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Gov. Wilkinson won't get honorary degree again

By RHONA BOWLES
Staff Writer

Wallace Wilkinson will be the first Kentucky governor not to get an honorary degree from UK within three years of taking office.

But his not being nominated for the honor again this year shouldn't be interpreted as anything more than bad timing,



WILKINSON

UK officials said yesterday.

"It strikes me that President (Charles) Wethington's decision to review the policy is 'timely' and does not preclude Wilkinson from being selected in the future," said Daniel Reedy, dean of the Graduate School.

Wethington last week asked the Honorary Degree Committee to review its policy on choosing candidates for nomination, particularly elected state officials.

Last spring, Wilkinson became the only governor since Louie B. Nunn to not receive an honorary degree from the University

within two years of being elected.

When the Honorary Degree Committee met last week to discuss this year's nominees, Wilkinson's name did "surface in the discussion," said Bernie Vonderheide, a UK spokesman.

As a result of Wilkinson's being suggested for nomination, Wethington suggested creating a "committee to review the criteria for awarding honorary degrees, especially as it pertains to elected officials," Vonderheide said.

Wethington suggested that the committee

"stop where we are now, look at the whole process and examine the criteria" for nominating candidates for honorary degrees, Vonderheide said. Wethington could not be reached for comment.

"There was no vote taken on whether or not to award a degree to Wilkinson," Vonderheide said.

The committee "tabled the nomination of Wilkinson just until the criteria" for nomination can be reviewed, Vonderheide said.

"The action does not preclude him from receiving a degree next year," he said.

Students expand lobbying to D.C.

By DAVID A. HALL
Staff Writer

UK student leaders are in the nation's capital this week trying to persuade Congress to not cut back federal aid to students.

Student Government Association president Sean Lohman and seven other UK students are in Washington, D.C., to attend the American Association of University Students Conference.

More than 500 students from research universities across the United States have converged on the capital to discuss student government issues, but Lohman said SGA's main reason for being in Washington is to protect federal student aid.

"We are expanding the lobbying effort from Frankfurt to Washington," Lohman said by telephone from Washington. "We are trying to get on a nationwide focus because Kentucky could have its federal financial aid drastically cut."

Congressional committees on both education and revenue currently are revising the Higher Education Act of 1965, which controls federal dollars given to universities for student loans and grants.

"The financial aid programs will be cut because of the high number of students that are defaulting on their federal loans," Lohman said. "But Kentucky has a rather low default rate and shouldn't be penalized because other states don't pay theirs."

He said the UK contingency is meeting with Kentucky congressmen to remind them that the Higher Education Act is being revised and to ask for their help in protecting federal aid received by the state's universities.

South Korean leaders visit UK, seek input

By TONJA WILT
Campus Editor

Looking to establish a local government system similar to those in the United States, 35 South Koreans are visiting UK and surrounding areas this week to gather ideas to implement these plans.

Many South Koreans hope to restore a democratic climate to South Korea and begin the formation of local governments when political elections are held this May for the first time in 30 years.

"I will have elections in May. I can use some of these ideas in the campaign," said delegate Kwang-Hoon Park.

The South Koreans said they are visiting the Lexington area partly because of the quality of UK's political science department.

"The reputation of the political science department is very good here," said Sang-Hyun Kim, the head of the delegates. "He chose this department because of the good programs."

The merging of the local and the county governments also attracted them to Lexington, Kim said.

"We want to design a (program) to train politicians so they can adapt themselves to the political system," he said.

Training sessions for people interested in local politics have been conducted in Japan and Korea as well as in Kentucky.

"This program is for non-partisan delegates from four major parties," Kim said. "A lot of people will be running for election and we will be training them."

Originally there were four major political parties for the May elections. But one ruling party and two opposition parties have merged, leaving one grand party, the Democratic Liberty Party, and one oppo-



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sition party, the Party for Peace and Democracy, Kim said.

South Korean citizens view the idea of a local government favorably and more than 85 percent of the voters are expected to cast a ballot, he said.

The implementation of the different stages of the local government system will occur over several years. Currently the central government will remain in control.

"At this present time the central government monopolizes the power," Kim said. "Everything is appointed by the central government. Everything is centralized." Yesterday wasn't the first look of the city — or an organized governmental system — for the South Koreans.

Tuesday, the group the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council.

An interpreter was used in conducting interviews for this article.



JUST RETIRED: Rachel Stetler got a special treat yesterday from her fellow employees after working 30 years for Clark's Equipment Co. — a limousine ride home and a bottle of wine.

Baldwin begins campaign, says students must be 'a force'

By BOB NORMAN
Senior Staff Writer

Second-year law student and former UK cheerleader Dale Baldwin called for the student body to become "a force" in forming policy and making University decisions, in announcing his candidacy for the Student Government Association presidency yesterday.

"What I ask of you is that all of you participate in student government. I want to make SGA more visible to the students," Baldwin told the approximately 100 students and faculty at a news conference. "I want them to make their views known to their representatives and to their presidents. Especially when education is at such a critical stage."

The 25-year-old candidate — so far the only challenger to incumbent Sean Lohman in the April election — gave his speech at a table with bright red and blue balloons on either side of him in the new Student Center.

Tacked to the table was a sign reading his camp's slogan, "Team

Baldwin."

"That theme of unity and pride is serving as the driving force of Baldwin's and running mate Chris Woolums' campaign, the two candidates said.

"It's not power that I want," Baldwin said. "It is to give something back to the students."

"Dale summed it up when he said that this University has given him so much and he wants to give some of that back to the students," Woolums said. "I have a lot of pride for this University, and I think, and this is said to say, pride is lacking at this point."

Baldwin's name became well-known after the UK cheerleader was partially paralyzed during a stunt more than three years ago. His accident focused national spotlight on improving cheerleader safety.

Baldwin has said that the friends and well-wishers who made it easier for him to return to school after his accident also helped him make the tough decision to run for the SGA's top position.

"My close friends, when I even mentioned it, said that it was a defi-

nite 'yes,'" Baldwin said before making his decision.

In his speech, Baldwin did not expound on what his top priorities as president would be, opting instead to call for student action and participation.

He also voiced a rebuttal to Lohman's claim that Baldwin wouldn't have the time to work "55 hours a job" while studying law.

"There has been a question of whether I will have the time to be president," said Baldwin, who is scheduled to take 10 hours — considered a full course load — next semester.

"Most people don't know that second-year law students don't just go to class," Baldwin said. "Most work at the Law Journal, the moot court team, and other activities. I elected to decline those and devote my attention to the campaign."

Jim Hill, a third-year law student who serves as the student representative on the Council on Higher Education, said Baldwin is "a viable candidate" but may have trouble juggling a heavy schedule.

Questions also have been raised as to whether Baldwin, who hasn't been directly involved with SGA, is qualified to become president. Lohman has called the prospect of becoming president without first holding a senator position "ludicrous."

Lohman was in Washington yesterday and could not be reached for further comment.

Baldwin cited his six years at UK and his position as head instructor of a cheerleading camp over the past four years as a counter to Lohman's arguments.

"At the (cheerleading) camps I scheduled, I worked with staff, I coordinated functions," Baldwin said. "You have to balance a lot of different things. I know how to work with people."

He also said that through various experiences as a student he has obtained "a good overview of the entire University system, from top to bottom."

As for the prospects of winning the presidency against Lohman, among others, Baldwin said "Lohman is the incumbent and it is al-



UK law student Dale Baldwin announces his candidacy for Student Government Association president yesterday afternoon.

Baldwin said.

After the speech, Baldwin listed increased faculty salaries, the expansion of Margaret I. King Library, and compensation for teachers in advising sessions as top "ideas" in his camp.

Viewpoint

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SPORTS

Barry Reeves
Sports Editor

DeVoe says he's finished with UF after season

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — It was 1 a.m. Wednesday, and Don DeVoe looked like the weight of the world had been lifted off his shoulders.

The University of Florida's interim basketball coach sat at a table in the school arena eating pizza, sipping a soft drink and speaking his mind.

He doesn't want the Gators' permanent job, he said Tuesday night, and recommends to anybody who does that he get a long-term contract and be prepared to deal with the "outside influences" he found intolerable.

"This program has a chance, as

I've said all year, to be great," said DeVoe, who withdrew his name from consideration because of the abuse he and his family have suffered from fans and boosters, who are unhappy with his handling of the team.

"All we need to do here at Florida is to say no. Say no to the shenanigans, say no to all the bull that has gone on. A man who will say no to all the riff-raff that can take place anywhere in the country is going to be very successful here. I wish him the very best."

DeVoe, whose team snapped a 14-game losing streak Tuesday night with a 76-63 upset of No. 15 Louisiana State University, accepted a six-month contract last fall to

lead a program that has been under NCAA investigation since June.

Until he told a national television audience Tuesday night that he has had enough of Florida, the former University of Tennessee coach had indicated he'd like to stay "under the right circumstances."

Without mentioning names, the interim coach suggested his stint with the Gators was undermined by the lack of cooperation from key players who didn't accept him replacing Norm Sloan and by "outsiders" who need to let "student-athletes come here and be student-athletes."

"You take the outside influences and the bitterness that was here when I got here and you've got one

stinking mess," DeVoe said. "I wouldn't change a thing I did. I'm a no-nonsense coach, but I've got a nonsense basketball program."

"You've got people buying cars for players, (and) former coaches who were very bitter and would not butt out," he added. "You've got problems at all major programs. It's not just here — but it is here in a big way."

The statement about a car apparently was a reference to a \$77,000 BMW former Gators star Dwayne Schintzius received from a booster a few days after the 7-foot-2 center quit the team in a dispute with DeVoe. Livingston Chatman, the team's second-leading scorer, also quit in January — citing mental

burnout — and Florida has played the last month of the season with a roster of six freshmen, two sophomores and three juniors.

The team's poor record — 7-19 overall, 3-14 in the SEC with one regular-season game remaining — has drawn the ire of fans who have burned the coach in effigy and made threatening phone calls to his home.

"I don't understand people being abusive and ugly and enjoying it," the coach said, adding that security guards have been used to keep abusive fans away from his wife at home games. "It's a sad commentary when you can't go and cheer for your husband without being abused," DeVoe said. "It's got to the saturation point. I've had it with the abusive things that have happened to me and my family."

Rebs whip UK at home by 14

Staff reports

The Wildcats were unable to clinch a winning record last night, losing 88-74 to the University of Mississippi.



PITINO

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DIVERSIONS

The Cult finds success with focused heavy metal sound

By KIRA L. BILLI
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Mystic and spiritual are terms not usually associated with a heavy metal band. Neither are introspective and cerebral.

But the British band The Cult is an exception.

Lead singer Ian Astbury springs from the same mold that produced Jim Morrison, the late lead vocalist of the Doors. With his long, ink-black hair, vaulted cheekbones and penchant for wearing leather and snakeskin, Astbury looks more like a rock singer.

His foil, blond guitarist Billy Duffy, grounds Astbury's otherworldliness with a hard rock perspective and balances the singer's brooding seriousness with his own devil-may-care personality. The band is rounded out by bassist-rhythm guitarist Jamie Stewart and drummer Matt Sorum.

The Cult's first U.S. release, 1985's *Love* kept them in the college radio spotlight with the meticulously arranged track "She Sells Sanctuary." The album's swirling

psychedelic lyrics and jangly, melodic guitar work pigeonholed the band into a genre known as Gothic, a trend started in Britain in the early '80s.

By their next album, *Electric*, in 1987, the band had made a 180-degree musical turn and was perfunctorily dropped by its post-modern fans. While *Electric* kept Astbury's lyrical modes intact, it brought Duffy's hard rock guitar to the forefront.

Duffy said the band has finally found its niche with the polished, crunchy instrumental sound of 1989's *Sonic Temple*. The record hit the Top 10 in the United States with the support of strong videos for "Fire Woman" and "Eddie (Ciao Baby)."

Duffy said he dislikes making videos, but he said doing them helped The Cult break out of the "alternative" category.

"One of the good things about The Cult is that with a name like ours, and coming from an alternative music background, more people get to see us without too much prejudice," he said.

"In all the cool cities in America, we sell fantastic quantities of

records, but the cities that are a little bit less hip don't really accept new types of bands very easily, and MTV's a way of visually presenting what you do."

Formed in 1983 when Astbury's Southern Death Cult opened for Duffy's own Theater of Hate, The Cult has gone through various nominal incarnations — from the original Southern Death Cult to Death Cult and finally The Cult.

Despite the apparent trouble they had in finally deciding on a name, the two vastly different frontmen did know they wanted to work together.

"It was probably his voice,"

Duffy said in a telephone interview before the group's recent show in Philadelphia. "I liked the way he dressed, his stage presence — it's very powerful. The band he was in I didn't consider to be very power-

ful, but his voice and his persona kind of drowned out the other three guys in the band."

Duffy said Astbury was drawn to him because he could play rock guitar.

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Honorary degree for Wilkinson has to be earned

For the second year UK will not present Gov. Wallace Wilkinson with an honorary degree. Last spring Wilkinson became the first governor in more than 70 years not to receive an honorary degree from UK during the first two years in office.

The Faculty Senate recommended last year that the UK Board of Trustees not give Wilkinson an honorary degree because an elected official should have to prove his or her commitment to higher education.

This year the Faculty Senate tabled the Wilkinson nomination because several members were concerned about the possible conflicts of interest in awarding an honorary degree to an elected official.

Although giving honorary degrees to governors has been a long-standing tradition at UK, the Faculty Senate was correct in questioning whether elected officials should be honored by universities while in office.

The purpose of an honorary degree ought to be to congratulate someone's efforts to promote higher education. And by waiting until after that individual leaves office, the University can judge an individual's overall performance, not just expected performance.

Waiting until a governor leaves office also removes any pressure from a governor to feel that he or she owes higher education a special favor. Not all of a governor's decisions may be in the best interests of higher education, and he or she should not have to place special interests above the commonwealth's.

A new waiting policy also may encourage governors to be committed to helping higher education over the long run rather than proposing quick-fixes.

If Wilkinson were to leave office today, his administration would not have earned an honorary degree from UK. His belligerent attitude during the first session of the General Assembly distinguished him as one of higher education's arch-enemies.

But over the last few months, the signs from the governor's office have been more encouraging. His \$206 million proposal to help higher education is noteworthy as is his decision to sign into law House Bill 60, which gives students a greater voice on the Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

Wilkinson has more than 20 months in office, and he alone will determine whether he deserves an honorary degree.

Pets a commodity to store owners

Betsy Kelly's guest opinion (Kernel, Feb. 26) pinpointed the main reason for the apparent lack of concern for animal welfare — the overriding anthropocentric view of the Cosmos. Most of the points she makes are valid and very difficult to repudiate. However, there is one in which there is more than enough room for a reasoned disagreement.

Kelly refers to the relationship between the pets and their owners as one of symbiosis. While this classification might be technically correct, it still begs the question of the basis of this relationship. If a person were to give a stray animal a safe haven and in the process a symbiotic relationship ensued, then what Kelly says is beyond dispute. But, let us look at the pet store industry, especially the selling of pets. These creatures are bred for that very purpose and as such are no more than mere commodity in the eyes of the pet store owner. The pet industry develops and satisfies people's desire for mute companionship. I fail to see this as anything but an offshoot of the anthropocentric view that Kelly so despises.

I do know that there are people who voice strong opinions on the over-breeding of animals in zoos. I do not know whether there are any protest movements against the pet store industry. There should be one.

Guest OPINION

Perhaps, after people are persuaded — more through their own conscience than through legislation, as Kelly says — to shun fur garments, there might be similar movements to free up the pets created for no purpose other than satisfying humans' vanity.

These creatures are bred for that very purpose and as such are no more than mere commodity in the eyes of the pet store owner.

Anyone who looks at the doleful eyes of dogs, cats and other "pettable" animals peering at their prospective owners, housed in restrictive cages in pet stores, should feel ashamed for his or her part in visiting such conditions on voiceless living beings. In trying to be more humane, one can either make the cages less restrictive or not breed the animals at all. I prefer the latter.

Raghuram Ekambaram is a civil engineering graduate student.

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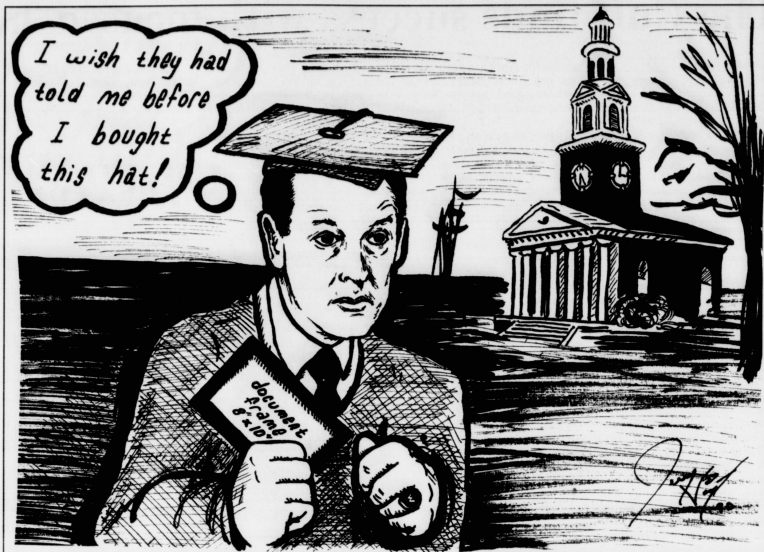
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Man or beast Sometimes it's hard to tell which one is human

In the Feb. 14 Kentucky Kernel, Catherine Monzingo asked the question: "Are ranches on which animals are raised for pelts really worse than the stores that sell animals for companions?" Here is what I have found out about fur farms.

Animals confined on fur farms, mostly minks and foxes, are kept outdoors in tiny metal cages in rows. They give birth in the springtime in these cold metal cages. After a few weeks, the young are separated from their mothers and put three to four to a cage. Due to confinement, they often go insane. Fighting is common and even cannibalism occurs because of stress.

Their empty lives are enhanced only by feeding times. Food is thrown in onto the tops of the cages and the animals must tear at it through the bars. Sometimes their tongues freeze to the metal and are ripped out of their mouths when they attempt to free themselves.

Their excrement falls through the cages causing a stench that makes life even more miserable for these scent-sensitive creatures.

When their coats are heavy, they are put to death. Minks are usually

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gassed. Farmers guide a small motorized vehicle with a large box alongside the cage and stuff the animals into the box. Unless the fumes are cooled and large carbon particles filtered out, such a death by inhalation of hot, dirty exhaust is wretched. Sometimes the ani-



mals don't inhale enough fumes to die and regain consciousness while being skinned. Electrocuting is primarily used for foxes. A fox is forced to bite down on a metal device. An electric metal prod is then forced up the animal's rectum. Then electricity passes through the body, causing death. The kill is done in such a manner so that the fur is not damaged.

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Whether trapped in steel-jaw leg-hold traps in the wild or confined for life to tiny wire cages on fur farms, the animals do suffer. Fur is not a necessity. When we stop buying fur, we help to stop the suffering.

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Letters

Fur a matter of personal ethics

In response to Catherine Monzingo's column (Kernel, Feb. 14), "Fur-haters can't afford to own one":

First of all, one thing needs to be made clear, and that is that some people can afford to buy fur but choose not to because of certain values and beliefs they have. Ethics are not a question of money. A moral or belief should not be conditional. People are either kept in the dark or they choose to ignore the great injustice done upon other species.

Using the argument of owning pets and slaughtering cattle being just as immoral as slaying animals for their pelts is quite ineffective. Not everyone is a vegetarian. If we all were, leather goods would be regarded as fur. People will always consume beef, and it is unfair to use this approach to justify wearing fur.

As far as the comments about pets are concerned, there is once again not much of a comparison to be made. We do not feed, shelter, clean after, protect and become emotionally attached to coats. No, animals do not have many qualities similar to humans. Have you ever seen an animal (outside of instinct) steal from, rape or murder another animal?

"Animals were created for the pleasure of people," quotes Monzingo. I do not think pleasure entails trapping, hunting for sport, abuse or taking wild animals away from their mates and natural habitat

and placing them in cages, zoos or on fur farms. You can respect and admire something and it still gives you pleasure.

Monzingo asks who condemns the fur industry and believes that pet stores are proper. Those people who are kept in ignorance of what really goes on do. For example, many wild, endangered animals are trapped by means which I consider to be heartbreaking and horrifying. There is a new double-trap which re-activates after the trapped animal chews off its own limb to escape. The animal may lie there in agony for days before being found and placed in a sack, only to be kept in its misery. Can one still turn to Christianity to justify all of this?

Briefly, there are several alternatives to using live animals in research. Again, here is a subject many people are kept in the dark about, and for good reasons. The treatment and painful experiments performed on lab animals is abominable.

It is shameful that slaughtering, inflicting pain upon and abusing animals is the price of our culture's pleasure and welfare. It does not have to be. Only we could open our eyes and our hearts and realize that mere arrogance, selfishness and ignorance stand between us and a more humane world.

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Views emphasize ignorance

I would like to comment on Catherine Monzingo's article, "Fur-haters can't afford to own one," (Kernel, Feb. 14). Ms. Monzingo made a few comments which I found quite amusing.

True, many of the animals that are slaughtered each year for their pelts are raised on ranches specifically for that purpose. But, does this make it right? How much pain must be involved when slaughtering these animals? How much suf-

fering should one animal endure in order to clothe you in his hide? Are you aware of the methods used to kill some of these animals? I'm sure if you were to watch these animals getting beat to death and heard their cries you might soften a little.

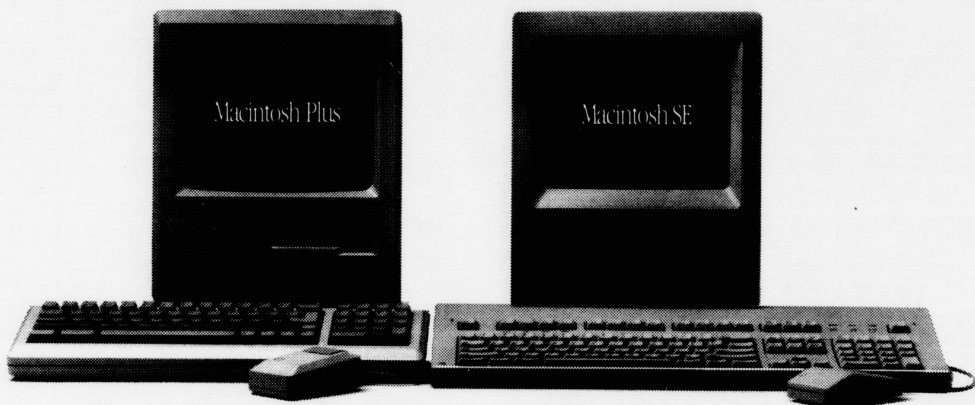
Now, concerning the cow issue — we Americans are primarily a beef culture. Therefore, it is ludicrous for you to state that killing cattle (and using the entire animal for food) somehow justifies beating helpless seals, minks, etc., only for their pelts.

This isn't an "all or none" situation. Although I don't agree with a few of the tactics used by some animal rights activists, I have to ask a question to the general society: How greedy are we as a culture? If animals were created for the pleasure of people, does that mean that they must live their days here on earth in fear of us?

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