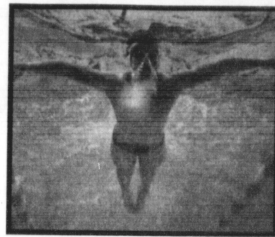


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BENEFITS

UK to lower health insurance costs

Employees: Plan adds variety of options while preventing rate increases next year

By Kristin Durbin
STAFF WRITER

In a few months, UK employees will see major changes to university-provided health care plans.

President Lee Todd accepted a Health Benefits Task Force plan Monday, preventing increases in UK health care costs for employees next year and cutting the costs of several current plans. The report also added three new coverage plans from which employees could choose.

"All health care benefits have been either maintained or improved from last year," Todd

said in a memorandum to university employees.

Tom Samuel, chairman of the Health Benefits Task Force, said this initiative comes as a result of Todd's Top-20 vision and also from growing dissatisfaction among employees about UK's health care plans.

Samuel said roughly 600 people withdrew from the UK health care plan last year.

"We hope they will come back into the plan," he said.

Samuel said the problems with the plan included access to care and the general understanding of health care plans.

"The number one issue was costs to employees," he said.

In order to combat rising costs, UK increased the portion it pays for employee health care. Samuel said UK always increases the portion annually but this was a "significant increase in the level of coverage."

Samuel said the decreased costs for employees are aimed to make UK more competitive with other universities. He said UK wants to retain employees as well as attract new ones through this measure.

David Hamilton, chairman of the department of history, said the new plan sounds encouraging.

"It's a huge step in the right direction," he said.

Gene Williams, vice president for Fiscal Affairs and Information Technology said the new plan will help the goal to become a Top-20 university.

"In the past, we've not had

health care benefits that are even comparable (to UK's benchmark universities)," Williams said. "We really needed to bring this important benefit so we're in the game."

UK will pay for the additional coverage through an increased funding of \$10.4 million to the University Health Plan Benefit Program. Jack Blanton, Senior Vice President of Administration, said this money

would come from the university's tax-supported general fund and from university organizations that earn money, like the UK Hospital.

Williams said the funding resulted from Todd's commitment to employee benefits.

"This president made a pledge to maintain benefits to employees without increasing the amount they have to pay," he said.

Samuel said the University uses a "self-insurance" policy, meaning it does not buy insurance from another company.

To make this policy more successful, Samuel said Todd has also accepted plans for a Wellness Program to improve the health of employees.

The task force also has plans for a Health Literacy program, to help demystify insurance plans.

The cost of care

Plan	2002-03 cost	% UK paid	2001-02 cost	% UK paid
Single	\$21	92.2%	\$21	90.9%
Family	\$310	54.1%	\$432	32.6%
Single	\$44	84.9%	\$44	82.6%
Family	\$378	49.1%	\$497	29.6%

GET UP

SAB tries to energize student ticket lottery

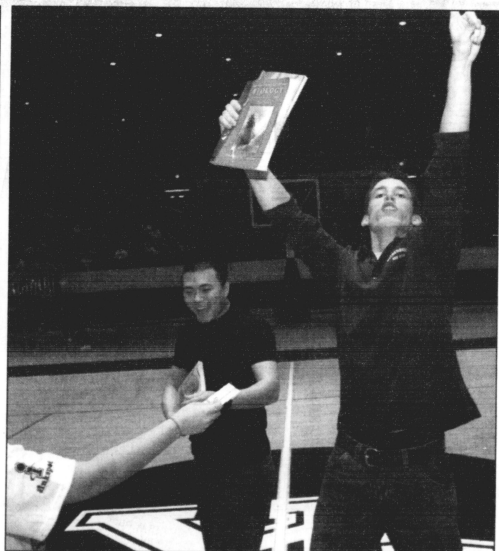


NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

Good times

Above: Mike Tabben, marketing and ISC senior, calls numbers for door prizes at the basketball ticket lottery Monday night.

Right: David Mowbray (right) celebrates after winning a gift certificate from SAB for bringing a biology book to center court. Moon Rothmeier (left) also won a certificate. This is the first time the Student Activities Board provided entertainment at a basketball lottery.



Make some noise: Prizes and announcements mark lottery; group hopes event will enliven crowd at Saturday's game

By Steve Ivey
STAFF WRITER

Mike Tabben is tired of always hearing about how loud the fans are at other South Eastern Conference schools.

After hearing one television announcer describe the high volume level at the O-Dome when Kentucky visited the Florida Gators, and after hearing another analyst say he could hear a pin drop at Rupp Arena, Tabben, the marketing and integrated strategic communications senior and public relations director for Student Activities Board, knew something had to be done.

He took the idea of bringing entertainment to the student ticket lottery to Alvis Johnson, Assistant Director of Athletics for Administration. Johnson said when he met with Tabben, they shared the desire to "rally support for the big game against

Florida."

"I know deep down how passionate UK students are about their basketball," Tabben said. "It's time for the rest of the college basketball world to realize it, too."

At last night's ticket lottery, SAB raffled off prizes such as a basketball signed by Tubby Smith, Nike gift packages and door prizes ranging from tickets to the Wayne Shorter Quartet concert to Papa John's gift certificates.

The most excitement came when SAB announced MTV would be bringing its Campus Invasion tour to UK. Tabben said SAB did everything they could to "try to pump the students up at the lottery and hope that energy spills over to the game against Florida."

Tabben said SAB would survey student reaction before deciding to continue

the activities at lotteries next year.

Some students say the SAB sponsored events made the lottery more entertaining.

"I usually sit here bored," said Jennifer Dempsey, a journalism sophomore. "I think it's a good idea because it looked like people were having fun (participating in the shooting exhibitions)."

Kim Jones, a psychology freshman, agreed.

"Even if it doesn't get the students pumped for the game on Saturday, it's a good break from my exams this week," she said.

Other students saw drawbacks in the new lottery format.

"I don't think getting pumped on a Monday will carry over to a Saturday game," said Aaron Thomas, a psychology freshman.

A few students thought there were better ways to get students more into a game.

"Until we're down on the floor like Duke or North Carolina State, nothing will work," said Andy Heller, a kinesiology junior.

FACULTY

African-American Studies professor coming to UK



JESSE LEBUS | KERNEL STAFF

A new face

Patricia Hill Collins, UK's newest Bryan Endowed Chair, mingles with guests at a reception held for her at the Gaines Center for the Humanities on Monday.

Academics: Some faculty and students see Collins' arrival as progress for UK

By Ashley York
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Everyone keeps asking, "Where is she?" or "Has she arrived yet?" They peer over their glasses and through the crowd. The group of students and faculty are awaiting a woman whose arrival many think signifies a change in UK's attitude toward issues of race and gender in academics.

Patricia Hill Collins, UK's newest Bryan Endowed Chair, who will join the faculty in the fall as a visiting professor in the Women's Studies and African-American Studies programs, met many of her future colleagues at a reception held in her honor at UK Monday.

Anita Superson, an associate professor in philosophy, says she is in disbelief at Collins' decision to come to UK.

"It looks like we got on the bandwagon," she said of Collins' recruitment. "It's a big step in the right direction."

Collins says she feels welcome at UK.

"I'm maintaining my pace," Collins says of the day that began at 9:30 a.m. when Mike Nietzel, acting provost, met her on campus. She then spoke to a women's studies class, met with President Lee Todd for 40 minutes, ate lunch with faculty mem-

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The Low-down

CAMPUS NEWS

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-K.H. Jackson Brown, American author

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Writing contest deadlines this week

The UK Creative Writing Department is now accepting manuscripts for its annual Dantzer Fiction and Farquhar Poetry contests. The deadline is Feb. 28 and the contests are open to all UK undergraduates. A cash prize of \$200 is awarded to each winner. Fiction should be typed, double spaced, with the author's name and address clearly indicated on the story. Fiction should not exceed 15 pages. Poetry submissions should not exceed eight pages for a poem or group of poems. The awards will be presented in April at the Department of English's annual awards ceremony. Send to: Prof. Gurney Norman, Department of English, P.O.T. 1215, UK, Lexington, KY, 40506-0027.

2 profs to debate campaign finance

On Wednesday, two UK professors will debate the campaign finance reform measure recently approved by the U.S. House of Representatives. Law professor Paul Salamanna opposes the bill on policy and constitutional grounds. Richard Labunski, a journalism professor, supports campaign finance reform. The debate will be held from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday in the courtroom on the first floor of the College of Law building. Faculty, students, staff and the public are invited. The audience will be able to ask questions.

Groups raising awareness about eating

UK CARES is encouraging all student organizations to participate in Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which began Sunday and lasts until Saturday. The Feminist Alliance is sponsoring a Body Image Workshop at 7 p.m. Wednesday to discuss the media's portrayal of body images and the way it affects society. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, the video *Recovering Bodies* will be shown in the William T. Young Library Auditorium. *Slim Hopes* will be shown at noon Wednesday in the auditorium, and a discussion will follow.

Five cars burglarized at apartments

Five cars were broken into at the Pine Grove apartment complex off Tates Creek Road early Friday morning. Three of the cars belonged to UK students. Dietetics major Josh Morehead, 22, said a carminder and CDs were stolen from his car. Morehead has lived at the



IN MY LIFE:

Publishers got a sneak peek at Kurt Cobain's diaries this week, as Courtney Love and her reps made available two notebooks' worth of the late Nirvana frontman's personal journals. Love had previously allowed author Charles R. Cross to use excerpts of the writings in his 2001 Cobain biography, "Heavier Than Heaven." Though Cross had unprecedented access to Cobain's journals and letters, much more material remains - about 800 pages, one-tenth of which was shown to prospective publishers. One publisher who took a look said the journal entries cover a wide range of material, including Cobain's review of an early Melvins gig in a supermarket parking lot, his beginning attempts to write songs such as "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and love letters to Love.

STATE NEWS

Senate urges U of L president to stay

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Senate on Monday registered its "consternation and concern" at the prospect of losing John Shumaker as president of the University of Louisville. Shumaker is one of two finalists for the presidency of the University of Tennessee. If he goes, "he certainly goes with our blessing," said state Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, who brought a resolution on Shumaker to the Senate. "But we don't want him to go because he's...unappreciated," Shaughnessy said. The resolution praised Shumaker as a "formidable and consummate leader" and a "visionary educator" and expressed the Senate's "consternation and concern that the commonwealth may lose his leadership."

Secrecy surrounds gambling proposal

FRANKFORT — With only a week left to introduce legislation for the 2002 General Assembly, secrecy still shrouds the topic that will surely become the focus of the final weeks - expanded gambling. Some House Democratic leaders met again with race track lobbyists and representatives of the horse industry on Monday to continue work on the proposal. Race tracks want exclusive domain over expanded gambling, most likely in the form of slot machines at the eight licensed racing facilities. House Democratic Caucus Chairman Jim Callahan of Wilder said he would likely sponsor the legislation, which he hoped to introduce Tuesday. But Callahan declined to provide any details of the proposal, especially how proceeds of the slot machines would be divided between the state, race tracks and race purses.

NATIONAL NEWS

Anti-smoking groups: up tobacco tax

WASHINGTON — Anti-tobacco groups came together in the nation's capital Monday to urge state officials to look to cigarette taxes as a way to plug budget holes during these slow economic times. Proposals to hike cigarette taxes



MO' BETTER:

Maybe it's not such a bad thing that Moby is trying to retain some mystery about his forthcoming album, 18, even if it's just about the meaning behind the title. "The most simple and, unfortunately, uninteresting reason why I chose 18 as the title for my record is because there are 18 songs on it. And also I like the idea of an album title that can translate to different languages quite easily. 18 is a universal word because it's a number and it exists in many different languages. And," he said coyly, "there are a bunch of really esoteric reasons why I also chose the name 18, but I'd feel kind of foolish getting into it now." He said anyone who has ever spent time in Israel or who is familiar with conspiracy theories about extra-terrestrials would get the significance. When a friend asked what the upcoming May 14 release sounded like, the only thing the usually voluble Moby could come up with was that it's "warm."

are under consideration in 22 states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Anti-smoking advocates say passage of those proposals would save lives. More specifically, a 10 percent increase in cigarette taxes would prompt 2 percent of smokers to quit, said Frank Chaloupka, a professor of economics at the University of Illinois, Chicago. New York recently raised its tax to \$1.50 per pack, the highest in the country. The nation's lowest cigarette taxes can be found in tobacco-growing states. For example, Virginia's cigarette tax is just 2.5 cents per pack, followed by 3 cents in Kentucky.

Judges: Do not sell Titanic artifacts

RICHMOND, Va. — Federal appellate judges sharply criticized a request by an Atlanta salvage company to sell artifacts recovered from the shipwreck Titanic. "Those artifacts never belonged to you," said Judge Paul V. Niemeyer, waving his finger for emphasis as he lectured R.M.S. Titanic Inc. attorney Mark Davis. "This is not your Titanic." R.M.S. Titanic Inc. wants the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn a lower court ruling barring it from selling the artifacts. A University of Virginia lawyer urged the three-judge panel to force R.M.S. Titanic to keep a 10-year-old promise not to sell 6,000 pieces of the Titanic. With the company in financial straits, R.M.S. Titanic wants to sell some or all of the artifacts.

Governors ask for highway money

WASHINGTON — Governors visited the White House on Monday and politely asked President Bush to restore \$8.5 billion in highway construction money they would lose next year under his proposed budget. The volume of their request was toned down considerably from the fiery speeches that morning at the J.W. Marriott Hotel several blocks away about the "crisis in highway funding." The governors, in town for the National Governors Association winter meeting, presented their request during a session with the president. The delicate job of asking for more highway money for states fell to Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, Democratic vice chairman of the group.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Corrections

A brief in Monday's Kernel was not clear about the date of a campaign finance reform debate between two UK professors. The debate is from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday in the College of Law courtroom.
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COLLINS

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bers, talked with graduate students and explored available offices.

After a day Collins says went by fast, she finds herself surrounded by administrators, faculty and students at her wel-

coming reception at the Gaines Center for the Humanities Monday.

Collins will be at UK for one year presenting talks, lectures and teaching. But that's not why she came to UK.

"I'm really here to get my writing and research done," she says. "It will be fantastic."

Collins plans to finish her fourth book, *Black Sexual Politics*, before coming to UK.

Collins is chairwoman of and a professor of sociology at the University of Cincinnati.

And even though she will teach two graduate courses, she hopes the talks and lectures she plans to present while at UK will allow her to spend time with undergraduate students.

Gerald Smith, director of the African-American Studies and Research Program, says Collins' presence on campus

adds credibility to the growing interest in African-American studies.

"She will create an intellectual community examining the significance of race and class in our community," he said.

Antwan Walker, an English graduate student, said it seems he and Collins share some of the same interests:

"If I can't take her class — if I can just sit in, I'll do that."



Collins

Patricia Hill Collins

Why she's coming: Collins has been chosen as UK's newest Bryan Edgewood Chair in women's studies and African-American studies. Collins will teach two graduate courses in the fall and will present various lectures and talks. She said she plans to finish some writing and research while at UK.

Background: Collins is chairwoman of and a professor of sociology at the University of Cincinnati. Collins received her bachelor's and doctorate in sociology from Brandeis University, and her M.A.T. degree from Harvard University. Collins has taught at several universities and worked as a consultant for business and community organizations.

Research: Collins' research focuses on issues of race, gender and social class, with an emphasis on black women. Her first book, *Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and the Politics of Power*, won the Jessie Bernard Award of the American Sociological Association and the C. Wright Mills Award of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

MONEY

Award funds undergraduate research

By Jarrod Beck
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Chemistry, biochemistry and biomedical and medical sciences students will compete for thousands of dollars in new scholarships next year.

The Beckman Foundation, an organization promoting research in life sciences, will award UK nearly \$100,000 to encourage undergraduate research.

UK President Lee Todd announced the award during his inaugural address.

"These scholarships are designed to encourage and support outstanding students who wish to learn how professional research is conducted," said

Robert Tannenbaum, associate director of Undergraduate Studies and author of the grant proposal.

Two students in each of the next three years will receive \$17,600 to attend UK for one regular academic year and two summers.

The only other Research I schools receiving funding from the Beckman Foundation are Boston, Duke, Washington Universities and UCLA.

Tannenbaum, who will coordinate the search, said students will possibly present their findings at two research conferences.

Some students said UK's triumph in this competition

against other prominent schools shows the university is progressing toward its goal of becoming a top-notch academic institution.

"The quality of competition for this grant shows that UK is finally headed in the right direction," said Karen Boucherie, a pre-pharmacy sophomore.

"So much emphasis has been placed on athletics when improvement in academics is the only true way we'll ever become a top-20 university."

UK's previous accomplishments in undergraduate research were a key factor in the competition, Tannenbaum said.

"Only institutions invited by the Beckman Foundation to

apply are allowed to enter the competition, and they only choose schools that have already demonstrated excellence in research," Tannenbaum said.

Each candidate must pass both oral and written communication tests, develop a plan for a project and present it to a board of researchers.

Tannenbaum said the research will be comparable with professional research.

Collin Williams, a math freshman, agrees.

"I like the idea because it offers students the opportunity to have real world experience before they enter the job market."

CREDIT CARDS

Senate bill, legal clinic aim at student debt relief

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky General Assembly's Senate Education Committee will consider a bill Wednesday that would limit credit card solicitation on college campuses.

The same day, UK's Legal Clinic will be doing its part to help students with credit issues.

The clinic will host a seminar where students will have the opportunity to hear about the legal issues surrounding another facet of credit card debt

collection.

The seminar will focus on such issues as evaluating credit reports, what collectors can do, the rights of the debtor and ways to get debt under control.

Leigh Johnson, a third-year law student working with the clinic, will be one of the presenters at Wednesday's seminar. She said she felt this topic was essential information for college students.

"So many students are solicited by credit card offers," Johnson said, "and they don't know how to prioritize their

debts."

Wednesday's presentation is part of a series put together by the clinic with funds from Student Government to educate students on topics that affect a large number of students.

The clinic will also present other seminars, focusing on such topics as taxes and landlord-tenant relationships.

The clinic employs three-year law students to provide legal services to members of the community who cannot afford other representation.

Professor Allison Connelly,

director of the clinic, said she hopes students will take advantage of the seminars being offered.

"Our goal really is to provide information to students who need it," she said.

In debt?

The UK Legal Clinic will host a seminar on student debt at noon Wednesday in 228 Student Center.

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Tues 26

- MEETINGS**
 •Epsilon Delta (Education Honorary), 8pm, Cal's Den in the Student Center, Rm. 228
 •"HV & The Brain" quarterly seminar, 8:30pm, 115 College of Business, Rm. 202
 •Alpha Phi Omega Service Internship, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
 •Lafayette Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center
 •Weekly Rights Together, 8:00pm, BSU Chapel
 •Green Thumb Environmental Club, 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
ACADEMIC
 •Math Tutoring, 2:00-5:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg
 •Math Tutoring, 5:00-7:00pm, Haggan Hall
 •Math Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall
 •Math Tutoring, 10:00pm-12:00am, Kivwan Tower
 •Math Tutoring, 12:00-8:00am, Kivwan Tower
 •History Tutoring, 10:00-11:00pm, 107/108/109, Kivwan Tower
 •History Tutoring, 10:00-11:00pm, 107/108/109, Kivwan Tower
 •Chemistry Tutoring, 7:00-9:00pm, Kivwan Tower
 •English Tutoring, 7:00-10:00pm, Kivwan Tower
SPECIAL EVENTS
 •Comedy Caravan, 8:00pm, Cal's Den in the Student Center
INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
 •UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Alumni Gym, Lott

Weds 27

- MEETINGS**
 •Multi-Cultural Committee for SAB, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
 •Student Health Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 113
 •Book of Mormon Class, 12:00, Student Center, Rm. 231
 •UK Feminist Alliance Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
 •International Spring Break Project, 8:30, Student Center, Rm. 117
 •Table Française, French Conversation Group, 2:30-4:00pm, Bazaar Hall, Rm. Private Dining
ACADEMIC
 •Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
 •UK Esports Team, 8:30pm, 4th North, Rm. 48
 •SAB, 8:00pm Board Meeting, 7:30 Committee Meetings, Rm. 206
 •University of Christian Athletes, 9:00pm, Christian Student Fellowship Building/CSF
ACADEMIC
 •Math Tutoring, 11:00am-1:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg
 •Math Tutoring, 3:00-5:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg
 •Math Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Kivwan Tower
 •History Tutoring, 10:00-11:00pm, 107/108/109, Kivwan Tower
 •Chemistry Tutoring, 7:00-10:00pm, Kivwan Tower
SPECIAL EVENTS
 •UK Basketball Game at Vanderbilt, 8:00pm
LECTURES
 •SCCC Presents an Excellent Professional Development Opportunity, Dr. John Schuster, 7:00pm, Lott 1st Building, Rm. 222
ARTS/MOVIES
 •Richard Corey, UK THEATRE, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, Call 257-4929 for more info.
INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
 •UK Audio Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym

Thurs 28

- MEETINGS**
 •Freshman Focus, 1:00pm, BSU Chapel
 •Lambeth Meeting, 2:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 231
 •Amnesty International Meeting, 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
ACADEMIC
 •Forum of Terrorism and Civil Liberties, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
 •Math Tutoring, 2:00-5:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg
 •Math Tutoring, 5:00-7:00pm, Kivwan-Blanding Complex Commons (1st floor Ballroom)
 •History Tutoring, 10:00-11:00pm, 107/108/109, Kivwan-Blanding Complex Commons (1st floor Ballroom)
SPECIAL EVENTS
 •Biological Tutoring, 7:30-9:30pm, Kivwan-Blanding Complex Commons (1st floor Ballroom)
ACADEMIC
 •Kampus Self-Defense, 6:30pm, Alumni Gym, Lott
SPECIAL EVENTS
 •Rally for Alternatives to War, 8pm, Triangle Park
ARTS/MOVIES
 •Wayne Shorter Quartet, 8pm, Singletary Center for the Arts
 •Richard Corey, UK THEATRE, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, Call 257-4929 for more info.

Fri 1

- MEETINGS**
 •International Christian Fellowship: Friday Fellowship, 7:00pm, St. Augustine's Chapel, Rose Street
ACADEMIC
 •Math Tutoring, 2:00-4:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg
SPECIAL EVENTS
 •French Residence, 5pm-8pm, Basement of Keaneland Hall
ARTS/MOVIES
 •Richard Corey, UK THEATRE, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, Call 257-4929 for more info.
INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
 •UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Alumni Gym, Lott

Sat 2

- MEETINGS**
 •Catholic Mass, 6:00pm, 320 Rose Ln
 •UK Basketball Game vs. Florida, Noon, Rupp Arena
 •Kampus Self-Defense, 1:00pm, Alumni Gym, Lott
 •BSA Hunt Seat Show, 9:00 am, Marvella, TN
SPECIAL EVENTS
 •Bowl For Kids Sake, 1:00pm-2:00pm, or 3:00pm, Southland arena. MUST BE \$95.00 in sponsors to participate. call 254-3355 to sign your team up.
ARTS/MOVIES
 •Richard Corey, UK THEATRE, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, Call 257-4929 for more info.
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 •UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 11pm-12:30pm, Alumni Gym, Lott

Sun 3

- MEETINGS**
 •Catholic Mass, 9:00am, 11:30am, 9:00pm, 9:30pm, 320 Rose Ln
 •University Worship Service, 8:15pm, Southside Church of Christ, Rm. Auditorium
 •UK Campus Girl Scouts, 8pm, Young Library
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HEALTH

Scientists seek novel drugs to fight mutated AIDS virus

Weakening drugs: Medicines already on the market losing impact, scientists searching for alternatives to combat resistant AIDS types

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SEATTLE — Medicines are in development to attack the AIDS virus in entirely new ways, including several designed to keep HIV from ever gaining entry to the cells it kills.

The goal: Find alternatives to the drugs already on the market, which lose their punch over time as the virus develops mutant forms that are oblivious to them.

"All the currently available drugs are losing their impact. There is obviously room for improvement," said Dr. Douglas Richman of the University of California at San Diego.

Scientists gave their status reports on this arms race Monday at the Ninth Annual Retrovirus Conference.

"Resistance remains a formidable problem," said Dr. Richard Colomby of Bristol-Myers Squibb. "We can try to stay ahead by coming up with the next generation of drugs. But in

the end we will likely lose that race. The advantage of new classes of drugs is that they will work against all the currently resistant virus. You are resetting the clock."

While work continues on new versions of the standard drugs already sold, much of the interest is in one new approach — blocking HIV from entering the blood cells it destroys.

"This will be remembered as the year of the entry inhibitor," said Dr. Robert Schooley of the University of Colorado.

Entry of the virus into the cell is a three-step process, and drugs are in the works to gum up each of these. First, the virus attaches itself to a molecule on the surface of cells called CD-4. Then it hooks onto another called CCR5. Finally it fuses with the cell and squirts its genes inside.

One drug that attempts to block this first step is Bristol-Myers Squibb's experimental medicine, code-named BMS805.

The drug works by covering up the spot on the virus that sticks to CD-4. In the test tube, it appears to work against strains of HIV that can resist all the other AIDS drugs. Yet it has not yet been tried on people.

Another drug, SCH-C, developed by Schering Plough, blocks the next step in viral entry, the attachment to CCR5. In a pilot study of 12 people, the drug used alone for one week dropped viral levels dramatically.

Further along in testing is Trimeris's T-20, which blocks the third step of viral entry, fusion of HIV to the cell. Large-scale studies are under way, and the company says it hopes the results will enable it seek Food and Drug Administration approval later this year.

All of the drugs now on the market block one of two enzymes the virus uses to incorporate its genes into cells and use them to reproduce itself. These chemicals are called reverse transcriptase and protease.

A new drug reported at the meeting, developed by Shionogi & Co. of Japan, attacks another of these enzymes, called integrase. Dr. Tamio Fujiwara said the drug looks effective in test tube studies, and initial experiments on people are under way.

Scientists are also working on a variety of new versions of older classes of drugs. Among these are medicines known as non-nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors.

Researchers presented data on one of these that appears to be especially potent in initial testing. The drug was designed to work against viruses that are already resistant to Sustiva and Viramune, two widely used similar drugs.

In initial testing, Dr. Joep Lange of the University of Amsterdam said the drug alone appeared to work as well as an especially powerful five-drug combination during the first week of use.

"After a half of two or three years, these data are very exciting," Dr. Brian Gazzard of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London said in Monday's reports.

COLLEGE

Early admission deemed unfair

Getting in: Critics say practice favors those with money, admissions know-how

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METUCHEN, N.J. — William Hoffman started his college search in 10th grade. By the start of his senior year last fall, he knew his first choice was Harvard. The school even sent him a letter, encouraging him to apply.

So Hoffman, ranked third academically at Metuchen High School in New Jersey, applied early to Harvard last October and did the same with the University of Chicago, as a fallback. But months later, Hoffman still doesn't know where he'll go to college — illustrating just one of the problems critics find with early admission.

The practice has become a powerful draw in a market where colleges covet the best candidates and students pursue a belief that the better the diploma, the better their future.

But some critics, including Yale's president, say it can force teen-agers into premature decisions and gives unfair advantage to those with money and admissions know-how. It also stretches the wait for people like Hoffman.

Early admission was first used in the 1950s by elite colleges, but the practice spread about a decade ago. Now more than 400 colleges and universities invite high school seniors to apply ahead of the crowd, a College Board survey found.

Generally, these schools offer "early decision," which requires those admitted to withdraw applications elsewhere, or nonbinding "early action," offered by both Harvard and Chicago. Some offer both.

Of 1.2 million applicants for the freshman class of 2000, about 163,000 sought early admission — nearly 14 percent of the College Board found.

Yale President Richard Levin has called for an end to early admissions, and has floated the idea to the school's governing board and fellow college presidents.

"The pressure admissions has brought to America's teenagers is pretty substantial," Levin said. Early admission only makes it worse, he believes.

Ostensibly, early admission serves people like Hoffman, who began senior year ready to apply. But it also helps colleges secure a chunk of the freshman class and burnish their image as selective.

"My sense is that the universities and colleges that practice early admission have focused mainly on the advantages that practice brings them," Levin said.

Growing rivalry for admission to places like Yale compels too many teens to pick a first choice too soon, Levin said.

For those rejected in the early round, it prolongs the procurement with entry to a good school, he said. Now those students must wait until March and April, the peak for regular admissions.

Levin also echoes those who say early admission favors rich families that don't need to shop for the most affordable college, and gives an edge to kids at schools with counselors who can closely oversee applications. Recent research seems to support another suspicion, which schools deny: applying early improves a candidate's odds.

Two Harvard professors and a former Wesleyan University official looked at 14 selective colleges and found that among students with comparable credentials, applying early was equal to raising their SAT score about 100 points.

But defenders call early admission efficient. They say problems occur only when it's used to fill too many slots.

Hoffman can only hope so. Last Dec. 15, the teen-ager's e-mail brought unsettling news. Harvard deferred a decision on his application until spring. Then Chicago deferred him, too.

"Academically, I know I could belong at these schools," he said in an interview at his school. "What else do they want?"

Rutgers University, his safety school, has accepted Hoffman. But it'll be weeks before he hears the others, including Chicago and Harvard. Still, he'd endure the early application process again, just to lock up his first choice in December.

He said: "You're going to sweat either way, right?"

STATE

Rape victims' names get protection

Private: Attorney General's opinion says police can blot out names or addresses of sex-crime victims on arrest reports in Kentucky

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FRANKFORT — A new attorney general's opinion says police can blot out names and addresses of sex-crime victims from arrest reports before releasing them under the Kentucky Open Records Act.

It is a change of position prompted by "a developing body of state and federal case law," the opinion by Assistant Attorney General Amye L. Bensenhaver said.

The privacy interest of "victims of these singularly traumatic crimes ... outweighs the public interest in monitoring police investigative action."

Bensenhaver wrote in the opinion, made public Monday.

She emphasized that her opinion applied to reports of cases classified in Kentucky law as sex crimes: rape, sodomy, sexual abuse and sexual misconduct. Police cannot perform a "blanket redaction" of arrest reports generally, Bensenhaver wrote.

The opinion was sought by The Courier-Journal because of arrest reports released by Louisville police for August through October. All had been redacted, regardless of offense. Bensenhaver agreed there was "no consistent pattern" to the way in which information had

been withheld.

Her opinion said "the city's policy of making random redactions ... is, in general, legally unsupported" except in cases of alleged sex crimes.

"Acknowledging that there is a compelling public interest in access to records reflecting the identities of crime victims, we find that a developing body of federal and state case law, coupled with a perhaps long-overdue recognition of the singularly traumatic consequences of crimes of sexual violence, require us to modify our position," Bensenhaver wrote.

Bensenhaver issued an opinion in the same vein in October, ruling that names of alleged victims and a witness could be blotted from a campus police report at Jefferson Community College. That opinion was sought by a student who had been expelled, but never indicted, for allegedly touching two female students in an offensive manner.

Attorney general opinions have the force of law in cases involving public records and public meetings. The newspaper's attorney, Jon Fleischaker, said the latest opinion was "an extension of the whole concept of right to privacy" but its significance was otherwise hard to judge.

The opinion says police are limited in what they can censor, but it remains to be seen how police agencies around the state will react," Fleischaker said.

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BEHIND THE FOOTLIGHTS

Freshmen act their way into the theater world



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Playing the part...

Lauren Carr, a theatre sophomore, works on Rose's (played by Eva Kate Wilson) hat placement for last night's dress rehearsal of *Richard Cory*.

A standing ovation: Theatre freshmen excited about chance to perform together

By Stacie Melhuus
SCENE EDITOR

It's five minutes before curtain for the first dress rehearsal of *Richard Cory*, the theatre department's new play. Students dressed in turn-of-the-century garb wait patiently for their cues in the "green room."

A tech student, tape measurer around her neck, adjusts the flowers on the hat of an actor; another actor brushes lint off the skirt of her dress. Director James McDermott calls for a woman actor to come up to the stage. He wants to see how the dresses work with the set. The play has been designated this year's freshman showcase. The showcase allows the freshmen and other first-year majors to star in a play designed especially for them. The play follows the life of a town icon as he tries to salvage his life before ultimately committing suicide.

It's many of the actors' first college play. Because the play can be a first acting experience, McDermott said the show is important to the freshmen.

"It gives you a sense of identity. It's unique to have this as your show that you start off with. And four years from now

these are the people you're going to be working with. You really get to know them in this show."

Marshall Glover, a theatre and film sophomore who leads the play as *Richard Cory*, said that he was impressed with the other students' talent. "It's a great cast. We have a good chemistry together," he said.

As Cory, Glover is the town icon. "He's rich, good-looking and smart. He seems to have the perfect life," Glover said. But Cory is missing something, and he looks for help in the townspeople.

"Cory tries to connect with these people. And the more he tries to connect to him, the more they move away from him. They don't want to ruin the image. They want the image. It's something to aspire to," McDermott said. As Cory starts to show his true self to the townspeople, the audience can begin to see the difficulties in his personality. They start to see just how someone respected can contemplate suicide.

Aside from the drama, the students say acting is fun. "I'm just having fun with



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Charlotte, portrayed by Hayley Williams, and *Richard Cory*, played by Marshall Glover, rehearse a restaurant scene in the stage production.

this whole thing. Practice is a blast," said Alexander Raspberry, a theatre junior who plays Frank and Max.

Glover added his own spin on his acting bug. "The best thing about acting is being in someone else's shoes. You can live a life that may take years of preparation, like a doctor, an upper class society guy or a professional rock climber, and you get to do it in three months," Glover said.

Acting up

The play *Richard Cory* will open at 8 p.m. Wednesday night at the Briggs Theatre in the Fine Arts Building. It will run through Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for students, \$12 for others and can be purchased at the Singletary Center box office.

Though his health has grown precarious, Cash has outlived many friends and contemporaries. The latest loss was Waylon Jennings. "I've been richly blessed," Cash says. "I've just never fallen by the wayside. Elvis, Bill Black, Carl Perkins, you name it right on down the line, there's so many of them."

"Yeah," it is hard to see them go. But for every one that dies, I just thank God that he let me live."

LEGEND

The 'man in black' remembers friends and counts his blessings

Returning: After a break from the scene, Johnny Cash is back and in better health

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE — The Man in Black is back. Johnny Cash turns 70 on Tuesday, and the long-ailing singer says he's beginning to feel the itch to perform again. He's even finishing work on a new album.

"I've felt really good these last few months, better than I've felt in the last three years," he says.

Cash has diabetic neuropathy and is prone to pneumonia: since 1997, he has suffered frequent bouts, some that nearly killed him.

He no longer tours, and he avoids the flu season in Tennessee by spending the winter at a second home in Jamaica.

Cash is planning a quiet birthday celebration Tuesday at home with friends, he said by telephone from Jamaica. He recently sang in public for the first time in years, performing "The Ballad of Annie Palmer" at a banquet in Jamaica for the Horatio Alger Awards Committee.

"It felt really good," Cash said, adding that he'd like to perform more "on some limited basis" if his health continues to improve.

"I think I hope and pray that all the pneumonia is behind me," Cash said.

Sony Records is marking Cash's 70th by reissuing five of his albums (including Cash's favorite, "Ride This

Train") and the two-CD compilation "The Essential Johnny Cash."

Two tribute albums are in the works and production on a film about his life may begin this year.

But Cash is most excited about his new album, "American IV," his fourth collaboration with producer Rick Rubin. He has been steadily recording and hopes to have it released this year.

"I just look for the best songs that I can find, and record them in the simple, straightforward way that we do, you know?" he says. "Underrated, very little production."

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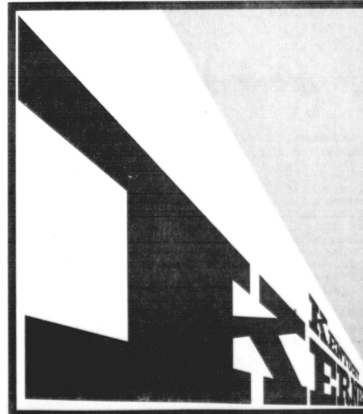
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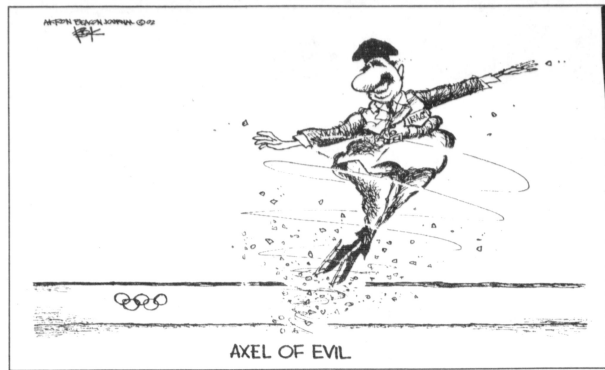
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IN OUR OPINION

College overhaul may be imminent

Committee proposes plan that would eliminate or incorporate several different colleges at UK

UK's Future's Committee has proposed several organizational changes regarding the university's various colleges. Under the plan, the colleges of Human and Environmental Sciences would be eliminated. The colleges of Communications and Information Studies, Fine Arts and Arts and Sciences would be realigned to create three new colleges: Science and Mathematics, Arts and Letters and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Various departments will be shuffled so that like fields of study will be included in the same college: hospitality management, for example, will be in B&E, while journalism will be put in the new Arts and Letters College (along with the entire existing College of Fine Arts). The university feels this is necessary. We disagree.

To begin, there's nothing wrong with grouping like fields of study. Hopefully a lot of cross-disciplinary collaboration would occur in departments that are currently separated by geography. But there's a huge difference in approach among the various colleges towards what they study.

An English literature major approaches writing from an entirely different angle than does a journalist. People in the Patterson School see society in a completely different light than do most sociologists.

Arts and Sciences is a liberal college, dedicated to giving its students a diverse, well-rounded education. The other colleges are professional colleges that train their students in one very specific field of study. In this light it would seem like mathematics and French, for example, are much more similar than theater and history and communications, all of which would be grouped into the same college.

Further troubling is this. The fastest-growing colleges at UK are the professional schools, especially the College of Communications. Now that College is being integrated into a rather stagnant one (A&S), thus diverting resources and autonomy from a field of study that has increasing need of it.

There are many other issues raised by this reorganization as well, alumni relations being chief among them. Four of our colleges are being eliminated; will alumni still feel as connected to the University? Will they give as much money? How will the departments physically be shuffled to allow these new colleges to form? How will budget shares be divided among the new colleges?

This is an important issue that touches the entire UK community. We encourage you to voice your opinions, both at the forums the Futures Committee will hold and here on the Dialogue page of the Kernel.

Some areas of sexuality still off limits

Patience is a virtue and my parents are some of the most virtuous people you would ever meet, especially when it comes to summer jobs.

It is not that I am lazy or anything like that. I just do not enjoy work. Well, at least not the conventional 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

I think that is why they let me tend bar the summer after my freshman year. In Georgia you can tend bar at 18, even though the drinking age is 21.

Last summer, I had an internship that I thought I was going to like. Alas, it was too similar to a normal job, and I had to quit in order to maintain my sanity.

So after about three weeks of shopping and talk shows, a friend of mine found what some might call an unconventional job. It was so unconventional that we made a wager that I could not stick it out for the rest of the summer. Sadly, I lost. I only worked at the porn store for a day and a half before I quit.

Yes, I worked at a porn store. Now, I did not think that working in the porn store was going to be that bad. How many people can come back from the summer and say, "I got to take an inventory of vibrators, dildos

and various types of motion lotion." Not many, that is for sure.

Vibrators and dildos — Do those words make you blush? I have to admit that prior to working at the porn store I had never seen either before, and those words did, indeed, make me blush. When I did finally see them, I was so embarrassed.

I am not going to say that my mind has not been in the gutter from time to time, but this is not something that I thought about, or, for that matter, even discussed prior to working at the porn store.

After my first stint in the porn store, I had to wonder, "women why don't we talk about vibrators and dildos?"

We manage to talk candidly about so many other things, why not self-pleasuring? This thought was so intriguing that I conducted a few little surveys. I asked a rather large sample of women: one, if they had a vibrator and two, if they used the vibrator.

I was amazed to find that the majority of women I asked did not own a vibrator. The few that admitted to owning a vibrator said that it was a gag gift and that they had not used it.

I fall into the latter category. A friend, fancying herself helpful, took it upon herself to buy me a vibrator. A nice gesture, I suppose. She just wanted to make sure that I would be sexually satisfied. But the sheer embarrassment of admitting whether I masturbate has kept me from using this thoughtful gift.

Why should we, as women, feel ashamed when we want to pleasure ourselves, when men do it all the time and think nothing of it? A few friends of mine went to the World's Largest Adult Bookstore a few weeks ago and bought their first vibrators.

"Heather" and "Sarah" have admitted to me that they use their vibrators often. Yet, when I told them that I would mention them in this article, they wanted me to assure them that their identities would not be revealed.

Men fear no repercussions after admitting that they masturbate, so why do we as women want to keep the fact that we do the same a secret?

On "Sex and the City," Samantha is my favorite character. She is my favorite because she enjoys sex for what it is and is

honest about it, and, when she can not have sex, she does the next best thing, masturbation.

Maybe it is like the difference between a Pepsi and a Coke — you want "The Real Thing Baby." But sometimes that Coke just is not handy and you are forced to drink a Pepsi.

There is no shame in drinking that Pepsi, you were thirsty, and it was convenient. This is how I propose we treat vibrators and dildos. So stop storing them away in your sock drawers, or that dark corner in your closet and dust it off.

You do not have to announce it to the world, but maybe you should give that thing a whirl. I know there is no lack of "hooking up" going on at this school.

So, when the real thing is not within reach, I suggest we take matters into our own hands.

From what I hear, it just might be better anyway.

Myra Washington writes for the Vanderbilt Hustler (Vanderbilt University). Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

Leftists unjust in their attacks on Horowitz

As I sit in front of the computer, Microsoft Word's blank white screen glaring brightly in my eyes, I have a dilemma.

Should I write about my feelings against reparations or should I write about the left-wing (liberal) labeling of all people who share my views as "racists?"

Since I assume that after David Horowitz's presentation many people will write in with their comments on reparations, I will focus my column on this new liberal tactic.

Horowitz compared being called a racist today with the label of Communist in the 1960s and I would heartily agree with him; unless you happen to be a minority, and then it is deemed a natural reaction to your environment.

Being a Conservative thinker (as opposed to a liberal feeler) I respected Horowitz's views long before the submission of his anti-reparations ad that has brought him so much fame and infamy.

I think it is crucial for people to understand where he came from before they can understand the absurdity of the liberal's claims of racism.

Horowitz was popularly known and respected amongst the liberal activists in the 1960s. As with most Academia, he wrote literature promoting civil rights.

Unlike most, he put his money where his mouth was and raised funds for such causes as the purchasing of a building to serve as a headquarters for the Black Panther Party.

He was also the editor of Ramparts magazine, one of the most influential leftist media at the time.

So, how did this champion of liberal causes and civil rights in the 1960s become a racist in the eyes of liberals today? Simple, he steered away from their path.

Is that to say that he has steered away from the notion of civil rights and equality for all? Anyone who has actually read the man's work, other than a single advertisement that was limited to 700 words, would realize that statement is ludicrous. How low would the "racially sensitive" Left stoop you may ask?

In a leaflet passed out at his presentation, one of our left-ist Professors at this university compared Horowitz, a Jew, to Hitler. That's even less racially sensitive than comparing Louis Farrakhan to David Duke.

While I have made that comparison numerous times, I never claimed to be a politically correct, racially sensitive speaker (as most liberals invariably claim).

Like Horowitz, I call it like I see it. Like Horowitz, I have been called a racist and like Horowitz, these claims have been unfounded.

When I raised the question in my high school as to why a student was sent home for wearing a t-shirt supporting David Duke's campaign in Louisiana (I think I am showing my age), but T-shirts proclaiming "BY ANY means Necessary" were common sights in our halls I was called insensitive, and a troublemaker.

I was also perplexed as to why shirts bearing my personal favorite slogan "It's a black thing, you wouldn't understand," were also readily accepted.

I personally enjoy hip hop music above all other forms, but when I questioned why not one single rock, pop, or God forbid, country song was every played at our pep rallies, I was once again labeled as racially insensitive by the administration, but never by my peers who actually knew me.

In July I will marry my fiancé, a beautiful, strong, intelligent, driven, honest, Christian woman who just happens to be black. I would never claim that I am not a racist because I am marrying her.

That smacks too much of, "I have plenty of black friends." However, I will state that if I were a racist, I would not be marrying her. If I saw her as inferior in some aspect, it is only logical that I would have to assume our future children would be inferior as well.

While that may have been acceptable in the Old South since an inferior child can pick cotton with the best of them, it doesn't work in today's society. Reality is, my fiancé's my equal. Our children will hopefully shine brighter than either of us.

So as you read the liberal columns decrying Horowitz as a racist, remember that I too am a racist in their eyes. As a matter of fact, if you don't support reparations, you are a racist too.

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Aqua Cats remain afloat despite SEC fallout



All wet

Roger Watkins takes a few laps during a UK swimming practice. The junior suffered a disappointing 12th place finish in this specialty, the 200-breaststroke, at last weekend's SEC Championships. He owns the best time in the nation this season for the event.

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Making a splash: UK divers tops at conference championships, but swimmers look ahead to last chance qualifying events

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTS DAILY EDITOR

Swimming Coach Gary Conely and diving Coach Mike Lyden could not have been happier with the performances of the UK divers at the Southeastern Conference Championships last weekend.

Junior Clayton Moss was named diver of the meet after defending his title in the one-meter springboard and placing second and third in the three-meter and platform, respectively. Lyden was also named coach of the meet and senior Arvon Kirkpatrick placed second in the one- and three-meter springboard.

After three days of diving competition, the UK men were ahead by 10 points entering the swimming portion of the SEC Championships. And then, Conely said, everything that could have gone wrong did go wrong. The swimmers did not hold up their end, and UK finished seventh.

"We got down there and we sort of splintered," Conely said. "Our potential was much

higher than what it looked like. The divers were a real bright spot. They put us in a good position, and we basically dropped the hands."

Junior Roger Watkins, who posted the top time in the nation in the 200-breaststroke, was one of the disappointments for the Cats. Watkins finished 12th in the 200-breaststroke and failed to qualify for NCAA's. Two last chance meets remain for the swimmers before the NCAA Championships on March 28.

The women's NCAA Championships begin March 21, and Conely said he would be pleased if any of the women swimmers were able to qualify. The youthful UK women's squad finished ninth.

"As a freshman I didn't know what to expect," said Marci Vrooman, a freshman who placed 18th in the 100-freestyle and swam three lifetime bests this season. "It was a lot different from anything I had ever seen."

Vrooman and senior Carolyn Rader are two of the Swim Cats Conely anticipates

could qualify for the NCAA's. Rader's SEC meet was cut short because of a genetic shoulder condition, and her last chance to qualify may be this weekend in Athens, Ga.

"There is nothing you can do about the past, but improve," she said. "It's the little things like team attitudes during practice and meets that can make a difference."

Conely and Lyden stressed team unity, and said they are ambitious about their youthful swimmers.

"We were pretty excited," Lyden said of ending the first three days in first place. "We have a young swim team and we had our fingers crossed that the freshmen would jump it up a level."

Watkins was disappointed in his personal performance, but was not disappointed in the team. It was the second best score ever by a UK men's team, and Watkins predicted that the team could squeeze into the nation's top 20 with some additional qualifiers to compliment the stellar divers.

"The SEC is one of the

best conferences and a lot of teams have a lot of fast swimmers, but our swimmers can hang with them," Kirkpatrick said. "It's just one of those things that you go all out and it's just the touch at the end that makes the difference."

Moss was upset with the SEC letdown, but he and Kirkpatrick focused on their next big meet — the NCAA Zone B Diving Championships March 14-15 at UK.

The divers and swimmers on both teams might look at last week's SEC Championships differently, but they all agree it was not the end of the season.

"The divers want to build off of their success, and the swimmers want to use the meet as motivation to improve. It's definitely a confidence builder and SEC Championships are also for bragging rights in the SEC," Lyden said. "We could have been in the top five, but it certainly wasn't from a lack of work. Some days as hard as you work, you can still be flat."

David Freeman took sixth in the men's 800 meter-finals with a provisional-qualifying mark of 1:46.91.

Riflers claim GARC title for second straight year

MORGANTOWN, W.V. — The UK rifle team claimed the 2002 Great American Rifle Conference Championship this weekend.

In their repeat championship performance, the Cats set a new GARC and school record with a team total, 6255. The previous conference record, 6244, was set by UK last season.

Sophomore Bradley Wheelon led the Cats as he grabbed the GARC individual combined and smallbore titles. Wheelon's smallbore score of 1577 sets a new UK record. The three Wildcats also earned various All-GARC honors. Only four shooters are named to each team and they are selected based on season average.

Wheelon was named to the All-GARC first-team combined and second-team smallbore and air rifle. Shadrer took first-team air rifle and second-team smallbore, while Nash took second-team All-GARC combined, smallbore and air rifle honors.

The Cats, who finished first

at the NCAA Sectional on Feb. 10, wrap up the 2002 season when they open up competition in the NCAA Championships. UK finished second at last year's championship.

Prince earns second SEC Player of Week honor

UK senior Tayshaun Prince, the reigning Player of the Year in the Southeastern Conference, captured the league's Player of the Week honor for the second time this season, the fifth time in his career, the conference announced Monday.

The 6-foot-9 forward led the Cats to wins over Tennessee and Arkansas last week, averaging 15.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game, as UK battled back into a tie for the lead in the SEC Eastern Division.

This season he ranks fourth in the SEC in blocked shots (1.4 bpg), fifth in scoring (16.9 ppg), seventh in field-goal percentage (47.2%) and 10th in rebounding (6.3 rpg).

Prince, who will be honored with teammate J.P. Blevins at UK's annual Senior Day Saturday, will finish his career among the school's top-10 scorers, the top-2 three-point field goal shooters and the top-five shot blockers.

Compiled from wire reports

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Sportsbytes

Bat Cats blow late-game leads in consecutive days

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The UK baseball team took a two-run lead into the bottom of the seventh inning, but squandered its chances to earn Coach Keith Madison his 700th victory for the second game in a row.

Washington State put two runs across in the seventh and one in the eighth to defeat the Wildcats, 9-8, in the Continental Express Aggie Baseball Classic in College Station, Texas, Monday.

Sophomore right fielder Caleb Stewart became the sixth Wildcat in Kentucky baseball's 108-year history to record a 5-for-5 batting day.

The last time the feat was accomplished was on April 16, 1995 in a 12-10 setback to Tennessee by All-Southeastern Conference catcher Todd Young.

The loss came a day after the Bat Cats gave up eight runs in the ninth in a loss to Pepperdine. UK beat Pepperdine 5-4 on Friday and lost to Washington

State 7-3 Saturday.

UK (3-5) also played a late game against No. 17 Texas A&M at 9 p.m. Monday.

SEC Track Cats claim two indoor titles

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The UK track and field teams wrapped up competition at the 2002 Southeastern Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships on Sunday.

Both UK squads finished eighth as Arkansas' men and Florida's women claimed the team championships.

First place finishes by Jeff Chakouian in the men's shot put (63-02.00) and Janet Crawford in the women's high jump (5-08.50) highlighted UK's performance.

Chakouian, a sophomore, won the SEC Indoor shot put competition for the second year in a row.

Ernest Simms also performed well in the men's 60 meters with a provisional-qualifying and personal-best mark of 6.89, good enough for a fifth-place finish.

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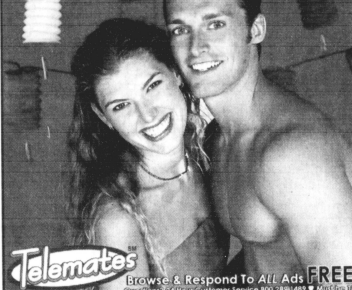
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