



**WEATHER** Light snow today, high in lower 40s; more snow tonight, low in 20s; partly sunny tomorrow, high mid-30s.

**SPORTS** The Cats look to go 6-0 in the SEC against struggling Vanderbilt at Rupp Arena tomorrow. Story, matchups page 3.



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## Self-financing trend questioned

*CHE may review construction laws*

By Stephen Trimble  
Executive Editor

When UK President Charles Wethington unveiled his innovative plan to pay internally for UK's \$58 million library in early September, you might say he sparked a new fad in Kentucky higher education.

Quickly in stride, officials at the University of Louisville and Paducah Community College stepped around legislative approval by financing big con-

struction projects without a dime of state support.

But that's the catch — now the state Council on Higher Education isn't sure it wants Kentucky public universities to pay for the costly construction, then leave the state to pay for the upkeep.

Normally, all construction projects worth more than \$200,000 must be approved by the legislature — but its signature is only necessary when state money pays for the construction.

To maneuver around this rule, Paducah rallied its nearby community to donate nearly \$8.5 million for a new engineering facility. U of L swapped some of its land to find space and resources for a new football stadium.

It is these creative loopholes that are beginning to raise the eyebrows of state officials, who will discuss the matter Monday, said Mike Gardone, CHE's

executive director of academic affairs.

"Several people are concerned about possible loopholes that some of the colleges have been looking into," Gardone said.

At Monday's council meeting in Louisville, CHE members may form a task group to study the existing capital construction laws and make suggestions to the 1996 General Assembly, Gardone said.

This group, reportedly made up of higher education and state officials, would submit suggestions to the legislature next fall.

Gardone said the legislature will likely vote on laws stopping college administrators from building large projects without state approval and resources.

When asked if CHE's action could affect UK's

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NEWSbytes

### WORLD Dogs find more dead as death toll mounts

KOBE, Japan — Swiss rescue dogs led search teams to more entombed bodies yesterday as the earthquake death toll swelled past 4,000, and the bark of a pet dog led to one woman's rescue after more than two icy days in the wreckage.

New fires burst out around the shattered city, and firefighters' efforts to dose them were stymied by crushed water mains. With government relief efforts falling far short of victims' needs, thousands more gave up hope of finding food and shelter and joined the stream of residents abandoning the city on foot.

By early today, confirmed deaths totaled 4,047, making Tuesday's 7.2-magnitude earthquake the worst in Japan in more than 70 years.

### NATION Trade deficit worsening

WASHINGTON — Despite the Clinton administration's aggressive campaign for trade agreements, America's trade deficit is worsening and on track toward a record exceeding \$150 billion for 1994.

The Commerce Department reported yesterday that the deficit in November climbed 4.3 percent to \$10.53 billion, up from a revised \$10.10 billion in October.

### Shooting raises racial tensions

SPRINGFIELD, Tenn. — A Confederate flag flying from the bed of a 19-year-old white man's pickup truck played a central role in his shooting death just two days before the Martin Luther King holiday. Freddy Morrow, Damien Darden and Tony Andrews, all 17, and Marcus Merrweather, 15, were charged yesterday with first-degree murder in Saturday's slaying of Michael David Westerman of Elkton, Ky.

### NAMEdropping

#### Joel in Japan during quake

ALBANY, N.Y. — Billy Joel doesn't start the fire — he just seems to be around while it's burning. Joel performed in Moscow during its political upheavals and in Berlin on the night of German reunification. On Tuesday, he was trying to sleep in a hotel room in Osaka when the huge earthquake hit. Joel, who was unhurt, said mirrors and paintings fell from the walls, a heavy desk flipped over and his bed bucked and heaved across the room.

"I've had a number of near-death experiences and what usually happens is this incredible sense of fatalism comes over you," he said. "You accept the idea that this could be your last second and almost funny thoughts come into your head."

Compiled from wire reports.

## HAIR TODAY, SCHOOL TOMORROW



Photos by GREG EANS Kernel staff

REMEMBERING THE ROOTS Ann Halloran, owner of Hair on Lime and a social work student, says her shop is student-oriented.

### Student moonlights as salon operator

By Tiffany Gilmartin  
Staff Writer

Ann Halloran is doing double duty in Lexington — as a student and a small business owner.

At UK, she is 11 credits shy of receiving her degree in social work. After class, she is the new owner of Hair on Lime, a beauty salon on South Limestone Street.

The name Hair on Lime is a play on the its location and the continuing trend toward on-line computer communications systems like the Internet, which Halloran uses daily to make appointments and advertise.

"I will go on-line and talk to people and introduce my salon to them," said Halloran, who has been cutting hair for 12 years. She says the personal discussions stylists often carry on with clients appealed to her interest in psychology.

Halloran is a firm believer in the holistic approach to self-

esteem — improvement through beautification. In keeping with that approach, Hair on Lime offers a massage therapist by appointment.

"People need to feel good on the inside," Halloran said. "As an intertwined discipline involving different elements of physical change, Halloran likens the work of a hairstylist to that of a plastic surgeon."

"I am the closest thing to plastic surgery for people who want to change their appearance," she said.

The shop was formerly called Bogie and Bacall's Hair & Nail Salon. The South Limestone area appeals to Halloran because she thinks of it as a Lexington version of San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury District.

"The landlord of my shop is adamant about preserving the neighborhood so people can walk up and down the street and have interesting shops to look at," Halloran said. "That is why

See HAIR on 2



## New UK coach promises balance for his Cat attack

By John Kelly  
Campus Editor

To resurrect the worst offense in the Southeastern Conference, Elliot Uzela is proposing what UK fans have been screaming for — simple, well-planned balance.

"I believe in having a physical team that is sound fundamentally and makes a minimal amount of mistakes," Uzela said. "I believe you have to have a strong running game and complement it with an excellent passing game. I want to have balance between the run and pass, not necessarily in the number of running and passing plays, but in terms of yardage gained."

UK football coach Bill Curry yesterday named Uzela offensive coordinator, a job which will require fixing the problems that caused the Wildcats

to rank last in the SEC in total offense and scoring offense on the way to a 1-10 season.

Gaining more yards, scoring more points and recruiting more quality players are the only commitments he has made. Deciding on schemes and systems will come later, he said.

"I haven't seen enough of Kentucky's personnel to know what systems or schemes we will use," he said.

In his two years as offensive coordinator at Colorado, the Buffaloes busted 51 school records and tied four others.

In 1994, Colorado racked up 495.3 yards a game in total offense — 291.5 running and 203.8 passing — and finished 11-1. Colorado's lone loss was to eventual national champion Nebraska.

Uzela's scheme helped Rashaan Salaam to win the Heisman Trophy this past season.

"What he has done the last two years is exactly what we're looking for," Curry said in a prepared statement. "We want an offense that is balanced between the pass and run and he has demonstrated the ability to get that done."

Uzela has been a college head coach twice, at Western Michigan (1975-1981) and at Navy (1987-1989). After Navy, Uzela coached centers and guards at Indiana. In 1991, he was offensive coordinator at Ohio State and, in 1992, he was an offensive line coach for the NFL's Cleveland Browns. He was hired at Colorado in 1993 by coach Bill McCartney.

While shopping for a new job, Uzela found Kentucky and Curry.

"The first reason I'm going to Kentucky is because of Bill Curry," Uzela said. "I've known Bill for quite awhile ... When I visited, I learned there's a strong commitment to Bill Curry and the program."

## SGA may ask that honor code be looked into

By John Kelly  
Campus Editor

A Student Government Association leader has begun a movement to institute a student honor code at UK.

Avi Weitzman, SGA's executive director for academic affairs, has researched similar honor codes at Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Alabama, North Carolina and other major universities and feels those schools' positive experiences are a reason for UK to research honor codes.

"I've seen a lot of cheating at this University," said Weitzman, a political science junior. "I think that a lot of students have no respect at all for academic honesty and integrity. Something like an honor code might be a step toward change."

An SGA committee Wednesday night discussed a bill that would request that the University Senate establish an ad hoc committee of faculty, students and administrators to investigate whether a student honor code might work at UK. The full SGA Senate will vote on the measure this Wednesday, Weitzman said.

"I'm not asking SGA or the University Senate to institute a code," he said. "I do think that we should research and debate the issue."

In his own research, Weitzman has found more student-oriented systems of justice regarding issues like cheating and dishonesty. He said restructuring the way UK deals with students who violate rules is not bad, but that in researching an honor code, committee members might discover better methods. At the very least, Weitzman said, an honor code would help serve as a conscience to students who might think about doing something dishonest to pass a test or a class.



Weitzman

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# SPORTS

## Struggling Vandy visits UK

*Commodores need ice-cold McMahon to pick up slack*

By Brett Dawson  
Sports Editor

Last season, much was made of Jamal Mashburn's departure from the UK roster. The Cats had problems, many felt, adjusting to life in crunch time without their foremost scoring threat.

Vanderbilt coach Jan van Breda Kolf and his Commodores know the feeling.

Vandy (7-5, 1-3 Southeastern Conference), not unlike UK last season, has had problems putting away opponents and finding a main man in the clutch.

On the heels of close losses to Georgia and Tennessee, Vandy comes to Rupp Arena tomorrow to take on No. 5 UK (11-2, 5-0) hoping to find a player to pick up the slack for the departure of star guard Billy McCaffrey.

"We had a situation the last two years where everybody knew Billy was going to take the shot, and nobody came down on offense thinking they had to make the play," van Breda Kolf said yesterday.

"We feel like there's more pressure on every possession to score because we don't have that scoring go-to guy."

Pitino and his troops don't feature a single superstar either. But even though the go-to-guy-by-committee approach is working so far, it's UK's suffocating defense, not its balanced but inconsistent offense, that is winning basketball games.

"I think all season, defense has been our staple, and we really have a lot of improvement to make offensively," Pitino said. "If we do that, come March we'll be an outstanding ballclub."

When it comes to Vanderbilt, defense begins and ends with stopping Ronnie McMahon, the offensive key to the Commodores.

The versatile McMahon, though listed as a swing forward, essentially is a third guard for Vandy.

Though McMahon has struggled of late, including a 2-point

**UK vs. Vanderbilt**  
Tomorrow, 2:35 p.m.  
Rupp Arena

**UK (11-2, 5-0 SEC)**

Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
G Tony Dink	15.7	3.5
G Jeff Sheppard	9.6	2.2
G Andre Riddick	4.2	4.2
F Rodrick Rhodes	14.2	3.3
F Walter McCarty	10.0	5.1

Reserves: Antoine Walker, 8.3 spp; Jared Prickett, 7.0; Anthony Epps, 7.4; Mark Pope, 7.8; Cameron Mills, 2.5; Scott Padgett, 2.6; Allen Edwards, 1.9; Chris Harrison, 1.9.

**Vanderbilt (7-5, 1-3 SEC)**

Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
G Frank Seckar	11.4	3.4
G Howard Fridge	8.8	2.3
C Chris Woods	5.7	5.5
F Ronnie McMahon	16.5	5.0
F Bryan Millum	4.5	7.1

Reserves: Malik Evans, 7.8 spp; J.J. Lucas, 7.2; Drew Maddox, 5.5; Pax Whitehead, 4.5; Andre'rick Frasier, 2.5; Chad Shemon, 2.0; T. Cross, 2.0; Billy D'Salvato, 2.0; Fred Baker, 1.3.

TV: ABC, live.

performance in a loss against Tennessee. Pitino said his team will be on its toes when it comes to defending McMahon and Vandy point guard Frank Seckar.

"Anytime you see a big pick and roll team, you expect their guards to score, and certainly they're capable of doing that," Pitino said. "Very similar to (Auburn's) Mookie Norris and (Lance) Weems, you've got to pay attention to (Vandy's) guards or they can beat you."

UK certainly has been paying attention to its opposition on the perimeter so far in conference play. In five SEC games, the Cats' opponents are hitting just 12.9 percent (9-of-70) from three-point range.

That, coupled with Vandy's 31 percent three-point shooting in conference play, could lead to a long game from beyond the arc for the Commodores.

And playing in Rupp Arena won't make things any easier, van

Breda Kolf said.

"It's going to be an adjustment for our freshmen," said van Breda Kolf, whose team features five Rupp first-timers.

"Whether Kentucky's playing well or poorly at the time, there's constant noise and constant enthusiasm, and when they do go on their runs, which you know sometime over the course of the game is going to happen... then the place really erupts."

Cat fans' e-Rupp-tions this season have been largely stifled by a UK offense that has at times looked listless, particularly at home.

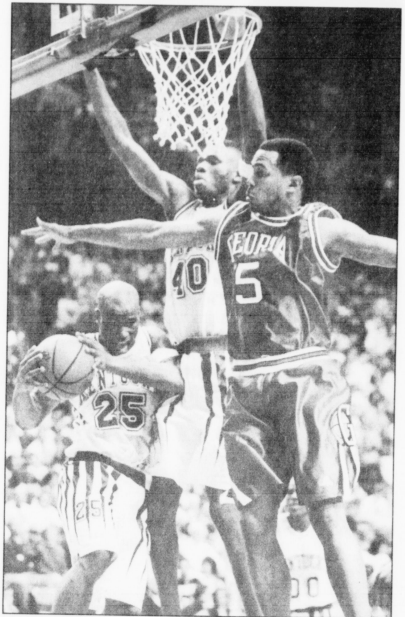
Pitino said three weeks ago that the development of Jeff Sheppard at point guard was vital to UK's success not just offensively, but overall, this season.

Yesterday, the UK coach said that he has been fairly pleased with the play of duo of Sheppard and Anthony Epps, saying that while UK's point guards were "not like (Arizona's) Damon Stoudamire," they were getting the job done.

"The way we're running our defense and our motion offense, point guard is not as important as prior years," Pitino said.

"Where we've got to get better is in our screening, in our cutting and in our locating defensive weaknesses of our opponents."

"If you had to rate us out of a 10 offensively right now, we're really only like a five or a six, and I know we can get to a nine."



JOSEPH REY AU KORNEL/Staff

**GET THE POINT** UK's Anthony Epps drives to the hoop against Georgia earlier this season. Epps and the Cats play host to Vanderbilt tomorrow at 2:35 p.m. at Rupp Arena.



Pitino



UKstats

Team statistics

UK	Field Goal Percentage	Opponents
.455	.385	
.720	.713	
.381	.215	
89.1	67.5	
42.2	37.6	
15.1	14.9	
19.1	11.0	
16.3	22.8	
5.5	4.6	
10.8	7.8	



Epps

UK's point guard tandem of Jeff Sheppard and Anthony Epps combined for 16 points and 7 assists on Wednesday against Ole Miss. On the season, the two sophomores are averaging just over 5 assists per game combined. Vanderbilt point guard Frank Seckar is one of only two double figure scorers for the Commodores. Seckar is Vandy's top outside threat, shooting 43.7 percent on three-pointers.

FRONTCOURT



Riddick

Vanderbilt's top offensive weapon is swingman Ronnie McMahon. The senior operates out of both the frontcourt and the backcourt, and tomorrow he'll probably be handed the task of guarding Rodrick Rhodes. UK's Andre Riddick is coming off a strong outing against Ole Miss. Riddick had 12 points, 9 rebounds and 4 blocks.

BENCH

Freshman Antoine Walker has UK's third-highest offensive rebound total despite averaging only 15.3 minutes a game. Walker has twice as many offensive boards as defensive ones in Southeastern Conference play. Vandy circulates a host of players in and out, with nine players averaging 13 or more minutes per game.

ETC.

UK owns a 108-25 lead in the all-time series against Vandy. As one-sided as that sounds, only Tennessee has more wins all-time against the Cats. UT is 58-118 against UK. How long has it been since the Commodores beat UK in Rupp Arena? Vandy's leading scorer in its last Rupp victory, which came back in 1974, was current VU head coach Jan van Breda Kolf.

SCOUTING report

BACKCOURT



McMahon



Seckar



VANDERBILTstats

Team statistics

Vandy	Field Goal Percentage	Opponents
.404	.395	
.745	.664	
.332	.357	
73.9	66.5	
41.3	38.2	
12.6	13.0	
15.8	11.7	
15.4	17.9	
5.4	3.9	
9.3	6.6	

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# Gym Cats play host to No. 1

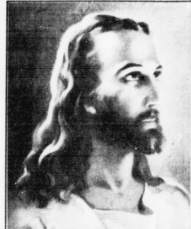
## Top-ranked Lady Bulldogs come to Memorial Coliseum

By Gary Green  
Contributing Writer

**UK vs. Georgia**  
Tonight, 7  
Memorial Coliseum  
Records: UK 0-0,  
Georgia 0-0  
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With returning stars Jenny Hansen and Robin Ewing, this year's Gym Cats have visions of nationals dancing in their collective heads.

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The 18th-ranked Gym Cats start the season off with a bang tonight at 7 in Memorial Coliseum against the No. 1 team in the country, the Georgia Lady Bulldogs.

The Gym Cats are hoping to improve on last season's 5-20 record, a season that saw Hansen win the NCAA all-around National Championship, her second in as many years.

Ewing also had a good 1994, becoming the fifth UK gymnast in history to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

This year, Coach Leah Little has a wealth of new talent to go along with Hansen and Ewing. Freshmen Beth Claxton, Jennie Maxwell and Whitney Ellis "have had a great impact on the team," Little said. "We have a lot of depth this year... we're ready for Georgia."

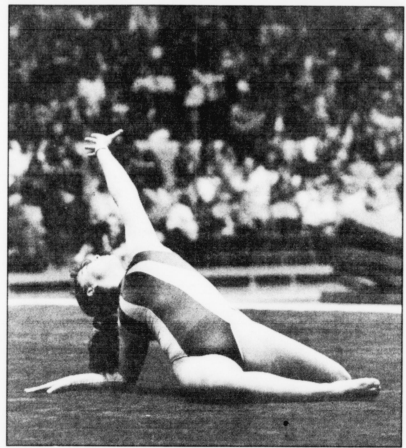
The Gym Cats will be used to tough competition by season's end.

Five of UK's conference opponents are ranked in the Top 10 in the nation and three are among the Top 5 (No. 1 Georgia, No. 2 Alabama and No. 3 Florida).

But with Hansen and Ewing leading them, Little thinks the Gym Cats can have one of their best seasons ever as a team.

"(Hansen and Ewing) are very hard working and lead by example," Little said.

"The others see them and think



FLOOR IT UK's Colleen Sheehy performs the floor exercise during Excite Night this season. The Gym Cats play host to Georgia tonight.

"Hey, that's the way you have to practice."

As testament to her team's work ethic, Little said she wanted to give the team a day off this week, but they turned her down.

That comes in part due to a host of experienced gymnasts. Seniors Tamae Freeman and Dee Ann McNeil and sophomores Sonia Merla, Kristy Toups, Colleen Sheehy and Theresa Shaw round out a strong group.

There is also the question of a

three-peat for Hansen.

"She has improved since last year," said Little. "She definitely has a chance to repeat. "She's a great asset for the team."

Little said that it's important to Hansen that her teammates join her in Atlanta's Georgia Dome, site of 1995's nationals.

"She is focusing more on the team this season, and that is helping to take some of the pressure off of her personal performance."

## Ticket lottery changed to Jan. 29

Staff report

The basketball ticket lottery originally scheduled to be held Sunday has been rescheduled for Jan. 29.

On the original pamphlet that

lists ticket lottery dates, a lottery was scheduled for this weekend to give away student tickets to a pair of games.

But because UK's Feb. 1 home game against South Carolina was moved from Louisville's Freedom

Hall to Rupp Arena, the lottery was moved to Jan. 29 to include that game.

The Jan. 29 lottery will include tickets to games against South Carolina, Syracuse and Mississippi State.

## SPORTSbytes

### UK rifle team takes on Xavier

The fourth-ranked UK rifle team will play host to No. 2 Xavier tomorrow at 8 a.m. at the Buell Armory.

The showdown between perennial rifle powerhouses will give UK a good indication of how it matches up among the nation's elite. Coach Harry Mullins said yesterday.

"This match will show us just where we are at this point in the season," Mullins said. "Nationals will be here before we know it, and competing against a top team like Xavier should show us how we will fare this year."

### Miami denies Bowden rumor

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami athletic director Paul Dee yesterday denied a published report that Auburn coach Terry

Bowden was interviewed for the Hurricanes' coaching vacancy.

The Miami Herald, quoting unidentified sources, said Bowden was interviewed Tuesday.

"Terry Bowden has not been interviewed for this job," Dee said at a news conference called to respond to the story in today's Herald. "I've not called Auburn University for permission to speak to Terry Bowden. I have not met with Terry Bowden."

"We'd be privileged if Terry Bowden might be interviewed for a job like this, but we have not sought Terry Bowden."

Dee said he did talk last week by phone with Bowden, who was at Division I-AA Sanford before taking the Auburn job in 1993. Candidates for the Miami job include Jim Tressel, the coach at I-AA Youngstown State.

### Barkley hoping to visit Tyson

PHOENIX — Phoenix Suns star Charles Barkley says he will again try to visit former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson while the Suns are in Indianapolis to play the Pacers.

"I'm going to try to see him," Barkley said, adding that he believed Tyson was innocent of raping a Miss Black America contestant in 1991.

"He should not be in jail," Barkley said.

"He got a bad rap." Tyson was sentenced in 1992 to six years at the Indiana Youth Center. He is eligible for release in May.

### Rider, Miner in Slam-Dunk

NEW YORK — Isaiah Rider of the Minnesota Timberwolves and Harold Miner of the Miami Heat, winners of the last two NBA Slam-Dunk Championships, head the entries for this year's event in Phoenix. Rookie Grant Hill of the Detroit Pistons is also entered, along with Tony Dumas of the Dallas Mavericks, Eddie Jones of the Los Angeles Lakers and Robert Pack of the Denver Nuggets.

The slam-dunk competition is part of the league's All-Star Saturday, Feb. 11, the day before the All-Star game.

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# DiVersions

## Worldly recital to aid cause

Show held for charity

By Carrie Morrison  
Arts Editor

Tomorrow night, the stately insides of Memorial Hall will be illuminated with all the colors of the world.

The Music and Dance Appreciation Group is having a recital at 7:30 p.m. The showcase features UK students and community members who will present everything from country/western dance to Kung Fu.

Student tickets are \$3 and general tickets are \$4; proceeds will go to the UK College of Living, a department that works under Arc of the Bluegrass to provide educa-

tion and recreation for adults with disabilities.

Yung Yung Chen, a food sciences senior, began the group last fall in an effort to bring together the common interests of her friends.

"I myself learned to dance," said Chen, who was raised in Hong Kong.

"Then I came to Kentucky and met several friends who like singing and playing the piano... It's time we performed as a group."

"The main objective of this group is to promote music and dance in the UK community," Chen said.

A dance party and a violin recital were also organized by Chen last semester, both meeting



LOOKING  
ahead

The UK Music and Dance Appreciation Group recital is tomorrow at Memorial Hall at 7:30. Tickets are \$3 and \$4.

"an enthusiastic response."

Among tomorrow's 11 acts are Chinese and Indian traditional dances, a routine by the UK Pom Squad and piano and violin solos.

Chen said experience is not necessary to join the UK Music and Dance Appreciation Group, and all are welcome to contribute.

"We are not a class," she said. "Ideas may be raised by members just for fun."

Chen attended a seminar of the Bluegrass Association for Retarded Citizens recently to solidify her plans for the dance group to work

with charities.

"It is a good cause," Chen said. "We like to help other people."

Bruce Broos, director of the UK College for Living, agreed the collaboration was a good idea.

"(Chen and the group) have already been successful in contacting a number of dancers," Broos said. "Their enthusiasm for it is really undeniable."

The UK College for Living needs funding for the services they provide. One of the services is enrollment in six-week courses at UK taught by graduate students. The courses range from World War II history to art classes, said Broos.

"If people come," Chen said, they are not only watching the variety show, but they are helping people," Chen said. "If we are able to dance and sing and help people, it is worth it."

## 'Contract' flawed but offers insight

By David Turner  
Staff Writer

Nearly four months ago Republican politicians, led by current House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Rep. Dick Armey, released a platform they called "Contract With America."

Evoked as a panacea for all American ills by Republican candidates, the Contract and its supporters soon began making regular television and newspaper appearances during the November elections.

Since then, mention of the Contract has become an almost daily event.

Even the tabloid TV show, "Hard Copy," had an "expert" on conservative politics talking about "initiatives" and "mandates from the people."

Last month, in a refreshing move by Republican leaders, this much talked about document was released in book form.

"Contract With America" published by Times Books, expands upon the 10-point plan proposed by House Republicans nearly three months ago. Essentially a list of objectives, the Contract is



BOOK review

★ ★ ★  
"Contract With America"  
Newt Gingrich,  
Dick Armey and  
House Republicans

Times Books

RATINGS  
★★★★ Excellent  
★★★★ Good  
★★★ Fair  
★ Poor

10 pieces of legislation the new Congressional majority will introduce to the House of Representatives for debate.

Potential readers should be warned: This is a very partisan book and information is presented with a right-wing slant. The authors do not miss any opportunity to take pot shots at their Democratic counterparts.

"Contract" authors discuss each of the 10 proposals and providing an insight to the increasingly popular conservative Republican philosophy towards government by answering the dramatic and complex problems of our country with an impressive rhetoric.

Written as a cross between a textbook and a campaign speech, "Contract" relates quite a bit of information in clear and concise language — avoiding the pitfall of legalese.

However, unless the reader has an active interest in the goings on of Washington, this book is not a riveting read.

Filled with inconsistencies and repetitive to the point of tears, "Contract" leaves something to be desired as a literary work.

If this is a typical sample of Gingrich's writing, his upcoming book is not going to be very well received.

Some of the "Contract" proposals are:

### The Taking Back Our Streets Act

A get-tough-on-crime bill, this proposal puts emphasis on punishment rather than rehabilitation and prevention.

Huge "block grants" would be distributed by the federal government to the states, allowing them to create their own individualized programs.

This bill, if enacted, would repeal The Omnibus Crime Act recently passed by Congress.

### The Personal Responsibility Act

An anti-social program, it will attempt to combat teen pregnancy by eliminating welfare benefits to unwed mothers under the age of 21.

Revised unemployment regulations and strict job-search requirements round out the personal responsibility package.

### The National Security Act

This proposal would reverse the dramatic cutbacks in the post-Cold War military budget by expanding the U.S. missile defense system. Also included are strict provisions limiting U.S. involvement in United Nations

### The Citizens Legislature Act

A move away from the "professional politician" toward the "citizen statesman," this bill provides for term limits on both houses of Congress, 12 years in each. Though many of these proposals have been floating around for years, new interest in radical change for the government has made them popular again.

Though short on rationality, "Contract With America" offers an often unseen perspective on how our political leaders think.



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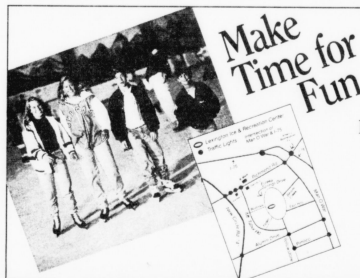
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# ViewPOINT



## Student athletes often unprepared for college work

On Jan. 9, with only a modicum of hullabaloo, the National Collegiate Athletic Association passed stricter requirements for determining eligibility of incoming freshmen student athletes. This is sad, not because some people will lose educational opportunities, but because the requirements are pathetic.

For example: To achieve full eligibility, a student with a 2.5 (out of 4.0) grade point average in 13 core courses, must score a whopping 700 on the SAT or 17 on the ACT. To be considered a partial qualifier and receive an athletic scholarship, a student need only score a 600 SAT or 15 ACT (with a 2.75 GPA). Partial qualifier status allows an athlete to practice and go to class, but not play.



Kevin Cullen  
Kernel Columnist

Now, I know nothing about the ACT, but a 700 (out of 1600 possible) SAT score is abysmally low.

practice schedules. Actual performance in the classroom would allow each student-athlete to prove whether they deserved further financial subsidies for the pursuit of a college education.

Why was this more stiff and passed? Because college athletic departments feared that they would be used as springboards to professional coaching jobs. Competition by students who leave before their four years of eligibility are up. Student-athletes would have access to expensive training facilities, coaching staff and free housing which they could use to hone their athletic prowess, while the universities would be unable to exploit the freshmen for their ability to bring in revenue at the gate.

**I am beginning to hear cries in the background about the inhumanity and cultural bias of these standardized tests. All I have to say is that it's a heap of bunk.**

A student that walks into the testing center, signs the paper and sleeps through the test is guaranteed to make at least 400. Let's think for a minute here.

To be student athletes, kids are required to have sub-par intelligence and academic achievement, while having far greater demands placed upon them than the average undergraduate. The same colleges that recruit these kids like to brag about the academic quality of their incoming freshmen each year, while shuffling in underachievers through the back door.

I am beginning to hear cries in the background about the inhumanity and cultural bias of these standardized tests. All I have to say is that it's a heap of bunk. My brother (a kid born in another country and raised by foreigners) managed to score an 1100 on the SAT in the seventh grade. If anyone has a claim to being alien to the culture of the United States, I'd say that he qualifies, but he managed to do just peachy on that "horribly biased" test.

There are, perhaps, better ways to allow student-athletes a shot at a college education without the use of written-in-stone guidelines handed down by the NCAA. The organization missed a prime opportunity to allow students to determine their own fate when they voted down a proposal to make all freshmen ineligible for varsity competition by a 311 to 17 margin.

These freshmen would have had an entire year to acclimate themselves to the world of college academia without the rigors of competition, travelling and heavy

where they cannot make the grade academically. We've cheated them out of their education."

Albino argues sensibly that student athletes should probably be required to meet higher admissions standards than non-athletes due to these same stresses upon their time. I challenge anyone to give a good reason why they should not be forced to meet more stringent requirements than ordinary students.

There is no reason that an individual qualified to attend an institution of higher learning should feel that it is necessary to resort to athletic prowess to gain access to a college education. Time and effort spent in practicing a sport would be much better applied to studying in order to prepare for these standardized tests and working to improve grades. With a reasonable standardized test score and a decent grade point average, these same students would be able to earn academic scholarships and be much better prepared for the rigors of college academia.

Staff Columnist Kevin Cullen is a library science graduate student.

## Under scrutiny

With Republican victories in Congress, it is highly likely that funding for public broadcasting will be placed under the budget axe.

These cuts are likely to hit home right here at UK.

The campus public radio station, WUKY (91.3-FM), may well feel the effects as legislators make an attempt to trim the fat from the federal budget.

Currently, WUKY receives 16.7 percent, or \$150,219, of funding through public grants. Roger Chesser, general manager of the station, says a cut in funds could be devastating and would cause the station to get rid of many programs to save popular shows on National Public Radio and Public Radio International.

These cuts may not only affect the variety provided to listeners, but may be felt by students as well.

Jobs in the radio industry are increasingly more competitive. To give many students valuable experience to land jobs after graduation, WUKY offers jobs and internships to students

interested in radio. Cuts in funding may affect these students, and we are certainly sympathetic with their cause.

However, balancing the federal budget is not an option any more.

It is a priority. WUKY will most likely have to find alternate sources of income since cuts of some magnitude seem certain.

We don't, however, think that all funding for public broadcasting should be cut. Public broadcasting has many worthy aspects and serves as an excellent source of information.

That being said, it should be incumbent upon those who receive public funding to justify every cent that they receive. The days of out-of-control spending are coming to an end as the realities of fiscal responsibility are setting in. All programs funded with taxpayer money need to be carefully reviewed, and cuts need to be made across the board, not just on the usual, easy targets.

Public broadcasting should not be spared from this scrutiny.

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## READERS' forum

### Wildier expects government to give out money

To the editor:

Staff Columnist Jeff Wildier has quite obviously missed the big picture in his column yesterday and now wants to sit there on his butt and make excuses for labeling people.

It all boils down to being jealous and lazy. He doesn't want to have to lift a finger, but at the same time earn respect and a decent living. Wildier expects some politician to spoon feed him and give free handouts. But this might not continue with the new conservative Congress so he's scared that his security blanket is going to be taken away.

You're in college now. Act like it!

Wildier actually believes that it "thanks to conservatism (that) many people never have the opportunity to make it to col-

lege."

Wrong. The biggest factor by far is a lack of motivation and basic laziness. People like Wildier just expect government to give them free money. That's not the way it works. You need to prove that you deserve it and show effort and motivation.

Wildier also believes conservatives are greedy, rich and ignorant. Greed is defined as being out for your own self-interest at the expense of others and not as giving to the poor. Last time I checked, it was still the rich who give to the poor (even lazy ones like Wildier). I'm not sure where he got the idea that ignorance makes you rich (unless it was while waiting in line for his welfare check), but the ignorant rich were not rich for very long.

You need to be constantly striving to learn and improve yourself, not trying to find loopholes in our nation's welfare system.

Mr. Wildier, you need a lot of help and I'm the one to break it to you, but you have to start with yourself. Not with conservatives

### Existing parking laws are unfair

To the editor:

This is regarding a parking fine I had to pay.

I have been living in Shawnee-town since May 1994. When I went to renew my parking permit for the spring semester on Friday Jan. 13, I was told that I am required to pay the fine for a ticket issued in the month of September.

Until now I have either paid the fine or gotten it waived immediately afterward. I don't remember getting a ticket in September.

Anyway, I asked them where the ticket was issued. They said that it was issued at Shawnee-town; but I had valid a parking permit for that period. So, I requested that they waive the fine. But they said that they cannot waive the fine under the existing laws. So, I had to pay the fine

in spite of having a valid parking permit.

How reasonable are the existing laws?

Chandan Kumar Das  
Electrical engineering graduate student

### TALKback!

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Letters should be about 250 words; guest opinions should be about 850 words.

Include your name and major classification, as well as your address and telephone number for verification. Frequent contributors may be limited, and we reserve the right to edit all material.

# Malcolm Xmas should be added to holiday celebrations

I did a lot of serious thinking over the Martin Luther King holiday.

I thought, "Damn, I wish we slept in every Monday."

As I ruminated over the man responsible for my joyous late rising, I inevitably drifted to thinking about the other big gun of black liberation, Malcolm X. We barely give this guy a tiny mention in the newspaper. His birthday is, as far as most people are concerned, just like any other day. Doesn't he deserve a celebration of his own?

We could call it Malcolm Xmas, a day when you get your presents by any means necessary.

So why does Dr. King, fuzzy teddy bear of the civil rights movement, rate himself a holiday, but Malcolm X, bloodstained hatchet of the civil rights movement, is shortchanged?

Is it Malcolm's endorsement of violence?

I don't think so.

It isn't as if we aren't capable of idolizing people associated with violence. Hell, in my fair hometown of Louisville, we've got a major street named after Mahammad Ali, a man (a black man, to wit) who became world-renowned by being better than anyone else at slugging another human being into unconsciousness.

Additionally, this very country was founded on a violent overthrow and extensively built with conquest.

We are a contentious bunch of people. Was King's work more important than Malcolm's? You could construct plausible arguments either way, I suppose, but Spike Lee isn't going to make

a \$30 million movie biography about any punk who walks in off the street, and Alex Haley isn't going to write the life story of just anybody either. I will tentatively advance the idea that Malcolm at least approached Dr. King's importance.



John Abbott  
Kernel Columnist

Is it because Malcolm X was not a Christian? I think we've got something here. There is a not-so-unsubtle bias against non-Judeo-Christians in this country. You might think a man is a complete asshole, disagree with every opinion he holds, and not like his face, too, but his

long as you and he believe in the same god, you feel a certain bond with him.

You are fundamentally on the same track.

I think this is also true for atheists, because they have been fighting primarily Judeo-Christians for the right to believe in nothing, so a Christian or a Jew, while an enemy, is a familiar, comfortable one.

On the other hand, you might get along very well with another man, but find out that he's a Muslim, and you recoil ever-so-slightly. You don't feel that bond anymore.

I don't know if you ever saw MTV's "Real World II" (it's vaguely embarrassing to quote MTV, but it's a good example of what I'm talking about), but when Jon discovered that Tami was a

Muslim, he acted like she was an exhibit in a diversity zoo. He was amazed.

That's not to say that Christians and Muslims can't associate, but holding conflicting belief systems isn't the easiest thing to overcome.

You might argue that, since we celebrate the extremely pagan Halloween, and even Christmas is heavily influenced by pagan tradition (the exchanging of gifts, the importance of mistletoe, and even the date of Dec. 25 all have roots in pagan ritual), that Malcolm's religion would not be a factor.

However, given that Halloween has largely lost its religious meaning and is primarily an excuse for dressing up in weird costumes and watching John Carpenter flicks, and most people are not aware of the pagan roots of Christmas, I

would argue that it is.

Malcolm X, black, which white America can begrudgingly look past, and he was associated with violence, which shouldn't be a problem (it ought to increase his marketability, honestly), but not being Christian in a largely Christian nation?

That's something that white America isn't so keen on highlighting.

We wouldn't want to act as if non-Christians are capable of doing good, would we? But I could be wrong.

Whatever the reason, I think this should be rectified.

I'd like to see Malcolm given credit where his credit is due.

Besides, I love to sleep late.

Staff Columnist John Abbott is a biology senior.

**INFORMED SOURCES** "EXACTLY WHO does the speaker really work for...Is it the American people or his New York publishing house?"

Carrie Meek, D-Fla., criticizing House speaker Newt Gingrich's book deal with a company owned by communications magnate Rupert Murdoch.

Republicans later had the statements stricken from the record.



# Tickets for Wright on sale today

Staff report

Steven Wright — the lethargic laughmaker and Master of the Monotone — will bring his unique wit to UK next month. Tickets go on sale today.



The Student Activities Board is sponsoring Wright's performance, which will be Sunday, Feb. 19 at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets

are \$7.50 for students and \$15 for the general public.

Students can buy tickets at the Student Center ticket office or call 257-TICS.

The well-known comic came to UK four years ago and played to a sold-out crowd, said SAB vice president Jason Martin.

Martin, who oversaw the booking of Wright this time, predicts the comedian will have another successful cam-

### WRIGHTstuff

Tickets for comedian Steven Wright's Feb. 19 show go on sale today at the Student Center ticket office. Tickets are \$7.50 for students.

pus show. "We asked a few people — out-of-the-blue if they'd like to see (Wright) and their eyes just got so wide," he said. "(Wright) does really well on tour."

Wright has made several appearances with Johnny Carson, David Letterman and Jay Leno since 1982. He has also appeared

in several movies and TV shows, among them blockbusters "Natu-

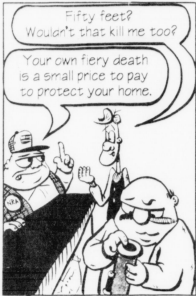
ral Born Killers," "Desperately Seeking Susan" and the hit sitcom "Mad About You."

Wright even won a Grammy nomination for his debut album, "I Have a Pony," which also won him recognition in the music industry.

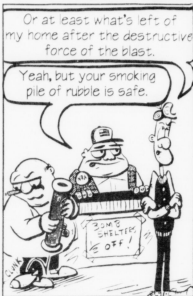
Some of Wright's better-known quips include: "You can't have everything. Where would you put it?" "I'm a peripheral visionary. I can see the future but it's way off to the side."

"I like to reminisce with people I don't know."

### Sherman's Alley by Gibbs 'N' Voigt



### Protect Your Rubble



# Abramson may reenter U of L search

Staff wire reports

Just weeks after pulling himself out of the running for the job of president at the University of Louisville, Mayor Jerry Abramson says he may be reconsidering.

Abramson told Louisville's WHAS-TV Wednesday night that he is reviewing his decision to withdraw from the search.

"If in fact there's an even playing field, an opportunity to be a legitimate candidate for what would be a very exciting position, I would reassess my position and allow the system or the process to

go forward," he said.

George Fischer, co-chairman of the search committee looking for U of L's next president, said if Abramson rejoins the search now, he would be one of 35 candidates left for the post. Fischer said the pool has been whittled from a field of 160 applicants.

"He's more than welcome to reenter the search process," said Fischer, who also owns Cervend, Inc., a vending corporation.

As part of an open-ended search, Fischer said, the school has invited all interested applicants to apply. Fischer said

Abramson's record as an administrator, not an educator, probably would not affect his chances for the job.

Abramson's earlier withdrawal was prompted by a poll that showed faculty members preferred a new president with a strong academic background.

But Abramson said he is hearing more about leadership than a doctorate as a basis for choosing a successor to Donald Swain, who is retiring.

"There does seem to be some change of thought percolating to the surface, and that's why I'm

reassessing," Abramson said.

The search committee is "screening down" applicants this month, Fischer said. Next week, Fischer said, the committee will review the remaining applicants and compare their credentials to the job description of U of L's president.

Fischer said the school hopes to have a finalist named by March 30 to tie in with current U of L President Donald Swain's retirement ceremony.

"We're going to pick up the pace in February," Fischer said.

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