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Hundreds march to honor civil rights leader



Representatives of several organizations are among those who battle with the rain early yesterday morning to honor Martin L.

ther King Jr.'s birthday with a march around campus, followed by a ceremony in the Singletary Center for the Arts.

Center plans several events in memory of slain activist

By **CHIP JACKSON**
Staff Writer

Three years ago the birth of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. was recognized as a national holiday by Congress and President Reagan.

To commemorate the day and honor the memory of the slain civil rights leader, who would be 59 this month, the organizers of the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center have scheduled several events.

"When we look to the life of someone like Dr. King we're looking at a person who exemplifies the ideals and principles that American society is based on," said Minority Student Affairs Director Chester Grundy.

The Cultural Center, which will also be celebrating its first-year anniversary, has a series of educational and historical programs that approach the observance of the holiday from this point of view.

"Martin Luther King Jr.: An Amazing Grace," a film produced by Gil Nobles, analyzes and recounts the development of King as a civil rights movement leader and organizer in the South during the 1960s. Included are

King's earliest crusades for racial equality, such as the movement to break down Jim Crow laws.

The film starts off the week on Monday at noon and again at 7 p.m. in the Old Student Center Theater.

A speech given by the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth is perhaps the most interesting and enlightening event of the weeklong tribute. An associate of King, Shuttlesworth was instrumental in the struggle for desegregation of schools in Birmingham.

"He's someone that has firsthand experience as a close adviser of Dr. King and major actor in the events of that era," said Grundy.

Shuttlesworth's program will also include the film "Who Speaks for Birmingham?" and will begin at 3 p.m. in 230 Student Center.

King Cultural Center organizers have also planned showings of the award-winning mini-series "Eyes on The Prize: America's Civil Rights Years" on Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Previously broadcast on PBS, the film is an in-depth look at this nation's struggle for equality.

Rain doesn't dampen spirits of 500 gathered to reverent Martin Luther King

By **THOMAS J. SULLIVAN**
News Editor

Cold drops of rain fell on Lexington yesterday morning at 7:30 as about 500 people gathered outside Memorial Coliseum to march in memory of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

They didn't seem to mind the damp discomfort — they didn't seem to notice. Their minds were on King.

There were no dampened spirits as blacks and whites marched together, singing "We Shall Overcome" and "Praise Him." The rain was merely a minor adversity compared to the barriers blacks have overcome since the civil rights marches of the 1960s.

The people that attended were enthusiastic. Their reasons for being there were more complex than just remembering King, the man. They were there to remember what that man did.

"I came out because of a stand that Martin Luther King took, for not only blacks, but for humanity," said Joe L. Price. "And I

think that we should support his cause."

Richard Franklin said he continues to support the man and his cause. "I think Martin Luther King is the most important American in history because he stood for love, peace and humanity. All the other heroes have stood for war and death," Franklin said.

Even the children marching alongside Franklin had their own reasons for participating. Lataisha Lane, 12, marched because she was "thanking (King) for giving (blacks) freedom. Without him we wouldn't be here."

Lataisha's 10-year-old sister, Latora, marched for similar reasons.

"I'm thankful, for he gave us freedom," Latora said. "Because without him we wouldn't be able to drink from the same water fountain (as whites)."

Tony Oppgaard attended the march for the sake of his children — so that hopefully they will grow up with a belief in racial justice also."

Oppgaard said he came "for three reasons. First, to honor Dr.



Ariel Osumentya (left) and Cheri Harris attend the rally yesterday for King at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

King. Second, to show our belief in racial equality... particularly during the Reagan administration where it doesn't seem to be a concern. Third, for the children — so that hopefully they will grow up with a belief in racial justice also."

Racial justice was also a concern of Freddie McNeal, who as a child marched with King for civil rights.

"I'm here to carry on the dream — for all of us to have equal justice," McNeal said. "It started when I was 10 years old with the march in Georgia."

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Business student spends his Christmas vacation giving to others in area

By **CYNTHIA LYNNE SCHREMLY**
Contributing Writer

Jim Adams II, a business education senior, spent part of his Christmas holiday in a hospital and a few nursing homes. But Adams wasn't there because he was ill.

He just did what he's been doing for several years — gift-giving.

This year, along with his wife, Laura, and father, Jimmie, Jim brought fruit, candy and gift-wrapped clothing to the elderly at Hayden Personal Care, a local nursing home.

Of course the charitable spirit fills many people during the holiday season, but for the Adams family it's a tradition.

Jim said he grew up in the atmosphere of giving. "It's the only life I've ever known," he said.

This life was due to the activities of his father, a decorated World War II veteran. The elder Adams has been doing charitable things for others since Jim was very young.

"He's so friendly with everybody," Adams said of his father. Jimmie's practice of gift-giving became a tradition in the mid-1970s.

In 1975, Jimmie Adams took some Christmas gifts to the elderly at Hayden Personal Care and other Central Kentucky Nursing Homes, a

practice that evolved out of donating clothing that he'd outgrown to the facility.

But that one experience struck the elder Adams in the heart. "It hurt me to see those old people."

So Jimmie decided to do something about it. He walked into a local finance company and borrowed \$100.

With the money, he bought fruit for the elderly. The practice of his Christmas gift-giving "started snowballing" after that, Jimmie said.

Jimmie then founded a local non-profit corporation in 1976 called the Bluegrass Fund Drive Association.

The association, which was established for accepting donations to help the elderly and needy, began and continues to accept clothing and money donations year round.

Hayden Personal Care, the first stop for Jimmie in 1975, has continued to be a regular stop for the Adams family on their gift giving tradition.

But Jimmie doesn't need to borrow money from finance companies anymore to help the elderly. Now the clothing gifts the elderly receive each year from the Adams are purchased with the money donated to the Bluegrass Fund Drive Association.

This year, four boxes of used



Jim Adams II sorts gifts for nursing home patients. Adams spends his Christmas vacations visiting hospitals and nursing homes.

clothing donated to the fund drive also went to Hayden, Jimmie said.

Jim II and his wife, Laura, have been helping Jim's father give gifts since 1981. Laura graduated from UK in 1987.

The three make the trips together now. But Hayden isn't the only stop on the Adams' trail.

"If any candy is left over, we take it over to the (Lexington) VA Hospital," Jimmie said. The Adams had enough fruit and candy left over this year to distribute to the VA Hospital and to an additional local nursing home besides Hayden.

But the gifts to Hayden are the ones with a personal touch. The Adams family usually gets a list of names of the elderly staying at Hayden so that each present will have a personal name on it.

Then, a couple of days before

Ombudsman the judge in academic conflicts

By **HEIDI PROBST**
Staff Writer

Academic Ombudsman Bill Fortune says he's there to help students with any academic problems they might have — if they're willing to come see him.

"I'm here to make (students') life easier," he said.

Fortune's office handles two types of cases. One involves alleged wrongdoing on the part of students, while the second involves the area of student academic rights, as when students think they were treated unfairly in academic matters.

According to Fortune, a wide range of circumstances are heard in his office.

"But fairness in grading is the issue dealt with the most," Fortune said.

For example, Fortune said he is handling a case in which a student claimed he turned in a paper but the professor did not receive it. He said that in this instance he was skeptical because the student does not have a copy of the paper.

With this or any other case, Fortune first does a little homework to determine if the student is in the right and then handles the case from there.

"I see if the student has talked to the teacher, if the matter can be resolved, and then I'll talk to the teacher and sometimes I'll talk to the department," Fortune said.



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If the student has a justifiable case it will be taken to the Student Appeals Board and they can require a change in grade, he said.




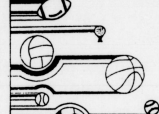


He said students should not hesitate to look for help in a class they are doing bad in. "Tutors and help from the instructor can help a lot."

"Students should pin the teachers down to avoid misunderstandings," he said. "They need to keep their syllabus, exam papers, and copies of things."

But when it comes down to it, Fortune said, there's no substitute for always being prepared and going to class.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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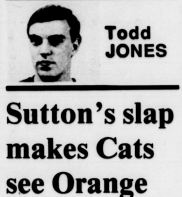
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SPORTS MONDAY

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UK pressure chokes Tennessee, 83-65



Todd JONES

Sutton's slap makes Cats see Orange

The record sparked but didn't reveal what the last two ball-games did. The Kentucky Wildcats were stuck wading through a season as stagnant as a mosquito-infested swamp. Unfortunately for Tennessee, that changed Saturday. UK rose from the lagoon like any good creature would and strangled the Volunteers, 83-65.

The blowout was a breath of fresh air for a Kentucky team that has survived virtually unscathed from a season-long minefield. "We've had too many close games," UK guard Ed Davender said. "I'm tired of playing games like that."

Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton was just tired of the way his Cats were playing. No fire on defense. The enemy dictating the tempo. Rushed outside shots that drew more iron than Pittsburgh. An 11-1 record was no satisfaction for such sins.

Sutton had hoped the shocking upset to Auburn would wake UK out of its daze. They did respond with a victory over Alabama. But repeated errors dampened the victory and gnawed away at Sutton. A change was needed.

After pleading and begging in vain, Sutton decided his Cats needed to be dragged across the hot coals. He uncharacteristically criticized individuals in public. "We became 'he,'" Sutton singled out Rex Chapman for a slight slap on the wrist. Too quick with the trigger, Chapman said such, those are 'my shots.' Sutton said no they aren't, boy-wonder.

Sutton got just the reaction he wanted. Chapman was irked. The rest of the team wasn't exactly jolly. But instead of mutiny, the Cats united their anger toward one common foe - Tennessee. "We wanted to kick their ass," forward Richard Madison said. "Everybody was ready to play," Davender said. "Before the game, there was no laughing or joking around. We were serious business today."

The Wildcats took the floor with the eyes of an assassin. UK was determined not to dance to another opponent's song. This was the Cats' party. The Volunteers were uninvited guests. "Today, we wanted Tennessee to play in our hands and make them play our tempo from the opening tip," Davender said. "We did."

Kentucky did it with defense - not offense. The Wildcats ambushed the Volunteers with suffocating pressure. Tennessee reacted by handling the ball like it was radioactive. "They were swarming all over us and there wasn't much we could do," Volunteer forward Dyron Nix said.

In the first seven minutes, six UT passes sailed out of bounds. Another Volunteer threw the ball to Winston Bennett. Nix forgot to dribble the ball and walked.

The eight Tennessee turnovers enabled UK to rip off 13 consecutive points. Kentucky led 19-4 and 26-8.

"That was the basketball game," Tennessee coach Don DeVoe said. That was the game the way Sutton wants to see it played. "It was a good performance," he said. "That doesn't mean we can't get any better, but we at least looked like the basketball team that I believe we can become. I like the game a lot better than what I've been seeing."

Most of the Wildcats promised Sutton will see more of the same. That's fine with him. January is melting into February. Tournament time is kicking down. "We don't have time to be messing around at this stage of the season," Sutton said. "We're 12-1 but we're still not at the point where I'd hoped we'd be. We're so darn inconsistent in some areas. But we are 12-1, so we've got to be thankful for that."

The UK players should be thankful for Sutton's recent kick in the rump. It may have raised them from their dormancy just in time. It at least got them out of the lagoon.

By CHRIS ALDRIDGE
Staff Writer

All it took was a little orange - Tennessee orange - to wake up the Kentucky basketball team.

Fresh off sub-par play against Southeastern Conference opponents Alabama and Auburn, UK thumped the Volunteers, 83-65, Saturday at Rupp Arena.

Kentucky improved to 12-1 overall, while Tennessee dropped to 9-3, 3-2 in the SEC.

UK's swarming man-to-man defense helped produce 23 Volunteer turnovers. A string of six UT turnovers within 4:30 early in the first half set the tone for the day.

UK coach Eddie Sutton was pleased with the effort put forth by his players. "We certainly played hard and when you do that, the way we play the game, it normally shows up on offense," Sutton said. "Our defensive pressure forced them into so

many turnovers and took them out of their offense early."

With the Cats holding a 8-4 lead three minutes into the game, Tennessee committed four consecutive miscues. UK answered by increasing its lead to 13-4, thanks to a 12-foot bank shot and a three-pointer by Rex Chapman.

The Wildcats ran off 13 unanswered points to go up 19-4 with 13 minutes still to play in the first half. "In the first 10 or 12 minutes, we played excellent basketball," Sutton said. "Then they were in a position where they had to play catch-up the rest of the afternoon."

UK led 29-24 at the half. The biggest margin in favor of Kentucky came just after intermission when the Cats scored the first eight points of the second half to lead by 24 points, 49-25.

UK's backcourt of Chapman and Ed Davender combined for 41 points, with Chapman leading the way with 23.

Inside help for the Cats came from Rob Lock and Winston Bennett, who combined for 22. Bennett led the way for UK with nine rebounds.

Tennessee's Dyron Nix was the game's top scorer and rebounder with 28 points and 12 boards. Freshman Greg Bell chipped in 15 points, nine on three-point baskets.

For the first time in three games, Sutton was pleased with his players' shot selection, especially that of Chapman.

"I had talked to Rex yesterday," Sutton said. "I told him that in order for him to be the type of player that I believe he can be, and will be one day, he has to program himself to drive the seams of the defense, put the ball on the floor and drive to the hoop."

"Not that I don't want him shooting three-point shots. But we want him to give the offense the opportunity to get the ball inside and force the defense to react, then when the ball comes back out, take the three-point shot."

On Saturday, Chapman refrained from gunning it up from three-point land.

In the previous two games, Chapman hit a miserable 20 percent (3 of 15) of his three-point attempts. But he attempted only two against Tennessee and hit one.

The three-pointer happened just as Sutton had hoped. After passing the ball inside to Lock, Chapman stepped back beyond the three-point arc. As the Tennessee defense converged inside, Lock tossed the ball back to Chapman. Wide-open, Chapman swished the jumper.

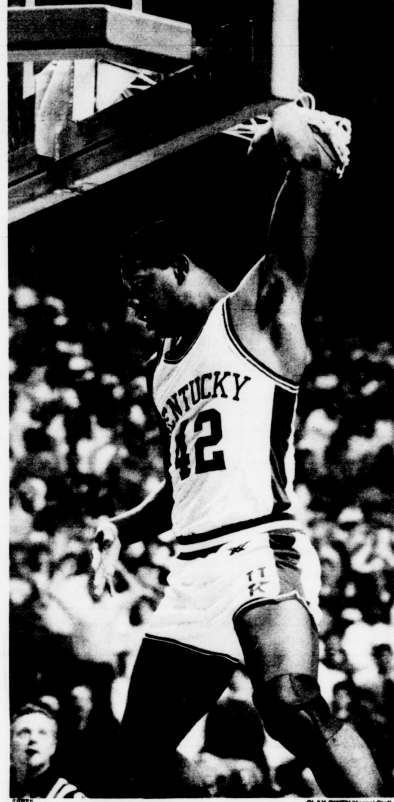
"I talked to him, talked to him and talked to him and it didn't really hit home," Sutton said. "I think it has hit home now as to what he must do."

Most of Chapman's points came from jumpers and drives to the hoop. But he denied that Sutton's talk was the reason he took more high-percentage shots in Saturday's game.

"I wasn't thinking about it," Chapman said. "I just went out and played."

After the game, Sutton cleared the air about rumors that a rift was developing between UK coaches and Chapman.

"There's certainly no problem between the coaching staff and Rex Chapman," Sutton said.



UK's Richard Madison slams one in against the Vols. Madison scored nine points in the game, his first start of the season.



UK senior guard Ed Davender passes the ball off during the Cats' 83-65 drubbing of Tennessee at Rupp Arena this weekend.

Lady Kats still searching for elusive cure

By TOM SPALDING
Staff Writer

After this weekend, Lady Kat coach Shawn Fanning has to be wondering if anything else can go wrong for her basketball team.

UK had repeated chances to overcome Illinois State in Normal, Ill., Saturday, but the Lady Kats fell, 84-78. The loss dropped UK to 9-6.

Trying to put that loss behind them, Kentucky comes back to Lexington for a rare home game tonight against Belmont College of Tennessee. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum.

UK has played four of its last five games on the road. After tonight's game against the Rebellets, Kentucky will pack its bags again for three consecutive away games.

But the future may be easier for the Lady Kats to swallow considering their dim present. After ballooning to an 8-1 start, UK has lost five in a row.

In just one month, Fanning has had players quit, starters get banged up and veterans sidelined with injuries. Kentucky is now 0-4 for January.

"When things get like this, they kind of snowball," Fanning said. "Maybe if we get (the problems) out of the way this year we won't have to deal with them next year."

Belmont College would appear to be just what the doctor ordered for ailing Kentucky. But look again.

Belmont is off and running to the No. 8 NAIA ranking and an unbeaten (13-0) start.

"This is the biggest game of the

year for them," she said. "Playing Kentucky is one of their most important games."

Belmont will be without its leading scorer, junior forward Deanna Maynard. Maynard was averaging 13.6 points and six rebounds a game before she injured her knee.

Expected to pick up the slack for Belmont is sophomore forward Debra Blue, who carries averages of 11.3 points and eight rebounds, and 6-foot-3 center Angie Penrod, who contributes 10.2 points and six rebounds a game.

"Tony (Cross, the Belmont head coach) does a good job," Fanning said. "I know they'll get after us. If we sleepwalk they'll take advantage of us. We've got to be ready to go."

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Gymnastics team happy with first meet results

By SALLY MACY
Contributing Writer

The UK women's gymnastics team had an impressive season opener in its tri-meet against defending National Champion Georgia and 8th-ranked Ohio State.

In front of an enthusiastic crowd, the Kats proved they could keep up with the best.

The Lady Bulldogs dominated the meet, finishing with a team total of 187.05. Ohio State finished second with 182.25, while Kentucky ended with a respectable 180.40.

"Our goal for this meet was to score 180 points, we reached the goal and it was our highest season opener we've ever had," coach Leah Little said.

After getting off to a shaky start on the vault and uneven bars, UK demonstrated its finesse on the balance beam.

Senior captain Kendall Lucas led the way with a 9.50 on the beam, while freshman standout Aaron Aldrich scored a 9.45.

"I was real happy with my performance," Aldrich said. "I had the opening meet jitters but once I got going things seemed to click."

Sophomore Heather Kirk scored a 9.25 to help secure Kentucky's second

place finish in the event with a total of 45.75.

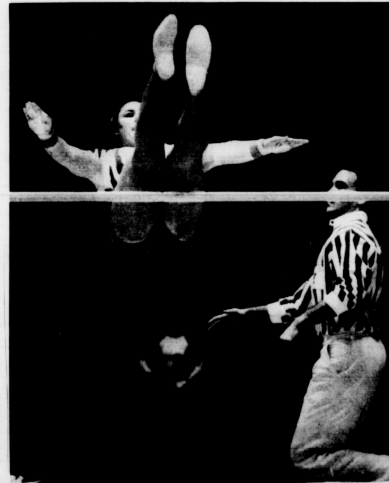
On the floor exercise, Lucas again led the Kats with a 9.45, while junior Theresa Schneider scored a 9.10. Even with such scores, the Kats couldn't top the Ohio State Lady Bucks, who won the event with a combined score of 46.20.

Several team members said they were happy with the effort. "Getting a 180 score to start out the season is very nice, we just wanted a good showing against them and I think we accomplished that," senior Robin Leggett said.

"In gymnastics, it's not so much your win-loss record, it's your overall performance, and total score," Lucas said.

Kentucky will have some polishing up to do before it travels to Florida for a dual meet Jan. 22. Lucas said most of the work is needed on the uneven bars, where UK scored a 43.60, its lowest total of yesterday's meet.

The next home meet for the Kats will be Feb. 12, when they face West Virginia at 7:30 p.m.



UK senior Kendall Lucas works out on the uneven bars in yesterday's meet against Georgia and Ohio State.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Wildcat coach Eddie Sutton commenting on the steady stream of rumors that flows about the UK basketball program.

"Out on the street, it always amazes me how the gossip circulates. I've never seen a place quite like this. I think you could tell a horseman, a doctor, a lawyer and a businessman something, and within 24 hours it would be the gospel."

Sports Editor Todd Jones is a journalism senior.

Seaver teaches his trade at UK baseball clinic

By JIM WHITE
Assistant Sports Editor

Tom Seaver stood in a black and red warm-up suit. A trail of sweat ran down the side of his face as he went into a slow-motion windup.

For an hour Saturday morning, the three-time Cy Young Award-winner transformed the main ballroom of the Radisson Plaza Hotel into a baseball diamond — the stage into a pitching rubber.

Seaver spent two decades in the major leagues and played for the New York Mets, Cincinnati Reds, Chicago White Sox and Boston Red Sox. He spoke Saturday to about 500 grade school, high school and college players, coaches and fans at the 10th annual UK baseball clinic.

"He's a great communicator," said UK senior pitcher Jim Law. "He communicated his points well, he illustrated his points well and he's an expert in the area. He's a master."

The first thing Seaver did when he took the stage was move the podium out of his way. Then, using every corner of the platform, he demonstrated the proper pitching mechanics that allowed him to endure in a trade known for its wear and tear on the body.

"Through the period of my career, that's all I thought about," Seaver said. "The mechanics of how the ball is delivered. Pitching was a job and a business to me and I worked really hard at it."

During his career, which ended last year when he retired during the Mets' exhibition season, the 43-year-

old Seaver racked up more than 300 wins, helped New York capture the 1969 World Championship and pitched a no-hitter with the Reds in 1978.

"He's the best pitcher I've ever seen in the years I've been with Reds," said Reds radio commentator Marty Brennaman. "I've never known anyone who articulates his craft any better than Tom Seaver does."

"I spent the major part of my working life on pitching, learning about pitching and talking about pitching," Seaver said. "It's the one thing I really love and get a great sense of fulfillment out of. I enjoy talking about it."

But not enough to jump headlong into another career. As much as he enjoys teaching and talking about his craft, Seaver said he is not ready to become a coach — not yet anyway.

Why? "Because I spent 20 years on the road," Seaver said. "And I'm not saying that it is not something at some point that I won't get to. But it's certainly not in the cards for me right now. I just got real tired of being away."

After he was replaced on the speaker's platform by Expos pitcher Jeff Parrett, Texas Ranger Paul Kilgus and Jack Savage of the Mets, Seaver shared some thoughts with the media about issues concerning pro baseball.

The topics included everything from the autograph industry to trading baseball cards. Seaver also commented on the growing number of



Tom Seaver lectures to a group at the UK baseball clinic about the mechanics and fundamentals of pitching.

high school baseball players who are bypassing college and heading straight for a career in the pros. Ironically, at a clinic sponsored by a college program, Seaver supported these athletes.

"Some kids aren't cut out for college," he said. "Some kids are ready to go right out of high school and into professional baseball. Not everybody belongs in college."

Pat Borders, a friend of Law, is a player currently gearing up for his first shot at the majors with the Toronto Blue Jays. Borders entered the Toronto farm team in 1982 right out of high school.

"That's a tough call," Law said. "It's totally up to the individual. College just wasn't for (Borders). He hated school. He's planning on going back for his degree but at that point in his life it was what he wanted to do."

As for what Seaver wants to do? Take some time off.

"I have a 16-year-old daughter who's looking at (UK) this weekend," he said. "In two years she'll be going to college. I have another 12-year-old daughter at home. Right now, they're trying to get used to me."

Van Emburgh wins singles championship at Clemson

By TOM SPALDING
Staff Writer

Kentucky tennis player Greg Van Emburgh said last week that he didn't feel in top condition.

"Considering I broke my thumb earlier this year, I think I'm doing well," Van Emburgh said. "I'm doing better. I still don't feel like 100 percent though."

That thumb must have felt better this weekend. The UK All-American defeated four opponents on the way to winning the singles crown at the Clemson Indoor Tournament.

"I'm real happy with the way he played," UK coach Dennis Emery said yesterday. "He's been out with the broken thumb and has been struggling with his confidence. I think he's come back real strong."

Van Emburgh captured the crown by defeating South Carolina's Johan Karlen 7-5 and 6-1. The UK senior entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed and the nation's 18th-ranked singles player.

Van Emburgh ran past a couple of West Virginia teammates in the tournament's early rounds. He downed Madhu Nair 6-3, 6-1 and Jobey Foley, 7-5, 6-4.

Van Emburgh, just 14 coming in to the Clemson Indoor, then battled 24th-ranked Steve Longley. The pair split the first two sets but Van Emburgh dusted past him in the third for a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 semifinal victory.



GREG VAN EMBURGH

"We thought he had a good shot at winning," Emery said. "It was just a matter of him tuning up his game."

Also seeing action in the tournament were Wildcats Sammy Stinnett and John Lankford.

Stinnett, a freshman, reached the quarterfinals by downing Richmond's Joe Miller 6-4, 6-3 and Alabama's Jerome Faunier 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. Stinnett lost to Milnea Nastase of Mississippi State, 6-1, 6-1.

Lankford, a sophomore from Lexington, fell to All-American Paul Mancini of West Virginia 6-4, 7-5 in the first round.

In doubles action, Van Emburgh had a chance to bring home another championship trophy alongside Stinnett. The two defeated teams from West Virginia, Clemson and Alabama before losing in the finals to Mississippi State's Moscatini and Nastase 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

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Brain food returns to menu in big way in 'Living Dead II'

By ROB SENG
Staff Critic

Sitting through "Return of the Living Dead Part II" is almost like watching one of those campy, late '50s horror movies in which a 28-year-old Steve McQueen plays a 17-year-old kid trying to warn the townspeople of impending doom.

Almost, but not quite. The special effects have gotten better than Jello pudding being poured over models, and the unintentional humor is now intentionally emphasized.

Ken Wiederhorn has replaced Dan O'Bannon, the original's creator, as the brains behind the sequel (the pun is intended). Using George Romero's zombie trilogy as a starting point, the sequel once again deals with the Army's misplaced canisters containing the undead corpses.

Since Louisville was nuked in the original movie, this one picks up in a subdivision still under construction. Three neighborhood kids find the lost canister and, as curious brats are wont to do, open it, thus unleashing the sealed-up gas that reanimates the corpses. Naturally, there's a cemetery right next door, and it's not long before bodies start coming out of the ground looking for a little brain food.

One of the little kids escapes the hungry corpses and picks up the McQueen role in trying to warn the disbelieving homeowners that their new neighbors are coming over to party. The kid does so many stupid things, though, that it's doubtful that one of the zombies would find anything to snack on in the little morsel if he ever was caught. It wouldn't be a horror movie, though, if somebody didn't constantly wander off by himself.



Although both were killed in the original, James Karen and Thom Mathews reappear and provide much of the film's humor as two bumbling graverobbers. Once again, both accidentally inhale the gas and slowly start turning into zombies themselves. This time, however, Mathews gets the girl!

In between snacking on some lip-smacking lobes, the zombies take time out to have a little fun themselves. They work out a little rigor mortis via an aerobic video and steal a jeep for a joyride. When they can't find any fresh crania, they go shopping in a pet store for a little puppy chow.

Wiederhorn has picked up the spirit of the original and injects a lot of gory sight gags that are too humorous to be nauseating. Even the zombies get off a few one-liners until someone comes along and knocks their jaw off. One poor guy gets blown in half and can't quite catch up to the lower part of his body, which has decided to go for a little walk.

Eventually, the Army shows up and they don't have the foggiest idea as to what's going on. It's up to the kids to save the day, and they devise a plan in which the zombies get to have their brains and eat them too before they get torched.

Wiederhorn, however, doesn't keep the film paced as quickly as O'Bannon did. The sequel lets some



A zombie gets ready for a night on the town in "Return of the Living Dead Part II."

of the character's stupid actions make the zombies look like intellectual giants. The open-ended climax is also disappointing, but it leaves room for a follow-up like "The Living Dead Hit Sorority Row." At least they'd have something different to eat.

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Matlin discusses life since winning Oscar

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When Marlee Matlin won the Academy Award last March, her on-camera and backstage remarks proved to public and press that she is a vivacious, even feisty young woman with a zest for life.

Worldwide fame hasn't changed the deaf actress. Ask her if she is still going with her "Children of a Lesser God" co-star and sweetheart, William Hurt, she bristles and responds with flashing fingers:

"I could ask you about your wife. I'm a person who is very independent, and I can say that I'm a person who is very happy at this point."

Matlin is appearing this month in the first film since her victory as best actress of 1986 for "Lesser God." It's a Universal release, "Walker," a Central American adventure of the mid-1800s. She plays the wife of William Walker, a real-life American soldier of fortune who ruled Nicaragua for two years as president. Ed Harris appears as Walker.

In an interview at her agent's office, the 22-year-old actress described her role through the rapid-fire interpreting of Jack Jason:

"The woman is Ellen Walker, who was, I imagine, about 25 years old, perhaps older. She is based on a true character, a woman who was deaf but did speak, though somewhat vaguely. She was a woman

who was very brilliant, and she kept a lot to herself. She was not an open person, but she was not a vulnerable person, either. She was just very strong-willed.

"She is different from Sarah (in 'Lesser God'). Sarah was a very angry person. She was very private — private with her thoughts and about her past. Ellen Martin, on the other hand, shared her thoughts with William Walker.

Matlin was born in Morton Grove, Ill., the youngest of three children. At 18 months she was stricken with the high fever of roseola, also known as baby measles, which destroyed most of her hearing.

Her parents resisted sending her to a school for deaf children; instead she took special programs in public schools. As a result, she spent much of her time with hearing children.

When she was 8 years old, she played Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz" at Chicago's Center on Deafness. That led to other plays, but she quit acting in high school to improve her study habits. After graduating, she studied criminal justice, with the goal of fighting for the rights of the deaf.

That goal was interrupted after she played the role of Lydia in "Children of a Lesser God" in Chicago. An agent spotted her, and she was invited to audition for the film version. To her surprise, she was tested for the role of Sarah, not Lydia.

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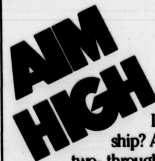
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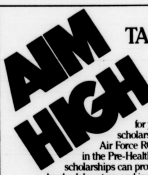
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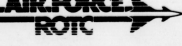
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King march at UK should remind us of what is left to do

About 500 people gathered at 7:30 yesterday morning in the pouring rain at Memorial Coliseum to march in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Perhaps it was fitting that the march — held to honor a man of such immense significance to our world — take place on a day with adverse weather conditions.

After all, King's entire life was based on overcoming adverse conditions.

It was King's plea for humanity in a storm of racism in this country that led to civil rights' reforms in the late '60s. And it was his plea that led to his assassination in 1968 on a Memphis hotel balcony.

Yesterday's march, however, symbolizes that King's ideology and beliefs live on long after his death.

King's life was predicated on the belief that equality, not separation, was a fundamental tenet for a unified country. It is for these and other reasons that a national holiday honoring King take place.

It is essential, though, that yesterday's march not be used simply as a look back at the life of a great man.

Although King's life and ideas have led to numerous reforms in the workplace and in the mind-set of American culture, much is left undone.

Yesterday's march should be part of a continuing look forward. The reforms that King promulgated throughout his life are applicable to today's world. The battle is not over.

Like a gray cloud hanging over yesterday's march, we read in our newspapers about a CBS sports commentator making off-color jokes about blacks in professional sports. At the same time, we read about how blacks have been left out of management positions in professional baseball because of a prevalence of racist attitudes in some areas of the sport's upper-level management.

So it is with a sort of fitting adversity that yesterday's march take place. It is our hope that it continues to remind us of what has been done; but more importantly, it should remind us of what is left to do.

UK should recognize King day as holiday

Throughout this nation's history, several men and women have given their minds, souls and lives to protect and further advance the ideals of freedom and equality established by our forefathers.

Many of these historical figures' contributions are significant, but few captured the hearts and minds of generations while pursuing their cause. Civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., however, influenced the course of this nation's history, as well as its citizens, in pursuit of his dream of peaceful co-existence among all races.

Consequently, the Congress of the United States voted in favor of a bill recognizing King's birth as a national holiday, an honor previously limited to former presidents.

Despite the ratification and signing of the bill by President Reagan, many states have yet to completely recognize this new holiday. Unfortunately, Kentucky is among these states, choosing to keep state offices open and granting public institutions the option to remain in or out of session.

Some schools in the state, such as the University of Louisville, have elected to close their doors in honor of King's accomplishments and memory. But "Martin Luther King Day" is simply a reserved space on the calendar to the University of Kentucky. Because of this, UK students wishing to observe King's birthday are unable to attend class sessions.

As in the 1960s, the perseverance and progression of Dr. King's dream is dependent upon the vitality and desire of the college student. Although significant changes in the areas of civil rights and human relations have come about as a result of King's work, as well as others, a new, more complex struggle faces this nation.

Whereas in the past, acts of overt

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discrimination were more prevalent, today's society must battle hidden racial tension. Each race is dangerously becoming more introverted, refusing to communicate their prospective concerns, hopes and fears.

As a result of this lack of communication and understanding, the American society has become more separate, preferring to view things in black and white, instead of technicolor. Thus, the facilitation of Dr. King's dream of racial equality and unity has become stagnant.

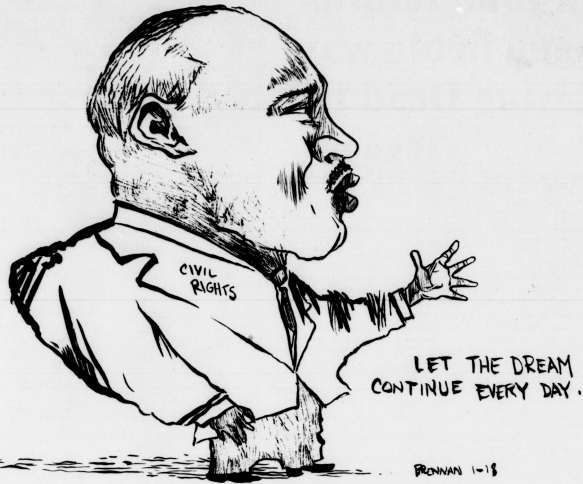
Remembrance of this dream, therefore, is crucial to its survival and further advancement. UK students must be allowed to attend speeches on programs instrumental in continuing King's goals.

Moreover, they must be informed of this "new racism's" past and future. If not, the University of Kentucky will truly be guilty of depriving its students of a quality education.

Martin Luther King Jr. was perhaps the greatest man of this century. Although his accomplishments are most remarkable, his love and dream of peace is his most significant contribution and true meditation behind observing "Martin Luther King Day."

As this state's most recognized institution, the University of Kentucky should seek to exhibit a deep appreciation for King's work and memory, but most importantly, a concern for the future of American society.

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Making the grade

Society should emphasize academics rather than athletics

It took UK basketball player Cedric Jenkins only 3½ years to do what it takes most students at least four years to accomplish. In December, the lanky 6-foot-9 center from Dawson, Ga., completed his requirements in the Business & Economics College to earn him an undergraduate diploma in marketing.

Also last semester, UK forward Winston Bennett finished his undergraduate requirements to receive a degree in business administration.

The two athletes began their graduate work this semester, giving UK the distinction of being one of the few schools in the nation to have graduate students playing on the same varsity team.

When it was first learned that Jenkins had taken less than four years to receive his diploma, many people marveled, and rightly so, at the accomplishment. But when an everyday student makes it through college in the same time, little, if any, applause is given to them.

In fairness, Jenkins was sidelined by an injury that probably allowed him the opportunity to study a little bit more than the rest of the team. However, coming back from an injury does not necessarily make life any easier. Bennett could testify to that.

What Jenkins' achievement shows us is that simply because college athletes have to dedicate so much of their time to becoming better athletes, it is not necessarily true that academics must suffer.

However, one group that did not seem to get that signal from Jenkins' accomplishment was the NCAA.

Earlier this month, the NCAA held



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a national meeting to discuss what ought to be done about college athletics. Among the issues discussed included current academic standards athletes are expected to meet in order to remain eligible to compete.

When it was suggested that academic standards be made more rigorous at Division I schools, the idea was reported to have been almost instantly rejected, as about 50 of the big-time programs joined in to defeat the idea.

Whenever Phil Donahue or "60 Minutes" is having a difficult time finding something to fill its time space with, we usually hear the horror story of an individual who went through high school and college and spent more time on the athletic field than in the classroom.

As the athlete tells how he (the person almost always seems to be a male) only had to bring trophies to his school in return for passing grades, people repeatedly seem to ask the question: How could this happen?

Perhaps the emphasis our society places on athletics above academics might provide some insight.

It seems that we automatically accept the premise, "All athletes are dumb, therefore, they should not be



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expected to perform well in the classroom."

Part of this attitude has its roots among alumni of some schools who value winning a national championship more than having a top-notch academic reputation.

As talk about making the nation "competitive" again fills much of the dialogue of the 1988 presidential race, the NCAA needs to seriously

address making academics an important part of the collegiate athletic experience. It needs to make the Cedric Jenkins of college the norm, rather than the exception.

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