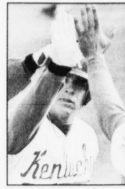




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University Senate discusses new grade policy

By Alison Kight
Staff Writer

The pros and cons of pluses and minuses were discussed yesterday as the University Senate tackled the idea of changing the grading scale.

The new scale would include pluses and minuses in addition to normal letter grades, thus giving instructors more leeway in allotting student grades. For example, a student scoring an 89 would receive a B-plus, instead of a B. Proponents for the new plan say it would make the grading scale more distinct.

The original proposal in fall 1993 called for the plan to be implemented only in the College

of Arts and Sciences, but some in the Senate said the only way to effectively implement the new system would be Universitywide.

In a mock vote yesterday, 25 University Senate members voted in support of changing grading policy for the entire university if the Senate approved the plan next fall. Five members voted against the idea.

Meanwhile, only 20 members voted to change the grading policy in just the College of Arts and Sciences, while nine voted against it.

The Senate Council will discuss the results of yesterday's vote in its weekly meetings and decide whether to pursue the idea further, said University Senate chairman Raymond Cox. An official

vote will not take place until next fall, Cox said.

Student Government Association senator Greg Watkins said applying the new system only to Arts and Sciences students would hurt students in other colleges. He said if students were enrolled in other colleges but still took classes in the College of Arts and Sciences or attempted to transfer to another college, it would make the process more difficult.

"I think it's going to create a lot of paperwork problems for both the Registrar's Office and the stu-



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Greg T. Watkins
SGA senator

ents, who'll want to know their GPAs," said Watkins, SGA's College of Business and Economics senator. "I've talked to students about this, and before I could even get plus or minus out of my mouth, (they) were saying no, no, no."

Hans Gesund, an architecture and engineering professor, said he thinks Universitywide addition of plus and minus grading is unnecessary and that it wouldn't create technical prob-

lems if the Registrar's Office made a change in the type of computer program it uses.

"I'm not happy that Arts and Sciences, since they think they can evaluate people so precisely, think everyone else should, too," Gesund said. "It should be an individual college's decision."

Academic Ombud Horst Schach, however, advocated making the policy Universitywide.

"The only sensible thing to do is to have the whole University go to the (new grading) system," he said. "If we have a system like that, it gives students a little more incentive to go for the gusto."

Schach also said 90 percent of his caseload deals with grade appeals and grade complaints. He

said he thinks students would be appeased at getting a B-plus instead of a B when they felt they deserved an A.

SGA Vice President Heather Hennel, however, said of the students she has talked to about the idea, "less than 50 percent are in favor."

"Teachers have a limited focus," she said. "They're not machines. There's going to be a discrepancy in how teachers grade a history paper, on whether it's a 94 (percent) or a 91."

Monica Harris, a psychology professor, doesn't think she has a limited focus in grading.

"In my class, there is a world of difference between an 81 and 89. I'd like to reward the 89 student."

UK's Turay triumphs in Met competition

By Carrie Morrison
Arts Editor

Call him the \$10,000 tenor.

Vocal performance senior Greg Turay currently is in New York City, counting his cash and his blessings. The 22-year-old singer found out Sunday he has been selected as one of 10 winners in the Metropolitan Opera National Council competition. The announcement concludes almost a year of intense preparation and preliminary auditions at district and regional levels.

Turay will be awarded \$10,000 and a featured spot in the winners' concert on April 23 on the Met stage. The concert will be televised nationally and broadcast on several radio stations around the country, including UK's WUKY-FM, 91.3.

Turay competed this year against 3,000 young operatic soloists from around the country. The council selected 21 finalists to sing before an elite audience of opera professionals last weekend. After a performance of Gounod's "Salut demeure chaste et pure" that awed the judges, Turay earned the chance to make valuable contacts in the performing arts industry.

"It's a pretty big rush," he said in a telephone interview from New York. "I'm trying not to let myself get too wrapped up in it."

The tenor will stay in New York until the concert, rehearsing with top Met vocal coaches Joan Dornemann and Kevin Murphy. For the concert, he will sing the Gounod piece plus Donizetti's "Una furtiva lagrima."

"(These coaches) are known throughout the world. They demand a great deal of respect," Turay said.

The Greendale, Wis., native hasn't always had complex melodic lines in foreign tongues running through his head. Turay came to UK as his freshman year planning to swing, not sing. Baseball was his strength, and he made the University's baseball team as a walk-on.

"People who knew me in high school knew me as a baseball player. It was my life." Turay sang in choirs and musicals when he could, but "singing was for fun," he said.

Now, as his voice becomes the ultimate factor in his future, the fun of singing has had a tendency to diminish, he said.

"It's very hard," Turay said. "This is the most nervous I've ever been for anything."

The singer looks forward to the offers he probably will get as a result of Metropolitan Opera National Council win. He said he plans to use the award money to "buy an automobile to get me to St. Louis, where he will be featured in various events at that city's Opera Theatre.

Turay, who will complete his courses in June and enter graduate school here in the fall, gives his UK instructors most of the credit for his success.

"I'm greatly in debt to Dr. Everett McCorvey and Mr. Cliff Jackson," he said. "They could be teaching at any top school in the world. (UK) is kind of a diamond in the rough."



TOP TENOR Greg Turay is one of 10 winners in the Metropolitan Opera National Council competition in New York.

NEWSbytes

WORLD PLO cracks down on militants after bombings

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — In a move that could push Palestinians closer to civil war, Yasser Arafat cracked down on Islamic militants yesterday after suicide bombings killed seven Israelis and an American college student. Arafat's security forces arrested 112 followers of Hamas and the smaller Islamic Jihad after Sunday's deadly back-to-back bombings near two Jewish settlements in the PLO-ruled Gaza Strip.

Washington applauded Arafat's tough stance. But angry Islamic militant leaders raised the specter of civil war, apparently trying to force Arafat to back down.

NATION Dole announces presidential bid

TOPEKA, Kan. — Embracing the conservative agenda of lower taxes, a balanced budget, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole launched his third White House bid yesterday by casting himself as uniquely qualified to "lead America back to her place in the sun."

"I am not afraid to lead, and I know the way," he said. Dole, 71, entered the race with a scornful critique of President Clinton. There was nary a mention of his Republican rivals. Befitting his status as the clear early GOP front-runner, Dole chose to ignore them.

CAMPUS Pint Party begins today

A Central Kentucky Blood Drive "Pint Party," the final student blood drive this semester, will be held today and tomorrow from noon to 9 p.m. at the Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons. The drive's goal is to attract 425 donors from the UK community. The event is sponsored by WKQQ-FM, 98.1, and Cinemark Theaters. Each donor will receive a free T-shirt and a chance to win a door prize. Cinemark will give movie passes to the first 400 donors.

NAMEdropping

Taylor will sue over book

NEW YORK — C. David Heymann can expect to hear from Elizabeth Taylor's lawyers. Heymann's book "Liz: An Intimate Biography of Elizabeth Taylor" claims that the 63-year-old actress was beaten by two of her husbands, had an affair with Frank Sinatra and in 1982 was popping prescription drugs like candy.

Most of the supposed incidents never occurred," Taylor's attorney, Neil Papiano, said yesterday. "It's just made up of whole cloth.... It has no basis in fact. There will be litigation."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Students want SGA election thrown out over Voelker's campaigning

By Jennifer Smith
Campus Editor

Although the Student Government Association elections have been declared official, a group of more than 15 concerned students has filed a complaint to the SGA Supreme Court asking that the election be invalidated.

The complaint states Brandon Voelker violated the SGA Constitution by campaigning for reelection winners Shea Chaney and Heather Hennel. Voelker was a member of the Supreme Court when the election began, but he temporarily resigned to campaign.

Voelker gave his permanent resignation after the election, and Chaney appointed him executive

director of student services last week.

Scott Noble, a former College of Architecture senator, is the only one of the 15 students who signed the claim against Voelker. However, he said the claim he filed Tuesday night represents the interests of every student.

"It's all kind of shady," Noble said. "First, he's on the court, and then he temporarily resigns and campaigns for (Chaney and Hennel). Then, when his candidates win, he steps down and assumes a position as an executive director."

In the claim, Noble said there is no precedent for a temporary resignation from the court. He said students, other candidates and the press should have been

notified of the resignation.

However, Voelker said he followed correct procedure.

"I contacted (Chief Justice) Jay Ingle, and he said he would accept my temporary resignation, and it seems like Jay would not let me do something in violation of the Constitution," he said.

Noble said the students who filed the claim think Voelker's campaigning and endorsing of the Chaney/Hennel ticket changed the outcome of the election because the ticket only won by 29 votes.



Voelker

The claim says Chaney and Hennel should be held accountable for their campaign personnel's "blatant violation of the Constitution." As a remedy, Noble is requesting the election be invalidated or the candidates be removed.

Hennel said the claim is filed against Voelker and should not affect the election outcome.

"We're not guilty by association," the SGA vice president said. "They cannot make a claim against Shea and I based on Brandon's actions."

Also, Hennel said those who filed the claim are trying to say her ticket violated the Constitution, when the complainants violated the Constitution as well. She

said because they did not file the claim through the proper channels or during the correct time frame, it should be thrown out all together.

"The Constitution was revised to allow you to make claims only in the window of claims," Hennel said. "Who's to say when that window should be exhausted? What if someone wanted to file against us next October? We have to get on with our administration sometime."

Voelker he does not think the claim against him is valid because he never campaigned as a student. He said he did not use his title to sway voters.

"To be honest, I don't think that many people know or care

what the court does," he said. "So I don't think I'd be that influential that way."

Although he said he cannot speak for the court, Voelker said he expects the claim to be thrown out because only the Elections Board has the jurisdiction to hear election claims. He said he would like to see SGA get back to normal.

"I think this claim is a disservice to the students," Voelker said. "Friday, I assigned five student new tutors. Now, for the next few days I'm going to have to concentrate on this case. It's not fair to students who need SGA services."

The pre-hearing will be held tomorrow night at 10 on the steps of Pence Hall.

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Excel helps students earn cash

By Jennifer Smith
Campus Editor

Brian Underwood has made more than \$10,000 by talking to his friends.

Underwood, an accounting junior, is responsible for recruiting many UK students into Excel, a company that buys long-distance time wholesale and resells it to its customers.

More than 100 UK students are current Excel representatives and some say they have made five-digit profits from the service.

"I'm hoping by this time next year to be making more in a month than what I've made so far," Underwood said.

During the school year, Underwood said he has "slacked off" and only made \$700.

The program works in two parts: The first part is the long-distance service itself, and the second part is the multi-level marketing. Excel does not advertise and relies chiefly on word of mouth to sell its service.

To make money as an Excel representative, each customer

pays \$195 and fills out a form to get connected and receive an Excel card.

Then, that person goes out and recruits other customers. After the original customer recruits three people, he or she receives \$100.

For each new customer a representative brings in, he or she earns a percentage of all of the income that is made downhill.

"When you do get out of school, you never know what is going to happen," Underwood said. "I know at first it seems far-fetched, but it's not. It's not a get-rich-quick scheme."

Brien Ellis, a UK marketing professor, recently signed up as an Excel customer and agreed that the program is not a scheme. Although he has not been involved for very long, he said he

thinks — in a marketing sense — Excel is a profitable venture.

"I don't want to hang my hat on it," Ellis said. "But it's really tough to turn something of this magnitude off. As with all ventures like this, it's really how much time you're willing to devote to it."

Newell Fox, a business and marketing junior, is taking the semester off school to work full-time recruiting Excel customers.

Under the Excel multi-level marketing theory, for each Excel customer he adds to his list, he gets percentages of their intakes added to the amount he makes.

Also, he said, Excel offers a guaranteed 30 percent overall long-distance savings to every customer regardless of whether he or she ever recruits more customers.

"This whole (Excel) thing has been growing at a rate of 50 million people a month," Fox said.

"Six months ago people were laughing at this, and now they're jumping on the bandwagon; they're probably not laughing anymore."

In less than a year, Excel has become the fourth largest long distance phone company in the country. The company projects it will make \$380 million in 1995.

"There are two losers in Excel," Fox said. "The person who gets in and then never gets started and the person who doesn't ever get involved."



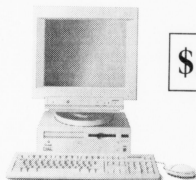
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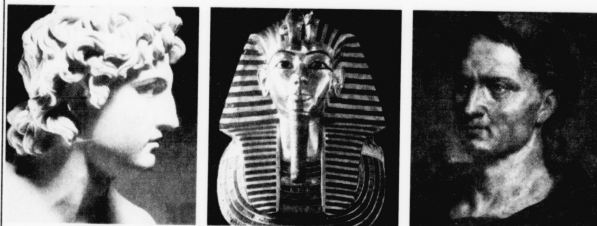
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SPORTS

UK offense ready for new format

By Jason Dattilo
Assistant Sports Editor

When the curtain dropped on the 1994 football season, UK limped into the off-season with its worst record since Jerry Claiborne's first squad went 0-10-1 back in 1982.

Several off-the-field problems, coupled with the Cats' dismal play in game situations, caused Coach Bill Curry to re-evaluate the program and make several staff changes before the opening of spring drills two weeks ago.

Perhaps the most intriguing of Curry's four personnel changes was the hiring of Elliot Uzelac from Colorado.

Uzelac, who will serve as offensive coordinator, is in the process of installing at UK the same multiple offense he used successfully with the Buffaloes.

The new offense uses two tight ends and two wide receivers and only one running back.

Curry said the goal of the new formation is to have an equal amount of running and passing yardage.

"We want to be able to run or throw in all situations," said Curry, who is beginning his sixth season at UK. "This is a good offense to promote that kind of balance."

But to achieve this balance Curry and staff will need players, at the skill positions and in the trenches, to make steady improvement.

Quarterbacks in three-man race

Because of injuries, Jeff Speedy and Antonio O'Ferral split time at the quarterback slot last season.

O'Ferral, now a senior, was able to run the ball effectively, and he actually led the Wildcats in total offense. But opposing defenses were able to key on the rushing attack when O'Ferral was on the field because of the junior's inconsistent passing abilities.

Speedy, who returned midway through the season after an injury in the first game, seemed to lose his timing with the lynchpin. He threw a team-high eight interceptions and just one touchdown pass.

With the departure of Matt Hobbie — who played in four games last season — for a professional baseball career, sophomore Billy Jack Haskins has moved into the QB race with Speedy and O'Ferral.

Haskins played in just two games in 1994, completing five passes for 80 yards.

Although Curry said the depth chart at all positions is subject to change, Speedy currently is running first team for the Cats in spring drills, followed by Haskins and O'Ferral.

"It's been tough on our quarterbacks mentally trying to learn the new system," said Speedy, a junior. "But we're improving and understanding the offense better everyday."

Competition, however, can sometimes bring out the best in people.

"It's good to have somebody pushing

you, or in my case somebody to chase after," Haskins said. "But I guess it's always more fun to be No. 1."

Cats stacked in the backfield

This area could be UK's strong suit this season provided an inexperienced line can open the holes. Curry's squad returns two potent tailbacks in Moe Williams and Donnell Gordon, along with fullback Ray McLaurin, who Curry said has improved this spring.

Williams, a bruising runner with a knack for playing injured, rushed for a team-best 824 yards last season on 160 carries while Gordon, a sophomore, averaged 6.1 yards per carry.

Even though Williams and Gordon play the same position, Curry said both players will see plenty of carries.

"Most times one guy doesn't carry the load at that position," Curry said. "There's plenty of work at that position, especially in this offense."

Williams and Gordon both had shoulder surgery in the offseason, keeping them out of contact drills for the remainder of the spring. However, both players are expected to make full recoveries.

Sanford leads receiving corps

Sophomore flanker Kio Sanford, with his ability to break big plays, will touch the ball more this season, Curry said.

Last year was Sanford's first as a receiver, and at times he had difficulty holding on to the football. However, the former

high school quarterback still managed to snag 12 receptions and return a kickoff for a TD against Northeast Louisiana.

"He's catching the ball much better now than he did at any point last year," Curry said.

Also returning will be senior Leon Smith, who led the Cats last season with 275 receiving yards on 27 catches. Smith also had shoulder surgery during the winter and must refrain from contact.

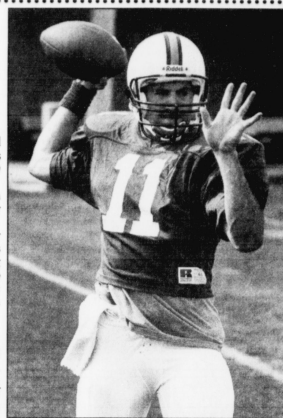
Green in the trenches

The Cats lost three talented linemen this year in Mark Askin, Aaron Purdie and Dan Caruthers, leaving UK devoid of experience up front. Curry's problems got worse when center Adam Kane left the squad this spring for personal reasons.

Curry said 286-pound Barry Jones and 275-pound Andy Britt should provide a lift at guard. The UK coach also said DeAnthony Honaker has shown promise at the center spot.

"Nobody has clearly emerged as outstanding, but all of them have shown promise," Curry said.

With the moving of former wingback Isaac Curtis to tight end, UK should be able to keep defenses guessing. After all, Curtis is a legitimate receiving threat, who caught a team-high three TD recep-



JAMES CRISP/Kentucky staff

BACK TO THROW UK's Jeff Speedy is expected to vie for the starting job at quarterback this fall.

tions last year.

"Tight end is a key position in our offense," Curry said. "Isaac is up to tight end size and he should be a factor for us. The other tight ends have also shown improvement."

Chris Davis, at 6-foot-7 and 275 pounds, will return to add bulk at the other tight end spot.

Tomorrow: A look at the defense and the kicking game.

Cats return home after 9 straight road games

By Brett Dawson
Sports Editor

Few teams have ever been so pleased to see the green of their home grass as the UK baseball team will be this evening.

After playing nine straight games on the road, the Wildcats return home today at 6 p.m. to take on Marshall. And the Cats get quite a homecoming gift — the Thundering Herd have a 2-18 record on the road and are 8-29 overall on the season.

After losing four straight on its long road swing — including a three-game sweep at the hands of Louisiana State over the weekend — UK is ready to play on familiar turf.

"You look at LSU and they had three straight games at home, and that's a big help," UK's Jay Tedesco said yesterday. "When you play on your field, you know the hops and it just makes everything easier. Plus, LSU had 4,000 fans behind them every game."

The Cats won't have that kind of fan support, but the familiarity of playing at Cliff Hagan Stadium could help UK build momentum to put together a winning streak, Tedesco said.

"I don't want to say we've got easy games, but we've got two games early this week that we should win," Tedesco said of today's game and tomorrow's matchup with Belknap College. "If we play the way we should play and we win these two, it should help us get some momentum."

UK will be trying to sweep the season series with Marshall. The Cats beat the Thundering Herd 12-7 on March 29 in Huntington, W. Va.

The Cats will go for the sweep with freshman Jeff Townsend on the mound. Townsend took over Scott Downs' spot in the rotation

last Friday after Downs underwent an emergency appendectomy.

"Jeff did a great job for us this weekend," Tedesco said of Townsend's last-minute start at LSU. "It was his first start, and nobody knew what to expect of him, but for him to go six innings was great."

Downs will begin rehabilitation next week, and UK is hopeful that he will return to the staff this season.

"The only thing I know is that Scotty told me he'd start throwing next week," Tedesco said. "Not pitching, but just throwing to try to get himself stronger."

In the meanwhile, Townsend (0-1, 6.75 ERA) will fill the spot, beginning tonight against a Marshall team that hasn't exactly lit up the scoreboard, having been outscored 125-75 by its opponents.

"We're behind Jeff all the way," Tedesco said. "Once he gets a few more starts and gets a little more comfortable, he'll be alright."



Tedesco

SPORTSbytes

Columnist calls for boycott in KC

HAINES CITY, Fla. — A newspaper columnist's plea for a fan boycott of the Kansas City Royals' home opener is getting the nerves of some of the players.

Jason Whitlock, a columnist for The Kansas City Star, has written several columns urging fans to skip the April 26 opener against Baltimore. Whitlock estimated he's received 1,000 phone calls in the past week, almost all supporting the boycott.

Art Brisbane, the Star's vice president and editor, said Whitlock's views aren't necessarily

those of the newspaper.

"The organization wants nothing more than to see a successful baseball organization here in perpetuity, but at the same time we want to see our columnists let 'er rip," Brisbane said.

Whitlock opposes a season-long strike, but says he thinks fans "need an opportunity to vent." He's volunteered to organize a rally for disaffected fans somewhere outside Kauffman Stadium on opening day.

"I'd hate to see it," said designated hitter Bob Hamelin, the 1994 American League rookie of the year. "I wish it wouldn't happen. But the fans have the right if that's what they choose to do."

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'Hoop' details lives of hopefuls

By Brian Bennett
Editor in Chief

You follow the Cats religiously. You go to every game at Rupp Arena, you watch every road game. You analyze recruiting in the offseason. You listen to every "Big Blue Line."

So you think you know basketball.

Nah, you don't. Not until you see "Hoop Dreams."

The much ballyhooed basketball documentary, which made its Lexington premiere this weekend at the Kentucky Theatre, lives up to all its hype.

It's true that watching this movie takes longer than sitting through a televised game that goes into overtime (Running time: Two hours and 50 minutes). But "Hoop Dreams" offers more insight about the sport — and about urban life — than any number of hours of March Madness.

The film introduces us to Arthur Agee and William Gates, two 14-year-olds who are quickly

becoming playground legends in the rough parts of Chicago. Both dream daily of making it to the

NBA. Over the next three hours, we follow Arthur and William for five years to see how their "Hoop Dreams" progress.

Both Arthur and William are recruited by St. Joseph High School, where former NBA star Isiah Thomas played his prep ball. Both youngsters decide that the three-hour daily commute to the unfamiliar suburban school is worth it for the chance to play for one of Illinois' top programs.

In fact, nearly all of the decisions made by the boys and their families revolve around basketball. The sport stands as the one true unifying factor in their broken

homes and broken communities. That is what makes "Hoop Dreams" such a gripping narrative.

It shows vividly how so many inner-city blacks cling to basketball as the only hope of getting out of the blues and poverty plaguing their neighborhoods.

Even as that hope dims, Arthur and William refuse to let go of their dream. Meanwhile, the troubled lives of their friends and relatives give them first-hand examples of what could happen should that dream fall short.

"Hoop Dreams" portrays the money-making machine that is big-time basketball in its infancy — at the prep level.

We see the recruiting, the neglect and the

pressure of high school hoops, and we understand more the problems occurring at the collegiate level.

The movie also excels because of its subjects. Arthur and William are both so instantly likable that you can't help but cheer at their success and moan at their setbacks. The human faces they provide makes it difficult to swallow the fact they're pawns in the game.

The only drawback to "Hoop Dreams" is that it tends to be a little overly dramatic, especially during the game footage. But after realizing that producers Steve James, Frederick Marx and Peter Gilbert spent more than 250 hours following these kids over five years, it's easy to understand why the stakes seem so high to them.

Overall, the documentary is a thoroughly entertaining and strikingly informative piece of work. "Hoop Dreams" is required viewing for any true basketball fan.



MOVIE review

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"Hoop Dreams," produced by Frederick Marx, Steve James and Peter Gilbert. Now showing through April 20 at the Kentucky Theatre. Call (606) 231-6997 for more information.



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

Fine showing

Mixed media artist Viviane Le Coutais looks at Cynthia Clay Ryan's Master of Fine Arts thesis exhibition in the Center for Contemporary Art yesterday.

DIVERSIONSbytes

▼ This Friday, Betty Kerr of the Historic Preservation Department of the Urban County Government will present a program titled, "A Look at Lexington's Past: An Architectural Commentary," at noon in the Peal Gallery of King Library North. It is free and open to the public.

▼ The UK Fine Arts Department will present the Master of Fine Arts thesis exhibition, "Harmless," a collection of paintings by Keeley Igo this Saturday through April 22 on 314 Old E. Vine St.

▼ Michael Curtis Shaver will hold his Master of Fine Arts thesis exhibition April 21-May

6 at the Center for Contemporary Art in the Fine Arts Building on 107 Rose St. For more information, call 257-8148.

▼ The Lexington Arts & Cultural Council will present Greg Partain in a free piano performance May 2 in the ArtsPlace Gallery on 161 N. Mill St. as part of the Art a la Carte series. For more information, call (606) 255-2951.

▼ The Niles String Quartet, the graduate ensemble in residence at UK will hold a recital including competition material this Friday at 8 p.m. at the Otis A. Singletary Center.

Black Arts Consortium offers art and more

By Claire Johnston
Assistant Arts Editor

The Bluegrass Black Arts Consortium on 216 East Main St. is offering a wide range of activities and exhibits this month, ranging from an installation of detailed paintings of civil rights leaders to a program for young community artists, and even an art drive for old posters and clothes that you don't want.

The consortium is seeking high school artists of color for its second annual Isaac S. Harthway Visual Arts Invitational to be held May 19 through June 19.

The invitational is named for a scholarship at UK that offers grants to black students who are interested in pursuing a career in

art. Students selected will have their art professionally exhibited in the Bluegrass Black Arts Consortium M. Smith Gallery and will be honored at an opening reception on May 19.

Work will be selected based on creativity and originality of pieces. Crystal Wilkinson, acting director at the consortium, said the showcase is an outlet for those students who would otherwise not be shown.

"A lot of times people don't think of art as a profession, but for those kids who have talent, this can show them that art can be a career," Wilkinson said.

"Art is for everybody. We have black artists right here in Lexington."

All mediums are welcome, including two- and three-dimensional artwork, photography and sculpture. All entries must contain name, address, year in school and phone number. For a copy of the guidelines, call (606) 225-3554. Deadline for submissions is April 30.

The Bluegrass Black Arts Consortium is also sponsoring a Spring Art Rummage Sale from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 29 at 216 E. Main St.

Donations of art, including paintings, books, records, and musical instruments, are needed. Items will be resold during the event, and proceeds will go toward art programming at the consortium.

"If you have something that

someone gave you that you think is ugly. Even far-out clothing is good," Wilkinson suggested.

Donated items may be dropped off at the consortium, or donors may call (606) 225-3554 before April 21 to arrange a pick-up. Proceeds go for a planned gallery walk-in on Derby Day for children 6-18. The event will offer workshops in creative writing and music showcases.

The M. Smith Gallery will feature the nudes and portraits by Shirley Jenkins of Louisville through April 21.

Jenkins' works range from portraits of civil rights pioneers Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks to nudes of white women.

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Chaney/Hennel under contract

SGA chiefs say they will push for platform

By Sara Spears
Senior Staff Writer

Student Government Association President Shea Chaney and Vice President Heather Hennel have a contract to fulfill.

Both Chaney and Hennel, along with the other tickets that ran for SGA president and vice president, signed a contract proposed by former candidate Tony Carota at the Three Honor Society debate on March 27.

The contract was a statement of unity that listed one major issue from each ticket's platform and said that "no matter who gets elected, I will allow to work and

work with the winning ticket to the best of my abilities" to get each goal on the contract accomplished.

Carota said he proposed the contract to keep the new president responsible for getting those major issues taken care of.

"We just asked each candidate to list what they thought was the most important issue from their platform that they want to see accomplished," Carota said. "It also made each candidate promise to work with Shea and Heather to get these things done."

According to the contract, Chaney and Hennel must work on forming an Alumni Internship Network, which would set up internships for UK students, and creating a student lobbyist position.

The lobbyist should represent students and bring student concerns to the Kentucky General Assembly.

The contract also lists setting a \$1,000 spending cap on conferences that do not benefit the entire campus and community, having a liaison between SGA and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and continuing the fight for federal student loans and aid.

The final issue in the contract is fighting for 24-hour visitation in residence halls.

Hennel said she and Chaney have yet to go over the items on the contract but the new executives believe they are all important issues.

"We still have to sit down and prioritize the ideas," Hennel said, "but we think they are all great ideas."

Hennel also pointed out that at least three items on the contract were in her ticket's election platform.

"We fought for the 24-hour visitation, the federal student

loans and aid and, of course, the student lobbyist for the General Assembly was our idea," Hennel said.

"Obviously we feel very strongly about getting these things accomplished."

Chaney agreed with Hennel, saying that each issue is important and should be addressed.

"With some adjustments to some, these are all valid concerns," Chaney said.

"The ones that were on our platform are obviously priorities for us, but it is a very good sign of unity."

Hennel said she and Chaney planned to work with Carota and his running mate Andrew Foltz on accomplishing the ideas on the contract.

"I imagine we will work with Tony and Andrew since the contract was their idea," Hennel said. "They had a great idea, and we want to give them credit for it."

Contract with Carota

- ▼ Hire student lobbyist to address student concerns at 1996 General Assembly
- ▼ Create Alumni Internship Network
- ▼ Pursue 24-hour residence hall visitation
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Nobel laureate Deisenhofer to speak at Medical Center

By Jeff Vinson
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year, a Nobel Prize winner will visit the UK Chandler Medical Center campus.

Nobel laureate Dr. Johann Deisenhofer, a guest of the UK College of Medicine's biochemistry department, will deliver a lecture today at 4 p.m. in MN-563. The lecture is open to UK faculty, staff and students.

Deisenhofer shared the Nobel Prize in chemistry with H. Michel and R. Huber in 1988 for their three-dimensional structure determination of a membrane protein.

Having a Nobel Prize winner visit UK is prestigious for the University, said Dr. Louis Hersch, chairman of biochemistry.

Nobel laureate and UK graduate Bill Lipscomb was the last prize winner to visit the UK Medical Center campus.

"I'd say that these individuals are generally in great demand to

speak (at universities) throughout the country," Hersch said. "So to get somebody of this caliber here suggests that they're interested in what's going on at (UK)."

Educated in Germany, Deisenhofer now affiliates himself with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

His lecture will explain how light can be used to repair damaged DNA.

Hersch said research into the repair of DNA is important because it helps the scientific community understand how new mutations, which cause forms of cancer, are normally repaired.

"It gives us an understanding of these fundamental processes, so that one might be able to manipulate or utilize it," Hersch said.

Deisenhofer is not exactly a stranger to UK.

He and Hersch are collaborating on additional research concerning the X-ray structure of an enzyme.

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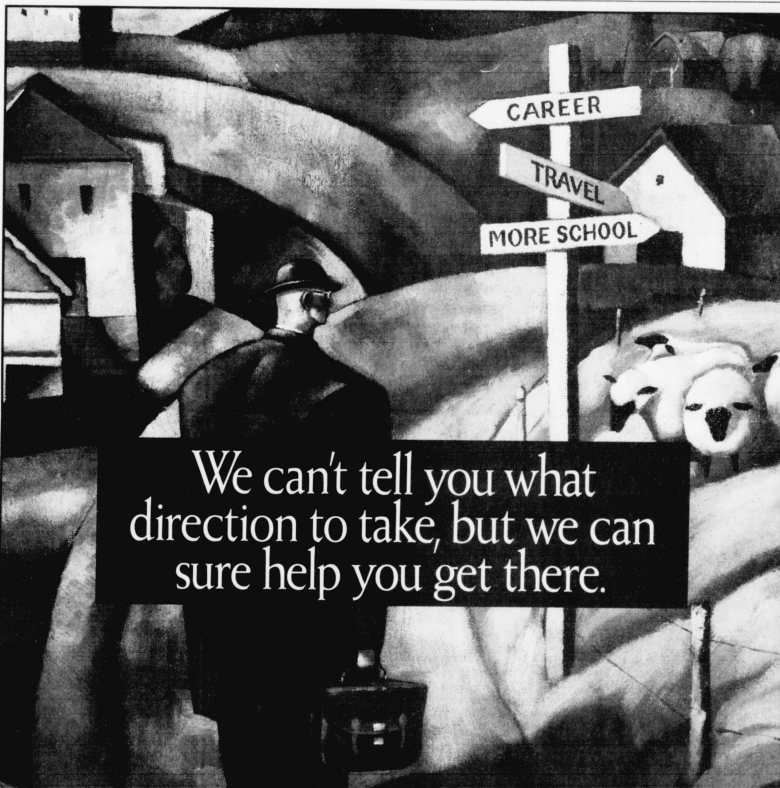
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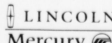
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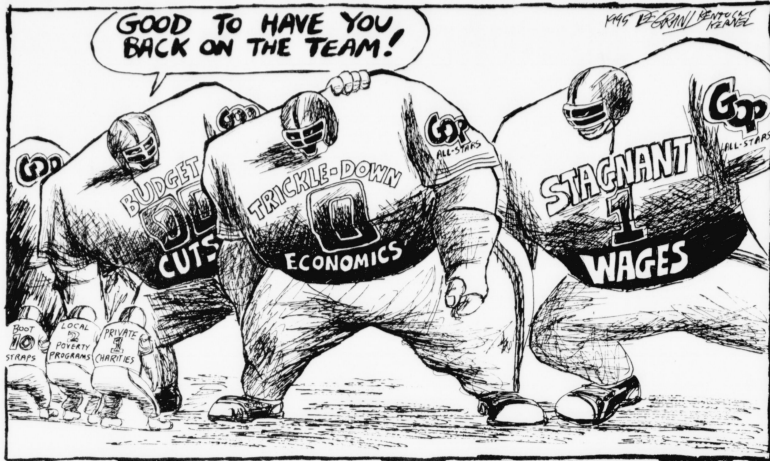
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ViewPOINT



Scholarships based on race little more than legal bribery

It's hard to tell, sometimes, whether UK administrators are stubborn and principled or weak and stupid. Minority scholarships are a case in point. From what I gather, the whole idea is this: The more taxpayer cash tossed out on a hook to minorities (which almost always means blacks), the faster we will be able to meet state quotas for minority enrollment, all the while making up for those nasty sins of our past.

When we bring the number of blacks enrolled up to the percentage they represent in Kentucky's population — Whamo! — we have instant equality.

It's as easy as that.

All of this, of course, is a shady fantasy.

By extending a hand with a fistful of money to minorities to lure them to UK is nothing short of bribery.

Daniel Reedy, dean of The Graduate School, claims UK has suffered in recruitment of minorities because other schools were more aggressive and could offer more money.

"Minority recruitment" is starting to sound more like an auction whereby the highest bidder gets the goods.

Maybe we should send limousines to these prospective students' homes, stocked with a wet bar and plenty of girls in bikinis (or oiled-up men in G-strings) to convince them that UK is the place for them.

Secondly, statistical parity does not mean equality. The administrators who wring their hands and engage in anguished soul-searching over the fact that we have fewer blacks, as a percentage, enrolled at UK than in the general population, and that they do not get more in the appropriate number, know this. The funny thing is, they choose to ignore it.

Administrators choose to ignore it because many blacks have come to view special preference as a right, and any attempt to rear down these preferences invites brutal, and often baseless, charges of racism or worse. It is nothing short of a racket. There is a lot to be gained from being a supposed victim of discrimination, and those that benefit will not give it up easily.

Our weak-minded leaders, rather than face opposition for doing what is right, turn a blind eye to the unfairness of the preferences. They pretend that no degree of unrighteousness exists.

Departing Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway is a perfect example.

I sat down to have lunch with Hemenway last semester and asked him, point blank, whether

he supported racial quotas and minority scholarships. He replied, in a rather disingenuous manner, that he was staunchly against quotas but, in the same breath, was in support of the state's goals (which are quotas).

Now, Mr. Hemenway is not an ignorant man, so I'll give him the benefit of the doubt and assume he recognized the blatant contradiction in his statement. I can't understand, though, why he and many other administrators continue (in public, at any rate) to be in lock-step unity for programs that heap dirt on the ideas of equality and fairness.

Think about it this way: Black students can apply for, and receive, state scholarships that are open to everyone — regardless of race. Over and above that, black students can get numerous other scholarships. Whites, Asians, Hispanics and others are trumped out of receiving these.

Still, people try to pretend this is acceptable.

Maybe Peterson, of the Council on Higher Education, attempted to explain, in Thursday's Lexington Herald-Leader, how none of these practices have hurt white students.

Peterson is either naive, or he is a muddledheaded dolt.

If state money is set aside for blacks, and blacks only, then it certainly does hurt white students, and everyone else, because they have no chance whatsoever to get it. If blacks were barred from applying for any state-funded scholarships, the charges of discrimination would fly fast and furious.

At least there is one man who is coming to the table with a little backbone. That man is Kentucky state senator John David Preston, and he has proved that the way scholarships are given out hurts white students. Last year, Preston sent letters to several students who were denied a scholarship from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority because they were white, even though they were the most qualified. He was immediately denounced for, of all things, telling the truth.

There's obviously a problem, so here's a radical, revolutionary idea: How about getting rid of the scholarships based on race and simply award them based on need and academic merit?

Trent Knuckles
Editorial Editor

Good night, civil rights

Your 18th birthday is a quite a personal milestone. For the first time, you can elect the leaders of your government and volunteer your life in defense of the country. And, if you live in Fayette County, you are even allowed to stay out late on the weekends.

On Thursday, the wise elders on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council approved a curfew that applies to anyone in the county younger than 18. The curfew, now in effect, makes it illegal for any minor to be on the streets of Lexington after 11 p.m. on weekdays and after 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

UK students won't be immune. Many freshmen who are 17 when they start college will be under this law's jurisdiction. Legally, then, these freshmen won't be able to go out for a late-night snack at Tolly-Ho or anything else.

The idea behind this curfew rests in the notion that to prevent juvenile crime you must keep the youth off the streets. Which, if you think about it, is a pretty good idea. After all, not a whole lot of crimes happen near prisons.

The only thing really standing in the way of

this being a good law is that whole freedom/civil liberties line of thought. If you're not familiar with this perspective (listen up, council members), it goes something like this: America is a free country; its citizens have the right to assemble (under some wacky thing called the First Amendment), discrimination is a bad thing; Lexington is in America; etc.

The way we understood it, deciding when a child should be home fell under the responsibility of that child's parents. Now, apparently, that responsibility lies with the government.

So it's not Big Brother we have to worry about after all — it's Big Mother and Big Father.

Proponents of the argument say it won't be enforced strictly, only on those who commit other offenses or who live in troubled neighborhoods. But if that isn't blatant discrimination, what is? What this curfew does by implication is give police officers free reign to harass teen-agers.

We can only hope that someone who is affected by this curfew will file suit and test this law's constitutionality. Quickly.

IN OUR OPINION

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READERS' forum

God is involved in your life; let Him lead the way

To the editor:

During this week before Easter, you will be seeing the efforts of the Christian organizations on campus to reach out to those who do not know Jesus Christ.

I would like to use this opportunity to tell those of you who do not believe some very important things.

To start with, Christians know (and I do mean know) that God exists, that he is Lord of the universe and that Jesus Christ is his son who was sent to Earth to die for the sins of humanity so that you and I can have eternal life.

There are those who would argue that the former statement cannot be considered true because there is no proof.

I have friends that have not yet become Christians — they say they are hesitant because of the

lack of proof.

It would be more convincing for those who seek further proof if a bush would just burst into flames and emit the voice of God, or if God would just do something spectacular, like part the heavens and show himself to us. But that would not be faith, and that is not how God works.

Just because you are not a Christian, though, does not mean that God is not involved in your life.

He thinks about you every single day — many more times than you think about yourself. He wants you to make Jesus the Lord of your life. He wants to form a relationship with you. He wants to give you the gift of eternal life.

Do not allow the concept of organization religion defer your decision to know God.

When you become a Christian, you will secure to be in the company of other Christian and you will enjoy worshipping in a group. But when you really get down to it, it is just you and God — one on one.

But does God love you? Does

he care about criminals, evildoers, those society labels as insignificant or people who turn their backs on Him? Does God just care about Christians?

We are all sinners and to Jesus. Sin is not weighted differently; sin is sin. Jesus loves everyone and wants all to escape the death sentence that sin carries.

The only way is through Him. We will all meet Jesus Christ one day.

Make sure you already know Him when that day comes.

Jamie McDaniel
Electrical engineering junior

Hansen a secret on UK campus

To the editor:

I'm not sure if the readers of the Kentucky Kernel are aware of the University's best kept secret, and judging by the small amount of newspaper that has been spent on the subject — they aren't.

The secret is Jenny Hansen. Many of us on campus probably do not realize we have a national champion walking

among us everyday.

Ms. Hansen should be given the respect and admiration that every national champion — regardless of the sport or gender — deserves.

In Monday's edition of the Kernel, I was not surprised to find as much print space given to professional golf, and twice as much to the fraternity house mom of the year as was devoted to Hansen, who by the way, will be competing for a third national title in gymnastics.

Can anyone name a UK athlete or team in the last decade with this kind of record?

Let's try to show some support and encouragement for a student-athlete that has consistently proven herself to be an exemplary representative of UK time and time again. Who knows what she can do with a little fanfare from her fellow students.

As for you, Jenny and all the other collegiate athletes who are treated a little more R-E-S-P-E-C-T, we applaud you. You are both a true champion and an asset to this University.

Maril Washington
Arts and sciences junior

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Mohamed Abou-Donia, at Duke University Medical Center where researchers concluded that anti-nerve gas pills combined with anti-insect compounds may have caused the mysterious Gulf War syndrome.

Mandating children's programming will make TV worse

Mooney for the children of America?

The Federal Communications Commission has taken their plight to heart and decided to make certain that television stations provide a minimum level of quality programming targeted toward this oft-ignored minority. Now kids will be guaranteed the opportunity to sit in front of the boob tube and sop up tailor-made shows just like any other demographic segment.

To be honest, the FCC has for years required TV stations to broadcast a minimum number of hours of "educational" shows each day, but the rule has been lightly enforced. A few years ago, when the FCC finally decided to require stations to give examples of the educational programming being aired for children, they were presented with sample episodes of

"The Flintstones," "The Jetsons" and their ilk. How the broadcast executives could dish that stuff up with straight faces is beyond me.)

Suddenly, the starched shirts at the FCC realized that they hadn't exactly told the stations what qualified as educational programming, and they let this political hot potato drop until recently.

The guidelines currently are being re-examined with an eye toward setting in stone concepts that are obvious to most anyone outside of corporate America's boardrooms.

Broadcast stations make their money by selling advertising time based on a given time slot's num-

ber of viewers and the average disposable income of those viewers.

So, the inevitable result of requiring broadcasters to devote a portion of their air time to programs that even kids aren't going to watch is a loss of revenue for the stations.

As the situation stands, to cut costs, these stations — buy cheaply produced animated cartoons and other shows that are nothing more than 30- or 60-minute showcases of products churned out by the giants of the toy industry. It began with the Smurfs on Saturday mornings and went on to encompass afternoon airings of "He-Man," "G.I. Joe,"

"The Care Bears," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers."

If a kids' series manages to make it to the air without having its roots in a line of toys, some company soon will pay millions for the right to produce a line based on the new show. So what we get is the problem that the FCC is trying to fight: Most children's shows are one long commercial watered down with ads for other junk that corporate America is trying to pawn off on the innocent youth.

The sad truth of this situation is that if the federal government

really had the interests of America's children at heart, they simply would make it illegal for kids to watch television. By mandating a constant presence of programming to which appeals to our youth, the FCC guarantees that children are going to be plopped down in front of the idiot box instead of doing their homework.

As it is, the kids' programming requirement has done little more than create a block of programs on weekday afternoons, during the hours stations figure that the least number of adults will be watching. Children come home from school, turn on the TV and do nothing until their parents come home, and for these new rules aren't going to benefit any child or television station, so why is the government pursuing this elusive goal?

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Kevin Cullen
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Two-time debate champ ready to move on

By Beth McKenzie
Staff Writer

Paul Skiermont could talk his way out of anything. And for good reason.

Skiermont, a political science senior, was chosen as the top national speaker at the National Debate Tournament for the second year in a row, which was no small feat.

This year's tournament, held at the West Georgia College in Carrollton, Ga., marked only the second time in the tournament's 49-year history that the same person has claimed the title back to back.

As a member of UK's debate team, he is one of a select few to represent the University in various competitions throughout the year.

But Skiermont is no stranger to competition.

He began his debate career after joining the speech team during his sophomore year of high school. He knew some of the people involved with debate and knew they did a lot of traveling.

"It was really exciting," Skiermont said. "We got to travel the country — Dallas, Atlanta."

It was after he won the national high school debate competition that he met professor J.W. Patterson, UK's debate coach.

"I owe a great deal to him for recruiting me," Skiermont said. "I would never have come to UK without that."

The two spent a lot of time corresponding and, facing competition from big name debate schools like Wake Forest, Patterson sold Skiermont on UK.

"I'm glad I didn't go on the academic reputations and first impressions," Skiermont said.

He is quick to add that UK does have a long line of successful debaters, even though some may not look at UK as being tough academically.

Those people expect schools like Harvard to win, he said — so when you're beating those schools, it's fun to represent UK.

A winning record doesn't hurt, either.

Skiermont has won a number of honors over the past four years, Patterson said.

"Obviously, based on his record, I think few would dispute him as being the top speaker in the nation."

Instead of taking 15 credit hours in addition to debating, Skiermont chose to carry a lighter load and graduate next fall.

Although this is his last year on the team, Skiermont still won't



FAST TALKER Top debater Paul Skiermont will graduate from UK in the fall and begin work on a new challenge — becoming a trial lawyer.

find himself with much free time, even after graduation.

His next goal is to make a name for himself as a trial attorney.

Big on his list of law school prospects is Baylor University.

"They offer a scholarship with the number one criteria being debate experience," he said, "so I think I stand a pretty good chance at it."

Skiermont's departure from

debate force Patterson to rebuild the team next year.

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