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Senate votes to increase campaign spending limits

By Joe Braun
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UK's Student Government Association is one step closer to having a new constitution.

Last night the SGA Senate made changes to the constitution that will permit presidential tickets to spend up to \$750, limit the number of campaign posters per ticket and require presidential candidates to carry a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher.

Most debate at the meeting focused on limitations for campaign spending. The senate stopped short of throwing out spending limits all together, opting instead to increase the cap for each candidate's expenses from \$500 to \$750.

Senate Pro-Term Jeremy Bates was one of the more outspoken advocates of the new spending limit.

"Most of us are in support of spending limits, and we have to give it a chance to be realistic,"

Bates said. "I don't think \$500 is realistic. I think \$750 is a realistic amount."

Senator at Large Kary VanArsdale and Allied Health Professions Senator Tracey Rogers were the only two senators to vote for unlimited spending.

"After having run in two elections, I've found that there is a lot of dishonesty in the races ... and I am very open to having no spending limits," VanArsdale said.

"I feel people are going to spend what they want to regardless of the limits that are put on, and I think everyone knows that. I think (no limits) would make for a more honest campaign."

Freshman Senator Evan Reynolds disagreed with VanArsdale, saying that he believes people will begin to



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— Evan Reynolds,
Freshman senator



follow the new rules.

"I think that just because people have broken the rules in the past is no reason to do away with (limits) altogether," he said. "We can come up with a positive solution because

I would really hate to see an elitist SGA where the only people elected are those who spent a lot of money."

In other campaign reforms, the senate decided to limit the number

of posters students can place on University property. Presidential tickets will be permitted to put up 300 signs and senatorial tickets 200.

The signs will be regulated by the Elections Board, which will affix a stamp to each poster.

Senator at Large Sean Lowry said she believed it was "ironic how we allot (candidates) more money and then dictate how they spend it."

The senate also adjusted the minimum GPA for potential presidential candidates from 2.0 to 2.5.

The measures to limit spending and adjust the GPA resulted in a 15-15 tie vote that was broken by SGA Vice President Lea Ann Davenport.

SGA President Pete November said he agreed with the senate's decision to election policies, but he said he believed the increase in presidential spending is wrong.

"Considering the way students voted in the referendum last spring, I would have kept the \$500 limit (for spending)," he said. "But the thing I really wanted to see was the

limitation of posters on campus."

Lexington Community College Senator Michelle Garrett asked for an LCC freshman senator to be added to the senate.

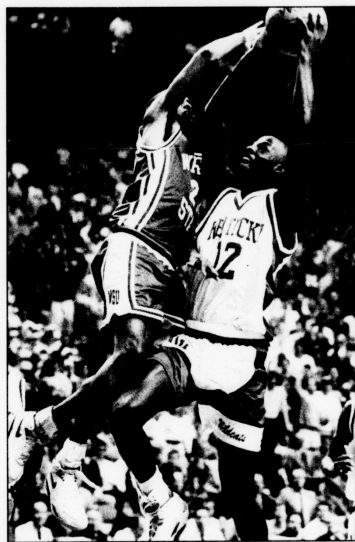
Senator at Large Misty Weaver, however, disagreed with Garrett's proposal to expand LCC's representation.

"I don't understand the point of putting this in here," Weaver said. "If (freshmen) want to run, they can run. I think four freshman senators is enough to represent the freshman class ... I am very against having a token LCC freshman senator."

Ken Walker, chairman of the Constitution Revision Committee, said he would have liked to have seen spending caps done away with, but he said he believes "most of the changes were discretionary, and it was good to see that they made the changes with full-hearted debate."

The senate is required to vote again on both the constitution and the by-laws at its next meeting. If passed then, the revised documents will take effect next semester.

UNDER PRESSURE



JEFF BURLEW/Kentel Staff

UK freshman Rodrick Rhodes shoots against a Wright State player last night at Rupp Arena. See story, Page 2.

New pediatrics chairman sets high goals

By Amy Rogers
Contributing Writer

UK Hospital's new chairman of pediatrics, Dr. Vipul Mankad, sees his mission in far broader terms than just improving the health of children.

Mankad, who came to UK in September, said he and the University will work in every way possible to "make a positive impact on children" because they are the community's most important resource for a better future.

"My personal goals and the goals of the department of pediatrics are to influence the lives of children and improve their health status," Mankad said.

"When you give the community a healthy child who is able to learn in the schools, then you produce a citizen who is productive."

Mankad said he came to UK from the University of South Alabama because the move provided an opportunity to achieve personal goals and start anew with a large pediatrics program.

While at the University of South Alabama's College of Medicine, Mankad served as director of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and vice chairman of the pediatrics department.

One objective Mankad has set for himself at UK is to increase the number of full-time faculty by more than 50 percent. The pediatrics department currently has 31 full-time faculty members, and Mankad said



JEFF BURLEW/Kentel Staff

Dr. Vipul Mankad, new chairman of pediatrics at UK Hospital, says he wants to do more for children than merely improve their health.

he hopes to have 45 to 50 within the next three to five years.

"I feel that the hospital building is not a complete resource unless you have the faculty with expertise and national recognition. Some of the faculty members will be recruited through the positions that have

been given to me," Mankad said.

Along with a staff expansion, Mankad said he wants to develop an ambitious "children's hospital within a hospital at the University."

This approach would create a specific administration and services dedicated to the special health-care

needs of children. Additional services — like bone marrow transplants and an expanded, modernized pediatric intensive care unit for children — could be provided under the plan, he said.

Plans for a children's research in-

First 'Awake' lecturer captivates audience with powerful comments



VICTORIA MOTER/Kentel Staff

Eraka Rouzourodu, the first lecturer in the Awake series, speaks Tuesday night at the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center.

By Ernest A. Jasmin
Staff Writer

Eraka Rouzourodu kept more than 30 spectators captivated for nearly four hours as she spoke powerfully about topics ranging from ancient Africa and genocide to metaphysics and astrology.

At times, the Washington, D.C.-based lecturer spoke bluntly. She did impersonations that generated laughter.

Other times, her voice was thick with emotion as she talked of crimes against African peoples. Audience members, who gathered at the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center for the first in a series of "Awake" lectures Tuesday night, responded in kind.

Many were moved to tears.

Rouzourodu used the term "africentricity" as an underlying theme for the lecture. It also forms the basis of the series, which continues through January.

Africentricity is "a perception of reality based upon knowledge and understanding of African culture and history," Rouzourodu said.

She explained the origins of her philosophy and the reason for the name "Awake."

She said that for most of her life she was "asleep" — she didn't actively make choices for herself and was unhappy to be caught up in corporate America.

She was lucky to awaken through understanding history, she said.

"For most people, it takes some kind of trauma," she told the audience.

"When I began to understand history and how it related to my own personal experiences I woke up. It is almost impossible to really understand something and not have it effect your behavior."

Rouzourodu made parallels between ancient Africans and black Americans.

"I wanted to know how we got from there to here," she said. "For most people, it takes some kind of trauma, she told the audience."

She also made connections between western religions, astrology

Awake Lecture Series

Lecture 1 — The African Origin of Mankind and Civilization
Jan. 22, Friday
6-10:30 p.m.

Lecture 2 — Metaphysics and Egyptian Philosophy
Jan. 23, Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lecture 3 — The Egyptian Metaphysical Origins and History of Judaism-Christianity
Jan. 25, Monday
6-10:30 p.m.

Lecture 4 — The African Physical and Metaphysical Foundations of the United States (Slavery and Freemasonry)
Jan. 27, Wednesday
6-10:30 p.m.

Lecture 5 — The Civil Rights Movement and European Holidays from an Africentric Perspective
Jan. 29, Friday
6-10:30 p.m.

Lectures 6 & 7 — Contemporary Africentric Approaches to Individual and Collective Philosophies
Jan. 30, Saturday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All lectures held in 230 Student Center.
TYRONE JOHNSTON/Kentel Staff

and beliefs of ancient Africa, and discussed the civil rights movement, saying it was "a comma, not a period."

Her presentation ended with a slide show, which included the familiar image of the pyramid and floating eye on the back of a dollar

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Discussion to examine women and state politics

By Julie Owens
Contributing Writer

A panel discussion today will examine why Kentucky women continue to face a relative lack of political empowerment, organizers said.

The discussion, titled "What Happened to the Year of the Woman," also will address courses of action women can take to increase their political clout.

"It is very important for UK students to know that women are in the majority in the United States but are still so much in the minority in holding elected positions," said Penny Miller, a UK political science professor who will be speaking at the discussion.

Journalism professor Carmen Manning-Miller and political science instructor Ellen Riggall also are scheduled to speak at the forum, as is Lexington-Fayette Urban

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UK volleyball team takes on Duke Blue Devils tonight at 7:30 at Memorial Coliseum in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Story, Page 2.

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WEATHER:
Sunny this morning, followed by increasing afternoon cloudiness; high in the lower 40s. Cloudy tonight with a 30 percent chance of rain; low in the mid-30s. Cloudy tomorrow with a 40 percent chance of rain; high between 45 and 50.

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SPORTS

Wildcats best Raiders on off night for Mashburn

Ford, remainder of supporting cast help salvage 81-65 victory in opener

By **Graham Shelby**
Staff Writer

Travis Ford skated down the lane and around a defender to score the game's first basket. From then on, the show was his.

In his debut as starting point guard for the Wildcats,

Ford sparked the UK offense to an 81-65 victory over Wright State in a game in which UK's main piston wasn't firing.

UK's Jamal Mashburn entered the locker room at halftime with two assists, three turnovers and no points to show for the first 20 minutes of the 1992-93 season. Mashburn didn't find the basket until the 12:18 mark of the second half.

The junior finished with 10 points, redeeming himself in the second half. Streaking downcourt on the fast break, Mashburn whipped the ball behind his back to teammate Jeff Brassow who turned the pass into a dunk that put UK ahead 77-62 with just more

than three minutes to play in the game.

UK coach Rick Pitino said he wasn't overly concerned with the junior forward's off night.

Pitino said he would be more concerned "if we were going to be just Jamal Mashburn and a bunch of guys in the background. Balance makes championship teams."

Mashburn concurred. "Some nights you're on. Some nights you're off," he said.

"It's great that I have teammates so that I don't have to be on every night. They could win without me."

It was up to Ford, Rodrick Rhodes and Rodney Dent to get the UK motor running last night. Rhodes and Ford led the Cats with 16 points each.

The diminutive 5-foot-9 point guard also turned the ball over to the Raiders seven times, but Pitino attributed the miscues to fatigue and early-season adjustment.

"Don't look at the seven turnovers," Pitino said. "Ford played a

remarkable basketball game."

Ford seemed less than pleased with his own performance. "Hopefully, I got all the turnovers for the whole season out of my system tonight," he said.

Dent proved he had rebounding in his system, not to mention scoring. He had 14 points on perfect six-of-six shooting but didn't classify himself as a scorer.

"Rebounding and blocking shots, that's my role," he said.

The 6-foot-10 junior college transfer notched game-high numbers with four blocks and 12 rebounds in his UK debut.

He also scored some key baskets in the second half as UK pulled away from the Raiders in the closing minutes of the game to earn a deceptively lopsided win.

Wright State forward Bill Edwards said the game was decided in closing minutes of each half.

"The last five minutes from the first half and the last five minutes of the second half beat us," he said.

UK started the game with a 9-0 run, but Wright State countered with 10 unanswered points to grab a 10-9 edge.

The Cats managed another eight-point stretch before the Raiders battled back to recapture the lead, 25-24, for the second and last time with 6:30 left in the first half.

Game summary

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| Wright State | 31 | 34 | —65 |
| UK | 40 | 41 | —81 |

Scoring: WSU — Hammonds 6, 14 0-0 12, Edwards 3, 11 1-18, Nance 5, 14 0-0 10, Miller 3, 3 0-0 8, Woods 5-11 3-6 14, Ramsey 0-1 0-0, Swann 0-1 0-0 0, O'Neal 1-2 0-0 2, Smith 0-0 0-0, McGuire 0-3 0-0 0, Total: 27-62 4-7 85. UK — Dent 6 2-2 14, Ford 5-7 3-3 16, Rhodes 5-12 4-18, Mashburn 4-10 0-0 10, Brown 3-6 0-7, Pickett 2-4 0-4, Pridick 2-2 1-5, Brady 1-4 0-0 2, Dink 0-0 0-0 0, Brassow 2-2 2-2 7, Total — 30-53 12-14 81.

3-Point Shots: WSU 7-10 (Edwards 3, Hammonds 3, Woods 1, Nance 1, Miller 1, Rhodes 2, Mashburn 2, Brown 1, Pridick 0-2, Brady 0-2, Brassow 1-1).

Fouled Out: none.

Personal Fouls: WSU 13, UK 13.

Rebounding: UK 26 (Dent 10), WSU 26 (Nance 6).

Assists: UK 21 (Brown 5, Pickett 5), WSU 14 (Woods 6).

Turnovers: UK 23 (Ford 7), WSU 20 (Woods 8).

Blocked Shots: UK 12 (Dent 4), WSU 1 (Nance 1).

Shots: UK 13 (Ford 6), WSU 14 (Woods 5); Attempts: 25-93.



JEFF BURLEW/Kentucky State

Travis Ford said he hoped he had gotten all of the turnovers for this season out of his system. He had seven last night.

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Records: UK 24-8, Duke 26-4

When: Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Memorial Coliseum

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Coaches: UK: Kathy DeBoer, 208-96 at UK; Marshall: Jon Wilson, 237-177 at Duke

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By **Ty Halpin**
Assistant Sports Editor

What: NCAA Tournament Volleyball, first round.

When: Tonight at 7:30.

Where: Memorial Coliseum.

Who: The 16th-ranked UK Wildcats vs. the Duke Blue Devils.

The UK volleyball team is in a position to accomplish what it set out to do at the start of the season. That is, to win the NCAA Tournament.

UK coach Kathy DeBoer said she sees this as a great opportunity to prove what her team can do.

"Our team is very young, and they have learned a lot this year," she said.

The Wildcats defeated the Blue Devils in a close match earlier this season.

Duke gave UK all it could handle in that match, and DeBoer said she knows the Cats will have to play better this time around.

"We thought that we were very fortunate to win that match. Duke played better than we did, and they gave us a lot of problems hitting the ball," she said. "That was probably the worst we have blocked all year."

DeBoer cited valuable learning experiences in matches against LSU and Florida as very important for UK to be successful in the tournament.

"We had opportunities to beat LSU and Florida, but their All-Americans just stepped up to the plate and took over the match," she said.

DeBoer said she was pleased with the way the pairings came out.

"This was the best possible outcome that we could see," she said. "Most of the teams in our bracket are teams we have already seen this year."

UK has faced five of the seven teams in the South Regional at some point this year.

The two teams UK hasn't played, Texas Tech and Florida State, don't figure to win their first-round matches.

DeBoer said she sees this as a definite advantage for UK.

The Cats have many weapons, and on big points, they could go to just about anybody, DeBoer said.

"When you play Florida, you know they are going to go to (All-American) Gudula Staub for big points," she explained. "We can go to Fannie Thomas, Krista Robinson, Angela Salvatore or Molly Dreisbach for big points. That's a big plus."

Notes: For those of you wondering why you will have to pay to see tonight's match, here's the answer: NCAA rules specify that all universities must charge for the match, and the rules also set the prices.

This match will be senior Angela Salvatore's final home match for UK. The middle blocker is ranked on many UK career lists.

Should the Cats win tonight, they will move on to face the winner of the Florida-Florida State match. Florida, the Southeastern Conference regular season and tournament champion, is heavily favored to win this match.

UK is 2-5 this season against teams in the South Region. UK defeated Duke and Georgia this season, both at Memorial Coliseum.

The Wildcats are 6-4 in NCAA Tournament play, including 4-3 under DeBoer.

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DIVERSIONS

Despite excellent musicianship, Weller seems bored, tired on CD

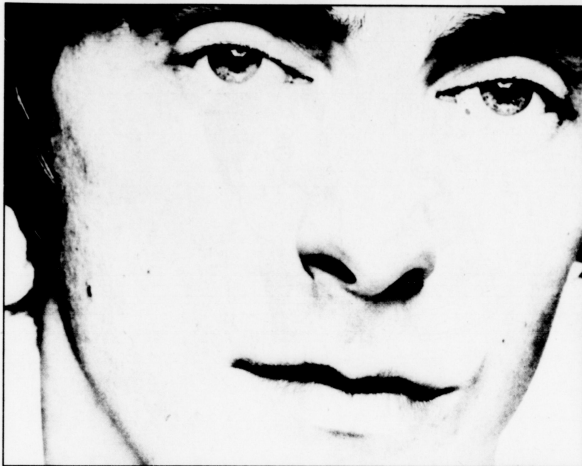


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Paul Weller, former front man for The Jam, a late 70s British band, has released a self-titled recording, which documents the musical evolution he has gone through since his Jam days.

Play deals with male relationships

By Jennifer Minton
Contributing Critic

For many fathers, it would be a great shock and a hard struggle to come to terms with a son's homosexuality.

But Harry Mitchell has dealt with his son Jeff's gay lifestyle. In fact, he encourages it.

Harry, or Dad, as he tells everyone to call him, has raised his son on his own since his wife died nearly 20 years ago. Jeff is a plumber who still lives at home at the age of 29. He longs to meet "Mr. Right," and Dad wants to make sure he does. But Dad's encouragement is driving Jeff crazy. Whenever Jeff brings a potential boyfriend home, Dad wants to meet him and talk for a while. This tends to make the other men uncomfortable because they are not used to such an open-minded parent.

Russell Henderson, a fine arts professor of theater at UK, is exceptional in the role of Dad. He knows how to bring bursts of laughter one minute, then suddenly stir personal emotions the next. The scene in which he talks about the day his son was born is very moving.

Jeff is played by Kevin Nance. Nance did a wonderful job showing that all people deserve to be happy in life, no matter what their sexual preference. Nance made the audience feel a special compassion for

Jeff as he struggled through relationships with men and his father.

The supporting cast comprises David Tillman and Deborah G. Martin. Tillman plays Greg, a man whom Jeff was romantically interested in; and Martin plays Joyce, a woman whom Dad met at a computer dating service.

Both actors give good performances, but they clearly are overshadowed by the strong presences of Henderson and Nance. Henderson should be commended as the dialect coach. The actors' Australian accents sounded quite authentic.

"The Sum of Us" is an excellent play that deals with modern subject matter that has become big issues — such as homosexuality and AIDS. But it also deals with an endearing topic that has always been around, the love between a parent and a child.

"The Sum of Us" will be performed Dec. 3-5 at 8 p.m. at the Actor's Guild Theater, on West Short Street. A Dec. 6 performance will be at 2 p.m. For information, call 233-0663.

Paul Weller
Paul Weller
Go! Discs/London

By John Abbott
Staff Critic

Color me unimpressed.

I felt a small glimmer of hope when I heard that Paul Weller, ex-leader of the magnificent late-70s British band The Jam (and, unfortunately, of the lousy mid-80s British band The Style Council), had resurrected his music career.

I thought that maybe he ditched those silly diversions into funk and soul that he tried with The Style Council and recaptured some of the fire that made the Jam so compelling. Maybe he had given up trying to pretend that he's Marvin Gaye and started unleashing nasty guitar chops again.

Sadly, no. Nary a power chord is to be found here — Paul still wants to sound perfect, it seems. I was hoping for so much more from him.

Still, even as soft as it is, Weller's solo debut album isn't a total loss by any means.

Sure, I'm disappointed that he doesn't turn the dial up to 11, but a couple of the songs here aren't all that bad. They're even entertaining.

The terrific opening track, "Uh Huh Oh Yeh," lurches merrily along, powered by Jacko Peake's grinding saxophone. It's a lot of fun.

Even though the subject matter is hardly uplifting — the song is a middle-aged identity crisis set to music — it sounds like Weller is having a fabulous time singing it. This is the sort of fire that Weller used to have.

The rest of the album isn't quite as fiery, but it has its moments. "I



Didn't Mean To Hurt You" starts slowly but redeems itself into a decent song by the end.

"Bull-Rush" patters along very nicely, featuring some inspired keyboard playing and wraps up with a curious knock-off of the Who's "Magic Bus." "Bitterness Rising" is one of Weller's more inspired retro-Motown grooves.

The other eight songs are, well, not awful. They just aren't very interesting. "Remember How We Started" tries to be wistful but ends up boring.

"Round & Round" tries to be smooth, but it'll put you to sleep. "Clues" features Peake showing off his considerable flute skills, but the song never really takes off. Nice try, Paul, but not quite.

"Kosmos" is an interesting idea poorly executed. The sleeve lists the song as being 12 minutes long, but the music only lasts for about six. The music quits, and five and a

half minutes of almost total silence pass before the music returns for one last flourish.

Pretty neat idea, except there's no real payoff. What comes after the long break isn't a hilarious, punchy ending worth waiting almost six minutes for — just a final wash of drums and backup singers oohing and aahing.

I felt cheated. I could've fit at least six whole Black Flag songs in the time I wasted waiting for the ingenious ending that never came.

The problem isn't with the instrumentation. Drummer Steve White lays down some tight, impressively clean rhythm tracks. Peake is a pretty good saxophone player when he wants to be.

Even Weller, who handles the guitars, bass and keyboards, proves more than proficient on all three.

No, the musicianship isn't what's wrong with this album. It's Weller. With the exception of "Uh Huh Oh Yeh," nothing on this album sounds very inspired.

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Whatever the reason, it's pretty clear that Weller has lost his edge.



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24-hour computing beneficial to students despite fee increase

EDITORIAL

Finally, there is an investment at UK from which students can directly benefit.

Last year, the Kentucky Kernel endorsed a proposal calling for a \$40 increase in student fees that would be used to maintain, upgrade and expand University computer centers.

That fee hike was approved, and recently UK's vice president of Information Systems, Gene Williams, said student use of the expanded computer facilities has been "almost astounding."

As a result of the increase, students now have 24-hour access to the computing centers, and students also now have expanded access to desktop publishing and more terminals from which to work.

Williams said the microcomputer lab at Margaret I. King Library usually is full at 4 a.m. This is typical of student response at other computer locations, as well.

The facilities promise to get even better. At the Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons, a temporary lab has been established which houses 35 computers until a much larger and permanent can be completed.

The extra money from the fee increase obviously was well spent. Students are getting a huge return on their investment.

In a time when budget cuts are hitting the University from all sides, it's nice to see some improvement coming from within the school.



FILE PHOTO

Horses, 'Hee Haw' and hicks not at UK

Let me dispel a myth about Lexington. I warn you, some newcomers to the region may be disappointed at the truth.

Many native Lexingtonians really don't care about horses.

Keeneland's fall sale opened recently, and I didn't even notice. I have lived in Lexington from the time I was in kindergarten and still see horses only when I make an effort to do so.

The common residents (yes, there are people who aren't college students in town) of the Bluegrass usually exist exclusively inside the ring of horse farms that surround the city.

For example: How many horses do you see or smell on campus (Lexington-Fayette Urban County Mounted Police patrols don't count)? That's what I thought.

Normally, I wouldn't care. Except it seems non-Kentuckians think we all live either on fancy horse farms or walk around shoeless on tobacco farms.

Personally, I take exception to this stereotype. I own several pairs of shoes, have never "dated" any siblings, will never put chew or dip in my mouth and do not own overalls.

I don't play fiddle. Bluegrass and banjo music annoy me. "Hee Haw" never radiates from my television set, and I despise horses. If any of you are surprised: Hello! real-time boys and girls.

I don't make fun of Michigan, Ohio or Indiana, so please grant me and my fellow Kentuckians the same respect. (Of course, it is also easy to make fun of Ohio, but after years of practice I now refrain from doing it.)

Don't misunderstand me. Financially, horses are absolutely fine. They provide money to the local economy. Keeneland suckers hundreds of out of states each meet.

Until this spring, I had never been out to Keeneland — and I'm not alone. Many Lexington residents are not really sure exactly where the track is. I would dare to say the bulk of those at the races are not originally from the region.

The presence of horses also provides the region with many acres of beautiful land. As a quasi-environmentalist and lover of nature, I love the horse farms for just one reason: They are not developed into housing, buildings or factories.

Matt Harrison
Kernel Columnist

Everyone should be required to drive through the extreme edges of Fayette County or any part of Woodford and Jessamine counties. They contain some of the most beautiful land on earth. (Let me warn you from experience, don't go at night and be sure to take a local with you. If you don't, please buy a detailed map because you will get lost.)

With the two aforementioned exceptions, I despise horses. When I really think about it, I only like the benefits of them. I suppose they do make good glue and dog food, but that's absolutely it.

This may seem to be anti-Kentucky views. But those of you who believe this most likely are from out of state.

I do love Kentucky. I cheer for UK basketball, have Democratic parents and, yes, I even eat grits. What is more pure Kentucky than this?

Being from Lexington, I also am embarrassed when hicks (not being derogatory, but that's what some of these people are!) go on the Donagheraldo Winfrey show to tell us how they stole wedding dresses to marry their moms.

Not all of us are like that. Most Kentuckians — especially Lexingtonians — are rational, civil individuals who watch "Beverly Hills 90210" just like kids in Nowhereville, Ill. Or New York. Or California. You get the picture.

Students will find Lexington is the cultural center of the Commonwealth and offers many opportunities you simply cannot find anywhere else. In fact, Lexington is so different from the rest of the stereotype of the state that we sometimes are called a subdivision of Cincinnati. Hmmm ...

I enjoy the distinction of being from Lexington, but I will proudly exclaim, "I'm from Kentucky and wouldn't want it any other way!"

I hope you learned more about Lexington. Sure, we co-exist with four-legged, multi-million dollar thoroughbred racing dog food, but who said we have to enjoy it?

Matt Harrison is an education freshman and a Kentucky Kernel contributing columnist.



Shirley '92

Clinton and gays have people talking

Talk may be cheap, but so is dynamic. And a little dynamic can do a lot of damage.

People are talking a different type of politics these days. Political discussions since the presidential election often contain talk of gains for minorities not thought possible in the last 12 years.

Directing the choruses of rhetoric is President-elect Clinton. His speeches often contain subtle (and sometimes not-so-subtle) clues to the stance his administration will take toward the advancement of minority rights.

The words emanating from Little Rock, Ark., these days are slowly beginning to blow holes in the walls that separate blacks from whites, gays from straights and men from women.

No new issues have popped up in the last few weeks. People have been talking about gays in the military for years. Incentives for minority hiring is a topic older than Chelsea Clinton.

But the president-elect is talking about the same old issues in a new way. And as a result, so is everyone else.

Don Puckett
Kernel Columnist

Take the issue of gays in the military. Before the election of Clinton, the debate over homosexual military service was on a purely philosophical level. Do gays have a right to serve their country? Would homosexuals decrease morale among soldiers and our military's effectiveness?

During the Reagan-Bush years, the president served as a buffer against true minority reforms. Token gains might come to prevent a minority backlash, but substantive gains were labeled "quotas" or said to destroy family values.

Suddenly, with a Clinton administration only weeks away, allowing gays to enter the military becomes a realistic policy option.

Now the discussion of the issue is not limited to liberal scholars and the gay community. Your English teacher, the men at your local barber shop — maybe even your grandfather — are talking.

People who a month ago did not know the ban on homosexuals in

Divisions among groups of people arise from prejudices among individuals. Public policy does not change attitudes — it only is a reflection of the attitudes of citizens.

The military existed now have the issue in the back corners of their minds. And they are talking a different type of politics.

One only can hope this will be the beginning of the end of the hatred and separation toward minorities that has plagued this country in the past.

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True reforms for minorities may begin with changes in public policy, but the healing process is not complete until attitudes are adjusted.

Overcoming prejudice is a long and difficult task. Firmly held beliefs, even if based on ignorance, are hard to overcome. That is why "talk" is so important.

Every time we discuss a minority issue, like the ban on gays in the

military, we are forced to think of a lifestyle to which we are not accustomed, and we are desensitized to the prejudiced belief that minorities do not occupy an important role in our society. Political dialogue serves as a slow, but nonetheless effective, tool for changing attitudes.

Along with a new administration comes a new set of expectations, especially for members of minority groups. Many of Clinton's political opponents doubt his ability to implement true reforms. Even if this is so, Clinton will provide significant gains simply by providing a new framework for discussion.

And, hey, look who's talking.

Don Puckett is a political science and economics sophomore and a Kentucky Kernel contributing columnist.

Politics continues after election's end

What's happened to everyone?

I try to talk about the current political scene with people, and nobody wants to hold up their end of a conversation! Everyone tells me, "The election is over. Give it up, you got your way."

But I can't give it up just yet. I have questions, concerns, an innate need for discussion and argument that some find annoying.

For instance: What the heck is a "transition team"?

I understand that President-elect Clinton needs help in moving into the Oval Office, but why can't he just get a list of every Democratic Washington insider that's been out of work for 12 years and randomly give them one of the 5,000 spots available when the Republicans flee the sinking conservative ship in January?

Surely there's a list somewhere. Maybe House of Representatives Speaker Tom Foley has it taped to his office bathroom mirror where he can look at it every day and pray, as I'm sure he's been doing for the last decade or so.

I figure all Clinton really needs on a "transition team" is someone to guard Socks, the White House cat-elect, from from overzealous reporters; a page on call 24 hours a day to make those trips to McDonald's for him; someone to pick out a few new power ties to comple-



Meredith Nelson
Kernel Columnist

ment the White House decor; someone to answer the phone and say he's unavailable because he's talking to one social leader or another; and someone to convince all the foreign countries with which diplomatic relations that this isn't the end of the world as they've known it under the Republicans. (You know, free arms and nuclear warhead components for everyone.)

Wouldn't that do for a "transition team"?

No. 2 Concern: What is this economic summit meeting?

Didn't Clinton say he had a plan when we put him in office? Or did he say he might have a plan when his "transition team" wrote one.

Or is he really calling together a bunch of economists who won't agree on anything to try to put a plan together? Did he just forget to tell us he didn't have a plan?

Or was that Tipper Gore and Hillary Clinton were smiling about through the whole campaign?

I still say Paul Tsongas was the man. He had a real plan in writing. Who cares if he sounded like a Looney Toons character? I still keep my Paul Tsongas button near me proudly.

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No. 3 Concern: Ex-president Jimmy Carter.

Everyone needs to lay off this idea that all of a sudden it will be announced that Jimmy Carter is taking over a major cabinet position when Clinton is sworn in. Jimmy is happily building houses for Habitat for Humanity, an infinitely more noble occupation than politics.

No. 4 Concern: Where did Ross Perot go?

I figure someone had better talk to him. He knows what he's doing, and he probably could organize some kind of coup with his legion of volunteers. I hope Bill has the sense to at least ask someone to consult with Ross — for safety's sake.

And my No. 5 Concern: Will there be a flood of legislation that passes — much like the flood of 1912 under President Woodrow Wilson (who, incidentally, also defeated a strong third-party candidate) — only to ebb out into nothing, forcing Clinton's approval

rating down into negative numbers and leaving the stage open for someone like Jack Kemp, Robert Dole, or — gag — Dan Quayle to win the presidency in 1996?

These are just some tidbits that have been eating away at me since the election, when I went into political withdrawal.

I'm sure there are other concerns out there. Share them with your nearest neighbor, right now. I'm sure they have the answers and are dying to give them to you. I wish someone would give them to me.

Here they come again ... New York Gov. Mario Cuomo as a Supreme Court Judge? George Stepanopoulos — what exactly does he do? Chelsea Clinton called up Amy Carter? Is this good?

And what will Clinton keep on his desk as President?

Meredith Nelson is a telecommunications freshman and a Kentucky Kernel contributing columnist.

LETTER

Few cyclists cause many problems

To the editor:

Some people should not be on bicycles.

I remember the day I heard about the poor guy who hit an innocent pedestrian and then lost in a fight with a guard rail. I was infuriated! Was that his guy thinking? It was a wet, rainy day with low visibility; the pavement on that section of

sidewalk is very slick; and he was riding over wet leaves at high speed.

And everyone says all cyclists are to blame. People, the fact is, the guy should not have been on a bike. If he didn't have enough common sense to ride the brake on the way down, he was asking for trouble. He should have been walking it.

It's just like the guy who runs a stoplight and smashes into another person. Does this mean that, due to the high frequency of automobile

accidents in this city, we should ban all people from driving cars?

I think not.

Now, there are many solutions to this obvious problem.

First, we could ban all bike riding on the sidewalks. And I am really sure that the ban would be obeyed.

Second, we could force all cyclists to walk their bikes on the sidewalks. This is fine, but have any of you all ever tried walking a bike? It is a major pain and you take up more space than when you

ride it.

Carry it, you say? You try carrying a 30-pound bike between classes through the hordes of people walking on campus. Bikes were made to be ridden, not walked or carried.

So those of you who cannot control your machines: Keep off them so the rest of us who can don't have to suffer.

Patrick Walsh
Chemistry freshman
Dec. 2, 1992

Doctor

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stitute and a freestanding children's hospital that would be physically separate from the main site also are being considered, Mankad said.

The total effort is aimed at enhancing pediatric health-care services at UK — especially specialized procedures.

"The faculty in the University have special expertise, and with this expertise we can provide highly specialized care to these sick children," Mankad said.

He also said he wants to continue developing educational programs for medical students at UK and plans to emphasize faculty research, which he said leads to better health-care and teaching programs.

"This is an opportunity for me to make a broader impact on children and those who take care of children," Mankad said of his coming to UK.

"In Kentucky, I'm able to now make an impact on many different disciplines within pediatrics and make a broader influence."

Two from Kentucky finalists for Rhodes

Staff reports

Two women will represent Kentucky in the district competition for this year's Rhodes Scholarships.

Chris Schimmocler, a graduate of Georgetown College, and Judy Chii-Wen Liu, a senior at Harvard University, will go to Chicago Saturday for the final interviews.

They were among 13 candidates interviewed yesterday at UK's Hillary J. Boone Faculty Center for the prestigious scholarships to study at Oxford University in England.

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Lecture

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Other slides featured ancient obelisks that reminded spectators of the Washington monument.

These are all direct Egyptian influences, she said.

America's forefathers "used Egyptian symbols to represent this country in hopes it would one day become as powerful as Egypt," she said.

The slides also included pictures of ancient African sculptures, diagrams of slave ships and photographs of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Marcus Garvey.

She made a number of accusations against those in power in America, saying, "They surround our minds with enough symbols to keep us imprisoned."

She made parallels between AIDS, Africa and deliberate genocide.

When one audience member said he had trouble believing in "conspiracy theories," Rouzoroudu responded by saying people should question everything.

The information is there and the activities she described are not as covert as many think, she said.

"It is now a question of the survival of our race," she said.

Rouzoroudu's presentation seemed to make an impression on some listeners. Tiana Taylor, a mathematics sophomore, said more people on should participate.

"This is very necessary for me," she said. "The timing is perfect. I am trying to find my true self."

Msiba Ann Grundy said the lecture experience was "like a re-focusing and re-energizing process."

"We're bombarded with so many untruths . . . It's hard to remember unless we're reminded," she said.

William Hare, a graduate student from Liberia, said outside influences have "degenerated African cul-

ture." He said the lecture "reawakened some spirit of the past."

Ware had discussed the need for economic unity between Africans and black Americans when called upon during an open forum earlier in the program.

"We are one people that must come together for the betterment," he said.

Rouzoroudu said she hopes the lectures will awaken others and help lead them to their purpose in life.

UK is the third university to book the series, which is presented by Ascension Productions. Rouzoroudu also presented the series at Howard University and the University of Maryland.

Six more lectures, which are free, will take place in January. They will run from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 22, 25, 27 and 29. Two more will begin at 9 a.m. on Jan. 23 and 30.

The series is presented in 230 Student Center.

Politics

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County Council member Teresa Isaac.

Isaac is expected to become vice-mayor in January when current vice mayor Pam Miller assumes the role of Mayor vacated by Scotty Baesler, who won a U.S. Senate seat in November.

"Great strides were made in 1992 (elections)," Miller said, "but there is so much more that has to be done."

Ellen Rosenman, director of the UK Women's Studies Program, which is sponsoring the forum, said the discussion's title came from one simple question: Why wasn't 1992 the year of women in politics, as it was supposed to be?

Although women posted some

gains on the national level this year, Kentucky ranked last in the number of women elected to the state legislature.

During the discussion, Riggall will challenge the idea of the "year of the woman" in politics and the reasons why women have not been very successful in defeating incumbents. She will also talk about overcoming stereotypes.

Manning-Miller, an expert on political campaign ads, will focus on negative advertising against women and ways women can successfully run their own campaigns.

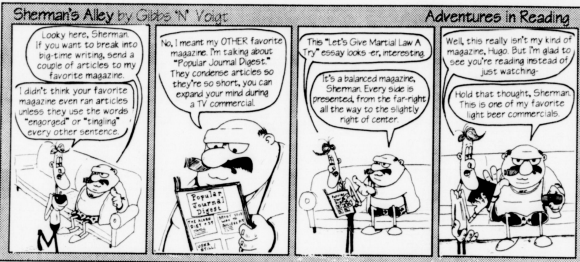
Miller will describe the position of women in 1992 Kentucky politics, and Teresa Isaac will further describe the position of women in local politics. The program will conclude with an open discussion.

The panel discussion begins at 4 p.m. in 204 Student Center.

Bus trip to begin inauguration

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Clinton will start his inaugural celebration with a trademark bus trip and end it with a White House open house, mixing invitation-only affairs with lots of free events for ordinary Americans,

organizers said yesterday. Clinton wants "an open inaugural, an accessible inaugural and a dignified inaugural," said Democratic National Committee Chairman Ronald H. Brown, who also heads up the inaugural committee.



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