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Fraternities want help, not mandate

By Mat Herron
News Editor

Help us but don't tell us what to do. In not so many words, the Greek community is essentially saying this to UK administrators about making campus social fraternities alcohol-free.

If approved, a policy would mean no alcohol in Greek houses. Period. Fraternity- and sorority-sponsored parties where alcohol is served must take place at an off-campus location, such as a clubhouse. A third-party vendor, or a person not affiliated with the Greek organizations in charge of the event, must serve the alcohol and IDs must be checked.

Some, primarily those in fraternities who already planned to adopt this system anyway, consider the idea no big change. Others say the switch will be diffi-

cult but not impossible, and some think the administration has already made up its mind and is going through the motions.

"A lot of students feel that it's all about the money and to protect (UK's) liability," said Josh Mitchell, president of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity. "But if everyone starts pointing fingers and says 'You're going to do it anyways,' it will start bad blood before anything's set."

"All in all it's kind of expected," said Bill Straub, president of Phi Gamma Delta UK chapter. "I think they are probably going to put a lot of chapters out."

Baby steps should be taken when applying a rule like this, spreading out the transition over the next few semesters, said Straub, a business marketing senior.

The proposed policy, discussed by UK chapters, faculty advisers and national representatives at a four-hour symposium Tuesday, could improve public relations for the system as a whole, Straub said.

"There's already more to Greeks" than alcohol, he said. "You should be able to see more of the good things we do on campus."

And holding parties at a neutral venue doesn't suck too much cash out of a fraternity's pocketbook.

"You can get places at clubhouses and apartments," Straub said.

"Any money we spend on alcohol, it goes directly to the place we're renting out."

With several national fraternities taking action on the issue of alcohol abuse, Greeks say the University is stepping up at the right time.

"If you look at risk management systems, ours are far in advance than many, if not all, campuses in the country," said Mitchell, a secondary math education senior.

Greek communities at many universities, such as the University of Montana, the University of Rhode Island and Oklahoma State University, have adopted the alcohol-free policies in the last two years, or are in the process of doing so.

At Oklahoma State, all sororities and 50 percent of the fraternities are substance-free, and the Interfraternity Council there is in discussions about having more fraternities jump on the bandwagon, said Kent Sampson, the university's director of Campus Life.

"It's helped the local chapters, whether or not they'll admit it, to take a step back and address this issue," Samp-

son said. "On women's side, the alumnae (and) the national organizations have exerted a little more influence at the local level."

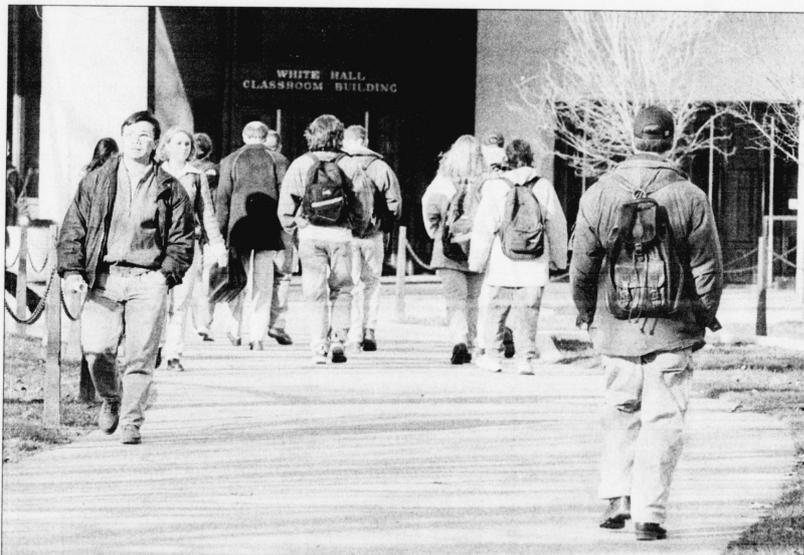
"I'm not saying women at that age don't have prems," but 85 percent of the cases at the university involve males and alcohol, Sampson said.

"That national officers are taking the initiative on fighting substance abuse is 'the proverbial tail wagging the dog,'" Sampson said.

"It's interesting, and it's not a coincidence. Sometimes groups haven't been able to govern themselves on the topic."

"That's how the rules are initiated," Mitchell said.

"That's where the by-laws come from, so that's definitely appropriate for it to happen that way."



BACK TO SCHOOL ... AGAIN Students walked to and from class yesterday. Earl Singletary (below), an economics senior, prices books for classes.



a 'warm' welcome

SGA creates Johnson scholarship

By Jill Erwin
Senior Staff Writer

UK's Student Government Association has announced the creation of an award to commemorate the life of a UK legend.

The Lyman T. Johnson Odyssey Award will be awarded this year for the first time, to be disbursed next school year. Candidates must be a full-time student in good academic standing.

"We wanted to remember a remarkable individual whose life-long learning experience formed a legacy here at the University of Kentucky," said SGA President Melanie Cruz. "We want to reward students for following in his footsteps."

Johnson became the first graduate student at UK almost 50 years ago when he enrolled in 1949. He died Oct. 3.

The award will go to one student per academic year, and will be disbursed in \$1,500 increments per semester, beginning next fall. They will also receive a plaque, and have their name etched on a larger plaque outside the SGA offices.

Not everyone on campus is sure this is the best that could be done to remember Johnson. Chester Grundy, of the Office of African American Affairs, commends SGA's efforts, but said a more permanent effect can be offered.

"It's a credit to the students that they understand the importance of celebrating the contributions of

someone so important to the history of the institution," Grundy said.

"However, scholarships tend to only benefit one student, or a small group of students. We need a permanent tribute to his legacy that will benefit the masses of students."

Grundy offered the renaming of a campus building, the construction of a statue or the endowment of a chair or more long-term ways to commemorate Johnson's trials. The Student Center has been mentioned as a possible campus namesake.

"What they've done is great, but we need to reach a little higher. UK would be a different place had not Lyman T. Johnson walked this campus," Grundy said.

Nominees must demonstrate a high degree of personal integrity,

hold themselves to the high levels achieved by Johnson in his lifetime, show dedication to the betterment of the campus or community, and strive for success despite adversity.

The SGA Awards and Grants Committee will make the final decision, and the recipient will be announced later in the semester.

"Mr. Johnson literally changed the history of UK," Grundy said. "We ought to consider more high-profile ways to establish that, something that would be of value to the bulk of the student body."

Students interested in applying for the award, or those who would like to nominate another student, may pick up applications in the SGA office, 120 Student Center. Applications are due on Feb. 20 at 4 p.m.

Benchmarks say UK can fill any arena built

Debate continues over cost

By Matthew May
Staff Writer

The possibility of building a cutting-edge basketball arena on campus would make it easier for students to attend games and might boost attendance, which has been dropping in recent seasons.

While the UK Athletics Association Board of Directors ponders whether or not to buy Rupp Arena from the City of Lexington or build a new \$93.3 million facility, UK fans and students want to know if a new building is worth leaving the tradition-filled Rupp.

Rupp Arena, which seats 23,000, is one of the largest non-football college basketball facilities in the country, along with the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's Dean Smith Center, the University of Tennessee-Knoxville's Thompson-Boling Arena and the University of Arkansas's Bud Walton Arena, all of which are located on campus.

Despite its size, Rupp has been criticized recently for its outdated structure and lack of accessibility to UK students, especially those who live on campus. The criticisms of Rupp have fueled the debate of what kind of effect a new arena would generate for UK and led to the feasibility study recently completed for the University.

A modern facility on UK's campus would provide students an opportunity to attend games at a location accessible to them, but the question remains if proximity to students is a credible reason for constructing a nearly \$100 million facility.

UNC student body president Mo Nathan said a program as high-profile as UK, much like Carolina's, will have no problem filling any arena, regardless of location.

"I don't know if it really matters if the arena is on campus or not," Nathan said. "The Dean Dome is located on the far end of campus, so it's quite a walk, but we don't have trouble filling it with students. It's not really a matter of location. I think an on-campus football stadium is actually more important."

Nathan said UK should ask itself one question before deciding to build a new arena. "A modern facility is convenient, but is the price tag worth destroying the memories you have created in a place like Rupp?"

Having a large, on-campus

arena has increased student attendance and brought a lot of attractions and people to the university's campus, said James Kirkland, Student Government Association president at Tennessee.

"Thompson-Boling is fairly easy to get to and provides a lot of parking for the general fans that come out for games," Kirkland said. "Game days bring a lot of fanfare and attraction to the UT campus, especially in regards to merchandise sales."

With a rise in the construction of new arenas, UK would not be alone in its decision to upgrade its program with a modern arena.

In recent years, schools like Arkansas, the University of Massachusetts and Temple University have built large, upgraded facilities.

Other schools like North Carolina State will open new buildings soon and expect the arenas to boost not only attendance, but the overall credibility of the basketball program.

N.C. State's new facility will cost \$150 million but will be built off-campus and also house the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes franchise.

Tom Brooks, director of Sports Marketing for N.C. State, said the location of the arena isn't as important as its quality.

"The old facility (Reynolds Coliseum) seats 9,000 and has a lot of tradition, but to further our program we needed to add size and revenue," Brooks said. "A new arena will allow us to move to another level, even if it is off campus."

"The decision to build off campus came because of parking concerns, Brooks said, but N.C. State is doing everything it can to accommodate students who will need a way to get to games.

"We have programs such as a busing for students," he said. "They are a big concern, but we feel location isn't as important as the product we put out for the fans, which includes the arena."

UK has a tough decision, but attendance isn't one of them, Brooks said.

"With UK's stature, they won't have a problem filling any arena they play in."

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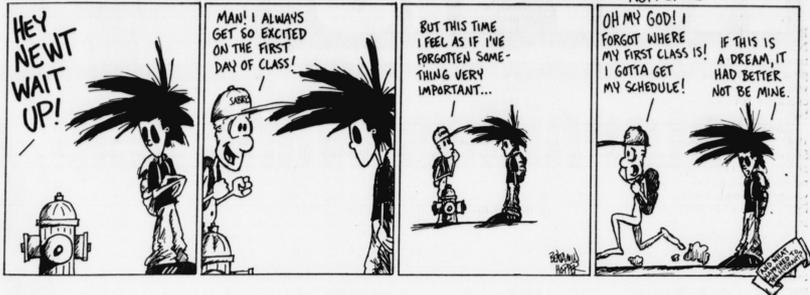
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King celebration being held today

By Jill Erwin
Senior Staff Writer

The UK Medical Center will be holding the eighth-annual celebration to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. today at noon. The ceremony, featuring keynote speaker Steven Reed, is in room 115 of the UK College Nursing/Health Sciences Learning Center.

Members of the Medical Center faculty and staff will perform as a choral group to open the ceremony, followed by Reed's speech. Reed, Assistant U.S. Attorney and member of UK's Board of Trustees, was the perfect choice, said Anna Allen, director of the Medical Center's Office of Minority Affairs. Using King's expression, "I look forward to the day a person is judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin,"

Allen said Reed fit the message the University is trying to send.

"Doors were opened up, opportunities were presented, and he epitomizes the dream," Allen said. Also during the celebration will be the presentation of two "Dream Awards", to be given to people who have displayed a commitment to keeping Dr. King's dream alive. One will be given to a faculty administrator and one to a Med Center employee, but neither name will be announced until the ceremony. UK has held the celebration every year since Martin Luther King, Jr. Day became a national holiday. The Medical Center is part of a Universitywide emphasis on the holiday and has representatives on both University and city-wide celebration activities. UK Med Center has purchased a banner and will participate in the

city's march on Monday.

Also, UK's African American Studies and Research Program has arranged for two dignitaries to speak next month to honor Black History Month.

Georgia Powers, the first female and first black to serve in the Kentucky State Senate, will speak on Feb. 2 in Worsham Theater, with historian Clayborne Carson coming into the Center Theater on Feb. 9. Both speeches are free for students. Powers marched with King, and will deliver her speech, "I Shared the Dream: Politics and Civil Rights in Kentucky" at 8 p.m.

"She was very important in terms of raising visibility of the role of Kentucky in the civil rights movement," said Gerald Smith, director of the Office of African American Affairs. "She'll discuss her role in

working with legislators on the passage of some of the civil rights laws."

Carson is the foremost authority on King, said Smith. He is a history professor at Stanford University, and is serving as the senior editor of a 14-volume series of King's papers.

He has recently published the third volume of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project, consisting of some of King's speeches, papers, articles and annotations. It is one of only a few large-scale documentary research ventures on a black person. He is also working on a book about the Black Panther party and a biography of King. Both are due in late fall.

His speech, "Martin and Malcolm and the Missed Opportunity for a Common Solution", will begin at 8 p.m. April 4 is the 30-year observance of King's assassination.

One dead, three wounded at registration

AP Wire Service

MALLEN, Texas — Two gunmen killed a security guard and shot three other people while robbing a community college registration line. The suspects, armed with assault-style weapons, escaped in a white, four-door sedan after the shooting Tuesday evening at South Texas Community

College, said police spokesman Mitch Reinitz. A third person who drove a getaway car was also being sought.

Counseling centers were set up at the school today to help students cope. Registration was canceled until Thursday at the school, which has about 6,000 students. Javier Solis, a 30-year-

old sophomore, said he was about to walk into the building when the shooting started and several students ran out.

"I was scared," Solis said. "I was so thankful to God that I was late for registration."

Witnesses said the gunmen, one of whom wore a ski mask, stormed into a classroom where registra-

tion was being held and demanded money. About 20 people were in the room.

The dead security guard was a 32-year-old man from nearby La Joya, Reinitz said.

The three wounded were all college employees, school president Shirley Reed said. Authorities did not release their names,

but family members identified two of them as sisters: Melissa Singleterry, 19, and her 27-year-old sister, Mary. They were in critical condition after surgery at McAllen Medical Center.

The third wounded employee, a 20-year-old man, was listed in stable condition at Rio Grande Regional Medical Center.

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Memos show RJR targeted teens

By Lauran Neergaard
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Secret R.J. Reynolds memos show the No. 2 cigarette maker targeted teen-agers as young as 13 in a plan to steal its competitors' youngest smokers — and even created a special brand aimed at boys.

Code-named Project LF, a 1987 memo stamped "RJR Secret" says the company was creating a "wider-circumference nonmenthol cigarette targeted at young adult male smoker (primarily 13-24 year old male Marlboro smokers)."

And other RJR papers illustrate that the highly popular Joe Camel campaign, the hip cartoon character that peddled the Camel brand until last year, targeted teens despite the company's repeated denials.

A 1973 marketing memo says that to help lure "younger smokers" away from Philip Morris' Marlboros, the leading teen brand, "comic strip type copy might get a much higher readership among younger people than any other type of copy."

The document defined

"younger smokers" as those ages 14 to 24.

Shortly thereafter, the Joe Camel cartoon debuted in France. He was brought to the United States in 1987, and Camel sales began to rise among the nation's youngest smokers.

RJR provided the papers to California attorneys as part of a \$10 million settlement of lawsuits brought by San Francisco and other communities that accused Joe Camel of targeting teens. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., released the papers Wednesday.

The documents make "clear the extent to which RJR and other tobacco companies are targeting our kids," said San Francisco City Attorney Louise Renne. "If you can get a young person to smoke before they're 18, they are then hooked for life."

RJR did not immediately return calls for comment. The company ended the Joe Camel campaign last year, after the Federal Trade Commission moved to ban the character.

The memos' disclosures provide more ammunition for critics of the proposed national tobacco deal.

Congress begins this month debating the settlement, which would end state lawsuits against the industry if tobacco companies pay \$368 billion over 25 years and curb their marketing practices. Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., requested Wednesday that the nation's five top tobacco executives attend a Jan. 29 congressional hearing to explain how they would implement the deal.

The proposal would give cigarette makers immunity from most smokers' lawsuits — and critics say the industry should not be granted such broad protection until it releases millions more secret documents that show how addictive tobacco products are made and sold.

Already released documents have uncovered industry attempts to target minors to take up smoking — because studies show people who don't begin smoking before 18 probably never will. RJR competitor Liggett Group last year even admitted the industry targets teens.

But the new papers provide a detailed look at RJR, showing a company worried about future profits because its chief competitors seemed to have locked up the

youngest smokers. "This young adult smoker, the 14-24 age group ... represents tomorrow's cigarette business," says a 1974 RJR marketing presentation. But Philip Morris and Brown & Williamson had more smokers that age, the paper goes on to say, which "suggests slow market share erosion for us in the years to come unless the situation is corrected."

So RJR developed a marketing plan that its top officials hoped would help, as evidenced in a 1980 memo by future company chief executive G.H. Long: "Hopefully, our various planned activities that will be implemented this fall will aid in some way in reducing or correcting these trends," he wrote.

The strategy included "a direct advertising appeal to the younger habits," with "more true-to-life young adult situations." The ads were to run in magazines, such as *Sports Illustrated*, that are widely read by teens. Efforts to target young males specifically included sponsoring sports-car racing and developing T-shirts and other paraphernalia that could provide "a million walking billboards for our brands."

Highly educated people found to have less sex

By Mike Robinson
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — So maybe ignorance really is bliss.

Americans with college degrees get less sex than those who finished only high school, and those who went to graduate school get even less, according to a study in February's *American Demographics* magazine.

The study is based on 10,000 interviews with Americans conducted over the past decade by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

High school graduates average 58 sexual contacts a year, while those with some college average 62. Those with four-year college degrees average 56, and those who have been to post-graduate school average a paltry 50.

"Americans who have attended graduate school may have the money and the smarts, but they report being the least sexually active educational group," said the study's authors, John Robinson of the University of Maryland and Geoffrey Godfrey of Penn State.

to one researcher. Tom Smith, director of the National Opinion Research Center's General Social Survey, said people with two-year college degrees tend to be younger adults and would naturally be more sexually active.

The study also found that people who work at least 60 hours a week also report having more sex than those with more leisure time — an average of 65 contacts a year. "People who report having the least free time are married, have children at home and work long hours," the authors said. "Each of these groups also reports having more sex."

Other findings: The rich do not have a lot more sex than others. Those in the top one-tenth of the income distribution report merely above-average sexual frequency.

Some Americans are definitely sexier than others. About 15 percent of adults engage in half of all sexual activity, and 42 percent of adults engage in 85 percent of all sex.

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Fuzzy guitars highlight of Hum album

By O. Jason Stapleton
Entertainment Editor

From amongst the many pig farms in Champaign, Ill., comes a band that is not afraid to get down and dirty.

Hum, a four-piece from the quaint college town has just released its fourth full-length CD. *Downward is Heavenward* is its second release on RCA Records.

Frustrating to describe the band is a little hard to do. Hum doesn't sound like anyone else, but at the same time the music is strangely familiar.

Fuzzy guitars are what the band does best. Matt Talbot and Tim Lash put warmth into the songs with their ever-so slightly distorted chords.

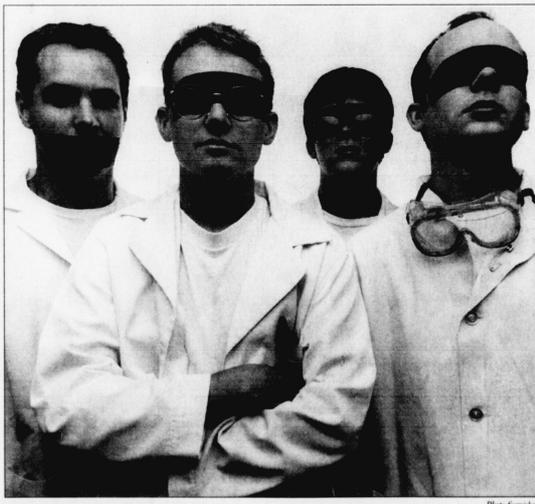
While the duo are not going to be making names for themselves among the guitar elite like Joe Satriani and Yngwie Malmsteen, they do know how to work well within the context of their band.

While *Downward is Heavenward* is not even close to being a very structurally written album, it does have a very smart, almost scientific air. There are times when it is as if Hum is following a complex formula that only they know. It is so complex that no one else can comprehend what it is, and thus seems vaguely chaotic.

This strange mixture gives the songs a bit of a mournful feeling, not quite as depressing as some of the stuff coming out of Seattle in the early '90s, but more like the sweet melancholy that sometimes makes life just interesting enough to get through.

The lyrics themselves tell these sad tales not by any direct form of narration, but rather by giving the listener a constant stream of images that suggest the general idea of what the band is trying to get across.

This feeling is brought to the front clearly in "Ms. Lazarus." The title would suggest the song has something to do with death, or life after death. The disturbing chorus proliferates



LOOKING 'HEAVENWARD' *'Downward is Heavenward'* is the fourth and latest release from Hum. The album is solid, but not anything outstanding.

that suggestion. "Set the crosshairs back on one/You said we'd only die here in the sun/The way your headstone shines/I only wish that it was mine."

The exact meaning of "Ms. Lazarus" is difficult to figure out, but it is obvious that the song is not meant to be a happy one. The instrumentation is not overly dark, however. With the right lyrics, it could easily be a love song.

That contrast is apparent in many of the songs on *Downward is Heavenward*. "Dreamboat" starts out with an almost heavy metal beat that seems to ooze with dark power. Thirty seconds into the song, though, it changes

into a melody of fluid grace, only to revert once again into the same dark beat it opened with.

It is about love loss, so there is a certain amount of logic as to why it goes through these drastic changes. Anytime love is involved nothing is for sure. The best feeling is what leaves you most open to pain, and the best intentions can cut right to the bone.

Overall this is an emotionally charged CD. Its twists and turns keep the listener guessing as to just what is going to come next.

Downward is Heavenward is a perfect title for the album because it does have a way of turning everything upside down

SPORTS

Big Blue shined, but few cared

UK non-revenue athletes work hard for little fame

Former UK soccer standout Sean Endicott was signed to a contract by a minor-league team after playing with the Bluegrass Bandits last year.

Current soccer player Lee Baker made all-conference this season.

LaTanya Webb was a force to be reckoned with on the volleyball court.

Laura Meadows played a key role in two program-boosting wins for the women's basketball team.

But nobody here seemed to care. Everybody on this campus probably knows the men's basketball team's record, can name the two teams which they lost to and knows how many points Allen Edwards has scored his last two games.

Everybody on this campus became accustomed to a fun, winning style of football, and rightfully supported it. Football became a source of pride for the first time in a long time, and it was worth the wait.

But the fact of the matter is, there are other teams on this campus who win, and who do so without the huge budgets and massive fan bases Hal, Tubby and Co. enjoy.

Our UK cheerleading team won its straight national title, its eighth overall.

All it got was a blurb on the news. UK basketball gets five or 10 minutes of news time after a basic win over American University. See the problem?

Most of you walk past athletes every day on your way to class.

You just don't know it. They may not be as recognizable as Scott Padgett or Tim Couch, but Jed Boswell and Kim Denkins are working just as hard to help their teams. They have study sessions at CATS too.

They have just as many practices and just as many classes. Just not as many interviews and not as much publicity.

The UK women's basketball team is much improved over last year's, having notched two victories over ranked opponents (Western Kentucky and Auburn).

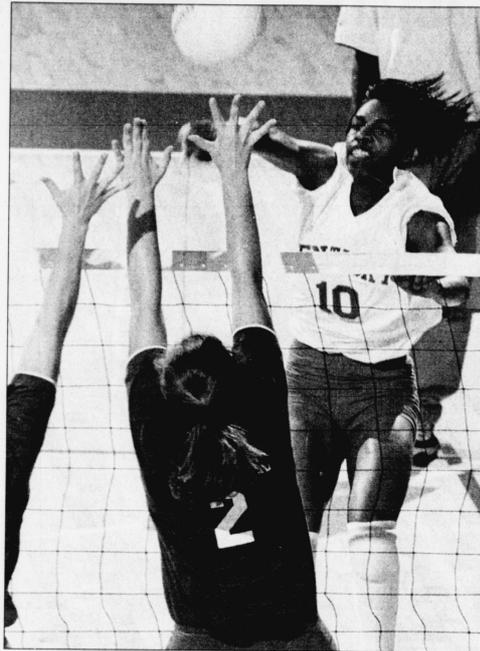
Yet most of you couldn't even name three players on the team, despite the fact I have already mentioned two.

The UK men's soccer team went to the Mid-American Conference Tournament and thoroughly outplayed the 12th-ranked team in the conference before losing in the second round.

They were playing without their captain, and still were seen by most in the stands as the better team that day.

Yet nobody had half-hour videos made about them.

The UK rifle team is consistently ranked in the top three in the nation, and the team is almost always at the Final Four, yet Coach Harry Mullins doesn't get a SuperAmerica commercial.



TWO AGAINST ONE UK's LaTanya Webb is just one athlete on campus who excelled but received little attention.

Students and administrators alike are talking about the apathy the students show towards the sports teams.

Unfortunately, the 3,000 people in attendance at the UK men's soccer game against Bowling Green were the exception, not the rule. Students are almost always talking about the revenue sports (basketball

and football), yet the small showing at the other team events doesn't seem to matter, because UK students get in free to those events.

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Cats get technical against Carolina

Sheppard, Fogler feel wrath of refs

By Rob Herbst
Sports Editor

The 24,241 fans who witnessed UK's 91-70 thumping of South Carolina Tuesday night saw something that happens only once in a lifetime.

Jeff Sheppard received a technical foul. The same Jeff Sheppard who

NOTEBOOK has an uncanny resemblance to a choir-boy that can dunk. "That's very odd," said teammate Allen Edwards. "If he (cursed) it must have slipped because he wouldn't say anything bad. He's just a nice Christian."

Sheppard received the technical four minutes into the first half while guarding South Carolina guard BJ McKie. A defensive foul was called on Sheppard and quickly showed his displeasure of the call.

"He didn't say anything," said head coach Tubby Smith. "It was his gesture and the way he responded to the call."

UK had an early 17-5 lead when Sheppard was slapped with the foul. But when Sheppard was sent to the bench with two fouls, it took South Carolina less than three minutes to close the lead to one.

The Cats then pulled ahead while Sheppard watched from the bench for the rest of the half. "I was asking (Assistant) Coach Felton to ask Coach Smith to let me keep playing," Sheppard said. "But I had a pretty good idea once I calmed down and sat on the bench I wasn't going back in the first half."

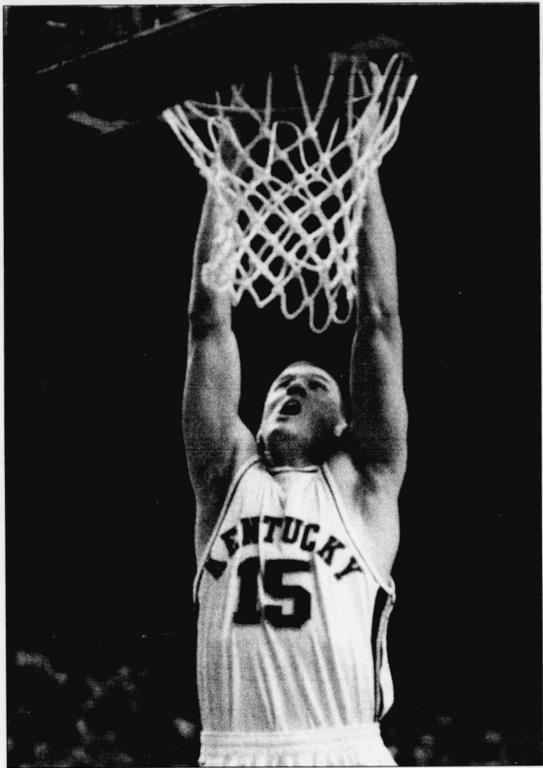
When Sheppard returned to action in the beginning of the second half, he scored the Wildcats' first seven points en route to the Cats' 21-point drubbing of the Gamecocks.

But Sheppard wasn't the one who stole the show Tuesday.

South Carolina head coach Eddie Fogler performed some theatrics to earn a technical with his team down 13 points with 4:09 remaining in the game.

UK point guard Wayne Turner dove for a loose ball in front of the South Carolina bench but the ball went out of bounds directly at Fogler's feet.

Possession was given to UK and Fogler proceeded to take the ball and spike it onto the Rupp Arena floor. The spiked ball bounced at least 15 feet into the air and Fogler earned an



JAMES CRISP/Kentucky staff

JUST A LITTLE HIGHER The Cats' Jeff Sheppard sat on the bench most of the first half Tuesday after a rare technical foul.

immediate "T."

"I want to know if anyone has ever bounced a ball higher off the Rupp Arena floor?" Fogler joked during his postgame press conference. "If not, I want to see my name in the Kentucky media guide next year for that record."

Once hit with the technical, the crowd roared and Fogler mockingly asked for the crowd's cheer with some arm waving.

The UK pep band and fans responded with chants of "Eddie! Eddie!" "That was my one for the year," Fogler said. "I like to save it. I think of it 364 days a year but I'll save it."

Smith on top

While former UK head coach Rick Pitino

had some struggles versus Fogler, current UK head coach Tubby Smith has some bragging rights over him.

Yesterday marked Smith's third-straight win over Fogler dating back to last year, including his Georgia squad beating Fogler in the semifinals of last year's Southeastern Conference Tournament in Memphis.

"They might have had (South Carolina guards) McKie and Watson," said junior center Nazr Mohammed. "But we have Tubby."

There were always rumblings that Pitino and Fogler were not exactly comrades but Fogler seems to genuinely like Smith.

"You people in Kentucky have one great coach and an even better guy," Fogler said. "I love Tubby Smith."

Three straight victories for Wildcats

By Mike Heppermann
Staff Writer

A vacation in the Carolinas.

That sounds pretty nice during this first week of the spring semester, doesn't it? The men's and women's swimming and diving teams went to the Carolinas over the holiday, but it wasn't a vacation. Not for their competition, anyway.

The UK men's and women's swim teams traveled to three schools in three days (Jan. 6-8) and came home with three victories.

The women posted North Carolina State with a score of 123-71 on Jan. 6 after last competing in Arkansas a month ago. The men, who had not swam in a competition since Nov. 23rd in Chapel Hill, N.C., defeated N.C. State 121-84. For the men, the competition was more solid the following day but they still beat Clemson 123.5-121.5.

On the other side, the women, ranked 19th heading into the meet, drowned the 17th-ranked Lady Tigers 157-88. And on the final day, a day swimming head coach Gary Connelly described as "kind of a relaxation day," both teams cruised to victory over College of Charleston. The men won 136-119, the women 141-113.

Connelly was delighted with each team's success. "It was a long trip, and what surprised me was that they actually swam better at the second meet," he said. "I thought we might see diminishing returns, but they were real strong against Clemson."

Fortunately for UK, neither team had to rely on just one person to carry the load. 10 different swimmers from the men's team and 12 for the women notched victories during the road trip. Sophomore Nat Lewis, junior Todd

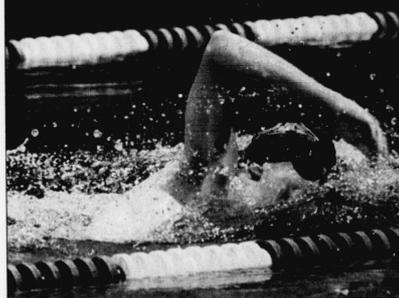


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BETWEEN THE LINES The Wildcats' Nat Lewis helped the men's swimming team claim three consecutive wins. The women's team also won three straight.

DeSorbo and junior Brian Plitnick had strong individual performances for the men's team.

Lewis won the 1650- and 500-yard freestyles at N.C. State and the 1000, 200 and 500 freestyles at Clemson. DeSorbo and Plitnick won at least one event each of the three days with DeSorbo getting a win in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:52.89 at N.C. State. Plitnick won the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard backstroke at N.C. State, the 100 individual medley in Charleston and the 100-yard breaststroke and 200 backstroke at Clemson, finishing the 200 backstroke in a season-best time of 1:51.97.

"I'm glad we all came together and swam well against teams we thought would be close to us," Plitnick said.

Connelly didn't shy away from recognizing their accomplishments. "At Clemson, if Brian hadn't have swum as well as he did, we would not have won that meet," Connelly said. "And Nat is always impressive. His ability to swim the 1650 and then the 200 free right afterwards is a real testament to his endurance."

For the women, sophomore Annabel Kosten and senior Ellen Strange met with victory each of the three days of competition. Kosten won the 100 freestyle against N.C. State, and posted two wins at Clemson (the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle) and two in Charleston (the 50 freestyle and 100 individual medley). Strange posted wins in the 200 butterfly two days in a row with times of 2:02.24 and 2:02.76 and won the 100 butterfly in 1:05.05 at the final meet.

"Those are the fastest dual meet times I've had," Strange said. "I was really pleased with that because those are the same times I had at the SECs (tournament) last year."

Was she worried at all about swimming No. 17 Clemson? "I wasn't sure about Clemson because they have a tough team, but we kicked them into the ground," Strange said.

Sophomore Jenny Priest also picked up her first two wins of the season (50 and 200 freestyle), while junior Rachel Komisarz came home with five wins.

If, however, the Carolinas are not your cup of tea, one could have gone to Georgia to watch diving. The UK divers weren't exactly on vacation either. Junior All-American Christy Soulakis notched wins on the three-meter board with a score of 482.65 and the platform with a score of 360.05.

Freshmen Carrie Knoeber and Sarah Fields helped UK grab two of the top three spots in both events, with Knoeber finishing third on the three-meter with a mark of 471.75, and Fields finishing third on the platform with a score of 366.

For the men, senior All-American Paco Rivera placed second on the one-meter board (518.65) and the platform (472.75), while sophomore Alex Hawley finished third on the platform (425.5).

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams resume competition at home this Friday against LSU. The meet begins at 3 p.m., and it's the first home meet for either team since Nov. 8.

"The women's meet will probably not be very close," Connelly said. "Just looking on paper, it looks like we have a stronger women's team than theirs. But I think the men's meet will be a real dog fight."

second chances ... SECOND GLANCES

Rhodes remembers good, bad days at UK

HOUSTON — Unless one has been to the lowest valley, he cannot fully appreciate the splendor of the highest peak. Speaking to UK expatriate Rodrick Rhodes, you get the sense of such transcendence. You sense that now, as a rookie with the Houston Rockets and finally free of the burdensome expectations that nearly hijacked his career, he feels at once redeemed and content.



Eric Mosolgo
Sports Columnist

"I'm happy to be here, I feel blessed," Rhodes said prior to his team's Jan. 4 game with the Portland Trail Blazers. "I wasn't supposed to be in this chair talking to you guys wearing a Houston Rockets uniform."

Rhodes hasn't forgotten the bitter farewell he received from his old Kentucky home. His critics, numerous at the time, drag him through the hedges following UK's stinging NCAA Tournament loss to North Carolina in 1995. He read the press clippings, allowed the poisoned words to fester, and subsequently let the pressure swell to the point of forced escape.

Today, Rhodes worries less and laughs more. "In this league, you can't worry about things when you make a mistake," he said. "In college, the papers have a whole week to reflect on your mistakes. Here, you get a chance to redeem yourself the next night."

Surrounded by future Hall-of-Famers — Charles Barkley, Clyde Drexler and the injured Hakeem Olajuwon, Rhodes provides fresh legs to an aging Rockets team rapidly in search of Gertel.

"There's no pressure on me," Rhodes said, flashing a relaxed expression. "The only thing I have to do is come in for a few minutes and play like a madman."

Playing alongside his childhood heroes is the gravy for Rhodes. "Sometimes, I just catch myself thinking, 'I just can't believe this,'" he said, referring to the Rockets' legends' confection. "It's crazy, man. Some days at practice, I feel like just going through the motions. But then I look up and say, 'Wow, I'm

playing with three of the top 50 players to ever touch a basketball."

Bittersweet memories

Though he scored more than 1,200 points during his three years in Lexington, Rhodes is best remembered for a series of teeth-grashing performances in big games. As a sophomore, he missed all nine of his shots in UK's 75-63 1994 NCAA Tournament loss to Marquette.

The following year, he played the stooge in the Cats' loss to Louisville, by shooting 1-of-9 from the field and bricking two free throws that would have sealed the Southeastern Conference title game against Arkansas. Finally, facing Jerry Stackhouse and North Carolina for a berth in the Final Four, Rhodes' errant play and icy shooting made him the goat again.

UK fans, known for their unwavering support, treated Rhodes as if he had just shot Lassic. His coach, Rick Pitino, made his displeasure with the junior clear as well. Soon, Rhodes was emotional wreckage and informed Pitino of his desire to flee to the NBA.

"I said, 'Coach P., I can't be here, it's not best for me to be here,'" Rhodes recalled, in reference to the unparalleled outburst against him. "He said, 'Rod, you need to think about it, go home for a while, and if you still feel that way in a couple of days, then I'll have to respect that.'"

Of course, Rhodes opted to test the NBA waters, which promptly washed him back to shore. So he refocused his plan, removed his name from the draft and opted to transfer — a move that, Rhodes said, unlocked a panacea of myths.

Namely, the myth said that Rhodes and Pitino each made the other see red.

"I'm not going to sit here and say our relationship was great, because obviously it wasn't," Rhodes said.

"But we weren't at each others' necks. That's the big misconception. When I decided I wanted to come to the NBA, he helped me make my decision."

"But nobody wants to write about that," he said, shaking his head in disgust. "That's the truth. It had nothing to do with Ron Mercer or all that other stuff they were putting in the papers."



LOOKING UP

After three up-and-down seasons at UK, Rodrick Rhodes has found the road to the NBA. The former Wildcat now calls Houston home.

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Running down a dream

Believing his professional aspirations would be catalyzed by a change of scenery, Rhodes relocated to Southern California, where he played his final collegiate season in 1996-97.

"I thought it was a good move for me," Rhodes said. "I'm glad I got the chance to play under Coach (Henry) Bibby. He capitalized on the things I did well and made me look like I was an unreal player."

Part of Rhodes's West Coast renaissance included playing point guard for large chunks of minutes — something he rarely did at UK. That experience serves him well now, as he frequently backs up starter Matt Maloney on the Houston roster. Rhodes offers only praise of his Southern Cal coach.

"(Coach Bibby) was hungry because it was his first year and I was hungry because I was trying to redeem myself," Rhodes said. "So we needed each other."

"At Kentucky, we didn't need each other. I needed (Coach Pitino). But he didn't need me."

The promised land

Houston noticed Rhodes's potential on the perimeter and surprised many by selecting him in the first round of the 1997 NBA Draft. Entering the Portland game, Rhodes was averaging five points

and two assists per game during his rookie season.

Often times, as was the case in the fourth quarter against Portland, Rhodes forms a harmonious duet with Drexler. Both of Rhodes's two assists in the game resulted in easy buckets for the veteran — one via a nifty no-look pass.

While his game has ample showbiz, his shooting has suffered. After a one-for-five field goal tally against the Blazers, Rhodes's seasonal field goal percentage had plunged to an arctic 32 percent. More troubling on the night was his free throw shooting — he missed four of six during the fourth quarter, aiding Portland's 97-95 comeback victory.

"You have to make those free throws," Rhodes said following the loss. "If I make those free throws, I might have still been on the floor down the stretch for defense."

"But I put Coach (Rudy Tomjanovich) in a tough situation," he said. "There's no excuses. We get paid too much to make excuses."

Drexler, playing with a grace and ease that belies his 35 years, said he has offered advice to help Rhodes from his current slump.

"Confidence is what he's lacking," Drexler said of his protégé. "He's been struggling a little of late, but Rodrick has got a lot of

talent and has a great attitude."

"I like him as a person — he's a delightful young man," he added. "I'm going to keep working with him."

Rhodes claims that, given another chance to choose a college, he would again select UK.

He still lists Pitino's wife, Joanne, as a friend along with Father Edward Bradley, the vagabond priest who follows Pitino's teams.

Of his days in Lexington, he lists the 1993 Final Four as the highlight. He remembers the "unreal feeling" of returning to the airport to a massive crowd even though UK lost to Michigan.

"You know, it wasn't all bad," he said, smiling. "I had some great times at Kentucky."

Contrary to the Rhodes of old, his current trials don't seem to gnaw at him as much. As he sees it, the jobs he took at Kentucky hardened him for the NBA punches to come.

"It made me who I am," he said of his rocky UK career. "Now, I don't let a lot of things bother me. With me, everything is positive. If it is negative, I find a way to make it positive."

"That's what I got out of Kentucky."

Forget the bygone and transcend. Guest Columnist Eric Mosolgo is a UK graduate and former Kernel Sports Columnist.

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Strength coach receives award

UK Strength and Conditioning Coach Rob Oviatt has been named the 1997 Southeastern Conference Strength Coach of the Year for football as selected by the league's 12 strength coaches. Oviatt received his award Saturday night in Dallas at the National Strength and Conditioning Association convention of football strength coaches. "Rob is held in high esteem as one of the best in his profession," UK football coach Hal Mumme said. "A lot of what we were able to accomplish last season was a result

of Rob's work. He is so knowledgeable and is such a good teacher with our players."

Oviatt came to UK from Oregon State, where he had been the strength coach and fitness director from 1985-95. Prior to Oregon State, he had been an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Utah, Houston and Texas A&M.

"Obviously, I'm honored to be recognized by my peers, but want to emphasize that this award was possible because of the efforts of many others besides myself," Oviatt said.

"I want to thank Coach Mumme, his entire coaching and support staff, my assistants in the weight room and especially our players, for their loyalty and hard

work. A strength coach is only as good as the support of those people around him. At Kentucky, I'm surrounded by many special people."

NBC doesn't open wallet

NBC Sports president Dick Ebersol defended his decision to pass on the NFL, claiming his competitors made "reckless" deals that could lose hundreds of millions of dollars.

"The NFL is a great sports property, but there is no property we would go after that would lose at least \$150 million a year," Ebersol said.

"We see this as reckless. We were given an opportunity to match CBS' bid but we made a

cold, calculated decision that the losses were intolerable."

CBS, which said Tuesday it expected the \$4 billion, eight-year deal to be profitable, responded quickly to Ebersol's claims.

"There is no way Michael Jordan or Mel Karmazin will ever permit an NFL deal to lose any money much less \$150 million," CBS Sports president Sean McManus said, referring to two of CBS' top executives.

The NFL is guaranteed at least \$17.6 billion over the next eight years from Fox, CBS, ABC and ESPN. The league can reopen the contract after five years. If it chooses not to, an escalator clause will make the deal with \$18 billion.

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How old is too old? That's the question being thrown around Lexington as the University looks to a more profitable future with an arena suitable to UK's standing as the winningest program in college basketball.

In planning its future, the University outlined three options: renovation of Memorial Coliseum, purchase of Rupp Arena or the construction of a new arena next to Commonwealth Stadium.

A study confirmed fears that the cost and logistics involved in a renovation of Memorial Rupp Arena as a continued home for UK. This is important to local leaders who argue UK would save money by purchasing Rupp Arena.

Nothing could be further from the truth and this is why! A purchase of Rupp Arena might cost upwards of \$20 million and that's just for starters. A study prepared for the Lexington Center Corporation found that a total renovation of Rupp Arena might cost \$60 to \$85 million.

Guess who has to pay that? That's right, UK. So now UK is looking at an \$85 to \$105 million price tag that is roughly equal to the cost of a new arena.

Do you want to know something else? Such a renovation would require closing Rupp Arena for at least one year and that's a best-case scenario.

How long will it take with the inevitable construction delays? And where will UK play during that time, Memorial Coliseum? How much money will UK lose that year?

Oh, let's not forget the Kentucky Thoroughblades. Where will they play? You can bet it won't be at the Lexington Ice Center. Instead the team will be forced to look for a new home in another city. So much for the \$2 million ice rink that was built just for the team.

It's always best to have several reasonable options, unfortunately UK finds itself with only one: a new arena at a price of \$94 million.

Local government officials don't see it that way and they are predicting the worst for downtown if UK moves out. Our reply, "Tough!"

Lexington's leadership will have had 25 years to create a vital and diversified economy at Rupp Arena that might thrive in UK's absence. If they failed to pay off their bills in that time, it's no one's fault but their own.

IN OUR OPINION

Charge it! New holiday storms across America

Don't let retailers fool you, it's just a grab for your cash

International Buy Nothing Day passed last month with little notice for most people. The concept: Twenty-four hours where you spend no money. Seems strange until you realize where it originated — Canada, where many of the oddest anti-American ideas are born.

No festival gets past me easily; however, so I decided to pass that little holiday in appropriate fashion. I went to as many stores as possible to buy myself some pre-Christmas joy.

First stop: Best Buy. I was in luck, as the consumer electronics behemoth was having an "International Buy Nothing Day Sale."

All off-road vehicle stereos were half-off so I bought two, though my car is a mere Dodge Dart. If I can't use them I'll make some new friends just so I can give them away for Christmas. I was also able to get a Sumerian-English dictionary on CD-ROM, Menudo's Greatest Hits and a portable bread maker with auto attachment at sizable discounts. A good start.

Next, off to the mall where I and several thousand complete strangers pillaged every store that opened its gates.

I felt the consumer barbarian in me roar with delight as I cut vicious swaths through unsuspecting retail outlets with my credit cards set to "ruinate." Slash and burn shopping was the call of the Babies to wicker furniture fell into my swag bag.

While there I made sure to visit every clother. Lacking in personal identity, I purchased shirts from Tommy Hilffiger, pants from Calvin Klein and designer shoes.

Now everyone who doesn't know me can call me "Tommy Calvin Gucci-Heimer Smith" (his name is my name, too). No need to put the new duds in a bag; I changed clothes at the cash register and burned my old garments as I left.

On my way to a strip mall I noticed that my silver steed, purchased years ago at a bargain price, was hopelessly out-styled by the new bloated off-road chari-

ots clogging the roads. If they're so damned off-road, I thought, why are they always on every street?

Yet hunkered down between the sun-blotting city explorers, I knew what I must do. I drove to the nearest dealership and purchased an urban galloon for myself which I christened the "Pinta."

I can now explore any alley wider than 12 feet and discover vast uncharted parking lots. I placed my newly-purchased stereos on either side of my headrest and blasted "Born to be Wild" through traffic jams all the way to the shopping center.

Arriving at The Gap I was heartened to discover they too were celebrating "International Buy Nothing Day." All sales associates wore "DKNY IBND" sweatshirts and hats with IBND cut through Nike swooshes.

For \$40 I purchased a 1.2-ounce bottle of Bugle Boy's "Emperor's New Perfume" and felt bathed in pheromones, though no women seemed to notice. Cloaked as I was in the robes of today's high priests of fashion a feeling of emptiness persisted.

I still felt short of a personal style. So I bought more individuality off the rack and again created an apparel bonfire at the door. Sated, I headed for home.

As I rested in my new wicker futon, I reminisced about the day's adventure.

I had done what was asked of me by my corporate betters: I spent as much money with as little thought as possible.

Yet for all my mad purchasing I had still observed the vision of those frigid Northern aesthetes: All that I had bought truly amounted to nothing.

I was exactly the same as before, just with a lot more crap. The planned obsolescence of fashion dictated my whims and I answered hotly, like a moth to a flame.

My belief that "International Buy Nothing Day" was un-American was terribly unjustified. Actually it's the most patriotic of all second-class holidays.

Next year, I'm going to get some IBND lights and garland for the hearth I haven't bought yet.

God bless us, every one.

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READERS' forum

There is more to UK than the petty gripes of students

To the editor:

The author of a humorous article on Dec. 1 expressed his disappointment with the groundskeepers. He described the workers who blow leaves into piles, only to have the gusty winds scatter the leaves again. I realize it was written to be humorous. Nevertheless, it appeared the author thinks, at least to some degree, that these workers and their supervisors are stupid or incompetent.

Why was this article significant to me? I saw it as merely the latest of countless complaints about UK.

Of course, I agree students and faculty should continually try to improve all facets of education at this University. However, the never-ending complaints usually

have nothing to do with the quality of learning at UK. Moreover, many students contribute to the problems by their own actions.

For example, students constantly complain about the poor conditions and small rooms in the residence halls. You know, if the rooms resembled penthouses, no student would be able to afford them.

Besides, many of these residents vandalize the buildings and destroy the recreational equipment.

Another point of interest this fall has been the new landscape near Patterson Office Tower.

Some people do not like it. Yet that is no reason to turn it into a mud pit by walking through it everyday.

The logic must be: "I don't like how it makes our campus look, so I'll make it worse!" As a side note, students will ultimately be the people who pay to reseed the grass. Truly, it takes very little effort to walk around it.

Also, everyone has noticed all of the construction on campus.

Some think it's a hassle. Others say it's an eyesore. Undoubtedly, each of us would probably consider one or two of the given projects unnecessary.

Nevertheless, should the jobs which are indeed necessary not be done and the campus be allowed to disintegrate?

One article in the Kernel actually made an issue of the colors in the Chemistry-Physics building. In addition, many people are displeased with the food, the computers and so on.

These problems obviously vary in importance. But overall, I feel so lucky to be able to go to college — let alone a large university — that these topics seem like mere details. Perhaps this is a rare sentiment.

It is difficult to realize sometimes that during our time here this is our school, our campus. By all means, try to improve it when possible. Don't forget to take care of it.

Tony Kordenbrock
civil engineering junior

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Curl up with your honey, it's going to be a cold winter

Welcome back, fellow students. You've spent the last month resting up and trying to forget finals week. Santa Claus was good to you, even though you might have been a little naughty at times.

You stuffed your face until you couldn't walk. You rang in yet another new year; those of you who were more sober than others might even remember doing it. You're registered for classes and you've got your schedule memorized ... or at least printed out.

You go-getters bought your books and supplies early and the more organizationally challenged among you will be fighting bookstore crowds.

You've got your stuff together and you're looking forward to making this semester the best one yet.

Of course, it's not going to be that simple, kiddies. If you gained about five pounds over the holiday season, don't sign up for those aerobics classes just yet, because you're going to need it for insulation purposes.



Jarrett Greer
Contributing Columnist

Those of you who have lived through a UK winter know exactly what I mean. Those of you who haven't are in for a treat.

Our campus has to be the coldest place in Kentucky at any given moment. You will begin to suspect the area around the Classroom Building was designed to be an experimental wind tunnel for NASA.

If you've ever heard people talk about "bone-chilling" and didn't know what they meant, this is it. The wind will penetrate your clothing and skin to find your

vital organs.

You will shiver and shudder. You will wonder if your fingertips are frostitened. You will find that your whole face goes numb. You will find that no matter what direction you walk, the wind will always blow directly in your face.

This makes forward motion difficult and you will see small people stopped in their tracks. You will wonder when your campus moved to Alaska and you will ask yourself if it's not too late to transfer to somewhere in Florida or maybe even Mexico.

And then there's the weather. When it's snowing in the morning as you're walking to class, it looks pretty cool, at least until you realize that you're still going to class, because you will be going to class if it snows. Or if there's freezing rain or if there's an ice storm, or even if balls of fiery lava should drop from the sky — class goes on.

If you grew up in a place like I did where school was canceled at the slightest hint of winter weather, you can forget about it. Snow once meant a day off from school; now all it means is that I have to walk through it.

Snow and ice can make walking to class a treacherous affair. Find shoes with good traction. This will help you avoid becoming one of those people you invariably see falling on their behinds. God help you if you have to drive to campus in such weather.

The campus becomes much less attractive. You will notice everything turns the same shade of gray during January and February. People who used to dress nicely will be seen wearing sweat clothes that don't match and strange accessories to fight the cold.

The people who take pictures for the University brochures apparently hibernated during the first two months of the

year, because nothing I saw ever prepared me for this. You couple the ugly, hostile weather with the stress of classes and exams — looks like a good recipe for a psychotic episode.

There is hope. March will come, the ice will melt, you will see the sun again and people will stop walking around like tooth-chattering zombies. It will only seem like an eternity.

There will be mornings when you'll look outside and see snow blowing in the wind and ice on the pavement and you'll think it's really not worth it so you'll go back to bed.

And for those of you who don't see me in class, you'll know I was thinking the exact same thing. I'm a biology major and I'm taking my cue from the bears: I'm hibernating through this winter.

Kernel Columnist Jarrett Greer is a biology junior.

INFORMED SOURCES

"AMERICANS WHO have attended graduate school may have the money and the smarts, but they report being the least sexually active educational group."

John Robinson and Geoffrey Godbey, on their study that found the frequency of sex decreases as one's level of education increases. So what's your priority, sex or education?

NaTion

Prof describes boss as 'Oreo'

By Ron Word
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The president of the University of Florida was holding a Christmas party for his staff when he began discussing the candidates in the running to become his boss.

In the course of the discussion, John Lombardi called Adam Herbert, who later got the job as head of the state's public university system, an "Oreo ... black on the outside and white on the inside."

The racial tone was uncharacteristic of Lombardi, colleagues say, but it could cost him his job as leader of the state's flagship university.

Though his brash style has gotten him into trouble in the past, black leaders and education officials haven't denounced him for the remark, citing his past efforts at improving race relations.

Lombardi, president of the school since 1990, apologized to Herbert in a letter earlier this week and said Tuesday it was a poor choice of words.

"One of the things Adam Herbert has done extraordinarily well over the years is deal with race and ethnicity in a very complex society," he said. "I just picked the wrong shorthand."

Herbert, 54, begins work Monday as the first black chancellor of Florida's 10 public universities and their 220,000 students. He said Wednesday he wouldn't comment on Lombardi's comment "until I have had an opportunity to sit down and have a discussion with John."

The two men were expected to meet Thursday, when the 14-member Board of Regents, which oversees the schools, meets in Fort Myers. The regents hire and fire university presidents.

"It was a horrible comment to make. Having said that, I have never heard anything like that coming from President Lombardi," said state Education Commissioner Frank Brogan, who sits on the board. "I want to get all the facts on this issue before I come down to an opinion to what ought to occur."

Gov. Lawton Chiles on Wednesday called the remark "unfortunate."

"I'm delighted he has made an apology and we'll just see what happens," he said.

Several people at the Dec. 16 party said Lombardi was listing those he expected to apply for chancellor.

When he came to Herbert, then president of the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Lombardi called him an "Oreo."

When one of the dinner companions pressed him about the word, Lombardi said it meant Herbert is "black on the outside and white on the inside."

Lombardi, a specialist in Latin American history, has been a favorite of his school's supporters.

The school, Florida's largest with 42,000 students, has seen its academic reputation improve and its fund-raising increase, especially after the football team won the national championship in 1996.

In 1995, Lombardi caused a stir when he bypassed outgoing Chancellor Charles Reed and went straight to state lawmakers with his ideas. The regents had wanted to present a unified front to the Legislature.

During the dispute, Lombardi threatened to jump ship for Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore,

but he stayed in Florida after he gained the support of Chiles over whether he could lobby lawmakers on the university's behalf.

The following year, Lombardi irritated the regents by calling a policy they had approved to restrict university expansion "stupid" and "typical of this idiotic system." He later apologized.

The university helped establish a new health care center in Gainesville to serve minorities and Lombardi was the first white person to address black youths at a Martin Luther King Commission banquet last year.

"This is a man who has taken tremendous strides to bridge the gap between the university and the African-American community," said black state Rep. Cynthia Chestnut.

Reaction to Lombardi's remark was mixed among black students at his school.

Claude Poux, the 20-year-old president of North Star Leadership Council, a black leadership group, said Lombardi had "tarnished his image. He needs to apologize to the public."

Natalie Morrison, 22, was more forgiving. "Everybody makes mistakes," she said. "He is a very good president."



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Lawton Chiles
Florida governor

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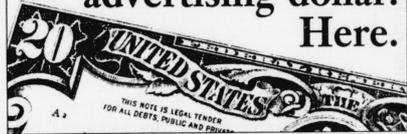
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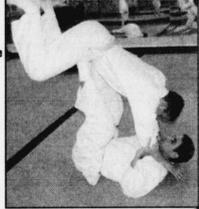


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Former employee sues Indiana fraternity

By Joel Eskovitz
Indiana Daily Student

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A former employee of Phi Delta Kappa is suing the education honorary fraternity for terminating his employment after complaining his supervisor sexually harassed him.

Thomas Pleasant filed charges in December against Phi Delta Kappa, which has headquarters at 408 N. Union St., and Bill Hyman, his former supervisor, for "same-sex sexual harassment, retaliation and wrongful discharge."

Employed in the management

information systems department, Pleasant alleges Hyman had been making sexual advances toward him both in and out of the workplace since late May. The suit cites examples, such as Hyman allegedly grabbing Pleasant's buttocks in the workplace and making sexually-oriented comments.

This week, Phi Delta Kappa attorney James Whitlatch said the fraternity denies any wrongdoing.

Whitlatch said it could take two years before the lawsuit reaches the court system.

Hyman said he would only

speak through his attorney, Bill Andrews. Andrews did not comment about the case.

"It is our policy not to comment on any active litigation," he said.

After making attempts to thwart the actions, Pleasant eventually discussed the matter with Ron Joekel, Phi Delta Kappa's executive director. According to the lawsuit, Pleasant said Joekel "did not take effective, remedial action to address such conduct."

"I think it's a poor situation when you go to the executive director of the building, and you are let go for bringing forth a

wrongdoing," Pleasant said.

Joekel said he would not comment directly on the case, deferring his comments to Whitlatch.

Pleasant said he was fired after reacting to Hyman's actions the Saturday before the 1997 Labor Day weekend. When returning to work Tuesday, he was informed his services were no longer needed by Phi Delta Kappa.

Pleasant said he believed the dismissal to be directly related to the incident because he repeatedly received compliments by his supervisor and co-workers for his good work.

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