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Vacation tips

I was a bit disappointed Saturday night when no L.O.C. readers were at the airport in Louisville to welcome me back to the Bluegrass State. Nonetheless, I have returned, and I had a pretty good time in Florida. Who wouldn't? However, due to the idiotic behavior I have always been known for, I come home with many a lesson learned. So without further intro, I give you, "Tips for Vacationing on the Beach."

Tip #1

Do: Pack lightly and leave room in your luggage because you'll buy things whether you want to or not.

Don't: Pack your luggage so full that a pair of underwear flies into the air when your stuffed bag pops a zipper while you're trying to fit it in the overhead compartment. No passenger wants to see that.

Tip #2

Do: Share a room with a bunch of people you're comfortable with if you save a lot of money.

Don't: Share a room with five people, three of whom constantly snore. I was one of them.

Tip #3

Do: Ask questions of the staff at a hotel. They're there to help you.

Don't: Continue asking questions if the staff member hasn't responded after three tries. Find someone else. I've found that the farther south you go in Florida, the less likely you are to encounter someone who speaks English.

Tip #4

Do: Get a tan because the hot sun of Florida makes it effortless.

Don't: Lay there asleep for three hours. The white outline of my hand on my stomach is a nice touch.

Tip #5

Do: Make sure your roommates know where you are, save your mail and take your phone messages.

Don't: Assume they won't move out and have all the utilities turned off while you're gone. If you think it can't happen, I'm living proof it can.

Friday's weather

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Hi Lo

Please don't take big umbrellas. They just poke people.

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UK ADMINISTRATION

The end of a presidency

Exit Wethington: After leading UK for more than a decade, president steps aside

By Scott Sloan
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On June 30, the Wethington era will come to an end. Since December 1989, Charles T. Wethington Jr., has been at UK's helm.

"I've been really pleased and honored to have been president for the last 11 and one-half years," Wethington said. "I feel very good about what has been accomplished during that time."

Wethington said he has been pleased with UK's academic progress.

"We've seen a great increase in the number of national merit scholars coming to the University each year," he said.

While he is stepping down from his administrative position and leaving UK in two years, the Board of Trustees has decided he will leave a permanent mark on campus.

At the group's June 19 meeting, it voted to name the Allied Health/Aging building in honor of Wethington.

The building, which is still under construction, will be completed in spring 2002, but it will not be named after him until 2003, when he will no longer be a UK employee.

The only nay vote on the action was by Russell Williams, the staff trustee.

Williams said he thought it was ill-timing to name a

building after Wethington when former president David Roselle has no buildings named after him on campus.

Wethington is staying on the UK payroll for two years after he steps down as president to serve as a fundraiser.

Wethington said his office will be on the fifth floor of the William T. Young Library.

Wethington began his presidential career when he was appointed interim president amid controversy in December 1989. He replaced UK President David Roselle, who left UK to assume the presidency at the University of Delaware after a bitter fight with the Kentucky General Assembly and Governor Wallace Wilkinson over funding.

Roselle's popularity on campus and Wethington's prior friendship with Wilkinson made the situation difficult for some to swallow.

The trustees elected Wethington as UK's 10th president in September 1990 but only after two other candidates for the position withdrew their names from consideration.

Faculty members and students urged the trustees to begin another search, but the group did not.

While controversy has surrounded Wethington, Peggy Way, his administrative assistant, said it is normal for presidents to have their share of conflict.

"I've worked in the office with three presidents (Singleary, Roselle and Wethington) and each of them has had their own controversial issues,"



UK President Charles T. Wethington Jr., looked on as fire engulfed the Administration Building on May 15. Wethington will step down as president on June 30 after holding the position for more than a decade.

FILE PHOTO

moving the system from UK, while Wethington, who was vice president and chancellor of the system from 1981 until 1989, advocated keeping the system.

Patton emerged victorious in the battle when the state legislature passed his bill stipulating all community colleges except LCC would be separate from UK.

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"I've worked in the office with three presidents (Singleary, Roselle and Wethington) and each of them has had their own controversial issues,"

Way said. "They just continue with their leadership, no matter what controversy's out there."

Wethington agreed.

"I think it is accurate to say that this position will be one that will be involved in a number of major initiatives. Call them controversies, disagreements, whatever. That's almost inevitable," he said.

Controversy subsided, though, in 1998 with one of Wethington's greatest accomplishments: the completion of the William T. Young Library.

Wethington said the library is a symbol of the academic progress UK has made.

Disputes began again in

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UK ADMINISTRATION

A new beginning for UK



Enter Todd: New president plans to reach out to new students during summer orientations

By Scott Sloan
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Returning students will not be the only familiar faces on UK's campus this fall.

Lee Todd Jr., a former UK student and professor, will be returning when he becomes UK's 11th president, replacing Charles T. Wethington Jr., on July 1.

Todd was unanimously chosen for the position by the Board of Trustees on Jan. 23, 2001.

Since that time he has been turning heads both on- and off-campus.

Pem Kremer, an English and honors professor, looks forward to Todd's tenure as UK president.

"I have heard nothing but good things about him," Kremer said. "Coming with the praise is high expectations, but Todd is not looking to improve UK single-handedly. He stressed the importance of all of UK working together."

"I want to talk with the people on campus that have been here for 20 years and ask them what their dreams are for the kids," he said. "Then I want to make the resources available, so they can make them happen."

Though Todd hopes to utilize as many people as possible to help students, he also wants to be directly involved with them. Since Todd's early arrival at UK in May, he has already begun meeting with students.

"Patsy (Todd's wife) and I want to make Maxwell Place [UK president's residence] more accessible to students," he said. "We want to invite professors to bring their students here on an out-of-class trip, so students can talk with them without worrying about a grade."

In an effort to greet new students, Todd said he hopes to attend a number of the freshman orientations scheduled throughout the summer to speak with parents and students about the opportunities available at UK.

Todd's long-term goals for UK include increasing research opportunities for faculty members and improving the relationship between UK and the city of Lexington.

Another important issue to Todd is expanding UK's influence. Todd said UK's borders must extend to include those of the state of Kentucky.

Though these goals will not directly affect students, Todd also plans to make noticeable differences on campus.

Todd and his wife both are seeking to improve the "attractiveness" of UK by creating more places for students to congregate and enhancing greenspace on campus.

"These are things we can do to make a difference for students," he said.

Meet Lee Todd Jr.

President-elect Todd will be meeting with students, faculty and staff from 3 to 5 p.m. July 5 at the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

UK's new president

Lee Todd takes office July 1. His office will be located in the Gillis Building due to the recent Administration Building fire.

LEXINGTON

Party plan still being considered

Getting out: Opposition urges students to have voices heard

By Kelley Sears
NEWS EDITOR

There still may be a party plan. Monday night Dick DeCamp, the third district councilman for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, conducted a meeting to gather information from concerned community representatives for the city council services committee on the re-drafted Lexington Area Party Plan.

LAPP is based on the San Diego, Calif., College Area Party Plan, which was enacted to keep neighborhood disturbances at a minimum.

Originally LAPP was titled CAPP and was changed at the May 14 Urban County Council meeting to include other parts of the city, in addition to areas around downtown college campuses.

The plan's name was changed because it applies to anyone who doesn't party responsibly, said Lisa Johnson, a neighborhood resident in favor of LAPP.

"There are neighborhoods out there that are dying," she said. "The plan seems to be focused on students, despite the name change, said Tim Robinson, UK's Student Government Association president."

"If we're going to come up with a solution to a problem that is there, we're going to have to be honest about who this is directed against," Robinson said.

DeCamp said he is searching for a solution to this situation but is still willing to change the plan.

"I am not wedded to this by any means," DeCamp said. "Disturbances, under the drafted ordinance, include excessive noise, possession of alcohol by minors, possession of illegal substances and unruly behavior."

If a resident has at least two complaints that require police enforcement, a cap could be placed on the property. The cap would designate the residence as "no-party property" for one year.

Kige Kigh, landlord and manager of Wassmer Properties, said he was concerned this could put a "scarlet letter" on properties.

"Can anyone tell me what existing ordinance is not covered already?" Kigh said. DeCamp said the city does have ordinances in effect, but caps could possibly be useful for the city.

Kigh said the city doesn't need caps. If tenants receive further complaints following the "no-party property" designation, they could be arrested or issued further citations. Caps will also be renewed.

If landlords or tenants can prove the source of the disturbances is no longer an issue before one year has passed, they may petition the chief of police to remove the cap.

Andy McIntyre, a landlord, said he wants police to designate the different kinds of violations.

"This gives the police incredible amounts of discretion," he said. "Others such as Joe Schuler, a resident and board member of the Columbia Heights Housing Association, would like to see LAPP pass."

"I'm for anything that will solve the problem," he said. "I think it's a solid idea. Schuler said LAPP is "workable" and has already had a lot of revisions."

DeCamp is scheduled to brief the Urban County Council services committee about the plan at its next meeting.

"I don't represent the students," DeCamp said.

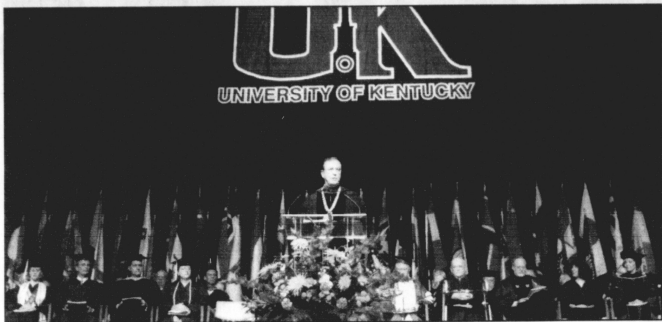
Robert Hodges, a landlord and North Elizabeth Street Neighborhood Association board member, said students are vital to the outcome in this issue and need to stand up for what they believe.

"This thing is going to be won or lost on student participation," Hodges said.

"These are things we can do to make a difference for students," he said.

UK ADMINISTRATION

Wethington's tenure questioned



ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A contract clause that allows Charles T. Wethington to take a lifetime faculty appointment after he steps down as the University of Kentucky's president has some faculty grumbling.

There's no record that Wethington underwent the usual rigorous review that professors undergo for tenure, according to a published report in The Courier-Journal of Louisville.

By contrast, research and teaching by incoming UK President Lee T. Todd received a thorough examination by other faculty members before he was granted a tenured electrical engineering position.

Tenured professorships are usually part of presidential contracts. But Carolyn Bratt, a law professor who voted against hiring Wethington as president in 1990 when she was a UK trustee, said tenure "is an incredibly difficult thing to earn, and it has to be earned."

Michael Kennedy, a geography professor who is chairman of the campus chapter of the American Association of University Professors, said Todd "is a real teacher and a real

scholar, and Charles Wethington is an administrator who sort of slid in."

Tenure, which is important both for academic prestige and financial security, means that a faculty member has earned a permanent teaching and research position at a university.

Wethington, 65, said he's not sure he'll take a professorship once his contract ends in two years. After Wethington steps down June 30 as school president, he will become a school fund-raiser for two years.

"I have no plans at this time," he said. "The door is open. I have not thought beyond (the end of the contract)."

If he decides not to teach, he could take his pension — 15 percent of his annual salary.

Wethington's contract, revised in 1999, allows him to join the faculty as a tenured associate professor when the contract runs out in 2003. His annual salary will be at least \$212,562 — 80 percent of his final UK salary, now \$241,000 with annual raises of at least 5 percent still to come.

The tenure clause of Wethington's 1999 contract was

based on a 1971 action by the UK board of trustees.

Wethington began his UK career as an educational psychology instructor in 1965. In November 1971, soon after he was appointed assistant vice president of the community college system, which was then controlled by UK, the university's trustees granted Wethington a tenured associate professorship in the college system, a special board action that came without the usual faculty review.

In response to an Open Records Act request by The Courier-Journal for Wethington's tenure review records from 1971, UK records custodian George DeBin said that none existed because the trustees' decision was a "special action."

Asked whether he had ever undergone faculty review for review, Wethington said he could add nothing to the university's response to the records request, which turned up only a Notice of Appointment form for his 1965 hiring as a College of Education instructor, more recent payroll information, a few miscellaneous letters and minutes of board meetings.

The records did not have forms for Wethington's appointments as director of Lexington Technical Institute, director of Maysville Community College, assistant vice president for the community college system, assistant professor of education and associate professor with tenure. Those appointments took place in the 1960s and 1970s.

The records request was processed before a fire gutted the university's Administration Building earlier this month.

Richard E. Cooper, who was a UK trustee 30 years ago, said he could not recall any debate about a faculty review during the 1971 board meeting at which Wethington was granted tenure.

"If there had been any great discussion on it, it would be reflected in the minutes," Cooper said.

The meeting minutes do not mention any discussion of such a review for Wethington.

There is no indication Wethington underwent such a review, although his 1990 contract said the university had appointed him "as an associate professor in the University of Kentucky Community College System with tenure."

Whether people loved Wethington or hated him, or for that fact, even knew who he was, almost all will admit the last decade has been eventful.

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1999, though, when the board extended Wethington's contract. The group faced opposition from the University Senate Council, which said the group violated Kentucky's Open Meet-

ings Act.

In 2000, UK's membership in the Fair Labor Association was questioned by members of progressive organizations on campus and Wethington was again the focus.

The students protested UK's membership in the organization and eventually staged a sit-in at the Administration Building because they felt Wethington was

not willing to listen to their ideas.

Wethington had the students arrested for trespassing.

Wethington put the past behind him, though, in September 2000, when he announced UK's capital campaign goal of raising \$600 million in private funds by 2003.

In a press conference held June 15, Wethington announced

the campaign had raised more than \$400 million.

Wethington's tenure as UK president is ending on a bitter-sweet note after fire damaged the Administration Building on May 15.

Whether people loved Wethington or hated him, or for that fact, even knew who he was, almost all will admit the last decade has been eventful.

FACULTY

Prize-winning author joins campus community

By Jimmy Nesbitt
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On July 1, Lee Todd Jr. will become UK's new president, but he's not the only addition to the staff.

The College of Arts and Sciences will welcome a new member of its own.

Bobbie Ann Mason, a UK graduate and prize-winning author, has signed a five-year contract to become the college's writer-in-residence.

Mason, a native of Mayfield, Ky., and a former Kentucky Kernel columnist, graduated from UK with an Eng-

lish degree in 1962. After earning both a master's and doctorate in English, Mason turned her attention to the short story genre of literature.

Mason began writing short stories in the late 1970s. The New Yorker published her first story in 1980. Two years later, "Shiloh and Other Stories," Mason's first collection of short stories, received the Ernest Hemingway Award.

Mason's success can be attributed to her work ethic, said Erik Reece, an advanced nonfiction lecturer.

"She got rejected 20 times

before the New Yorker published a story for her," Reece said.

Reece said Mason's work in the 1980s reinvented the short story.

Reece looks forward to her joining UK and said she will be a valuable tool for students.

"She can give writers a sense of resiliency," he said. "She's really an asset."

A former peer of Mason's at UK, Gurney Norman, the chair of the creative writing program, agrees that Mason has much to offer.

"I think it (Mason's hiring) will enhance the intelle-

tual discussion of literature and creative thinking," he said.

UK President Charles T. Wethington was 100 percent behind the decision to hire Mason, Norman said.

"In bringing Bobbie Ann Mason to the University, one of President Wethington's last decisions turns out to be one of his best," Norman said.



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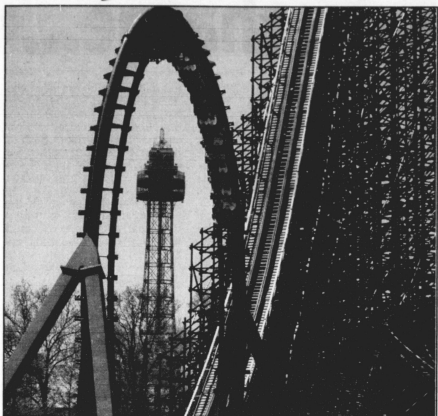
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DROP ZONE

Good and bad points make Kings Island a rough ride



Loop the loop

Paramount's Kings Island's newest ride, Son of Beast, combines 1.3 miles of track with speeds up to 70 mph to make a fast, rumbling roller coaster that might be hard on your knees and every other part of your body.

PHOTO FURNISHED

Small things: Kings Island opens with a wooden headliner, but not without problems

By Alan Stone
SUMMER SCENE EDITOR

Roller coasters are the American way.

Scaring yourself beyond belief by racing at horrendous speeds, moving back and forth, rattling and shaking yourself silly — and then doing it again. This, my friends, is what most Americans do for fun.

Kings Island is living up to this standard.

Paramount's Kings Island, located north of Cincinnati on I-71, is one of the two choices UK students have for their fix of amusement park fun.

Last Wednesday, my friends and I drove to the park to enjoy what it has to offer this year. The rides, the food, the atmosphere — it was all at our disposal.

Before we left, we bought discounted tickets from Bluegrass AAA. Normal ticket prices are \$34.99, but the price does not include parking. This does, however, allow you to ride most of the main rides, but not games and other attractions. As we found, the ticket is pretty much all you need to get around the park.

After arriving and paying \$8 to park, we ventured inside the park. After dabbling in a few rides such as Face Off, a suspended coaster that sits you face to face with the person across from you, and the Racers, the old standby wooden coaster that is fun both forwards and backwards, we meandered over to Son of Beast.

Son of Beast, the park's newest and highly-touted coaster, has its name and likeness taken from one of the park's most popular rides, The Beast. The Beast, a favorite among most visitors to the park, has had 32 million riders since it's opening more than 20 years ago. A favorite among our group, this is a must see if you go.

As for the son of this great coaster, it left much to be desired. The coaster was not only inferior to its father, it inflicted bodily harm upon my knees.

The car, for safety reasons, will not easily accommodate people over 5'10" in height. As a 6'3" male, I was a tight squeeze to say the least. While the injury to my knees was partly my fault for not bringing the ill-fitting lap bar to the attention of the attendants, I wasn't warned, either. All I offer is a warning if you are a little on the tall side.

The rest of the day was amazing — the food, atmosphere and weather all combined to make the day enjoyable. After food and attraction costs, I spent around \$60, not including travel costs.

A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND UK

On Tap...

For the week of June 28 - July 4

THURSDAY

Starlight Lounge Live, AIA, 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.5.

Ray's Music Exchange, Lynch's, 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.

Rammstein, Bogart's, June 28, 8:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$15-30.

FRIDAY

Little Feat, Waterfront Park, Louisville, 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.

SATURDAY

Donny Osmond, Proctor and Gamble Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$30-50.

Green Genes, Lynch's, 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.

Tom Cool, Kitty O'Shea's, 9:30 p.m. Tickets TBA.

SUNDAY

Tony Bennett, Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$17.25-52.75.

Coming Soon

Mary Chapin Carpenter, Riverbend, July 5, 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$22.50-29.75.

Cowboy Mouth, Jillians, Louisville, July 6, 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.50.

The Doobie Brothers, Palace Theatre, Louisville, July 8, 8 p.m. Tickets TBA.

Les Claypool's Frog Brigade, Bogart's, July 10, 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.

Barenaked Ladies, Riverbend, July 17, 7 p.m. Tickets TBA.

The Derek Trucks Band, Lynch's, July 20, 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.

Janet Jackson, Rupp Area, July 22, 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$36-79.



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- Vladimir Putin, president of Russia, on the Bush administration's plans for a missile defense shield.



I didn't wake up in the morning like it was Christmas morning and say 'Oh, my gosh, did I get my pardon?'"

- Roger Clinton, who also said he was surprised to learn some of his friends did not receive fifth-hour pardons from his brother, President Bill Clinton.



There are two tragedies. One is my children and the other is my wife."

- Russell Yates, a NASA computer engineer whose wife, Andrea, has been charged with drowning their five children, ages 6 months to 7 years, at their Houston home.

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In case you still don't know him



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IN OUR OPINION

Colleges adopt tuition waivers

Under a new Kentucky law, adopted children are eligible for free educations at state universities

College isn't cheap. If there's anything we've learned from our UK careers, it's that education is a costly enterprise. A lot of us receive huge support from our parents, whether it's in the form of tuition money or a place to live while attending school. Other students, however, have not been so lucky. Sometimes, parents of adopted children or foster children find they can't afford the ever-increasing price of higher education. The Kentucky legislature has enacted a law to help these parents and students out. Under a new Kentucky law, all foster children, children adopted from state custody and children in the state's care will receive free tuition at state universities, including technical and vocational schools. The cost for these waivers will be absorbed by the universities. We wholeheartedly applaud these efforts. Many of the students now eligible for free tuition would have had a difficult, if not impossible, time affording their education otherwise. After all, some of these students have not had parents to set up college funds or savings accounts. Under the program, eligible students have four years after their high school graduation to apply for the free tuition. Once they begin college, their tuition waivers are good for up to five years. Rep. Steve Nunn, a Republican from Glasgow who sponsored the bill, expects 50 to 100 families to utilize the waiver this fall. Later, after more people become aware of the program, that number could rise to 300 people per year. We feel this is a small price to pay for giving these students a jump-start on their future. Statistically, those who attend college have better pay and fewer legal problems. The opportunity to attend college could change the lives of these adopted and foster children. "These kids in the state system belong to all of us, and we need to do everything we can to help them," Nunn said. We couldn't agree more.

Amanda Thompson
SENIOR KERNEL COLUMNIST

Poverty remains even after ghettos are gone

We are forced as humans to make decisions that often involve life and death situations. We struggle against our fears, our doubts and frustrations in search of better lives. However, in our own attempts to free ourselves of past hurts and regrets, we all too often forget our fellow men and women along the way. It may come as a shock to some that our nation is filled with homeless, poverty-ridden modern day ghettos. Yet little is being done to solve the growing problems surrounding our country's poor. It may also come as a shock to many to learn that our nation's impoverished are located less than a mile from campus. Located in the east end of town, Bluegrass-Apsendale is the center of attention for inner city activity. It is here that the poorest areas of Lexington surround the barracks-style housing complex located between Third and Seventh streets. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has opted to tear down Bluegrass-Apsendale rather than renovate the buildings. Turning down the Lexington Housing Authority's grant application last year to transform Apsendale into possible low-rent housing, the would-be demolition of the property has raised various concerns. Conflicts within the Lexington Housing Authority are also a source of doubt. Executive Director of the Housing Authority Austin Simms has made obvious his hopes for "successfully riding the city of large public housing complexes" in recent comments made to the Lexington Herald-Leader. Following Simms' lead, Charlotte Court, another housing facility, was demolished in the fall of 1999. This destruction left many with the option of either finding subsidized, privately-owned homes with landlords willing to accept federal vouchers or moving to other public housing. No efforts to rebuild homes or help those left stranded after the homes were destroyed have been made by the

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CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

When I'm in charge...

I've decided once and for all that I, without question, need to be the solitary man running this ass-backwards country. No more horn-swaggering the public into believing that they are making a difference by electing one of two puppets every four years. No more "missing-links" simultaneously turning our country into an international punch-line and begging every state with a nuclear weapon to point it down our throat. Just me loungin' in a recliner, surrounded by naked female servants with tiny chips installed in their voice boxes that enable me to eliminate their capacity to speak, wielding a spiked club and transforming this nation into utopia.

My epiphany occurred over the last couple of weeks as the Timothy McVeigh drama played out and finally drew to a close. After our country's collective sense of justice was appeased and our highly advanced sense of morality upheld, every news channel on cable had some egomaniac anchor in an ugly three-piece suit righteously expounding on why McVeigh's execution had to remain private. I could only shake my head and sigh at the tremendous opportunity that was wasted by not making a public spectacle out of McVeigh's death, just like the one we made of his life.

When the question first appeared, the courts shouldn't have been deciding whether or not to televise the execution but how to extract the most heinous profit possible from the event.

Ever since the bombing in Oklahoma City, Timothy McVeigh got everything he wanted: unheard of media exposure for his ideologies and publicity befitting a martyr. The greatest vengeance we could have extracted from McVeigh would have been turning him into a commercial tool.

This is how it should have gone down. Everyone keep this in mind because one day Billy Graham and Pat Robertson will, God-willing, die of a terrible flesh-eating disease and we can all lay our indoctrinated group-think morality to rest and start getting efficient. First, we should have thrown this candy-ass lethal injection garbage right out the window. We needed a method of execution that would have captivated audiences for hours so sponsors could have enlisted.

One good idea would have been to airlift McVeigh into a one-square-mile fenced-in area

planted with landmines. Not normal landmines, but modified ones that only produce a big enough explosion to blow away a small chunk of flesh. If he started to faint or die too quickly, we would have flown a doctor in to fix him up. You tell McVeigh if he makes it to the gate on the far end of the pen, he can go free. That way if he actually made it, we could have inflicted some good ole Southern justice on him, since the event would have taken place in Alabama.

Or, we could have tethered him to a pole with a 7-foot-long bungee cord and let the families of the victims, and anyone who could pay \$250,000, shoot blow darts soaked in napalm at him.

Better yet, we could have taken him out in the woods, stripped him naked, covered him in the urine of a female bear, given him a plastic knife to defend himself with, and set a horny and sexually promiscuous grizzly bear loose on him.

The government should have charged each television network \$90 million for the apiece to carry the execution. What network could have afforded to be the only one not televising the slaughter of Timothy McVeigh?

Then the networks charge some extravagant amount for every 20-second commercial, of which the government gets 20 percent. This could have been the television event of the century and we could have earned a lot of money and done a lot of good: built homes for the homeless, funded more research for cancer and AIDS, or bought Ted Kennedy a car that floats.

For five years every news outlet in America exploited the families of McVeigh's victims for ratings, so why was there such opposition to exploiting McVeigh's death for a profit?

Is America not the poster child of capitalism? And in this great democracy of ours, do we not have the right to be entertained?

Televised execution would be a great industry for America; we just have to grow beyond our petty illusions of moral superiority and realize that vengeance is a powerful medicine for the human spirit, and a potentially profitable enterprise.

Contributing Columnist Josh Sullivan is a political science and journalism junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

Those who do not live in the inner city see the residents as unwilling to change aspects of their own lives and thus choose their fate of remaining poor. It is this lack of faith in our fellow brethren that leave the poor impoverished. An example is clearly stated with Simms' desire to tear down Apsendale. It would seem Simms believes the deeply rooted problems of the inner city can be relieved by simply ripping out the stalks shooting out of the ground.

The demolition of Apsendale will prove to the people of inner city Lexington that they cannot rely on LFUCG or the Lexington Housing Authority. A trust, not a dependence, is needed between our poor and our government. Instead of tackling the problems inner city resident face, LFUCG, much like our nation, continues to wind itself in political red tape, as seen with the current situation regarding Apsendale. This thus prevents any solution being found for the already over-populated problem.

Generation after generation,

people are born into a world surrounded by drugs, crime and anger. The frustrations of self-hatred, self-pity and feelings of worthlessness plague our children, which continues the circle of poverty. The mind trap is set and the circle continues as the hope for change quickly vanishes with each baby's new breath.

Tearing down Apsendale will do little to relieve the fears and doubts already robbing so many children of their childhood. "Cleaning" the inner city should mean helping the poor get out of the projects, not just removing the projects from the poor.

Before we can overcome the physical barriers currently holding us at bay, we must first overcome the barriers of our hopelessness. Poverty is not just a state of being. Poverty is first and foremost a state of mind.

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UK BASKETBALL

Parker out for the season?

A new dilemma: UK students offer their input on the surprising ACL injury to one of the Cats' most talented and physical players

By Steve Jones
SPORTS WEEKLY EDITOR

A Sunday night pickup basketball game at UK's Seaton Center has raised serious questions for a UK team that last week seemed to have all the answers.

During the game, Jason Parker, a sophomore forward, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and, as a result, will be sidelined indefinitely.

Prior to the accident, UK coach Tubby Smith was riding high. His All-SEC performers Tayshean Prince and Keith Bogans were returning to UK for another year, and he may have had the deepest team in the country.

But the loss of Parker has left Smith in a situation he never wanted to face. "This is a very tough loss for us," Smith said Monday. "Jason is a big part of our team and we were expecting him to make even greater contributions as a sophomore. Now it looks like we could lose him for the entire season, but we know he'll come back stronger than ever."

But when will Parker come back, and how will that affect the team that was in everyone's pre-season top 5 after the Prince/Bogans announcement?

UK students seem to think that Parker's injury will definitely hurt the Cats' frontline.

"I think it's going to be a big impact because (Parker) came on real strong at the end of the season," said Matt Shropshire, an accounting senior.

Parker, an All-SEC freshman selection, scored a career high 22 points in UK's final game against USC.

"Parker puts a lot of body on people," said Bo Cracraft, a recent

finance graduate. "He's the only one with any meat on his body."

The 6-foot-8, 255 pound Parker was UK's third leading scorer last season, averaging 8.6 points per game.

The return of Parker will depend largely on the success of the reconstructive surgery he will undergo next week.

An ACL injury of the magnitude of Parker's typically requires 4-6 months of recovery time, according to team trainer David Kindy.

That would place Parker in line to play again in October, November or December.

Shropshire said UK should not rush Parker's return.

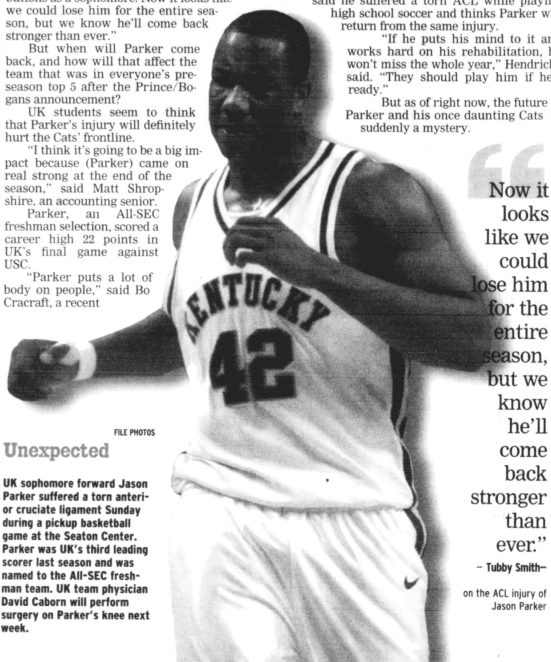
"I think they should redshirt him so he doesn't risk further injury," Shropshire said. "They're plenty deep already."

Others believe if Parker is healthy, Smith should not hesitate to put him on the court.

Don-Michael Hendricks, a biology junior, said he suffered a torn ACL while playing high school soccer and thinks Parker will return from the same injury.

"If he puts his mind to it and works hard on his rehabilitation, he won't miss the whole year," Hendricks said. "They should play him if he's ready."

But as of right now, the future of Parker and his once daunting Cats is suddenly a mystery.



FILE PHOTOS

Unexpected

UK sophomore forward Jason Parker suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament Sunday during a pickup basketball game at the Seaton Center. Parker was UK's third leading scorer last season and was named to the All-SEC freshman team. UK team physician David Caborn will perform surgery on Parker's knee next week.

Hinging on a knee

The ACL injury to Jason Parker is not the first to be suffered by a UK player. Former Cats Rodney Dent, Jeff Brassow, Jared Prickett and Derek Anderson have all fallen victim to knee injuries in the past decade.



Anderson



Prickett

Now it looks like we could lose him for the entire season, but we know he'll come back stronger than ever."

- Tubby Smith -

on the ACL injury of Jason Parker

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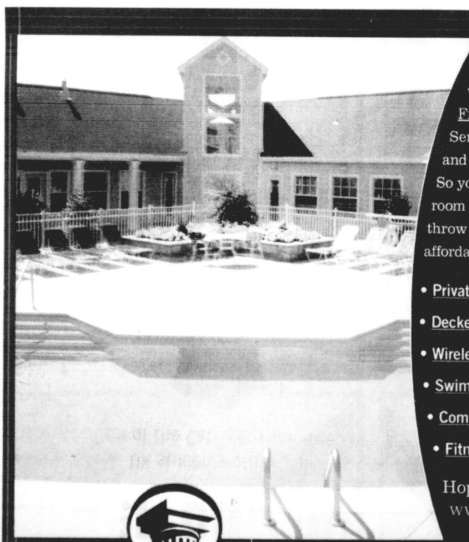
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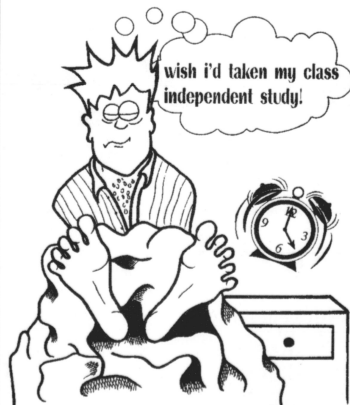
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