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## Court nominees run for royalty

**By Kathy Reding**  
*Assistant News Editor*

During Homecoming week chosen students rise above their normal status on campus. Some of them become royalty, at least for a couple of days.

The 16 semifinalists for Homecoming king and queen have been chosen by a panel of judges. Voting for UK's royal court will take place today and tomorrow.

Robin Witt, Homecoming co-chairwoman, said the 16 semifinalists were chosen from 20 interviewed candidates. About 60 students submitted applications and essays for Homecoming court consideration.

### Homecoming vote

Today and tomorrow students can vote for Homecoming King and Queen.

**VOTING SITES:** Margaret L. King Library, the Student Center, White Hall Classroom Building, Blazer Hall, Donovan Hall, the Commons and Lexington Community College.

**TIMES:** Today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. Voting tomorrow will be at the from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. only.

"The judges also wanted someone who was genuine and honest," she said.

The 16 homecoming semifinalists include queen candidates Carrie Wilder, Alizah Rice, Jennifer Johnson, Shannon Corley, Wendy Hyland, Stephanie Elliot, Vanessa Baker and Meg Wiggins.

King semifinalists are Alan Aja, Jon Devorak, Derek Guffey, Michael Gluecher, Matt Grunke-meyer, Azar Jackson, David Johnson and Geoffrey Tomes.

Witt said students need their UK IDs to vote. Finalists will be announced tomorrow night at 7:30 at Wildcat



Roar. The Homecoming king and queen will be crowned during halftime of the football game on Saturday.

Witt said during most years, the number of students voting is usually "way below 50 percent." She said the number is often low because organizations whose candidates do not make the semifinals usually do not vote for others.

She said students should get involved and choose royalty to represent them.

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## Thirteen leaders named Johnson winners

**Staff Report**

Thirteen honorees will be recognized this Friday at the sixth annual meeting of the Lyman T. Johnson Alumni Organization.

Two current and two former UK students will be recognized at the banquet, which has been labeled by banquet organizers as "Stepping into Tomorrow, the Quest for Positive Change."

Wallis Malone, president of the UK Black Student Union, and Boyce Watkins, a UK mathematics graduate student and Kentucky Kernel columnist, are two of the award recipients.

Malone and Watkins will be

recognized for their instrumental efforts in leading a silent protest rally that occurred on the Lexington campus last spring.

Jamal Mashburn and Tim Harden will also be recognized for their efforts to combat racism on the Lexington campus.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Lexington native Dr. Joyce Hamilton Berry, a UK graduate (1967, 1970) and noted psychologist in Washington, D.C., and Maryland.

Berry taught in the Lexington public school system from 1960-62 and served as psychologist for the Fayette County Children's Bureau from 1968-71.

She was also an assistant professor at Kentucky State University in 1971.

Berry later became an administrator for the National Medical Association Foundation in Washington, D.C., serving as a consultant for colleges, mental health institutions, and public and private organizations.

Berry has conducted numerous workshops and training sessions in various areas in psychology. Berry has written or contributed articles to Ebony, Ebony Man and Essence magazines and has appeared as an expert on "The Geraldo Rivera Show," "The

Tony Brown Show" and "Our Voices," on the Black Entertainment Television network.

Other award recipients include Fitzgerald Bramwell, vice president of research and graduate studies; Virgil Covington, principal at Winburn Middle School; John Harris, dean of the College of Education; Robert Hemenway, chancellor of the University of Kansas; C. M. Newton, UK athletic director; Rick Pitino, UK men's basketball head coach; Reta Walker, dean of the College of Human Environmental Sciences; Charles Wethington, UK president; and Elisabeth Zinser, Lexington campus chancellor.

## Racial assault grips Iowa campus; reward offered

**By Tara Deering**

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — Deantrious Mitchell spoke up for the first time Monday night since being beaten by a group of white men early Friday morning.

Mitchell, 20, a student security officer and a sophomore in computer engineering who was assaulted Friday behind Helsers Hall, spoke briefly at the Black Student Alliance meeting last night in the Pioneer Room of the Memorial Union.

Mitchell, who is from Waterloo, said that night he had to do rounds at Westgate, Helsers and Buchanan halls. He was on his way to Buchanan Hall when the incident occurred. Mitchell said he could say nothing further and sat back down.

Mitchell had a bandage that covered a portion of his cheek on the left side of his face. He spoke

assertively.

The meeting was an open forum for students to talk with about 10 university officials present about the racially motivated assault.

DPS Associate Director Jerry Stewart said Mitchell was assaulted near Clyde Williams Field about 2 a.m. Friday. Police reports indicate a "cutting instrument" was used during the attack.

DPS officials would not say what was used to cut Mitchell in several places.

After the attack Mitchell started walking toward Helsers, when his patrol partner, Stephen Kennedy, saw a battered Mitchell and radioed for help, police said. An ambulance soon arrived and eased Mitchell to the ground near Lot 59A to assist him.

The attackers shouted racial slurs at Mitchell. In more than one instance the word "nigger"

was used, officials said.

Stewart said officials have a two-page task list involving the investigation. DPS efforts so far in the investigation include canvassing neighborhoods including Campustown and convenience stores. DPS officials have consulted the Ames Police Department about the case. A \$1,000 reward for any information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the individuals responsible has been offered by the university.

In addition, the Union Drive Association Student Senate unanimously passed a bill last night allotting \$200 more to the reward fund.

"Rewards have been offered in the past for serious crimes, and this method has proven successful on some occasions," Stewart said. "There had been no arrests as of press time Monday."

Stewart said DPS officials have examined the evidence that has been gathered, and a number of follow-up assignments have been made.

"We are treating this very seriously," he said.

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## California fires hurt six firefighters

By Lynn Elber  
Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Fleets of helicopters and airplanes roared through Southern California canyons yesterday, dropping water on erratic, wind-blown wildfires that have burned 95 houses and injured six firefighters.

Helter-skelter Santa Ana winds turned dry brush and oil-rich eucalyptus trees into blowtorches, spreading flames across 35,000 acres.

By Tuesday afternoon, the major fires were less than half contained and some flared up again as the devil wind shifted and gusted up to 41 mph.

Six firefighters working a flare-up in the Malibu fire were hurt, and three of them were airlifted to a hospital burn unit after their truck stalled and flames roared over them in Corral Canyon.

"This is life threatening. These

are very serious burns," Glendale fire Marshal Dave Starr said. One of the firemen had burns over 60 percent of his body and airway damage, another had serious burns on his arms and hands and a third was in fair condition with superficial burns that may require surgery.

Another firefighter broke his neck in a traffic accident while rushing to a blaze, and a civilian in Carlsbad suffered burns over 45 percent of his body.

Thousands of people fled their homes, schools and businesses in four counties Monday as flames exploded, propelled through the canyons by winds that gusted as high as 71 mph.

Yesterday many were learning the worst. "I saw the news and they were standing in the rubble of our home," said Lou Stark, who lost his Carlsbad home.

His wife wasn't sure. "She said,

'Maybe it's not ours.' I said, 'Yes, it's ours.'"

Carlsbad was the site of the worst fire, a fast-moving blaze that burned at least 60 houses and 10 other structures over 8,592 acres in the 65,700-resident suburb on northern San Diego County's seashore.

Just east of Carlsbad, authorities ordered evacuations early Tuesday for parts of San Marcos, a retirement community of 42,800 people.

In the celebrity seashore enclave of Malibu in Los Angeles County, flames charred 13,650 acres and destroyed five houses and a mobile home, and more than 1,000 people were evacuated during the height of the fire Monday.

Gov. Pete Wilson declared a state of emergency in San Diego County. A similar declaration, letting the state reimburse local governments for firefighting, was expected for Los Angeles County.

## Nor'easter blamed for seven deaths

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Floodwaters from a storm that dumped up to 18 inches of rain on the Northeast ruptured a pipeline yesterday leaving at least 120,000 people in and around Maine's largest city without drinking water.

The powerful weekend nor'easter was blamed for at least seven deaths from New Jersey to New Hampshire. Another person was missing in Maine.

"No showers, no coffee and I can't even use the bathroom," said Laurie Davis of Westbrook, just outside Portland.

Davis couldn't even leave home to get bottled water — she was stranded because two nearby bridges were washed out.

A 48-inch main that carries water about 25 miles from Sebago Lake to the Portland area was broken in at least four places.

There was no word on when

service would be restored, and the area's 170,000 customers were told to boil any water they did get.

The state's largest hospital, Maine Medical Center in Portland, canceled all elective surgery but was able to maintain emergency services.

The floodwaters apparently washed away the soil supporting the pipeline.

"The pipe is stabilized by the soil it's resting on. If the soil gets washed away, the pipe will bend or break. It just doesn't have any support," said Dana Perkins, a Portland Water District spokeswoman.

"This obviously is the worst thing we've ever had. We were organized in 1908, and I don't think anybody's seen anything this bad."

Flooding also shut down the water supply for Exeter, N.H., and service was not expected to be restored for two to three weeks. An estimated 1,000 people were

evacuated.

Authorities in Rockingham County, N.H., moved 115 inmates out of the county jail because the bottom floor was under 2 feet of water.

"I've never seen it this bad in 17 years," said John DiSanto, owner of Anjon's Italian Restaurant in Scarborough, Maine.

"The water was waist-high in the parking lot. The whole first floor is under 6 inches of water."

Residents from New Jersey to Massachusetts began to head home after spending the night in emergency shelters.

In Boston, water lapped at the entrance to a subway line before receding, homeowners got on a waiting list for pumps to remove the stinking raw sewage from their basements.

"What we're looking at is the ugly, gunky, germy aftermath," said Arlene Margolis, spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

## FBI agent accused of hiding evidence

By Michael J. Sniffin  
Associated Press Writer

not immediately be reached.

WASHINGTON — A former FBI headquarters manager was accused yesterday of obstructing justice by destroying all traces of an internal critique of the bureau's deadly 1992 siege at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

The apparent plea bargain with E. Michael Kahoe might lead to coverup charges against some of the four other suspended FBI officials who remain under investigation for their role in shootings at the remote cabin of white separatist Randy Weaver. These include former Deputy Director Larry Potts, who supervised the case from headquarters.

A one-count felony indictment was filed by federal prosecutors here against Kahoe, who headed the FBI's violent crimes section at the time of the standoff. The charge carries a top penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The filing of a criminal indictment rather than a grand jury indictment usually means the defendant has agreed to plead guilty and cooperate with investigators. A Justice Department official, requesting anonymity, could not offer any reason for this case to depart from that practice.

No court date was set immediately. FBI spokesman Bill Carter had no comment. Kahoe could

During the FBI's August 1992 standoff with Weaver, a bureau sniper shot and killed Weaver's wife, Vicki, and wounded Weaver and a friend, Kevin L. Harris. The FBI got involved after Weaver's son, Samuel, and a deputy U.S. marshal, William F. Degan, were killed in gunfire Aug. 21 as marshals scouted for a way to arrest the elder Weaver for failing to appear in court on gun-sale charges.

"The government needs to prosecute those who issued the rules of engagement that resulted in the death of these people," said Weaver's lawyer, Gerry Spence. "The federal government is good at diverting our attention away from the real case" and toward a coverup case.

The government charged that between January and April 1993, Kahoe destroyed a written FBI "after action critique" so that it would not be available to prosecutors when Weaver and Harris were tried on charges of killing Degan. They were later acquitted.

The Constitution requires prosecutors to give the defense any government information that might help clear defendants, in this case, Weaver and Harris.

The government charged that Kahoe not only destroyed his copies of the report but ordered an unidentified subordinate at FBI headquarters "to destroy all copies of the Ruby Ridge after action critique and to make it

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**Season not over for Curry and Co.**

By Chris Easterling  
Sports Editor

Almost 24 hours after being told its coach will not be back after this season, the UK football team hit the practice field.

The announcement did nothing to temper the enthusiasm of the team as it prepares to face Georgia this Saturday in the Homecoming game at Commonwealth Stadium.

The players were still flying around the football during the drills, and the coaches, despite their lame-duck status, still were on the players when they messed up plays.

Coach Bill Curry was happy with the way the team came out. "Practice was good," said Curry, as he took questions from the media for the first time since the announcement. "Practice was spirited, enthusiastic. They worked hard, as they have all season."

Curry started the day uncertain as to how the players would respond in practice today.

"I didn't know what to expect," Curry said, "because I had never been through it. But I was glad that they came out ready to work."

As far as the players are concerned, they are looking forward to going out and trying to win the final four games of the season, despite their 1-6 record.

"We still have four more games," senior strong safety Leman Boyd said, "and we're going to try and win them all. Even though we can't go to a bowl, we still want to win. I don't think anybody on the team has

given up. "Hopefully, we'll send him (Curry) out on a winning note," he said "even though we can't have a winning season."

Senior Van Hiles said that if the Cats win the rest of their games, it will be a bonus not just for the players, but for Curry as well.

"If we win, that just adds to it," Hiles said. "If we win, it will be good for me personally, as a senior, because I want to go out on a winning note. And for him, because I would like for him to go out on a good note."

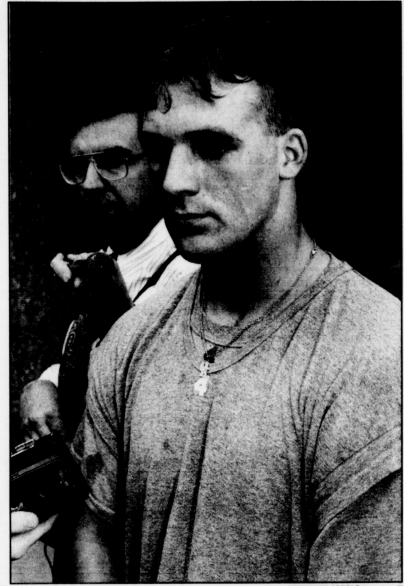
Many UK fans have expressed concern that the crown jewel of the team, freshman quarterback Tim Couch, might transfer after this season. But on Monday, Couch said he would in all likelihood remain at UK. However, he said he will sit down after the season and review all of his choices.

Tennessee, the school UK beat out for Couch's services, has been mentioned as the likely place he would go, if he does choose to leave Lexington. But in accordance to Southeastern Conference regulations, Couch would have to sit out two seasons before he would be eligible to play.

**McLaurin breaks his ankle**

As if it hasn't already been a tough senior season for tailback Ray McLaurin, it got worse on Sunday when he broke his ankle in an motorcycle accident.

McLaurin entered the season as the starting tailback, looking to replace Moe Williams at the position after Williams left for the NFL. However, he never really



STEPHANIE CORDLE Kernel staff

**WHO DIED?** The Cats' Tim Couch stares stone-faced while commenting on the decision to fire Coach Bill Curry.

got on track, and eventually McLaurin was passed up on the depth chart.

He rushed for 209 yards prior to the injury, but he had not played since the Alabama game.

"Some other people passed him up," Curry said, "and that's sad. That wasn't what anybody wanted to see happen."

**Haskins earns the nod**

After his 172-yard passing game against LSU last Saturday, junior Billy Jack Haskins will start at quarterback against Georgia. His last start was against South Carolina. Curry said Couch will be ready to go in, much as he has been all season long.

**Up and down Cats battle Cards**

By Jay G. Tate  
Staff Writer

The UK volleyball team's saga is loaded with inconsistencies.

Just as they begin to come together and make noise in the world of Southeastern Conference volleyball, they stumble and in turn lose their consistency.



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff



**HANDS UP** LaTanya Webb and the Cats will take on rival Louisville at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

For instance, the Cats travelled to Ole Miss and Mississippi State to play a two-match series over the weekend.

After hanging a 3-1 win on the Bulldogs, UK had moved to within two matches of .500 and seemed poised to capture its sixth conference win. But in Oxford, the Cats lost their focus and Ole Miss took advantage edging Big Blue in a five-game match. The loss dropped the Cats to 9-12 overall, 5-2 in the SEC on the season.

But there's little time to ponder the "what ifs," as the Cats now prepare for a battle with the arch-rival Louisville Cardinals tonight in Memorial Coliseum. U of L (15-2) comes into the match ranked No. 17 and riding a 10-match winning streak. The Cards are led by Sonia Gubaidulina, who is hitting .300 on the season with 224 kills. They also get help from Beth Kuhnell and Jackie Byrne, who have collectively hit .360 with an impressive 338 kills.

Louisville has accumulated an impressive list of statistical superlatives. In addition to its national ranking, the team is 15th in the NCAA in hitting (.274), 6th in kills (17.6) and 6th in team assists (15.75). On the individual front, U of L boasts setter Stephanie Storen (6th in assists per game) and Byrne, who ranks 12th in individual hitting percentage. On the other side of the net, the Cats will look to outside hitter Gina Heustis to get things moving. The senior from Louisville is hitting nearly .200 with 290 kills. Heustis' 3.82 kills per game puts her fifth in the SEC.

UK will also need strong performances from middle blockers Tracy Thompson and Jenny Muzey if they are to find success against the Cards. They are both among the SEC leaders in blocking and together provide a strong middle presence — together they hit a combined .200 with nearly 300 kills.

Earlier in the season, UK took a 3-0 beating from the Cards in the Big Four Classic. Although the loss is still fresh in the players' minds, Ralston-Flory believes the new-and-improved Cats, who have gone 7-2 over the past month, have a chance against U of L.

"U of L has won a lot of matches, but Conference USA is not the toughest conference," Ralston-Flory said. "The SEC is much stronger. But with Louisville, it's always a grudge match."

**SPORTSbytes**

**Lady Kats finish in 12th place**

UK Lady Kat golfer Amiee Cantrell shot a 6-over par 78 to tie seven other golfers for 28th place in the final round of the Lady Paladin Invitational. The No. 9 Lady Kats finished the tournament in 12th place with a 941 score.

Two of the eight nationally ranked teams in the tournament battled into sudden death to determine the team title. No. 2 Wake Forest edged No. 4 Tennessee on the first hole of the playoff. The two teams tied at 908 after three rounds. No. 19 Florida took third with a 911 score. No. 15 Auburn

took fourth at 913. No. 6 Furman placed sixth at 919. No. 10 Alabama finished eighth at 913, and No. 17 Georgia finished ninth at 934.

Florida's Riko Higashio won medalist honors with a 74-71-75-220.

Other scores from UK golfers included senior Lauri Bestle's 235 to tie for 39th, freshman Jenny Dugan's and junior Heather Kraus' 240s tied for 57th, and sophomore Katy Loy's 245 tied for 75th.

The Lady Kats will compete in their final fall tournament Nov. 8-10 at the Pat Bradley Golf Championship.

**Endicott receives honor**

UK senior Sean Endicott was

named the Mid-American Conference Player of the Week yesterday.

"Sean has shown a tremendous amount of leadership this season," UK men's soccer coach Ian Collins said. "He had a very productive week and played a major role in our two victories."

Endicott scored two goals and two assists in the Cats' two wins against Miami and Western Michigan. Endicott, the 1995 MAC Newcomer of the Year, scored the game-winning goal against Miami. The Midway native has two goals this season and eight assists, one shy of the single-season record set by Brian Dausman in 1991.

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**A**lthough all mechanisms are in place, the construction of the new library is more than two months behind schedule. The weather has been fine and the money is available.

What's the problem? It is frightening to think of all of the wasted resources involved in this debacle of an attempt to construct a library.

The sad truth is that these resources are coming out of students' pockets. Once again, who is the inevitable loser in all the time constraints and wasting of resources; the students who fork over their money to have these lavish things that aren't there.

In light of the problems the administration has been having getting the library constructed, they have yet to issue any kind of public statement providing an explanation for the delays.

This concerns us a great deal. Are they trying to hide something? The administration's response to the delays is yet another example of a larger issue on the UK campus: a general disregard for the opin-

ions of students.

Consider the facts: A new arena was constructed at our expense, we are paying for a new parking structure for faculty to use, our parking fees have increased astronomically over the past several years, and we are now even forced to pay for printouts in the computer lab (in addition to the computing fee we already pay).

All of these changes came without student consent. Why is this? This should be an outrage to undergraduates. A campus without student voices was as well be a campus without students.

Perhaps the time has come for the University to realize that students' interests are important too.

We pay the bulk of tuition, and therefore our voices should be heard.

But in order for our voices to be heard, we have to open our mouths.

As individuals, it is within our power to take leadership roles and move our campus toward a more student-conscious environment.

### IN OUR OPINION

## Women's civil rights problem being overlooked

**I**f you heard that a group of Islamic militants whom even Iran describes as "violent, narrow-minded reactionaries" had militarily taken control of another country, would you be alarmed? Would you worry about the civil rights of the people in the newly subjugated country? Would you be puzzled to discover that the majority of America's newspapers aren't in our neck of the woods.

The recent military operations in Somalia and Bosnia, although they saved some lives, weren't the unqualified successes needed to change this trend.

However, that's no reason for this disregard of human rights to be almost completely ignored by our press and government. U.S. citizens should know about such events around the world, not only so they can give a well-informed opinion to elected officials about what should be done by the country as a whole, but also because many private humanitarian groups are probably trying to aid the victims of Afghanistan's new government and would have an easier job if they had more public support.

In addition, the United States could support the U.N. in actions against Afghanistan that would not involve military action on our part, such as the funding of a program that would help unhappy citizens escape to countries willing to offer asylum, or by starting some form of economic boycott and putting pressure on other countries to do likewise.

I doubt the United States would suffer greatly from the loss of Afghanistan as a trading partner, and although many of the victims of this new regime would suffer from such sanctions, it may persuade them to take action.

Moreover, some boycotts, such as an oil boycott, might hit Afghanistan's new government where it hurts, and U.S. pressure might influence a major oil-producing country to take this step when they otherwise wouldn't.

Women are having their rights restricted, even to a life-threatening point. What message is the rest of the world going to receive if one of the world's major powers just lets this situation ride?

This sort of problem has to be checked. These women have no way to support themselves, get medical care, or even buy food without having a man to do it for them. Every U.S. citizen should be concerned, find out what can be done to help, and put pressure on elected officials to force them to take action.

Find out. Tell others. Stir things up. Don't just dismiss this as someone else's problem.



When I read the above article in Newsweek about the takeover of Afghanistan by fighters under the fundamentalist Muslim movement known as the Taliban, I know I was concerned. My worries only increased as the article described the new government's first actions.

I don't know the full extent of the Taliban's atrocities, but I can give you a few examples. Women can no longer leave their homes unless they are totally veiled and accompanied by a male relative at all times. All schools for women have been shut down. Women are now forbidden to work at their jobs — including those who made up 40 percent of the country's doctors. More frighteningly, no one may be operated on by members of the opposite sex, but there are no female surgeons now. What are the women who need an operation supposed to do now?

This is a country of women whose rights have been taken away in one fell swoop. The United Nations is fussing, more so because the Taliban will not even allow women to work at U.N.-provided jobs like quilt-making, of all the threatening things, making impossible conditions the local U.N. job providers couldn't possibly meet. Even Russia, in its troubled, self-absorbed state, is trying to do something about the situation, although their concern could possibly be more due to the Taliban's claim that the various republics of the former U.S.S.R., including Russia, are next to fall. What is the United States doing?

America's leaders are not only giving these atrocities hardly any publicity, but they are holding talks with the Taliban's leaders, like Mullah Mohammed Omar. Why is this?

I can understand why we aren't charging in like knights in shining armor. Whether I agree with it or not, the general public opinion seems to be that the United States should stay out of affairs that

### READERS' forum

#### UK Lambda should not be hypocritical

**To the editor:**

This letter is in response to the irresponsible and childish behavior on the part of members of UK Lambda. The group's handling of the situation is unacceptable. Trying to get another group kicked off campus by making false accusations of hazing is not the solution to this problem. It only creates another one. UK Lambda has dragged the Dean of Student's office into another stupid investigation. For a group that complains about people passing judgement on them, I find it hypocritical that they would so quickly pass judgement on Delta Sigma Phi.

Trying to ensure that members, new members are exposed to a diverse education and

involved with student groups is not hazing. This is the very same goal that the University supports. If those new members disagree with what they see in trying to achieve this goal, there is nothing anybody can do or should do about it. Students at this University are entitled to their own opinion, especially in their own student center.

Lambda meetings are so highly publicized that everybody knows when and where the meetings are. If they don't want any opinions other than their own, perhaps they should be more discrete. I'm not asking them to go "back in the closet." I respect the fact that they are proud of their actions. However, if they don't flaunt them and rub them in people's faces, then others won't be offended by their actions.

**Rob Leonard**  
political science senior

#### Rich wrong about UK NOW purpose

**To the editor:**

This letter is a brief response to Ben Rich's lengthy tirade, "UK courses are really feminist indoctrinations."

I've held doors for many people and generally go by the theory that the first one at the door holds it open for those behind them. This concept translates well to life. As our society is not perfect, some groups of people have been able to make advancements before others. Those who arrive first have a responsibility to assist those who come after.

Luckily, there are many who adhere to this theory, and women, African Americans, gays and lesbians have been able to make great strides toward equality.

However, the advancement is not complete, as Rich's hateful article illustrates. By publishing

an article full of untrue statements, Rich fosters ill feelings toward groups on campus who are working hard to achieve equality for all people.

I would specifically like to address Rich's comment about UK NOW. We are not a "haven for homosexuals." While we work for equality for people of all sexual orientations, our campaigns embrace a much wider spectrum. This semester our focus is on the prevention of domestic violence and the encouragement of student involvement in the upcoming election. These are not solely issues concerning sexual orientation.

In addition, not only am I myself married, but our previous UK NOW president was married, and her "white male" husband was our vice president.

**Laurie Warnecke**  
First-year law student,  
President UKNOW

## Bill Curry's playing field was never level from the beginning

**T**he firing of Coach Bill Curry comes as no surprise to anybody who follows UK football.

Of course, that segment of the population appears to dwindle with every home football game. I have attended every home game this year, and I even convinced my parents to come down for the UGA game Saturday. But it appears a devoted UK football fan is hard to come by.

Curry is a man who has enjoyed success at a number of different coaching stops. In fact, when he was shown the door at Alabama, he had already built a foundation for a national championship team. Sure enough, three years after Gene Stallings took control, Alabama won the national championship.

Kentucky is not competing for the national championship. They are not competing for the confer-

ence championship. But they are competing. Anyone who saw how hard they fought at Alabama or how they had South Carolina on the ropes knows how hard these players are battling.

Apparently, the fans do not recognize it. And when I say "fans," I mean it in the loosest sense possible. Usually, being a fan implies some sort of devotion and support of the team. However, the team is not receiving it this year.

Anyone who knows football knows how difficult it is for young players to step in and perform like seasoned veterans.

It is just not that easy to walk in and dominate as a freshman. This year, UK has been forced to play many true freshmen due to injuries or suspensions.

Oh, yes. Suspensions. There

are many people who have wondered why Curry suspended several players for the season due to disciplinary violations. I don't know what those violations were, and I don't imagine that many others do either.

I have read about and heard people complaining that Curry should have left them on the team, or given them a one-game suspension instead of booting them for the whole year.

Apparently these people subscribe to the same philosophy Miami and Oklahoma held in the mid-1980's: As long as the team is successful, nobody should be disciplined for breaking the rules.

That is not meant to single out Oklahoma and Miami for their past problems, problems which in fact every team has to deal with.

Contrary to the opinion of many Wildcat fans, it is possible to win them (remember the IU game?), then people cheer the players. But if a trick play doesn't work, people boo Curry for running such a stupid play in this situation.

Can anyone tell me who calls the plays for the offense?

Isn't it Elliot Uzelac, who, speaking of class, once told a player at Ohio State that he took school-work too seriously?

On my way back from Wal-Mart with my friend Emily the day after the South Carolina game, I saw no less than three signs in people's yards urging UK to fire Curry. I feel sorry for Curry and the

**INFORMED SOURCES** "Thousands of people get pacemakers every year, but I don't get to see any of them. It's good to see that what I do makes a difference."

**Joseph Florio**, who designed a pacemaker which his father, **Gennaro Florio**, received weeks after having a heart attack.



**As long as the team is successful, nobody should be disciplined for breaking the rules.**

things he's had to go through. He has suffered through the shooting death of one of his players, as well as death threats against himself and his family and numerous requests to have him fired.

Listen to the players' comments with any sort of attentiveness, and you will hear them say they blame themselves for what happened. They feel as if they have let Curry down because they haven't done as well as UK fans would have liked them to.

As I said, I will be at the Georgia game on Saturday. I will cheer for Curry — not because he was fired, but because I stand by him and realize how unfair the whole situation has been to him.

Curry was never really given a fair chance. He deserved better. It's too bad he could never have expected to receive it here.

**Contributing Columnist Matt Ellison is a journalist and columnist, his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.**

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# CAMPUS



## Vicki Samson Learning specialist and friend

By Lindsay Hendrix  
Features Editor

Vicki Samson and her co-workers are very busy this week. They're working on getting the federal grant funding Student Support Services renewed.

This project, which determines the fate of the service, will also determine if the 150 students who applied and were accepted to the program continue to receive the invaluable services of Samson and her co-workers.

As the learning specialist for UK's Student Support Services, Samson helps first-generation college students, as well as those from low-income families and those with disabilities, improve their study, time-management, and test-and-note-taking skills.

Samson enjoys her job as a learning specialist, although she wasn't expected to be in this work — a far cry from her Kansas State University geography

degree. "I really do enjoy what I'm doing now, and I can always move that direction again if I want to," she said. "But right now I'm happy where I'm at."

And she still has the opportunity to stay in touch with her old area of interest.

She sometimes tutors the geography students in the program.

After doing this job for three years, she knows now to expect one thing to lead to another, and often something as simple as geography-tutoring can end up with students seeking advice with personal issues that may be effecting their academics.

"Sometimes students come in and they have some kind of academic concern, but it turns out there's other things on their

mind," said Samson. "A lot of times your personal life overlaps in your academics."

Although Samson admits she is not a professional counselor, she lends an ear to those distressed about academic and personal issues, and often advises them as to where to take their questions.

"I mainly just listen, I'm more of a friend," she said. "If it's something that I feel like they would benefit from talking to someone else who is a professional, I encourage them to go over to Frizzell Hall."

Although it seems she's a long way from her agriculture-oriented background, the quality that originally drew Samson to geography is actually present in her current job.

"What initially interested me in geography was that it was just something you could use all the

time — something you could apply to every-day life."

Strangely enough, being a learning specialist gives Samson the chance to advise students on their every-day life problems every day.

"I have a great appreciation for people who overcome obstacles in their life," she said.

"It really inspires me when I see people with her positive attitude and energy, both of which she attributes to liking what she's doing."

"I never realized how my enthusiasm is very contagious," she said. "Even when I think I'm being reserved, I'm not."

To nominate someone in the UK community for Campus Impressions, write a short paragraph explaining why he or she should be featured in the Kernel. Bring nominations to 035 Grehan Journalism Building or email them to [Kernel@pop.uky.edu](mailto:Kernel@pop.uky.edu).



Campus Impressions

## 'Solid gold' adviser

By Matthew Davis  
Contributing Writer

As spring registration time approaches, so does the semi-annual visit to the adviser's office.

Students in journalism and telecommunications have been making their advising trips to Pat Matthews' office for 20 years.

Matthews, an adviser for the School of Journalism and Telecommunications, has won UK's 1996 Outstanding Adviser Award.

Matthews primarily advises pre-major students with concentrations in journalism, journalism and telecommunications, although any student may be assigned to her. After working on such newspapers as the Plant City Courier in Florida, the Scranton Tribune (Pennsylvania), and the Petersburg Progress in Virginia, Matthews came to Kentucky about 20 years ago when her hus-

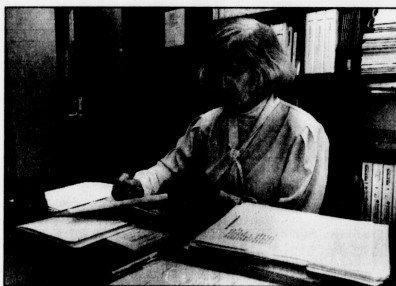
band was transferred. At that time she gave tours on area horse farms.

By a fortunate twist of fate, the tour company closed and Matthews decided to put her Penn State journalism degree to some use at UK.

She quickly became an indispensable part of the UK community. Matthews modestly said that "students are what the University is all about. We're a student-oriented school. All of the advisers around campus are dedicated to doing the best job that they can. I'm just a representative."

Buck Ryan, director of the journalism school, said Matthews is an asset for the school and its students.

"Pat Matthews is solid gold. She is one of the best advantages that we have in the school to help our students succeed in their academic studies. I can't imagine a more worthy recipient of the Uni-



READY ADVICE Pat Matthews, one of UK's Outstanding Advisers, has been working with School of Journalism students for 20 years.

versity's highest honor," Ryan said. Scott Monroe, a journalism senior who designs the Lexington Herald-Leader website and has been advised by Matthews for four years, agrees. He said she has kept

his schedule in order. "Pat helped me a lot. Within the last couple of years I've worked with her exclusively. When my whole schedule would fall through, Pat helped me," Monroe said.

## Athletic

### Nike contract also discussed by board

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Sentiment from the Lexington Center on the possible relocation still remains the same.

"Speaking for the staff and the board, we (at the Lexington Center) would not like to see that happen. The feasibility study will cover many things, and we have no control over that," said Cecil Dunn, chairman of the board at the Lexington Center.

If UK moves to an on-campus facility, Dunn said the center will

face an annual debt of \$2 million to retire the bonds.

Compared with arenas in other cities, Dunn said, Rupp is "well-managed."

UK came to the city in 1973 when it wanted a bigger venue, Dunn said.

Also discussed at the meeting was an all-University apparel contract with Nike.

Excluding men's basketball and women's volleyball teams, 20 sports would be supplied with apparel from the company, which athletic officials said could build royalty revenue and help market UK nationally.

On the list of intercollegiate athletic teams, Newton said UK ranks fourth nationwide in royalty income.

## Leaders

### Institute brings out leadership ability

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tion for ELI enrollment.

The ELI plans on selecting 25 students into the organization this year.

For those selected, the institute provides three hours of elective college credit for their involvement in the program, completion of a leadership project, and meeting the other basic guidelines and criteria of the institute.

The Institute is encouraged to students who think that they may have leadership abilities, and aspire to further develop those skills.

Although ELI is demanding

and challenging, the possibility for the students involved to ultimately discover the skill that they didn't even know existed makes the program well worth it, according to Campbell.

This process is achieved through several presentations made by leaders, as well as guidance from a one-on-one faculty advisor assigned to each student.

The faculty working for the Institute are from all academic divisions and administrations at UK.

Many of the Institute's planned lessons will be conducted from these advisors.

ELI will meet next semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Jan. 14-April 10.

For all freshman and sophomores interested, applications for ELI are due by Nov. 1, and are to be directed to Room 106 Student Center.

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