95-85, 89-77. | | | | | | | | | |
| ON THE AIR | | | | | | | | | |
| TV: Delayed (Flash Hacker & Joe Hall) | | | | | | | | | |
| RADIO: UK Radio Network/Live (Gawwood Leford & Dave Baker) | | | | | | | | | |
| Ole Miss Radio Network (David Kellum & Stan Sandron) | | | | | | | | | |
| THE COACHES | | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky: Rick Pitino (Massachusetts, 1974) | | | | | | | | | |
| Career Record: 261-188 | | | | | | | | | |
| UK Record: 50-24 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mississippi: Ed Murphy (Hardin-Simmons, 1964) | | | | | | | | | |
| Career Record: 217-72 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mississippi Record: 73-89 | | | | | | | | | |
| PROBABLE STARTERS | | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos. | Player | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Ppg. | Rpg. | | | |
| G | 11-Sean Woods | 6-2 | 180 | Sr. | 7.1 | 2.3 | | | |
| G | 31-Dale Brown | 6-3 | 200 | Jr. | 7.7 | 2.6 | | | |
| C | 10-Andre Riddick | 6-9 | 195 | Fr. | 2.1 | 2.8 | | | |
| F | 34-John Pelphrey | 6-7 | 195 | Sr. | 13.1 | 3.9 | | | |
| F | 24-Jamal Mashburn | 6-8 | 240 | So. | 20.3 | 7.3 | | | |
| Mississippi | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos. | Player | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Ppg. | Rpg. | | | |
| G | 10-Cedric Brim | 6-0 | 165 | Fr. | 3.7 | 1.3 | | | |
| G | 21-Dondi Flemister | 6-2 | 165 | So. | 8.6 | 3.6 | | | |
| C | 35-Wesley Hardin | 7-0 | 260 | Fr. | 3.3 | 1.5 | | | |
| F | 22-Kelvin Scales | 6-8 | 185 | Jr. | 9.0 | 5.8 | | | |
| F | 24-Joe Harvell | 6-7 | 235 | Jr. | 25.5 | 5.3 | | | |



SALLIE POWELL/Kernell Staff

Lady Kat Tedra Eberhart scored two over Arkansas Friday night. The Kats won their fourth consecutive game last night.

Lady Kats garner 4th-straight victory

Cushenberry's 11-point spree sealed the win

By ERNEST L. WRENTMORE
Staff Writer

They finally did it. The Lady Kats found a way to win a game with a lower degree of difficulty than usual.

Last night at Memorial Coliseum, they defeated Butler University 97-75 and ran their winning streak to four games.

Kristi Cushenberry led UK with 23 points. Late in the second half, she outscored Butler 11-0 in a little over two minutes.

UK coach Sharon Fanning said she had been waiting for Cushenberry to "step up and take charge."

"We finally picked it up in the second half," Fanning said. "We needed Cushenberry's leadership, and I think she showed some tonight."

UK hasn't played well against lesser opponents all year. The Kats have mentioned that they "seem to play to the level of the competition."

The Lady Kats started off sluggish and was losing by five points several times in the first half, the last time at 15-10.

"We were up for it, but they just started off so strong — they were hitting all the buckets," Cushenberry said. "We were probably looking ahead to Alabama Saturday."

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Campbell came off the bench to score a career-high 10 points, all in the second half.

The sophomore guard isn't bashful. Regardless of where she is on the court when she receives the ball, she looks at the basket as if she's ready to let it fly.

"I've been working on my threes in practice a lot, and I'm ready to shoot it when I have the opportunity," Campbell said. "I'm pretty excited. Hopefully, I'll get the chance to have some bigger nights."

UK led at the half 36-31. In the first 4:09 of the second half, UK went on a 16-2 run when it applied a vigorous press.

"They really got after us in the second half with their press," said Butler coach Paulette Stein. "We broke their press pretty easily in the first half, but they obviously made the right adjustments during halftime."

Angela Cotton led the Bulldogs (6-10) with 19 points. The sophomore forward used many nice moves around the basket.

"This was the second game where she hasn't set limits on herself," Stein said. "She was very strong-headed tonight. Tonight, she was a factor."

UK improved its record to 11-8 overall, remaining 4-1 in the Southeastern Conference.



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DIVERSIONS



UK Opera's 'Lucia' hopes to break language barrier



GREG EANS/Kentucky Kernel Staff

Robert Willis (left), Wayne Gebb (center), and Tim Fooks (right) are featured in *Lucia di Lammermoor*, which opens tonight.

By JOHN DYER FORT
Assistant Arts Editor

The UK Opera Theatre's *Lucia di Lammermoor* is set in 17th century Scotland, but sung in Italian. Does this mean a language barrier? Should you brush up on your Italian?

"Don't worry about it," said Philip Miller, who has been director of the UK Opera Theatre for 18 years. "If you can't figure out what they're doing onstage you're on drugs. Besides, there's a plot synopsis in the program."

"It's simple. The least important aspect is to understand every word. The melodic tone, the human voice and the orchestra are more important."

Lucia is composed by Italian Gaetano Donizetti, who also wrote *Don Pasquale* and *The Elixir of Love*. Written in the 19th century, the work is considered one of the most beautiful and dramatic operas

of all time.

Donizetti was inspired by Sir Walter Scott's 18th century romance novel *The Bride of Lammermoor*. *Lucia* is the story of the passionate, but doomed, love of Lucia and Edgardo and the political intrigues of Enrico, Lucia's ambitious brother, who makes her marry his ally, Bucklaw.

"The book was a rage in its day and was based on a true incident," Miller said.

The story takes place in the Umerland district of Scotland and also describes the conflict between Catholic England and Protestant Scotland.

Donizetti's *Lucia* is known for being "very tuneful and easy to un-

derstand," Miller added. "People leave whistling all the tunes."

Lucia is especially recognized for two scenes, the beautiful melodies of the Sextet, and the "Mad Scene." Featuring Lucia, the mad scene is a florid and difficult piece of extended musical drama.

UK doctoral student Suzanne Willis takes the stage as Lucia, the kind of part for which she has spent two years training.

The UK Opera Theatre will present its production of *Lucia di Lammermoor* Jan. 29, 31 and Feb. 2 at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts. For more ticket information, call 257-4929.

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3. "Father of the Bride," Disney, \$3.8 million, 1,712 screens, \$2,206 per screen, \$63.8 million, five weeks.
4. "Grand Canyon," 20th Century Fox, \$3.7 million, 1,044 screens, \$3,514 per screen, \$15.7 million, five weeks.
5. "Hook," TriStar, \$3.52 million, 2,037 screens, \$1,730 per screen, \$103.2 million, seven weeks.
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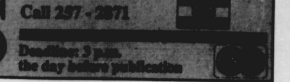
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— and watched the General Assembly in action.

Jones greeted students, but when he reached SGA President Scott Crosbie, the governor clowned around with his fellow former West Virginian.

"It's a shame that we've got to go to West Virginia to get the student body president and the governor," quipped Jones as he grabbed Crosbie. "We're Kentuckians by choice. We want to be here."

Jones spoke to students about the state's budget difficulties, noting

that there would not be much, if any, additional money for higher education in the next biennial budget.

The governor said the best thing he could do for higher education during the budget difficulties would be to reform the trustee selection process. And he asked students to support the bill that he and Rep. Ernesto Scorsone (D-Leitchfield) have proposed to remove all current members of the state university governing boards.

Students also met with Speaker of the House Donald Blandford (D-Philpot) and Sen. John "Eck" Rose (D-Winchester), president pro tempore.

In addition to making a student presence in Frankfort, the trip was designed for students to learn about the legislative process.

"It will be a good learning experience," Rose said. "... Certainly, I know I learn new things every day here."

Students attended committee meetings and watched the houses in session.

"It was an excellent educational opportunity for many of those who have not experienced the inner workings and dealings of the General Assembly," Crosbie said.

Crosbie and SGA's governmental relations coordinator William Summers met with other state officials

about specific issues, including the trustee selection-process reform bill and lobbying for a bill to repeal mandatory student health insurance.

Crosbie said the trip showed state officials that students are concerned about what the General Assembly does in Frankfort.

"It shows that ... students are a very important interest group and that there concerns need to be addressed," he said.

SGA College of Arts and Sciences Sen. Jay Ingle said the day was "the start of a really solid lobby effort."

He said it was "good that the legislature saw us there and saw that we're concerned."

Bush

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more to spend, an estimated \$25 billion more this year. He ordered a 90-day moratorium on federal regulations that could hinder economic growth, an end to "regulatory overkill" that makes credit hard to get, and a \$10-billion speedup in federal expenditures likely to spur growth.

With his March 20 deadline, Bush gave Congress 52 days to enact his immediate action tax plan. Deadlines irk Congress, especially when set by a campaigning Repub-

lican president.

"My friends, the people cannot wait," he said. "They need help now."

And this time, Bush said, he won't take no for an answer on his favorite tax cut proposal. That's a sharp cut in the capital gains tax rate, to 15.4 percent, part of the immediate package he wants passed by March 20, although he's been blocked on it for three years. "Never has an issue been more demagogued by its opponents," he said, retorting to Democratic complaints that it unfairly benefits the rich.

Budget

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ing freeze.

Hable said that the specifics of any cut were not discussed in the meeting.

"We talked in general terms about strategies that the institutions might employ to deal with budget cuts ... but we did not talk about specific actions that particular universities might take to deal with the budget situation," he said.

Because of budget cuts in higher education throughout the nation, Wethington said UK should still be able to compete with other universities.

He said two years of increased funding from the state make UK "better able to deal" with the cut.

In the late 1980s, the University had difficulty competing because of limited funding.

Trustees

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tinuity being expressed by everybody at this time," he said.

Wethington said he will not support or oppose the bill, at least until it is taken up by the Senate.

"I need to withhold judgment on that until I get an idea what the next version of the bill will be," Wethington said. "In my opinion it will be a much-improved bill that we'll see from the Senate."

Critics of the bill have said it only further politicizes the process.

Former Gov. Louie Nunn proposed that everyone suggested to the screening committee by state legislators or the governor be automatically disqualified for appointment.

"It's obvious they don't want to take it all the way out of politics, or they could amend it along the lines that I suggested," said Nunn, the Kentucky State University regents chairman.

Others, including Jones, admitted that politics wouldn't be removed from the process. Instead, they offered that politics, and its adverse effects, would be reduced.

Joe Bill Campbell, CHE chairman, said the bill would ease turnover of university presidents.

"You can't have university presidents involved in a game of musical chairs and expect a university and the whole higher-education system to go forward," he said.

Jones said many board seats are given on the basis of campaign contributions. Jones was appointed to the UK board by former Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. He said if he gave anything to Brown, it was minimal.

The bill wouldn't preclude those people, Jones said. "I'm trying to change the system so that it doesn't automatically qualify you."

Jones refused to sign out any board or board members whom he wouldn't re-appoint.

"I'm not here to point fingers at anybody or anything, but here to recognize what I see as a problem."

He said the bill was not an attack on former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, who appointed himself to the UK board in December.

Jones said he has been discussing the reform for two years.

Vigil

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"but it came together at the last minute."

Kip Perkins, a telecommunications and German sophomore, said even though the war is over, a candlelight vigil was still appropriate.

"It's great to have one with a war going on, but we're having one now to keep it in people's minds that we are lucky," she said.

The vigil only lasted 15 minutes and consisted of a series of prayers dedicated to the remembrance of the lives lost in the US/Iraq war and wars around the world.

"It's a time to get together and think about what can happen, and also what did happen," Shafer said.

Indictment

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proceedings are complete.

Ted Supulski, president of Phi Kappa Psi, said he was not surprised by the indictment.

"This is just one step in the legal process — so we're not really shocked by it," Supulski said. "... We knew (the victim) only needed probable cause."

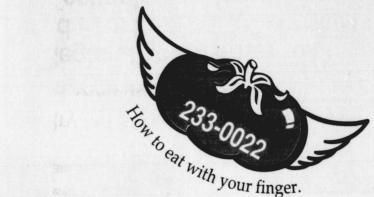
He also said McPherson has returned to Shelbyville to be with his family and is not enrolled in classes at UK this semester.

Gormley said first-degree rape carries with it a possible sentence of 10 to 20 years in jail.

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