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Student smokers looking to kick the habit



"If I don't have cigarettes, I go insane."

By Jeff Vinson
Staff Writer

Dawn smokes for relaxation. Jamie smokes to relieve stress. And Shinya smokes to "refresh" himself. Whatever the reason, smoking cigarettes, despite documented health risks, helps these UK students and others like them get through the day. Aside from the nicotine addiction, many smokers share common answers to the oft heard question of why they smoke. Dawn Lewis, an English education senior, said she has been smoking for more than a year. But she has been surrounded by smokers all her life. "Well, I always thought I would never smoke simply because I grew up in a family that smoked — everyone smoked," she said. Although Lewis said she dislikes the smell of smoke, social influences and her environment led her to start smoking. For her

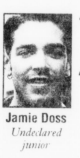
smoking is a casual, social habit. "All my friends smoke," Lewis said. "Anytime you're out with people, you always burn cigarettes, and that's how it started." Smoking gives her a way to relax, especially before taking a test, she said. But, Lewis also said she faces the physical and financial ill effects of smoking. When she finds herself short of breath after running up a flight of stairs, Lewis tells herself to stop smoking, she said. "Since I've been smoking over a year now, it's pretty important that I stop soon, just because of the money factor," Lewis said. "Smoking tends to get expensive." Admittedly, she is still in the "I can quit if I want to" stage. Behind Patterson Office Tower, another student takes a quick smoke break. Undeclared junior Jamie Doss started smoking when he was 19 years old. He is now 24. Doss started smoking regularly as a freshman in his second

semester at Western Kentucky University. "At first, it just started out with, like, one (cigarette) before a test or after a test, or while I was drinking. And then it just kept adding up," Doss said. He said he used to smoke about two packs a day, but cut down to one. And like Lewis, Doss grew up in a family of smokers. He finds his situation slightly humorous because he tries to stay healthy by working out five days a week, but "I still smoke," Doss said. Smoking used to be a social thing for him, but it has changed. "The only reason I do now is probably just the addiction," Doss said. "I would like to quit." His addiction is both physical and mental. Whether talking on the phone or driving his car, Doss said, cigarettes keep his hands busy. "If I don't have cigarettes, I go insane." Shinya Doi, a 24-year-old



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Program can help 'un-teach' smoking

By Jeff Vinson
Staff Writer

Students who want to rid themselves of the smoking habit can learn about a program designed to "un-teach" smoking. Today at 4 p.m., Dr. Thomas Cooper, a professor in the Department of Oral Health Sciences, will present information about the Cooper/Clayton Method to Stop Smoking. The session will be at the UK College of Nursing in 502 A/B Health Sciences Learning Center.

Cooper and Dr. Richard Clayton, a professor and nationally recognized expert on drug addiction, developed the program that has been available since the spring of 1986. Cooper was a smoker for 36 years, and he knows "first-hand" how the program works. Smoking is not a willpower issue, Cooper said. When people quit "cold turkey," a pressure in their world arises "that they don't know how to cope with until they get a cigarette in their hand and get a blast of nicotine," Cooper

said. Young smokers fail to realize the risk smoking poses to their health because most ill-effects appear years later, Cooper said. Usually, the brain's job is to protect the body. However, when drugs like nicotine are introduced, the brain forces the body to feed its desire, Cooper said. Smokers must have three characteristics to become a successful non-smokers, Cooper said. They must believe they will

GOT A LIGHT? Many student smokers at UK say the time has come for them to consider quitting.

NEWSbytes

CITY Vogel still has flashbacks of shooting

A day doesn't go by that former Lexington Metro Police Sgt. Phil Vogel doesn't replay in his mind his fatal shooting of an 18-year-old black youth on Oct. 25. Citing possible civil litigation, Vogel said he could not comment on the circumstances surrounding the shooting of Tony Sullivan, other than to say it was an accident. But he said he will live with the tragedy for the rest of his life. "There hasn't been a day since this happened that I haven't had a vivid recall of what transpired," he said. "Knowing how fast — within the snap of the fingers — your life and that of your family and someone else's life can end or change is brought home to me every day. "I can assure you that no one feels sorer for what happened that day than me," Vogel said in one of two interviews last week with The Courier-Journal. It was his first public comment since the shooting, which occurred as police were attempting to arrest Sullivan at Lexington's Bluegrass-Aspendale housing project.

NAMEdropping

Sandler sees trouble on set of 'SNL'

RADNOR, Pa. — Live from New York, it's Saturday night? Trouble is brewing behind the scenes of NBC's "Saturday Night Live," because, as cast member Adam Sandler so delicately puts it, "The writing sucks this season." The result, according to Sandler, is going to be a mass exodus by SNL's disgruntled troupe. "If the show comes back next year, it better be a lot funnier, or you'll see the entire cast go to Hollywood," Sandler says in the Feb. 18 issue of *TV Guide* magazine. Sandler recently did just that, starring in the film "Billy Madison," which opened No. 1 at the box office over the weekend, according to preliminary estimates. *Compiled from wire reports*



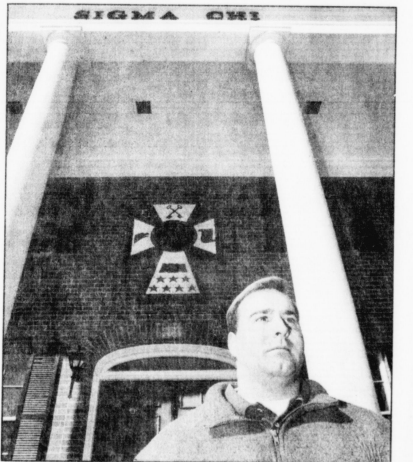
Sandler

Fisher prepared to handle tough decisions

By Steve Perry
Staff Writer

Anytime a student rises to a position of power, he must be prepared to deal with tough situations ranging from decision-making to settling conflicts among peers. Todd Fisher draws on experiences from his family life to conquer the challenges of his job as UK's new Interfraternity Council president. When he was a senior in high school, Fisher was forced to deal with the divorce of his parents. With the rest of the family reeling from the break-up, Fisher took on a lion's share of responsibilities, all the while dealing with his own pain. "You don't have a choice," Fisher said. "You just have to accept it." For many students, their parents' divorce probably would be considered the most difficult point in their life, but Fisher's story has a bit of a twist. He is proud of himself for the way he handled the situation. In retrospect, he said, the painful period helped him build character. "I had to grow up fast. It was during my senior year of high school, and it obviously wasn't easy. But I had to be there for my mom and sister, and I had to take on that challenge," Fisher said. "Now, we are all doing great." Fisher, an accounting and finance senior, serves not only as the primary liaison for the social fraternities to UK, but also as the

head of the fraternities' governing body. "It's been really smooth so far this semester, but the fall is really when things can get hectic," Fisher said. The job also can put you in a difficult position, former IFC president Jonathan Bruser said. "It puts you in the middle of the university and the fraternities. You're caught in the middle, and you have to be able to argue for both sides," Bruser said. "But (Fisher) is experienced and is definitely the right person for the job." Fisher, who has been in office since the beginning of the semester, said he has an opportunity to make something that is improving even better. "(Bruser) has done a lot of good things while he was president. I'm just going to try and go in the same direction and work to improve things even more," Fisher said. "We always want to be viewed as positive part of UK. We preach that Greeks strive for high academic standards and to make an impact in our community," Fisher said. "We want people to have positive thoughts of Greeks. I think now we are doing what we expected to be doing." Fisher pointed out that the 1994 fall semester grade-point average of fraternity males surpassed the average for all University males. He also pointed out the work done with UK's now disbanded Volunteer Center and



IFC PRESIDENT Todd Fisher says a crisis in his family helped him build the strength of character he needs to lead UK's fraternities.

Student government accepting scholarship applications

Staff report

Applications now are available for Student Government Association's new need-based scholarships for full-time UK or Lexington Community College students. SGA officials are seeking "typical" students for the \$300 awards, Senator at Large Alan Aja said yesterday. He and Senators at Large Eddie Atchley,

Wendy Hyland and Shelli Freeland have shaped the criteria for the awards. An ideal candidate for the one of the scholarships available, Aja said, is "just a typical student trying to make it through college." Students need not necessarily be academic types for these scholarships. The only scholarly requirement is to be off academic probation. Otherwise, all students can apply, Aja said.

Applicants mostly will be chosen by on-campus involvement and financial need, Aja said. Although students with high academic marks won't be excluded, financial need is the most important consideration, he said. "It'll be nice if you had grades," Atchley said. "Someone who has a 2.0 and not involved around campus, they have a very slim chance." SGA officials are ineligible for the scholarships.

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Smokers

Students say quitting is important to them

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freshman, brought more than his love of hoops to UK — he also brought a four-year-old habit.

Doi said he started smoking while attending the Meiji University in Japan.

He said that even though he enjoys the "refreshing" release of stress smoking gives him, smoking slows his ability to rebound from illness. For someone who enjoys sports as much as he does, being sick hurts, Doi said.

Dr. Weida Gonssalves, a clinical assistant professor at the Ken-

tucky Clinic South, says she understands how young smokers think.

Gonssalves said many younger people have "it won't happen to me" attitude, and therefore they do not worry about lung cancer or heart disease.

Chronic bronchitis, susceptibility to colds, and even impotency are enough reasons for students to stop smoking, she said.

"When that person feels that it is their time to quit smoking, that they're not feeling like they should... then they will be successful," Gonssalves said.

Doi, for example, said he knows that smoking is bad and that he should quit. "In my mind, I imagine I can quit," Doi said. "But physically, like a machine, the hand moves to the cigarette and then to the mouth."

upon as role models, whether they know it or not, Cooper said. Their smoking habits may influence others.

The Cooper/Clayton method is shown on a TV network three times a day. It is used in about 1,380 hospitals across the U.S. and has the highest success rates for heavy smokers, Cooper said.

Cooper said he and Clayton run about six programs each year. The program usually costs \$200, but for students Cooper and Clayton waive the fee.

"During the time of the burglaries in the sorority houses, he slept on the couch at the Theta house three or four nights and also arranged for some of this fraternity brothers to stay over."

"It really made us feel a lot better and safer."

Fisher sees his position not only as an excellent opportunity but also as enjoyable.

"Working with... the other members of the IFC has been great," Fisher said.

"They make my job a lot easier."

Program

Method successful with heavy smokers

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he better off without cigarettes. They must be willing to accept some discomfort.

They must believe in the process.

College students are looked

Fisher

President sees post as new opportunity

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the improvements in alcohol risk management for fraternities.

Senior Tracy Rogers, a former president of Kappa Alpha Theta, a social sorority, said she thinks Fisher will do a good job because of his sincerity.

Deadline nearing for staff awards

By Jennifer Smith
Staff Writer

The Lexington Campus is looking for you to nominate a few good staffers.

Applications for the 1995 Outstanding Staff Awards are being accepted through tomorrow.

Everyday and in every way, we have staff members that are doing fantastic things," said Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway.

"The people that get honored are truly deserving, but they're only a small portion of the people that need to be recognized."

Since 1991, the chancellor's office has been recognizing valuable staffers who are nominated for making outstanding contributions to the University community.

The seven annual winners are awarded with letters of recognition and \$500 awards.

"I just thought we should be putting our money where our mouths are when recognizing staff members," Hemenway said. However, he said there are not

sufficient funds to recognize all staffers.

All full- and part-time employees of the Lexington Campus with at least 12 months of service are eligible.

Office and clerical employees will receive two awards; service and maintenance will receive two; professional and administrative will receive two; and technical and scientific employees will receive one.

The selection committee gives the awards based on several criteria, including good rapport with colleagues and members of the UK community, a positive attitude and a proven record of exceptional and competent productivity.

Nominations go to an awards committee consisting of former award winners for consideration.

Winners are notified in advance and receive the awards at a campuswide ceremony in the spring.

"What we really need are people to nominate (staffers)," Hemenway said.

"A lot of people do not like the idea of filling out a form. They often do not want to take the time to do that."

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar appears in the Monday edition of the Kentucky Kernel. All organizations wishing to publish meetings, lectures, special events and sporting events, must have all information to SAB room 203 or call 257-8687 1 week prior to Publication.

MONDAY 2/13

ARTS & MOVIES

- Rasdale Gallery: Carleton Wing, Solo Show-collage (thu 2/17)
- Cfr for Contemporary Art (Fine Arts Bldg): Asbury Show, Paintings, 8:00am-4:30pm weekdays (thu 2/26); FREE
- EXHIBIT: Doris Wilkinson, photographs on African-American Jazz Guitarists, President's Room Gallery of the Singletary Ctr, Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:30pm; (thu 2/28); CALL 257-1706
- EXHIBIT: A Spectacular Vision: The George and Susan Proskauer Collection, UK Art Museum; CALL 257-5716; (thu 03/12/95)
- Fine Arts Institute: Series of non-credit, community education classes in art, music, theatre, & dance; CALL 275-7831 for fees, times, locations vary (thru April)
- UK Wind Ensemble: Richard Gary, conductor, 8:00pm, Concert Hall-Singletary Ctr, FREE
- College of Fine Arts Technology: Series: Howard Sandoff, computer music, 8:00pm, Recital Hall-Singletary Ctr, FREE

MEETINGS & LECTURES

- SAB Family Weekend-Interventions
- Attention Prelaw Students: "Tell Me About Environmental Law," Rick Thomas, 3:00pm, Miller Hall, 1st Fl Conference Rm; CALL 257-3383
- Uncle Sam Wants You! Finding Govt Employment, sponsored by the UK Career Ctr, 4:30-5:20am, Rm. 201 Mathews Bldg; CALL 257-2746

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Catholic Mass at the Newman Center (every week day), 12:10pm for half an hour

RECREATION

- Aikido Class, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; CALL 257-3988
- Tuesday, 2/14 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

TUESDAY 2/14

ARTS & MOVIES

- SAB FREE MOVIE!!! "Casablanca," 7:30pm, Center Theater-Student Ctr
- UK Jazz Ensemble: 5th Annual Valentine's Day Concert, 8:00pm, Concert Hall-Singletary Ctr, FREE
- Faculty Recital: Benjamin Karp, cello; Phillip Miller, clarinet; & Patricia Montgomery, piano, 8:00pm, Recital Hall-Singletary Ctr, FREE

MEETINGS & LECTURES

- The Master Student Program: Learn to Study Smarter Not Just Harder, sponsored by the UK Counseling Ctr, 12:00-12:50pm (1/24-3/1 Tue. & Thur.) Rm. 201 Frazee Hall, \$35 plus textbook; CALL 257-8703 for Enrollment Information and Class Location
- Time Management, sponsored by the UK Counseling Ctr, 12:00-12:50pm, Rm. 203 Frazee Hall, FREE & Limited Enrollment. CALL 257-8673 to reserve a space
- Info Session on Summer Study in Ecuador, 12:00 & 3:00pm, Rm. 207 Bradley Hall; CALL 257-8139
- Conquering Procrastination, sponsored by the UK Counseling Ctr, 1:30-3:00pm, Rm. 203 Frazee Hall, FREE & Limited Enrollment. CALL 257-8673 to reserve a space
- How to Make Your Advertising & Marketing Dollars Work For You, sponsored by the Ky Small Business Development Ctr, 2:00pm-4:30pm, 4th Floor, Room 3-Lex. Central Library, \$20; CALL 257-7667
- Resume Facelift, sponsored by the UK Career Ctr, 3:00-3:50am, Rm. 201 Mathews Bldg; CALL 257-2746
- Council on Aging/Donovan Scholars Program presents Dr. James Rogers: Romeo & Juliet, 4:00-5:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Ctr; CALL 257-8314

SPECIAL EVENTS

- SAB Board Meeting, 5:00pm, Rm. 203 New Student Ctr
- The Master Student Program: Learn to Study Smarter Not Just Harder, sponsored by the UK Counseling Ctr, 6:00-8:00pm (1/17-2/21 on Tuesdays) Rm. 201 Frazee Hall, \$35 plus textbook; CALL 257-8703 for Enrollment Information and Class Location
- Alpha Phi Omega Community Service Organization Mtg, 6:30pm, Rm. 205-New Student Ctr

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Student Night at the Catholic Newman Center, 7:30pm; CALL 255-8567

INTRAMURALS & RECREATION

- Table Tennis Singles & Doubles Tournament Entries Due by 4:00pm, Rm. 145 Seaton Ctr; CALL 257-6584
- UK Ballroom Dance Society Dance Lessons, 7:00-8:00pm Beginners, 8:00-9:00pm Novice, Bueli Army Dance Studio, FREE. CALL Beth Noduff @ 257-2873; Latin & Ballroom Social Dances: Partner not required, but helpful

SPORTS

- UK Men's Basketball vs. Mississippi State (ESPN), 9:30pm; Lexington, KY

WEDNESDAY 2/15

MEETINGS & LECTURES

- UK Women's Forum presents Tina Peters, "Home Economics Is More than Just Cooking!" 11:45am-1:00pm, Student Ctr Sm. Ballroom, FREE. Brown bag lunch; CALL 257-8608
- Cfr for Computational Sciences presents Robert Tannenbaum: New Developments & Directions in Instructional Computing, 3:30pm, Rm. 327 McVey Hall (Reception at 3:00pm)
- DESIRE TO STOP DRINKING! Try A.A. - it works! Every Wed., 5:00pm, Rm. 4 Newman Ctr
- For Users of Wordperfect, sponsored by the Ky Small Business Development Ctr, 6:30-9:00pm (Con't on 2/16)
- Business Info Ctr, 1st Floor-UK B&E Bldg, \$40 (Materials provided); CALL 257-7667
- SAB Hearing Racism Mtg, 7:00pm, Rm. 359 Student Ctr
- Cosmopolitan Club Members Mtg, 7:30pm, Bradley Hall Basement Club Rm.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- UK Deadline for submission of all application materials, College of Medicine, for Fall 1995

RECREATION

- Aikido Class, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; CALL 257-3988

SPORTS

- UK Lady Kats Basketball vs. Morehead State, 7:30pm; Lexington, KY

THURSDAY 2/16

ARTS & MOVIES

- SAB MOVIE: (Joint Venture Cinema/Concert... Concert Films TBA), 7:30 & 10:00pm, Worship Hall-Theater-Student Ctr, \$2 with UK ID
- UK Theatre: "The Uninvited," 8:00pm, Guignol Theatre-Fine Arts Bldg; Tickets: \$9 & \$6

MEETINGS & LECTURES

- The Master Student Program: Learn to Study Smarter Not Just Harder, sponsored by the UK Counseling Ctr, 12:00-12:50pm (1/24-3/1 Tue. & Thur.) Rm. 201 Frazee Hall, \$35 plus textbook; CALL 257-8703 for Enrollment Information and Class Location
- Entrepreneurship As A Second Career, sponsored by the Ky Small Business Development Ctr, 1:00-4:00pm, 4th Floor, Room 3-Lex. Central Library, \$40; CALL 257-7667
- Council on Aging/Donovan Scholars Program presents Dr. Helen Reed, Donovan Scholar: Alaska-Land of Moose & Northern Lights, 4:00-5:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Ctr; CALL 257-8314
- Developing Winning Interview Skills, sponsored by the UK Career Ctr, 5:00-5:50am, Rm. 201 Mathews Bldg; CALL 257-2746
- SAB PR/Campus Network Committee Mtg, 5:30pm, Rm. 203 Student Ctr

SPORTS

- UK Women's Tennis vs. Texas, 2:30pm; Lexington, KY
- UK Men's Tennis vs. Notre Dame, 6:00pm; Lexington, KY

FRIDAY 2/17

ARTS & MOVIES

- Rasdale Gallery: Carleton Wing, Solo Show-collage (Last day-Reception 5:00-6:00pm)
- GALLERY Series: African Drums: Pangea Drums, 12:00pm, Pearl Gallery-King Library North; FREE
- SAB MOVIE: (Joint Venture Cinema/Concert... Concert Films TBA) 7:30 & 10:00pm, Worship Hall-Theater-Student Ctr, \$2 with UK ID
- UK Theatre: "The Uninvited," 8:00pm, Guignol Theatre-Fine Arts Bldg; Tickets: \$9 & \$6
- Faculty Recital: Orville Hammond, jazz piano, 8:00pm, Concert Hall-Singletary Ctr; FREE

SPORTS

- UK Swimming & Diving: SEC Combined, All Day, Columbia, SC (thu 2/19)
- UK Men's Baseball vs. South Alabama, 1:00pm; Mobile, AL

SATURDAY 2/18

ARTS & MOVIES

- Rasdale Gallery: Oswald Research and Creativity Awards-Student entries for Design & Fine Arts (thu 3/02)

Kentucky Day of Percussion, 9:00am-6:00pm, Recital Hall-Singletary Ctr; CALL 257-8187 to register

SAB MOVIE: (Joint Venture Cinema/Concert... Concert Films TBA) 7:30 & 10:00pm, Worship Hall-Theater-Student Ctr, \$2 with UK ID

UK Theatre: "The Uninvited," 8:00pm, Guignol Theatre-Fine Arts Bldg; Tickets: \$9 & \$6

College of Fine Arts Gala Benefit for student scholarships: Ray Charles, guest artist, 8:00pm, Concert Hall-Singletary Ctr; Tickets: \$35, \$50, \$100, \$300

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Catholic Mass at the Newman Center, 6:00pm

INTRAMURALS & RECREATION

- Table Tennis Singles & Doubles Tournament (thu 2/19); CALL 257-6584
- UK Collegiate Cycling Criteriums, 1:30-4:00pm, Stadium K-Parking Lot, FREE; CALL 226-9693

SPORTS

- UK Men's Baseball vs. South Alabama, 12:00pm; Mobile, AL
- UK Men's Tennis vs. Princeton, 2:00pm; Princeton, NJ
- UK Men's Basketball vs. Florida (JP), 3:00pm; Lexington, KY
- UK Indoor Track Meet: KY High School Invitational (Top 12-16 KY), S. Athletes
- UK Gymnastics @ Auburn; Auburn, Ala

SUNDAY 2/19

ARTS & MOVIES

- Faculty Recital: Alan Hersh, piano, 3:00pm, Recital Hall-Singletary Ctr; FREE
- Chamber Music Society: Quink, 8:00pm, Recital Hall-Singletary Ctr; Tickets \$12.50, FREE to first 80 UK & Transy students
- UK Theatre: "Beyond Therapy," 8:00pm, Black Box Theatre-Fine Arts Bldg, FREE

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Catholic Mass at the Newman Center, 9:00 & 11:30am, 5:00 & 8:30pm

INTRAMURALS & RECREATION

- Aikido Class, 1:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; CALL 257-3988
- UK Collegiate Cycling Criteriums, 10:00am-12:30pm, Stadium K-Parking Lot, FREE; CALL 226-9693

SPORTS

- UK Women's Tennis vs. Michigan, 11:00am; Lexington, KY
- UK Men's Baseball vs. South Alabama, 1:00pm; Mobile, AL
- UK Lady Kats Basketball @ Tennessee, 2:00pm

SPORTS

WEEKEND wrapup

TRIVIA TEST WHAT COLLEGE player had the biggest scoring average as a freshman?

Chris Jackson (30.2 points per game in 1989)

"I DON'T think height makes that much difference. Steve Young just won the Super Bowl... I have an inch on him." Chad May, Kansas State quarterback, on being drafted

PEP TALK

Irish luck runs dry; Cats roll 97-58

By Brett Dawson Sports Editor

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Seventy-six points. That's how far Notre Dame is from competing with the big boys in college basketball.

Yesterday's 97-58 loss to UK, just more than a week after a 37-point loss to UCLA, seemed to be proof positive — the Irish just ain't what they used to be.

The noted giant-killers bumbled their way to the 39-point blowout yesterday, getting done in by some hellacious defense and a pair of heavenly performances on the part of the Wildcats (17-3).

That defense, UK's trademark all season, held Notre Dame (14-9) to just 33 percent shooting and forced the Irish into 23 turnovers. The offensive fireworks came courtesy of Walter McCarty and Antoine Walker, who each dominated a half of play.

Those halves added up to a dominating whole for UK, one that got glowing reviews from the Cats' toughest critic.

"We've been winning all season long, but we haven't played great basketball," UK coach Rick Pitino said. "Right now, it's snowballing, and we're playing very well. We started out a good basketball team and became a very good one, now we're on our way to becoming outstanding."

The Cats aren't there yet, Pitino said, but yesterday was a step in that direction.

UK 97, NOTRE DAME 58. UK (97): Rhodes 1-7, 1-2 3, McCarty 7-12, 2-2 20, Riddick 1-3, 1-1 3, Dik 5-8, 0-2 13, Sheppard 3-5, 4-4 10, Pickett 6-8, 1-1 13, Eggs 2-3, 5-6 11, Pope 0-0, 0-0 0, Edwards 1-1, 0-0 3, Walker 3-5, 7-8 13, Padgett 0-1, 2-2 2, Harrison 2-4, 0-0 6, Mills 0-1, 0-0 0. Totals 31-68, 23-28 57. NOTRE DAME (58): Williams 2-3, 0-1 4, Garity 1-8, 5-8 7, Young 3-3, 0-0 6, Hoover 3-5, 5-6 12, Justice 1-4, 1-2 3, Manner 2-7, 7-8 12, White 1-2, 3-4 6, Kuroski 0-1, 1-2 1, Miller 1-1, 2-2 2, Taylor 0-1, 2-3 2, Gutsch 1-2, 0-0 2, Walkers 0-5, 1-4 1, Totals 14-42, 27-40 58.

Hatfield: UK 45, ND 29. Rebounds: UK 39 (Walker 9), ND 24 (Justice 8). Goals: 45, Three-point FG: UK 12 (28%), ND 4 (6%), Dik 3-6, Eggs 2-2, Harrison 2-4, Edwards 1-1, Sheppard 3-7, Manner 1-1, White 1-1, Hoover 1-3, Williams 0-1, Garity 0-1, Assists: UK 23 (Rhodes, Sheppard 5) ND 9 (Justice 6). Blocks: UK 2 (Padgett, McCarty 1) ND 2 (Young, Walker 1). Fouls: UK 27, ND 23. Technicals: Riddick, Walker, Williams. A: 11,416.

Paced by McCarty's 17 first-half points and a dazzling 10-point second frame from Walker, UK took Notre Dame's fabled crowd, desperately seeking excitement, out of the game early, then put the Irish to bed.

Notre Dame's defensive strategy — putting the clamps on Rodrick Rhodes — came crashing down around them from the start.

Though the junior swingman clearly had his problems, scoring just 3 points on 1-of-7 shooting, the focus on him allowed McCarty to get off early.

"I don't think Rod really struggled," said McCarty, who scored 7 of UK's first 9 points. "They really keyed on him, and that was leaving me open, so he still, Rhodes suffered through his

third straight statistical nightmare, scoring 4 or fewer points for the third game in a row. The junior did have 5 assists, but added 6 turnovers to his stat line.

Without Rhodes making things happen, the Cats got a second-half spark from Walker.

The freshman forward, playing in front of hometown family and friends from his nearby hometown Chicago, went on a personal 8-2 run midway through the second half to stretch UK's lead to 66-40.

The 6-8 forward also ran the point on the fastbreak late in the game, making a number of spectacular passes, most setting up his teammates for trips to the foul line.

"I'm starting to feel comfortable out there," said Walker, who finished with 13 points and 9 rebounds. "I'm not out there necessarily looking to score, but I'm getting my game together offensively."

So is UK as a whole. The Cats' 23 assists marked the second time since the start of February that they've topped Pitino's goal of 20, and UK's 97 points were its third 90-point outing since Jan. 29.

Notre Dame, meanwhile, continued to struggle. The loss left the Irish still without a quality win — with the exception of an overtime victory over then-struggling Indiana — and without a chance left to get one.

Still, Notre Dame coach John MacLeod saw little shame in losing to a UK team rounding into NCAA Tournament form.

"My feelings before the game and



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now is that Kentucky is the number one team in the country," MacLeod said. "All the other top teams have been beaten soundly, except them. "It is not a good team — it is a great team."

UK's defense too much for outdated ND offense

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — "Jeopardy: The Pitino-Ball Home Game." Contestant: "I'll take Bludgeonings for 300, Alex."

Alex Trebek: "Answer. UK 97, Notre Dame 58." Contestant: "What is the result of a game pitting an offense as outdated as a slide rule against a team that is as exhilarated by defense as Donald Trump is by cold cash?"

Precisely five minutes into yesterday's pre-St. Valentine's Day massacre in South Bend, the Irish found themselves down two sets and a break (16-3 to be precise), a trend that if extended over a full 40 minutes would result in a 128-24 loss. The inept Irish seemed on pace to eclipse a bevy of futility records. In the end, they didn't lose by 100, and they didn't set a record. They barely missed on the latter.

When the carnage ceased in the South Bend speakeasy, the Irish had, to their credit, 14 field goals — a mere two more than their Notre Dame forefathers registered in a 34-28 overtime loss to UK in a stall-scared 1981 tilt.

Notre Dame's mascot, the famed leprechaun, spurred from one side of the arena to the other during the game, trying desperately to inspire the crowd. He urged on the Irish faithful, saying their team could mount a comeback. To which the 11,418 dungeon monks collectively said ...

"Yeah, and maybe Michael Jackson will find work at a KinderCare. Maybe the NAACP will invite Detective Mark Fuhrman in as a guest lecturer. Maybe Meat Loaf will land a role as Tori Spelling's new love interest on '90210."

Their only hope was mercy from their fellow Catholic, Wildcat coach Rick Pitino. But on this day, George Bush would elicit more sympathy on the streets of Baghdad. At press time, Pitino had yet to be excommunicated.

"We're on the verge of becoming outstanding," said Pitino, in a bit of an understatement.

In the "Mr. Leprechaun, Meet Mr. McCarty" first half, UK forced the hapless Irish into 14 turnovers and limited them to a chilly 33.3 percent from the floor. Stat lines such as these, as any responsible Kentuckian knows, spell certain doom for the opposition. True to form, the Irish trailed the Cats by 16 at the break. Walter McCarty, with 17 first-half points, trailed the Irish by 12.

The "Mr. Leprechaun, Meet Mr. Walker" second stanza dissolved into a glorified UK practice. Antoine Walker, the UK freshman from nearby Chicago, had in his 11 second-half minutes: 10 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 0 turnovers. More impressive was the style Walker flaunted to impress his family and friends who took the L down from Chicago.

The freshman used a ("Mr. Leprechaun, Meet Mr. Mashburn — New Edition") mesmerizing crossover dribble to freeze his helpless defender in his tracks. I can't be sure, but I believe I saw the cleanup crew removing the still-frozen Irish player 20 minutes after the game.

"I didn't really have any extra incentive, but naturally, I wanted to play well in front of my family and friends," Walker said.

Pitino, as he did in the preseason, compared his diaper dandy to former Wildcat All-American Jamal Mashburn.

Throughout the final minutes of the glorified practice, the freshman continually spotted teammates, such as the rejuvenated Jared Prickett, cutting in the lane for easy hoops.

"My game is to go out there and make my teammates better," Walker said. "I just enjoy passing."

UK's remaining opposition must only hope this passing fetish is, in fact, a passing fancy. For when an offense is poetic and a defense continually preserves disorder, what you have, Mr. Leprechaun, is a juggernaut.

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Eric Mosolgo Sports Columnist

Kats downed by Tide 68-62

By Shannon Henry Staff Writer

The Lady Kats suffered their fifth consecutive Southeastern Conference loss Saturday after falling to the visiting Alabama Crimson Tide.

No. 19 Alabama defeated the Lady Kats 68-62. The Lady Tide was led by senior Niesha Johnson, who contributed 22 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals.

Johnson said offensive patience and defensive pressure for the Tide's victory.

"We were getting good shots when we took care of the ball," said Johnson, whose team improved to 16-7 overall and 5-4 in the SEC. "We went to the zone in the second half and picked off the ball. We didn't give them open shots."

Senior guard Stacey Reed led the Lady Kats with 14 points. She also added 6 rebounds, 8 assists and 3 steals in UK's losing effort. She said the lack of defensive pressure in the second half hurt the Kats.

"We came out focused in the first half and things went our way early," Reed said. "They came out in the second half with key baskets. We didn't apply the same pressure."

The Lady Kats led for most of the game but lost control of the game midway through the second half after four consecutive three-point baskets by the Tide.

Alabama junior Yolanda Watkins led the three-point attack by hitting two consecu-

tive threes from the top of the key to put Alabama ahead 52-50 with 7:08 left in the game.

"I didn't even think about it," said Watkins, who finished with 12 points and 7 rebounds. "I just took the shots."

After two missed free-throw attempts by UK's Karri Koach that would have tied the score, UK freshman Shaunda Roberts hit a three-point basket to put the Lady Kats up 53-52.

But it was the last lead the Lady Kats would enjoy as Madonna Thompson and Johnson answered with back-to-back treys giving Alabama a five-point lead 58-53.

Alabama coach Rick Moody said the three-point baskets were the turning point in his team's victory.

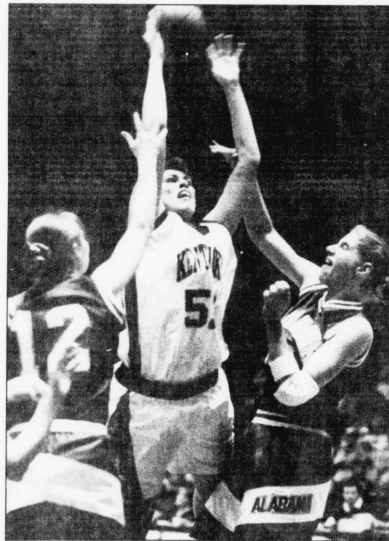
"Big three-point shots inspired the team and gave us an injection of enthusiasm," Moody said. "It was a huge win for us."

"We need to focus on being a better basketball team," said UK coach Sharon Fanning, whose team fell to 10-12 overall, 3-6 SEC. "We must practice hard and improve for the next game."

Notes:

▼Lady Kats senior forward Stephanie Baker was suspended for disciplinary reasons and did not see action during Saturday's game.

▼The Lady Kat alumni game was played prior to the UK-Alabama matchup Saturday. The White team defeated the Blue team 62-49 Saturday during the annual game. Valerie Still led the White team with 23 points. The Blue team was led by Tracye Davis and Jocelyn Mills, who finished with 16 points each.



IN A CROWD UK's Kim Denkins pulls down a rebound in the Kats' 68-62 loss to Alabama Saturday. The Lady Kats have now dropped five straight conference games.

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Mercer dazzles local crowd

Oak Hill standout tops on UK wish list

By Jason Dattilo
Assistant Sports Editor

FRANKFORT — Hoards of wishful Wildcat basketball fanatics packed the Frankfort Civic Center Saturday night when the Ron Mercer express pulled into town for a one-night show.

Even UK coach Rick Pitino was on hand to view the dominating dunk-a-thon put on by Mercer and his teammates from Oak Hill Academy.

With all the hype surrounding Mercer, who is regarded by many as the nation's No. 1 high school prospect, the game between Frankfort High and the Virginia squad was merely an afterthought.

In fact, when Mercer was introduced prior to the game, a sea of blue-clad fans behind the Oak Hill bench gave him a 30-second standing ovation.

Not bad for a road game.

"It was pretty good support," Mercer said.

"The fans came out just like they would for a UK game. I would like to thank them for coming out and watching me play and watching our team play."

Just watching Mercer pulling up and shoot the long jumper or dunking over the overmatched Frankfort defense was thanks enough for most fans.

Mercer finished with 18 points, including four dunks, as the visiting Warriors trampled Frankfort 85-35.

"I try to make myself an all-around player," Mercer said.

The Oak Hill lineup, which has four highly sought-after Division I prospects in its starting lineup, looked like an NBA team when matched up with Frankfort, who did not start a player taller than 6-

foot-1.

In fact, Oak Hill, ranked 5th in the nation, recorded 11 spectacular slams on the night.

"It's hard to get motivated for a game like this," Mercer said. "We just try to go out and learn from our mistakes and work on things we need to work on."

The Warriors' schedule usually is restricted to various tournaments around the nation, but Oak Hill coach Steve Smith said Saturday's game with Frankfort was a favor to his friend, Frankfort coach Scott Chalk.

"I didn't want to beat them too bad," Smith said.

Even though Smith did not want to run up the score, he still kept Mercer in for much of the game.

"People paid five bucks to see him, and I played him," Smith said.

When Mercer finally came out at the 2:40 mark of the fourth quarter, the droves of blue-clad fans simultaneously headed for the exits.

"The kids enjoyed it," Chalk said. "They can look back on it and say they played against some of those guys. At least one of those guys will probably be in the NBA someday."

Chalk was referring to Mercer, but college is going to come before the NBA for the highly touted Tennessee native.

So where is Mercer going to cast his lot?

Most recruiting analysts think he has narrowed his college choices to Tennessee and UK, with Arkansas having an outside chance. However, Mercer said he is a long way from making a decision.

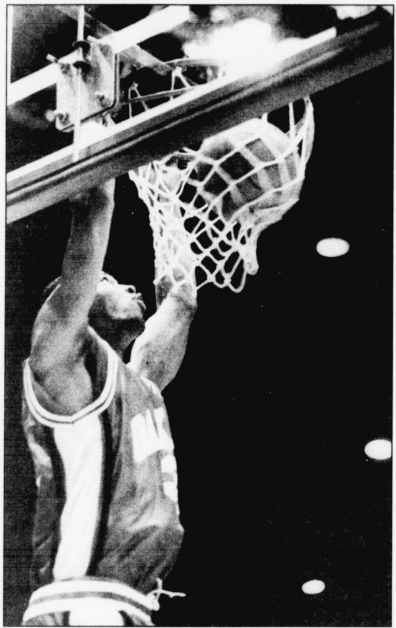
"I'm going to look at all my options and then sit down with my parents and decide from there," he said.

Actually, Mercer, who has passed the college entrance exams, said eager fans should not look for a college decision until sometime



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The fans came out just like they would for a UK game. I would like to thank them for coming.

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Ron Mercer
Oak Hill forward



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WARM RECEPTION Ron Mercer, a 6-foot-7 forward from Oak Hill Academy, jams home two of his 18 points in a game with Frankfort Saturday.

in April during the late signing period.

But Mercer is still a student, and he said the constant media attention makes it difficult to just be a teenager.

"I put myself in the situation, and I just have to deal with it," Mercer said.

"I think it is hard. Everybody just looks at the basketball part. I want people to look at the academics because I'm a student as well."

Many high school stars accus-

tomed to being in the spotlight have a difficult time making the transition to the college level where they are no longer the top dogs.

Mercer has never had ego problem, Smith said.

In fact, the Oak Hill coach said Mercer is one of the most unselfish players he has ever coached.

"He's pretty mature for a high school senior in every way," Smith said, "not just as a player but as a person."

SPORTSbytes

Turner resigns from UK football

UK defensive ends coach David Turner has resigned to take an assistant coaching job at North Carolina State.

Turner, who was at UK for two seasons, is slated to coach the outside linebackers at N.C. State.

"David has done a fine job for us, and we wish him the best," UK coach Bill Curry said. "It's a reality in this business that when you have good coaches people are going to come after them."

Baseball team begins season
Georgia Southern's Garth Spendiff slammed two home runs

in route to a 5-3 victory over UK yesterday in the Southern Challenge in Charleston, S.C.

The Wildcats' Greg Reid suffered the loss. Reid allowed five hits and three earned runs.

UK, which was limited to only five hits, was led by outfielder Chad Green's two pokes.

On Friday, three UK pitchers combined on a one-hitter and Jay Tedesco hit a two run homer to power the Wildcats to a 3-2 victory over The Citadel.

The Wildcat hurlers carried a no-hitter into the bottom of the ninth before The Citadel's Garrick Haltiwanger led off the inning with a solo blast.

Adam Milburn picked up the win in relief for the Wildcats,

whose overall record stands at 1-1.

Track team plays host to meet
UK's track and field team played host to the Wildcat Track and Field Classic Saturday at the Nutter Field House.

The men managed to win six events. Leading the way was Tim Harden who won the 55 meters in a season-best 6.14. Harden also finished first in the 200 meters with a time of 21.10.

UK's 4x400 relay team also finished first with a time of 3:09.24, the third fastest time in the nation this season.

On the women's side, Passion Richardson picked up the only first, winning the 55 meter dash in 6.87.

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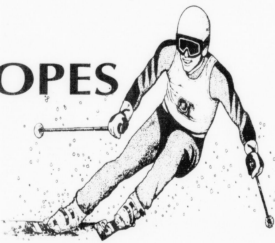
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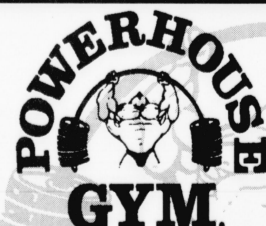
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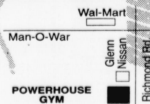
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Gym Cats fall short in upset bid

By Kip Perkins
Contributing Writer

Although the Gym Cats failed to upset No. 5 LSU on Friday at Memorial Coliseum, they still managed to keep the meet close.

After the first rotation, UK led LSU, but the Cats stumbled through the bars and beam, eventually falling 194.8-192.475.

UK coach Leah Little said she was disappointed with her team's mistakes, but she was pleased with the gymnasts' return to early season form.

"We came back and scored what we did the first week, which puts us a little more on track for the national averages," Little said. "The Cats began to fall behind after rotation one as they had trouble staying on the bars and beam."

"We're still making mistakes," Little said. "We're going to go back in the gym and try to fix these things."

The Cats set a new school record of 49 on the vault behind strong performances by sophomore Kristy Toups and junior

Jenny Hansen. Toups had been nursing a sore ankle from last week's Cat Classic, but it did not show as she recorded a vault of 9.8.

"That's the highest score I've gotten (on vault)," Toups said.

Despite a tough night for UK on bars, Dee Ann McNeil set a new personal best with a 9.775, and Beth Cluxton hit on her routine, scoring a 9.7. Cluxton also scored a respectable 9.6 on the beam.

"I finally started getting my act together," Cluxton said.

During the floor exercise, the Cats hit six good routines led by Hansen and freshman Whitney Ellis.

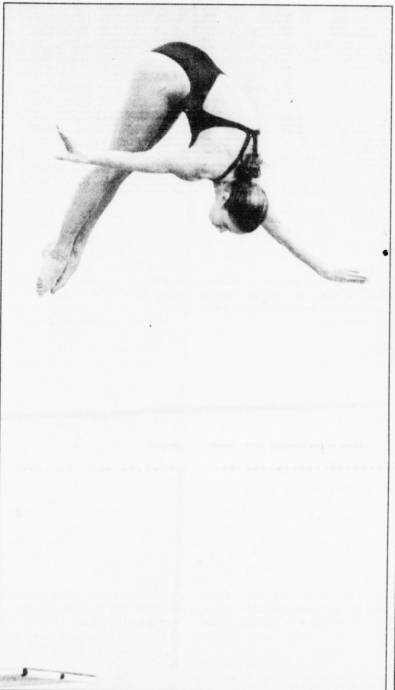
Ellis, who has seen limited action due to a bad shoulder this season, still managed a 9.775.

The all-around performers were led by Jennifer Wood from LSU with a 39.325 and Hansen with a 39.325.

Hansen was nearly perfect on her way to winning vault and floor, posting marks of 9.975 on each. She also added the beam title with a score of 9.825.



RELATED Gym Cat coach Leah Little celebrates after a successful vault. UK fell to No. 5 LSU 194.8-192.475 Friday at Memorial Coliseum.



JOSEPH REY/UK Kernel staff

CONFERENCE CHAMPS The UK women's diving team took home top honors at this weekend's Southeastern Conference Diving Tournament held at the Lancaster Aquatic Center. UK's Tina Johnson was named SEC Female Diver of the Year and Wildcat coach Mike Lyden was named SEC Women's coach of the year. The men's squad, led by Paco Rivera's 7th place point total, finished sixth in the overall competition.

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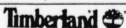
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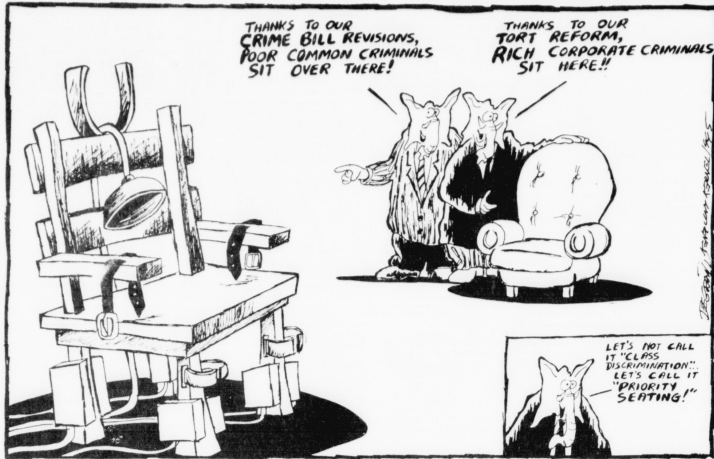
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Former Student Government Association President T.A. Jones was quick last week to assert that a recently completed audit of SGA is evidence that he is innocent of the charges that led him to resign his position last semester.

That assertion is — at best — extremely misleading. What the audit actually states is that, because of convoluted and irresponsible management practices, not enough evidence exists to discern whether any money from SGA's sale of T-shirts at a UK-University of Louisville pregame bonfire and rally was misused or misplaced.

Nowhere does the audit say that Jones is innocent of anything.

It does, however, suggest that Jones (or someone to whom he assigned the duties) was guilty of poor control of the T-shirt sale.

The audit reports that even the most basic methods of business and accounting — setting a price for the shirts and using receipts to keep track of sales — were ignored.

Students and participants in SGA still do not know whether Jones was an innocent victim of

a political conspiracy contrived by those who did not like his attempts to shake things up or if he made a little side cash by use of creative — or in this case, no — accounting.

What we do know is that Jones, or at least those under his control who were delegated control of the T-shirt sale, did their jobs poorly.

At a time when students, representatives and candidates are critical of SGA and its spending habits (remember that Jones led that charge during two consecutive SGA presidential campaigns), it would seem that the organization would be very concerned that all the i's were dotted and t's were crossed during any business or financial endeavor.

Apparently, there was little concern for order or record-keeping during the sale of shirts. For that, the head man is responsible.

That person was Jones. Thus, to contend that this report proves he was "set up" is not logical and to contend it proves his innocence is simply not true.

More to the point, Jones is guilty of a lackluster performance as the head of SGA.

IN OUR OPINION

READERS' forum

Greater access the purpose of Motor Voter law

To the editor:

It's been said, "There is no adequate defense, except stupidity, against the impact of a new idea." Clearly, Kentucky Kernel Staff Columnist Joe Braun had his only means of defense up when writing against the new Motor Voter Law.

Either that or Braun has been feeding at the Republican rhetoric trough a bit too long, as his column was nothing more than a regurgitation of some old, worn-out arguments. Worse, he did a disservice to his readers by failing to get the most basic facts about the law correct.

Contrary to what Braun writes, the law does not "mandate that states automatically register people to vote at driver's license bureaus and welfare offices."

The law only says that states must provide people with the opportunity to register at these places. If they choose not to register, then they are under no obligation to do so. If they choose to register, but not vote, that is their prerogative.

Braun also writes that "increasing voter registration among people who don't typically vote, or have no intention of voting, only lowers our national voting averages to even lower proportions." I urge Braun to take that statistics class he's been putting off!

Even if voter turnout percentages were to remain static with increased registration, the number of people actually voting would in fact be higher because the percentage is derived from a larger number of base registered voters. For example, 80 percent turnout of 100,000 registered voters is less than 80 percent turnout of 200,000.

Braun also is way off the mark when it comes to the cost of the new law, describing it as costing "billions," and making reference to a widely discounted figure of \$27 million for the state of Cali-

fornia. In fact, California's own former chief election officer claims the law can be implemented in California for as little as one-fifth that amount.

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimates the law will only cost \$20 million to \$25 million nationwide. That's far below the Republican-defined threshold of \$50 million for unfunded mandates.

So, by the Republican's own definition, Motor Voter is not an unfunded mandate.

Now that the facts are clearly presented, Kernel readers can see a much different picture of the law, perhaps like the one Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich saw, when in 1989, he urged his colleagues to support eased voter registration "not only because it's good policy, but also because it's good politics."

In the end, the Motor Voter Law is about opportunity, creating greater access to government for all people.

Motor Voter is in the same tradition as laws to abolish poll taxes and literacy tests. When Abraham Lincoln spoke of "government of the people, by the people, for the people," he didn't say anything about excluding the "mooches" (a term Braun uses in his column

for non-registered voters).

Perhaps he can brush up on his history when he's finished with that statistics course.

Wendell Ford
U.S. senator

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Civil rights leaders focus on symbolism over real problems

The problem with the so-called "civil rights movement" today is that it is all symbol and precious little substance.

Take for instance the recent happenings at Rutgers University. The president of Rutgers, Francis L. Lawrence, said last fall that "disadvantaged" students lacked the necessary "genetic hereditary background" to do well on standardized tests.

Upon the release of his statements a few months later, black student groups, several faculty members and politicians have demanded his resignation. Protests have been held for some time on the campus, and a Rutgers men's basketball game even was postponed because of a sit-in on the basketball court. (I can't imagine what would happen if a group of students even dared try to delay a basketball game at UK.)

A sign held by one of the protestors at the game read "How do we deal with an intellectually disadvantaged president? We fire him."

What is typically ignored by most of the media and his detractors is that he was defending lower admission standards and preferences for minority students.

So then we are left with two different aspects of this story.

The first is the record of Mr. Lawrence. He has been a champion of the multicultural agenda (which, I suspect, those that are calling for his resignation overwhelmingly support) by facilitating the recruitment of astronomical numbers of minority faculty, staff and students when he was at Tulane University.

Under Lawrence's leadership, Rutgers has become the jewel of America's universities among the political correctness crowd with the highest percentage minority enrollment in the nation.

That is the substance.

The other side is the unfortunate comments he made last fall.

That is the symbol. For those comments, Lawrence has suffered a good old-fashioned spanking through the media and has apologized profusely for his error. But to the oblivious protestors at Rutgers, that simply is not enough. Lawrence must be purged. Then, and only then, may have promised, will the protests stop.

Let's say, for arguments sake, that he was to be fired. Now what are those who are protesting so vehemently left with?

Nothing. They may even be worse off because the person that believed in their cause the most is gone. The modern day "civil rights movement" will have become victims of their own stupid symbolism.

It must be fashionable to be loud and unreasonable because I,

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"HE MADE a stupid call and it will be stupid til the day he dies. He's stupid Hank. That's his nickname. It was a bogus call and he did a stupid thing.

But we're all human."

Charles Barkley, after he was ejected by referee Hank Armstrong during a game against the Dallas Mavericks.



Trent Knuckles
Editorial Editor

for the life of me, cannot understand why those who have an ax to grind don't just forgive the man and move on.

But if you see the bird that the new "civil rights movement" has gotten itself into it becomes apparent that forgiveness is simply not possible. Its survival depends on blowing inconsequential incidents out of proportion to try and prove that oppressive racism is everywhere, and that it is a force to be reckoned with. In the Rutgers case, Lawrence is a symbol of the racism that is commonplace in our society and it must be removed (i.e. he must be fired). Thus the movement's existence is justified.

We can see it right here at UK. It seems it is almost a given that racism is everywhere. When one tries to root it out, however, he often comes up short.

So then it is argued that the institution itself discriminates against minorities (primarily blacks). "Institutional racism" is often the argument used, though, when someone cannot find a person who has discriminated against him. It's funny to see people whining about how institutions are racist when they are a part of them themselves.

It really isn't much of an argument, but it seems to get a lot of credence among the sympathizers of the movement.

In response to all of this racism, we get things like the misguided Healing Racism seminars here at UK (a forum at which people of different races attempt to sort out their differences and help bring an end to racism on campus).

Anyone who really believes that the "hard core" racists (what few there are) are going to show up at one of the meetings is fooling himself. But what about those that are racist and don't know it? Well, it's unlikely that if they do go they are going to feel that they are responsible for any oppression.

As a matter of fact, they probably are going to resent those successful people who have managed to be hired. Then, and only then, will those with good intentions leave embittered and not the least bit conciliatory.

I have no respect for the civil rights movement today or those who back it. They give those of us who are genuinely interested in racial harmony and equality a bad name.

The movement should either revert to the push for individual freedom and equality or die a well-deserved death.

Editorial Editor Trent Knuckles is a political science senior.

'Aliens' an excellent example of old-fashioned self-reliance

Isn't it amazing how quickly the fashions change?

In 1979, you could do no wrong in a white disco suit. Two years later, there'd be a bullet with your name on it for wearing such crap.

The other day I was watching "Aliens" and I marvelled at how this once-classic movie had fallen out of step with America.

In case you're not familiar with the story, Sigourney Weaver, a bunch of Marines and a defense industry's representative are under siege by a planet full of angry, snarling aliens in a galaxy far, far away.

At a crucial point in the film, the corporate representative guy tries to get Weaver and a little girl implanted with alien eggs. Implantation would lead to their deaths, but he hopes to bring the

aliens back home where the dollar value of an alien for military purposes is presumably high.

He fails and the rest of the group turn on him as though he did something wrong by trying to kill Weaver and the kid to make a little profit.

I didn't realize until then how close America had come to falling to Russia in the Cold War.

In every theater in America, this film was being shown and its Communist message was loud and clear: It's OK for the group to frustrate individual initiative.

Frankly, I was disturbed. What happened to good of American boot straps and rugged independence?

Fortunately, the times have changed.

Slop about "collective welfare," "community rights" and all the rest of that Pravda filler is consigned to the trash can of history. Newt Gingrich and his band of Real Patriots have saved us, reasserting the true American spirit.

Why, if Newt were out in space with Sigourney and those Marines, he would have shown them a thing or two. He would have said, "We got to make hard-nosed economic choices here.



Alex DeGrand
Editorial Cartoonist

"Weaver and the little girl — yeah, we all like their company, but can we really afford them?"

"No."

"It'd be far more sensible to trade them up for aliens, or at least sacrifice Weaver and put the kid in an orphanage."

But you wouldn't have to go as far as Georgia to find evidence of Newt's commitment to American ways of self-interest. No, all you need to do is watch Newt lead the dismantling of the federal regulatory system.

For the chronic polluters like

Dow Chemical and DuPont, Newt's efforts are great news.

For folks who like clean water ... well, this will be an opportunity to test your self-reliance and inventiveness.

Hopefully, you'll do better than those people in Milwaukee who died of waterborne bacteria in 1993. They must have thought their tax dollars were supposed to go to preventing such disasters instead of subsidizing corporate tax breaks.

Fortunately, such un-American sentiment is no longer with us.

No, the state owes you nothing. Not clean water, not clean air and definitely not health care. If you want such luxury items, you can figure out how to get them for yourself.

In the spirit of "The Bell Curve," let us have a national

revival of Social Darwinism!

Let us extol the virtues of feeling smug in our collective indifference to our neighbors' plight!

Let us not have whining liberals make us feel guilty for showing our contempt for people less fortunate than us!

Let us gather and burn our "We are the World" records and give the finger to the United Way!

Let us prove what a Christian nation we really are when we toss women and children off the welfare rolls!

They haven't come out with a movie yet that exemplifies our new age.

However, I think a great idea for one would be a musical comedy about Love Canal.

Editorial Cartoonist Alex DeGrand is a political science graduate student.

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Local rapper Flash reaches for the stars

By Claire Johnston
Staff Writer

Jonathan Floyd hopes his music is not a Flash in the pan.

Floyd, a health communications junior known as "Flash" onstage, is a rapper from Lexington who boasts a style that stresses funk and positivity.

He began to rap as an outgrowth of his love of music and poetry.

"About four years ago I decided that I could do what other rappers were doing. I had written poetry and songs since I was little, so I decided I could do it," he said.

Floyd approached a DJ at a party and asked him to create beats for some of his rhymes. Soon, he began performing every chance he got.

A few months into his sporadic rapping, Floyd was approached by Lexington-based Abstract Visions Entertainment. Now, he and his current DJ, UK alumnus Shane Tiley, are launching a local

career.

Floyd cites influences ranging from L.L. Cool J, Houdini and A Tribe Called Quest to Jimmy Buffet and Dwight Yoakam.

"I was raised in a household where my dad listened to everything from Motown to Lynyrd Skynyrd," Floyd said. "I love hard-core rap and the hard-hitting rap sound, but I also listened to Hall and Oates," Floyd said. "One of Floyd's songs, 'My Anthem,' includes electric guitars and is reminiscent of Van Halen.

To Floyd, a multitude of influences is logical for anyone who is involved in music.

"If you are going to do something, you have to know about it; know about a lot of things, not just a particular type of music," Floyd said.

Floyd's performance involves beats that include live horns and acoustic guitars, which Floyd says separates his style from others in a market saturated with rap.

"I'm coming from a middle

class background. I didn't have many negative influences," he said. "I'm not saying I'm from the ghetto. I have never smoked a joint, and I don't carry a gun.

"I would rather be a sissy than be a big tough dead man," he said. Floyd would like to open for live music bands and open up people's minds to rap.

"A lot of clubs are scared of rap, that if they have rap it will attract hoodlums or people who will turn over cars. That is stereotypical," he said.

Floyd experienced such prejudice against expected negativity of rap when he first began.

"A lot of people were giving me that 'Ice, Ice Baby' stuff, but I was out there, bucking the system and doing what I wanted to do," Floyd said.

Such doubt made Floyd stronger, and he persevered to get noticed.

"Self-doubt is the worst thing that can happen. You have to push yourself out there, pester the

clubs," he said. "A lot of people are pushed under because there's not a large rap market in Lexington, but don't let anyone knock you down because of a dream."

Flash had his first show near campus Monday at the Blue Moon Saloon on Euclid Avenue and hopes to press a CD by the end of this summer.

"I'm going to ride it until I don't have anymore road, then I'll make my own road," he said. If Floyd does not find success

in rap, he plans to get his degree in health communications.

"Even if things do pan out in music, I don't want to preach to kids about having an education if I don't have an education."

Floyd participates in the National Sports Program over the

summer, which provides activities and inspiration for inner-city kids.

"I want to tell people to put down the forties and help the shorties, to help kids," Floyd said. "Respect for myself is much more valuable than any cash in my pocket."



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