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Students garner Navy awards

In the Navy: Four UK engineering students commit to serve on submarines

By Amy Jo Gill
STAFF WRITER

Four UK engineering students were among 22 selected nationally to join a prestigious U.S. Navy program. Seniors Mike Carter, Merritt Johnson and Rob Sellin and junior Matt Major were chosen for the Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate program, and the award includes a paid education and a \$10,000 signing bonus. No other school — including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Tech, Georgia Tech and

Princeton — had more than one student chosen for the program. "This could be a first for Navy history," said Cmdr. David Fuson of the Nashville Navy Recruiting District. "I wish I had known about it sooner," Major said. "It came up, and I kept getting stuff in the mail. Mom wanted me to throw it away, but I kept looking into it." Since he received the honor, Sellin said he has been preparing for his new positions. The recruits are required to maintain high GPAs. "I study all day," Sellin

said. "I try to be here from nine to five with the goal of not taking anything home." "If we don't, we could be yanked out of the program or sent off to boot camp," said Sellin, whose father was a medical officer in the Navy. Program alumni include former President Jimmy Carter. "I really don't know how it will change my life, but what doesn't kill you makes you stronger," Major said. "It took a little swaying of my mom, though." The men will be assigned at the UK vs. Ole Miss

game on Feb. 23. To Sellin, recognition at Rupp is only the beginning. "You know if you can make it through the program, you will be successful in the Navy," Carter said. The men are required to stay with the Navy for five years. All have chosen to serve on submarines. "It's nice to know that after five years of the Navy, my resume will be written," Sellin said. He said he is looking forward to receiving his signing bonuses this month. "Me, my wife and three credit card companies hope it comes on the 15th," Sellin said.

VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION

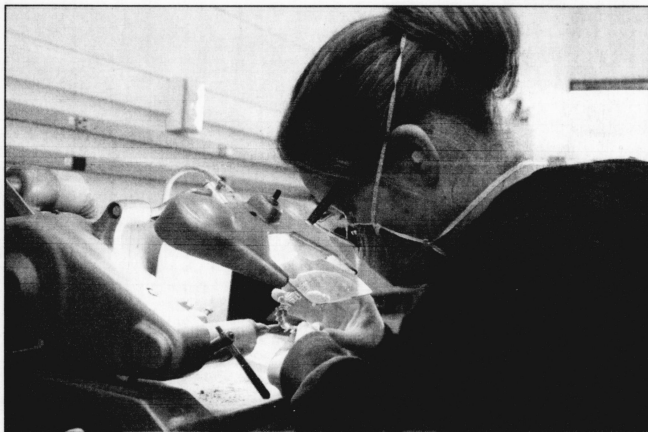
SG brings back dance sans inauguration

What to wear? Geno's Formal Wear will provide discounted rental tuxedos, vests and shoes for ball

By Rebecca Neal
STAFF WRITER

A live band and cash bar are part of the Student Government's plans for the Presidential Ball for this Valentine's Day. SG Vice President Mary Katherine Thompson said the dance was a great success last year. "We had thousands turn out for the inaugural ball. There was such positive feedback that we thought we should have the ball again, even if there's not an inauguration," she said. The Presidential Ball will be Friday, Feb. 14, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel downtown. Voodoo Symphony, a popular local band, which plays both cover songs and original pieces, will provide the music. A cash bar will be available for students over 21. "We'll be giving out wristbands with the drinks to be sure people aren't having too much," she said. Students, faculty and staff can get two free tickets with their UK ID. Tickets are available at the Ticketmaster in the Student Center. There's are 1,500 tickets total and about 1,000 are still left. The dress for the ball is formal, though it's not required to wear a tuxedo or formal gown, Thompson said. SG has arranged for a deal on tuxedos with Geno's Formal Wear. For \$19.95, students can rent a one-button coat with a vest or tie. Shoes or a Windsor tie is \$3 more. Geno's will be at the Student Center on Tuesday, Feb. 10, to take orders, Franklin said. Thompson said the ball should be a success. "It's just a great time. Last year I saw some of my professors there," she said. "It's kind of funny to see your professors wearing tuxes."

LCC Dental Lab: *Sinking their teeth into it*



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Canal work

Amber Mahsen, a first-year dental laboratory student at LCC, uses a lathe to work on the metal part of a set of partial dentures.

LCC's Dental Lab Tech program one of 30 accredited nationwide

By Matthew Townner
STAFF WRITER

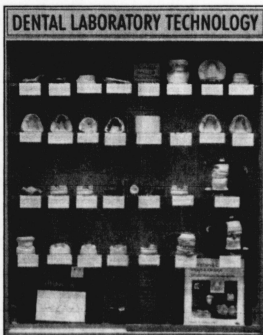
“ I like that it's still related to the medical field without being patient-related.”

— Angie Wells, first year student in LCC's Dental Lab Technology program

Robin Gornto wants everyone to know one thing about her work in dentistry. "We don't clean teeth. We make them," said Gornto, coordinator of the Dental Lab Technology program at LCC, which is one of the only in the area. The two-year program is the only of its kind in Kentucky and is also one of less than 30 national programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. While the requests for dental hygiene tips may grate at Gornto's nerves like an overzealous dentist removing unwanted plaque, she can relate to people who don't know what she does. Gornto was a student at UK before hearing about the program. A dental technician is the dental equivalent of a pharmacist, according to Gornto. Using written instructions from a dentist, dental technicians handcraft prostheses from a smorgasbord of materials,

A display on the third floor of LCC's Oswald building illustrates some of the appliances created by dental laboratory technology.

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including wax, plastic and porcelain. Some of her current students followed a similar path into the dental health profession. Michelle Easterling, a first-year student in the program, learned about it by browsing through campus literature. "I was just flipping

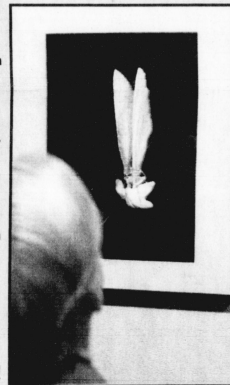
through the LCC brochure and thought this sounded interesting," she said. One of Easterling's classmates, Jay Edlin, didn't need to do as much research before having his interest piqued. "I came walking down the hall one day and saw

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Exhibit

Wally Fizer, of Lexington, examines a photograph entitled "Patiently Pursued," by Bobby Riddle, at the Glories of the Garden art exhibit in the President's Room at the Singletary Center. The exhibit, sponsored by the UK Arboretum, which features photographs, paintings and quilts depicting scenes and objects of nature, is showing through March 2.

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SG end-of-term goals include graduation contract, eatery

Finals: Other projects of the current administration include online basketball lotto and campus night bus

By Paul Leighty
STAFF WRITER

Though UK Student Government elections are coming soon and President Tim Robinson is nearing the final days of his administration, he isn't done yet, he says. Robinson has on his desk a list of ten things he'd like to see happen in SG before he heads out the door. Some of the projects are moving quickly, but SG members hope to see them completed by the end of the semester. "This is the homestretch and we've narrowed everything down to this," Robinson said. He said that although some have criticized his administration for spending \$100,000 to throw parties on campus, other things are also happening in SG. "Sometimes the service and advocacy victories take a little longer," he said. **DVD rental service** The free DVD rental service is set to open in the SG office next week, said Edwin Orange, an SG staff associate who is helping design the project. A corresponding Web page will be available on the SG site at <http://uksga.com>, where students can reserve movies online. SG has spent about \$5,000 setting up the service and buying videos, along with about \$1,500 for 10,000 Campus Wildcat Cards that students will use to check out movies. **Discount service** SG has negotiated with local businesses to give discounts to students with Wildcat cards. The businesses include Back Yard Burgers, Cingular Wireless, Lexington Athletic Club,

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down



THE RED PILL: A movie about machines creating an alternate reality for enslaved humanity is turned into a lavish party to be amused by machines. "Enter the Matrix," the most ambitious effort yet to marry high-powered Tinseltown talent with high-tech video game production, was given a red carpet premiere this week by French games publisher Infogrames and movie studio Warner Bros., part of AOL Time Warner, CNN's parent company. The game and the next two "Matrix" films -- "The Matrix Reloaded" and "The Matrix Revolutions" -- are virtually one and the same, since Larry and Andy Wachowski, who wrote and directed the movies, also wrote the game and shot an hour of original footage with the cast of the films just for it. "Enter the Matrix," which is being released for all major console platforms and the PC, is intended to be a crucial companion to the upcoming films.

"Saddam Hussein was given a final chance, he is throwing that chance away. The dictator of Iraq is making his choice."

President Bush, speaking with reporters after meeting with Colin Powell to discuss efforts to gain U.N. support for the use of force in Iraq.

Olympic gymnast coming to UK
Olympic gold medalist Kerri Strug will be on hand as the UK gymnastics team hosts Arkansas, Illinois-Chicago and Texas Woman's University Friday, at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum. Strug, part of the 1996 gold medal U.S. team, will be signing autographs at 6:30 p.m.

Confidential info found on computers
FRANKFORT — A state computer that had been discarded for public sale as surplus equipment contained confidential files identifying thousands of people with sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, the state auditor said Thursday. "This is significant data. It's a lot of information with lots of names and things like sexual partners of those who are diagnosed with AIDS," Auditor Ed Hatchett said in an interview. "It's a terrible security breach." Health Services Secretary Marcia Morgan said the computer came from an agency in her cabinet that deals with counseling on sexually transmitted diseases and HIV.

Patton outlines child safety plan
FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton pushed for child safety legislation Thursday, primarily aimed at keeping Kentucky youngsters safe while on the road. The cornerstone of the package would make it a primary offense for anyone under 18 years old to ride in a motor vehicle without wearing a seat belt. Drivers would also have to seat small children between 40 inches and 4 feet 9 inches tall in a booster chair. "Surely we can make sure that our young people that don't have the maturity to make a lot of independent judgments are required to wear seat belts," Patton said. "And if we do that, they will wear them all their life."

Bill on priest abuse criticized
FRANKFORT — A bill to require clergy to divulge confessions of child sexual abuse by fellow clergy was denounced Thursday by church spokesmen as an unconstitutional intrusion of the confessional. The bill, an outgrowth of the priest-abuse scandal rocking the Roman Catholic Archdioceses of Louisville and Lexington, would require clergy to pass along such sexual abuse confessions to civil authorities. The same bill would lift the statute of limitations on sex crimes against children, allowing victims to

file charges decades afterward. Nancy Jo Kemper, executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, told the Senate Judiciary Committee "I burn with rage" at any priest or other minister who would harm a child. But she said the bill overreaches and infringes on the "sacred oath" that clergy take not to divulge confessions.

Search for shuttle debris continues

DALLAS — Rain-drenched searchers trudging through the muddy forests and fields of East Texas pulled up a few circuit boards believed to be from the space shuttle Columbia but mostly recovered small pieces Thursday as they tried to find clues to what caused the shuttle's destruction. So far, none of more than 12,000 individual pieces found in a debris field across 38 counties and two dozen Louisiana parishes has provided the critical answers NASA is looking for. And experts worried that sensitive internal pieces could end up buried in mud or degraded if left exposed to the rain. "Obviously the weather is a significant factor for us, but we are continuing on," Nacogdoches County Judge Sue Kennedy said.

Bush says 'the game is over' in Iraq

WASHINGTON — In the face of stiff opposition from allies, President Bush declared Thursday "the game is over" for Saddam Hussein and urged the United Nations to join in disarming Iraq. "Saddam Hussein will be stopped," Bush said. The president said he would be open to a second U.N. resolution on disarmament, following up one approved last November, but only if it led to prompt action. "The Security Council must not back down when those demands are defied and mocked by a dictator," Bush said. If the U.N. fails to act, "The United States, along with a growing coalition of nations, is resolved to take whatever action is necessary to defend ourselves and disarm the Iraqi regime," he said.

Companies support Michigan policy

WASHINGTON — Dozens of big companies are backing the University of Michigan and its affirmative action policy before the Supreme Court, saying such programs help produce better workers of all races and ethnic backgrounds. The University of Michigan case is the most significant affirmative action case to reach the court in decades. At issue is whether racial preference programs unconstitutionally discriminate against white students. Microsoft, Intel, American Airlines, Proctor & Gamble, Eastman Kodak and PepsiCo are among more than 40 Fortune 500 companies siding with the University of Michigan.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

Local officer shot in face, kills suspect

Taking 'appropriate' action: Lexington police chief said police officer did what he was trained to do

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A police officer fatally shot a burglary suspect Thursday after the assailant shot the officer in the face, authorities said.

Officer Aaron Kidd, 32, responded to the report of an armed man breaking into a residence at 2:57 a.m. Thursday just northeast of downtown Lexington, said Police Chief Anthony Beatty.

The would-be burglar fled on foot with Kidd in pursuit, Beatty said. Kidd caught up with the suspect in a backyard, where the suspect shot Kidd in the face.

Kidd returned the fire, wounding the suspect, Beatty said.

"The officer was shot in the face and took appropriate action to defend himself, which is exactly what he's trained to do and any of us would do in a situation like that," Beatty said.

Both the officer and suspect were taken to the University of Kentucky Medical Center where Beatty said the suspect died less than an hour later. Kidd was expected to be released from the hospital Thursday evening, Beatty said.

The dead man was identified as James Salyers, 24, of Lexington, according to the Fayette County Coroner's office. Salyers had a criminal record but was not among prisoners recently released in Gov. Paul Patton's effort to save money, according to the Kentucky Department of Corrections.

An autopsy by Associate State Medical Examiner John Hunsaker revealed Salyers had been shot multiple times. Kidd joined the Lexington force in 2001 and was assigned to patrol Aug. 12, 2002, Beatty said.



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Professor pens production inspired by Chinese culture

Beginning Chinese language students to perform in play as a learning tool; subtitles will be included

By Jennifer Mueller
STAFF WRITER

To help herald the Chinese year of the Yang, the Chinese Language and Culture Program will present "Dong-Guo and the Wolf Revisited," a play written by UK professor Beverly Hong-Fincher.

Hong-Fincher's play follows the path of a Confucian scholar, Dong-Guo, and a Wolf. Despite the scholar's kindness toward the Wolf, the Wolf wants to eat him. Along the way they meet and learn from three wisemen — an ancient tree, an aged ox and an old peasant farmer — and dis-

cover that people are not always kind to nature. The play explores traditional Chinese philosophies, namely Confucianism and Legalism, and the theme of ungratefulness.

The play is being presented by beginning Chinese students. Although the play will be presented in Chinese, there will be English subtitles.

Hong-Fincher, a professor of Chinese language and culture, wrote the play for her language students because she was dissatisfied with the limited scope of the textbooks. She adapted the play from Chinese folklore and changed the ending. Hong-Fincher said that she believes

using a language is the best way to learn it.

"I believe learning a foreign language is performance," Hong-Fincher said. "You have to assume another personality when speaking a foreign language, which makes it much like acting."

Following the play will be a Chinese musical performance played with Western instruments.

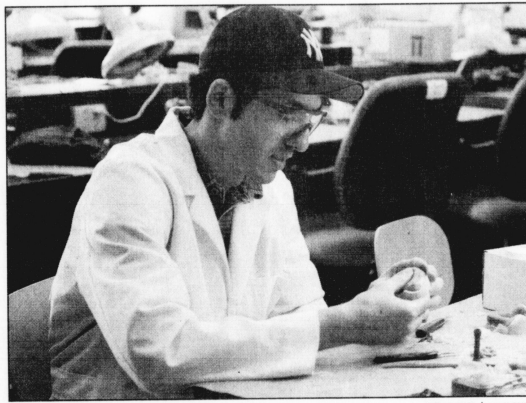
"I think that the students have fun doing it," Hong-Fincher said. "That's the important thing."

Performance

"Dong-Guo and the Wolf Revisited" is scheduled for Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Student Center Theater.

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the billboards on the wall," he said.

Five specialties are taught in LCC's DLT program: orthodontics, crown and bridge work, ceramics, complete dentures and removable partial dentures.

Students work in all five areas during their first three semesters, but they are encouraged to choose a specialty for the final semester.

The opportunity to create unique dental masterpieces by hand with such a diverse range of tools is part of the appeal of a career in dental lab technology, Gornito said.

Edlin, a first-year DLT student, agreed.

"We're constantly doing different projects using different types of equipment," he said.

Other students enroll in the program for the opportunity to work in the dental industry without having to hear the gripes of patients suffering from tooth decay.

"I like that it's still related to the medical field without being patient-related," said Angie Wells, another first-year student in the program.

A degree from a certified program is not required to open a dental laboratory, but Gornito said the

Getting technical

Second-year dental laboratory student Mostafa Duek shapes blue resin to make a custom tray, a device used to get an accurate impression of a patient's mouth in order to fit them for dentures.

extra hands-on experience puts LCC students ahead of the competition once they enter the job market.

"We can teach a student more in two years here than they can learn on the job in eight years," she said.

Gornito should know. After graduating from the DLT program at LCC in 1977, she operated her own lab in Plantation Key, Fla. before returning to Lexing-

ton in 1983.

Gornito said that many other LCC graduates have gone on to own their own dental labs.

In addition to the personal rewards and freedom associated with owning a business, the financial benefits appeal to many students, the program coordinator said.

"You've got to really screw up to not make \$50,000 a year," she said.

To help students attain future financial successes, each drafts a business plan for running a dental laboratory as part of the curriculum before graduation.

Wells said she hopes to follow in her predecessors' footsteps and carve her own niche in the dental health field.

"I'll probably work for somebody for a year or two, but then I want to open my own lab," she said.

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Treehouse Salons and many hotels. A complete list can be found on SG's website, www.uksga.com.

Campus night shuttle

An SG committee is researching the idea of collaborating with LexTran, Lexington's public bus system, to run a weekend night bus around campus and town.

"We're mainly looking for a safe and convenient way for students to get around," said Beth Kuhnheim, a freshman senator in SG who is helping design the proposal. The project is still in draft form, and the committee has not yet contacted LexTran with a proposal, said Rachel Watts, Senate vice chairwoman, head of the committee.

"We wanted to go and have some information to put in front of them, to give us some credibility," she said.

Student center eatery

A sit-down-style restaurant could open in the Student Center before the end of the year. Robinson said the restaurant itself would cover the cost of setting-up and operating.

A committee headed by Robinson is meeting to discuss what restaurant chains would be feasible for the deal. "I'm kind of leaning toward Applebee's, because it's kind of not as pricey," Robinson said.

The restaurant would be a full-service bar and grill, he said, and, as a private business, it wouldn't be affected by UK's dry campus alcohol policy.

Online ticket lottery

Another SG project on the table is an online lottery for student basketball tickets. The lottery would replace the current system, where students queue up to get their seats by random selection.

SG members are working to collect the 1,000 signatures needed to put a referendum on the April SG election ballot.

Robinson said an online lottery is important because "students at UK probably care more about basketball tickets than they do most issues."

Student on the city council

Another project is putting a non-voting student member on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council.

Joe Ruschell, SG Senate chair, is joining the Town & Gown Commission to lead the project, but said he isn't focusing on it now and it hasn't been moving anywhere recently.

Campus safety commission

SG is forming a campus safety commission, although this project is also not progressing.

Justin Rasner, SG chief of staff, is heading the project, but said the plan can't go further until a new UK Police chief is in place and oriented with the campus.

"What we want to push for is a campus-wide safety commission that is representative of students, faculty staff and administration," Robinson said.

Residence hall visitation policy

A committee that includes Robinson and Ruschell began meeting in December to discuss changing the residence hall visitation policy.

The committee also includes representatives from university administration, the Resident Student Council, UK Police and the UK Parent Association.

"It's a good example of different groups working together," Ruschell said.

Expanding the Plus Account

SG is researching a system where students can use the Plus Account to purchase parking passes, pay parking tickets and pay for food deliveries that are made to the dorms.

Graduation contract

SG is working with the University Senate to establish an agreement between undergraduate students and the university that would guarantee students to graduate within four years. The University Senate must approve the proposal before the Board of Trustees can consider it at their May meeting. The SG Senate will also consider a resolution on the contract.

If the proposal is passed and students can't get the courses they need to graduate on time, the university must pay for the student to stay an extra semester or make other arrangements so they can graduate on time.

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MEETINGS	Fri 7
*Revised Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245 (FREE)	
ACADEMIC	
*Heritage Quiz Bowl, 11:00am-1:00pm, Student Center Bridge	
SPECIAL EVENTS	
*AILEY R. 8:00pm, Singularity Center for the Arts, UK/CCC Students \$10, Staff \$15, Public \$17.50. Tickets on sale at the Student Center Ticket Master	
*Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatracing.org	
*La Residence française, 8-9pm, Kanneland Hall	
SPORTS	
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
SPORTS	Sat 8
UK Hockey Game vs. Xavier, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, 8:00 at the door	
UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Mississippi, 3:00pm, Oxford (Mississippi)	
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
SPECIAL EVENTS	
*Donguo And the Wolf Revisited, 7:00pm, Student Center Theater. Free Admission and Refreshments	
INTRAMURAL/RECREATION	
*Self Defense/Kempo class, 3:00-5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft. Free! No experience needed.	
MEETINGS	Sun 9
*International Student Bible Study, 8:30pm, Baptist Student Union	
*Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 202	
SPECIAL EVENTS	
*"Underground Awakening" Concert Ari Heat and the Resisters with the Orange, 8:00pm, Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$2.00 for students. Students can purchase tickets at the Student Center Ticket Office	

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UK Students for Life

Track Cats psyched for final stretch run

Building confidence:
Men's 4x800-meter relay sets school-record time

By Jeff Patterson
STAFF WRITER

Winning is all in your head.

At least that is what UK track and field coach Don Weber has been telling his team. He said he believes that psychological conditioning is the key to the Track Cats' success.

"Some of them have developed quite dramatically in their physical capabilities," said Weber of his team, "but in their mentality about their physical abilities they haven't reached that point yet."

The team should have good reason to believe in its talent. Both the men's and the women's teams are ranked nationally. The women are currently ranked No. 13, and the men are ranked No. 14.

Weber said his team needs to develop the "mental courage" to run at a level that he is certain it can.

"There is a neglect of the psychological conditioning that needs to take place," Weber said. "We hope to improve upon that, because going into Nationals we need to be prepared both physically and psychologically."

Senior Simidele Adeabo is one Cat that is running on all cylinders. She has already qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in five weeks. Also, she ranks first in the nation with a triple jump of 43-01.75.

"I think we have a really good shot at being in the top five in the Southeastern Conference," Adeabo said. "We should finish strong."

Heading into this weekend's Rod McCravy Memorial Track and Field Meet, the Track Cats have good reason to be confident.

The middle distance runners have been some of the best in the nation. UK claims five runners — Paul Curly's, James Doaty, David Freeman, Chad Johnson and Hunter Spencer — in the top 10 of the nation in the 800-meter event.

The 4x800-meter men's relay team has already eclipsed the school record early in the season.

"It has been a good group since they have been freshmen," said Weber of the relay team. "They've made consistent steady progress."

To go along with Adeabo, the Cats have several women on the national map. Janet Crawford ranks sixth in the nation in the high jump event with a height of

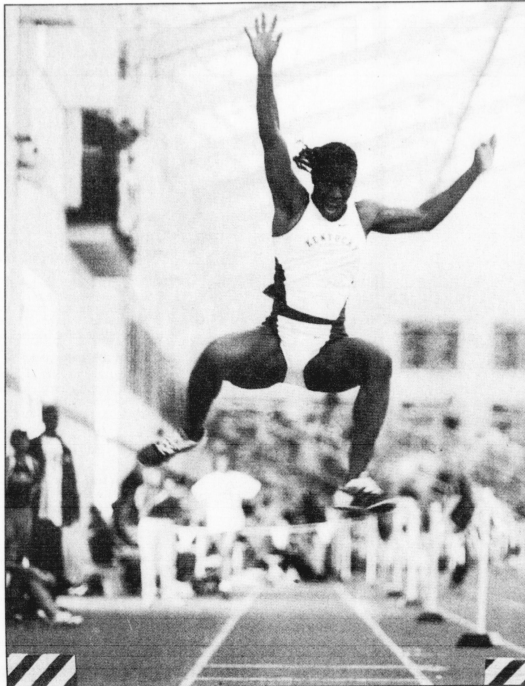


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Jumping the distance

UK senior Simidele Adeabo is among the nation's best leapers. She is the Southeastern Conference's leader in the long jump and triple jump, and Adeabo claims the nation's best triple jump of the season.

5-11.25, and Beth Heimann is third in the nation with a time of 2:07.70 in the 800-meter event.

Senior runner Thomas Morgan knows there is something special going on at UK for both track and field squads.

"We are having the best year since I've been here," he said.

UK's third place team finishes two weeks ago at the SEC Challenge put other Southeastern Conference teams on notice and helped increase the Cats' psyche.

Thirteen teams from around UK's region will compete Friday and Saturday at Nutter Field House in the Rod McCravy Memorial Track and Field Meet, UK's third home meet of the season.

The Cats are planning on winning championships. Not just thinking about them.

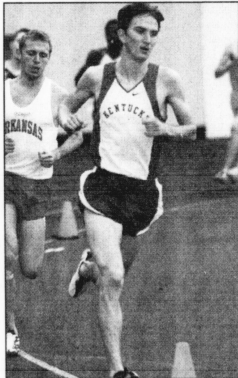


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Foosball champs have high hopes



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On a different level of play

Phil Moore, the offensive half of team 451, practices, or "defends the house table," for the national foosball championship later this month. Here Phil works on his "bread and butter shot."

No flipping, no spinning: UK foosball doubles champions hone their game, prepare for the national competition — even without the 'official' rules

By Robbie Clark
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Every sport has its legends — Ted Williams for baseball, Walter Payton for football, Mervyn Boniface for cricket — now two more names can be added to this list of heroes.

For Mark Stephens and Phil Moore, the conquerors of last Thursday's UK foosball doubles tournament in the Cat's Den, winning came with a flick of the wrist.

The real surprise came when the duo, who call themselves 451, their street address, learned of the grand prize — a trip to Charleston, S.C., later this month to represent UK in the national college foosball championship.

"We were in complete awe," Moore said. "We didn't know what the prize was. We would have been happy with a little trophy."

Even more surprising, the pair won the single-elimination tournament without complete knowledge of the rules. While playing in the competition, Moore and Stephens encountered the same problems any traveling foosball player will face when venturing from the "home table" — different rules.

Stephens said the use of "spinning" and "flipping" the poled players to hit the ball was acceptable during the matches, a move that is normally considered illegal in most foosball games.

"I don't know the rules they were playing by," he said. "But at our house, we're kind."

Both admit to being unacquainted with the "official" rules of foosball but they won't let this fact get in their way of being a force in the national championship.

"We'll play accordingly to whatever rules they give us," Moore said.

They don't know what the level of competition will be like at the national tournament. Nonetheless, the team is certain of their own abilities.

"We're going to roll into that joint (University of Charleston), and smoke it," Stephens said. "We're confident we'll stand strong."

For being the local champions, the two have not been playing foosball as long as would be expected for such caliber of play. They learned to play the game a year and a half ago on a friend's table.

However, the two have been long-time friends since kindergarten and are currently roommates. This lasting kinship has brought their symbiotic connection on the foosball table to its perihelion, Moore said.

"By playing doubles for so

long, we can predict how each other is going to play," he said. While playing, Stephens handles the defensive lines and Moore the offensive — a combination that compliments the forte of each.

"I have the accuracy from the back," Stephens said. "Phil has the quickness to get the rebounds."

Each player on 451 is knowledgeable of his partner's strengths and is swift to point them out.

"His angle shot from the mid-line is the bread-and-butter-shot," Stephens said. "His strength is quickness, but that's only when he's on the table." Moore says that his partner's ability to fire "sick" offensive shots from the defensive end of the table is a devastating factor to be reckoned with.

"He can block anything coming," Moore said. "Then he's got a clutch back-shot that can penetrate any 'D'."

"We call it the 'fan-shot' because it's for the fans."



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— Mark Stephens, UK foosball doubles champion



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The Wall

Mark Stephens, the defensive half of team 451, works on his "fan-shot" in preparation for the national foosball championship in Charleston, S.C.

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Democratic party facing tough times

I get a warm feeling inside when I think about the troubles facing the Democratic party these days. I'm sure liberal strategists are spending many long, sleepless nights straining to develop some sort of plan that will help their party get back in the game.

The party's lack of leadership and inability to form a cohesive platform turned the Senate majority over to Republicans last November. Now it seems the future could grow even dimmer for Democrats. They find themselves in the uncomfortable position of having to hope for an unsuccessful conclusion to the standoff with Iraq and current economic crisis. If the U.S. military makes short work of Saddam's forces, and begins a promising rebuilding effort, the scales will tip even further in 2004.

What's more, Democrats are going to have to put every effort into ensuring that the U.S. economy remains in a dismal state. A successful war with Iraq coupled with an economic upswing will surely spell doom for whatever candidate faces Bush in 2004.

Democratic congressional leaders are going to attack every facet of Bush's economic plan they feel has a chance to have a positive impact on the American public. In fact, it's already begun. As soon as the administration's plan was released liberals began perpetuating the class-warfare their party depends on for survival.

Bush's tax proposals were immediately attacked as tax cuts for the upper class. This kind of misleading rhetoric is what keeps members of the different socio-economic classes in our country at one another's throats. Of course a fair tax relief program is going to return a disproportionate amount of money to the upper class, because the upper class pays a disproportionate amount of income taxes. Just because a corporate executive might get back \$2 million a year, doesn't mean I shouldn't get back \$2,000.

People complain that the Bush tax proposal won't help the lower class. I beg to differ. First of all, the lower class pays virtually no income tax in this country as it is. Individuals who make less than \$30,000 dollars pay less than 4 percent of the federal income tax. I suppose liberals are upset that Bush's plan doesn't include a mechanism for seizing even more income from the middle and upper classes and handing it over to families who don't pay taxes.

Secondly, when jobs are created and the economy is moving, everyone benefits. People with lower incomes will have more opportunity to get a better job, or rise within their current workplace, if the economy is in good condition. Which brings me to Bush's proposal to end the criminal double-taxation on stock dividends.

Once again, liberals insist only the rich will benefit from ending the dividend tax. Wrong. Anyone who owns stock will benefit. Of course the rich will get more money back, because they risked more. That doesn't mean the lower class family that invests just \$1,000 wouldn't be helped out by an extra \$200.

Furthermore, if stockholders weren't afraid to move around their money out of fear that the federal government would seize a chunk of it, they'd be more active in the stock market, which is a major key to economic growth. Liberals would just assume you not understand that however, because pitting the rich against the poor through misdirection and income redistribution is the cornerstone of their political agenda.

So the next time that criminal Ted Kennedy attacks the Bush economic plan, or that bigot Al Sharpton decries war with Iraq, contemplate their political motivation, and understand that their success depends on Bush's failure on both fronts. They don't have the best interest of our country in mind, only their party's survival.

I'm not naive enough to think that Republicans would act any differently if the circumstances were reversed, but hey, I happen to think they're right this time.

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Cuts in college funding must not be excessive

UK students have grown accustomed to regular tuition increases. It's already been well-noted that the state's budget shortfall will surely mean another hike in the cost of attending UK — assuming our esteemed representatives in Frankfort can manage to pass a budget this session.

A House Budget Subcommittee met last Wednesday to discuss the ramifications of a proposed 9 percent budget cut for Kentucky's public universities.

While most reasonable people understand that a budget cut is necessary, which means a tuition increase will be inevitable, it's difficult to justify a 9 percent decrease considering the consequences that are likely to occur.

When representatives from Kentucky's eight public universities met with members of the General Assembly to discuss the new budget last week they painted a bleak picture of the ramifications of such a significant cut. UK President Lee Todd said 125 UK faculty and 550 staff positions would have to be eliminated. He went on to explain that such a staff cut would essentially

mean that 2,500 students would have to be denied admission. Funding for the university press, police station, and radio station would have to be reduced.

As of yet, there have been no estimates of how large the tuition increase might be, but expect it to be significant if state funding is reduced by 9 percent. Low-income students will suffer the most if tuition increases, which is why financial aid must rise in proportion with tuition.

Furthermore, excessive budget cuts will hamstring UK's effort to gain greater national recognition and academic accolades. It will be hard to attract top-tier researchers, professors and officials to a university faced with annual financial hardships and staff cuts.

Rep. Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, says he hopes the higher-education cuts will be closer to 2 percent. Let's hope he's right. Everyone can expect to feel the effects of this budget crisis in one way or another, but Kentucky's students should still be able to receive a quality education at an affordable price. It's essential to the future of our state.

Jason Dore
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Lack of political diversity harms colleges

Thousands of dollars, late nights spent buried in textbooks, early classes and sleepless finals weeks: all these sacrifices made for what end? Common sense would tell you these things would help you gain a college education and allow you to make a better life for yourself.

But frequently students endure classroom atmospheres that are slanted toward a professor's world view and then face a myriad of consequences for offering a differing opinion. The long-standing pillars of higher education always have been academic freedom, intellectual honesty and the freedom of expression.

Recently, diversity has become a key goal of higher education, too. These things are meant to foster an educational experience that encourages freedom of thought and an education formed by critical thinking.

Modern college courses often lose those educational principles when professors fail to balance their political agendas with opposing views and ignore facts in favor of opinion.

Universities search high and low for faculty members of different races, genders and sexual preferences, but diversity of thought is never given much consideration. Only diversity in the professors' sociopolitical philoso-

phies would give you differing views on issues such as abortion, capitalism and religion.

Studies show that while universities see diversity as a priority, the dominance of liberal professors continues to grow. Last year UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute polled 32,000 full-time undergraduate professors. It found that 48 percent identified as "liberal" or "far left" while only 18 percent described themselves as "conservative" or "far right."

Typically, professors who prescribe to a conservative philosophy end up teaching classes in the hard sciences. Paul Kengor detailed a recent study he conducted in an issue of Policy Review in which he examined the political makeup of 190 social science and humanities professors at many of the nation's top universities, such as Cornell, Stanford and the University of Colorado. Only six Republicans were found while 184 were registered Democrats.

These are the classes where professors can indoctrinate students with their views on politics, religion, morality and other subjects. Some say a professor's political ideology does not impact how they approach the classroom. While some professors are capable of putting aside their agendas, examples of bias can be

found at nearly every university.

By all accounts, conservatives make up the vast amount of LSU's student body. But even here, there are few conservative professors in the social sciences and humanities.

At the University of California - San Diego, one parent was so alarmed that her son's professor was attempting to indoctrinate the classroom that she formed an organization. She founded a Web site called www.noindoctrination.org. The site is dedicated to reporting and confronting professors who attempt this kind of indoctrination.

Students are allowed to report professors anonymously and must describe in detail the teacher's behavior. Since the site's birth four months ago, complaints have been filed against teachers from more than 30 universities, including the University of Kentucky and University of Georgia.

Students detail how, time after time, professors introduce topics not included on the course description, squelch opposing opinions in discussion, misrepresent facts and encourage students to adopt the professor's point of view. A senior at UCSD detailed how he wrote a paper espousing a pro-life view that was picked apart. He rewrote it with a pro-choice stance and received an A.

Cases of obvious bias are troubling enough, but when a teacher's opinion is taught as fact, students become indoctrinated without ever realizing they were taught lies. This often is the case in history classes when teachers present an unhistorical account of people or events.

With the lack of accountability in the classroom and balance in teachers' views, how are students to trust the education they receive? Are they merely becoming indoctrinated members of the liberal left?

Accountability is needed. Web sites such as noindoctrination.org offer students a venue to air their grievances, which will hopefully usher in change. Administrators should encourage balanced views to be presented in the classroom and punish those who use their position as a political soapbox.

With a university culture that is so in love with diversity and promoting it through affirmative action programs, maybe we should consider adding conservatives to the list of those who receive special minority consideration.

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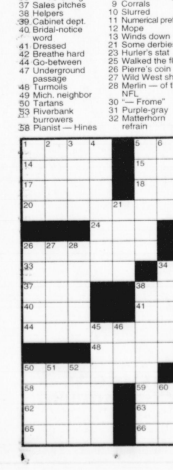
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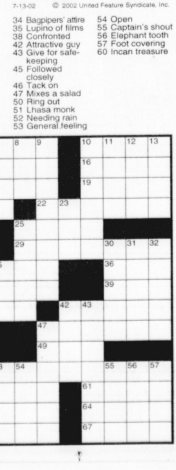
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20 Company brass
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Iraq situation will be solved 'within weeks'

Powell: 'The world is increasingly seeing this from a U.S. point of view'

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WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell told senators Thursday that "within weeks" the Iraqi situation will be brought to a conclusion "one way or another."

Speaking to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee one day after laying out the United States' case against Iraq before the United Nations, Powell said a key to winning Security Council support will be this weekend's trip to Baghdad by chief weapon inspectors Mohamed ElBaradei and Hans Blix.

He said council members are looking to see a change in attitude from Iraq, which the United States says is concealing illegal weapons programs.

Meanwhile, Powell won praise from President Bush for his presentation of evidence supporting U.S. assertions that Iraq has not disarmed. Bush said the U.N. session Wednesday went "really good."

Powell also said that if Saddam Hussein wanted to show he was cooperating, he would allow the inspectors to meet with scientists and engineers who have worked on weapons programs.

"He would not be giving them classes in how to keep secrets," he said.

Powell said the administration would work toward a second U.N. resolution, but it could proceed with war without one. Powell said U.N. Security Council members knew when they approved a resolution last year calling on Iraq to



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U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell looks at a vial he said could contain anthrax, during a meeting of the United Nations Security Council on Wednesday.

disarm that Iraq would be subjected to military action if it failed to comply.

Powell said that at the time, he told council members who approved the resolution unanimously that they shouldn't vote for it if they wouldn't support a second resolution "when serious consequences are called for — Don't play that double game."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the trend of world

opinion is moving in the United States' direction.

"The world is increasingly seeing this from the United States' point of view — that Saddam Hussein must disarm, if he does not disarm a coalition will be assembled to disarm him," he said. "There may be some corners, some minority opinion that do not believe that, but that is why diplomacy remains important and will continue to be pursued."

Bush plans for possible conflict with North Korea



A bus coming from North Korea passes by a guarding South Korean soldier as it arrives at the demilitarized zone in Kosing, a town in South Korea's east coast, to carry South Koreans, Wednesday.

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WASHINGTON — The United States has "robust plans for any contingencies" involving North Korea, including military action, the White House said Thursday amid a flurry of criticism from Democrats and talk of war from Pyongyang.

Presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said there is a "real cause for concern" over North Korea's assertions Wednesday that pre-emptive attacks on its nuclear facilities would trigger "total war." He said President Bush still believes North Korea's nuclear ambitions can be curbed peacefully.

"This kind of talk only hurts North Korea," which faces international isolation, Fleischer said. "That's the real cause for concern... we always have contingency plans."

"The United States is very prepared with robust plans for any contingencies," he told reporters. Afterward, Fleischer said he was talking about military contingencies.

U.S. officials have spoken about their ability to respond to any potential hostile action by North Korea, in part to dispel any hopes Pyongyang may have about taking advantage of Bush's focus on Iraq. The nuclear standoff with North Korea, which intensified last fall, has complicated Bush's efforts to rally the nation and skeptical world leaders behind his bid to disarm Saddam Hussein.

The administration's policy came under attack Thursday, even as Fleischer spoke at the White House and Secretary of State Colin Powell testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"I do not understand the lack of a sense

of urgency," said Sen. Joe Biden, top Democrat on the panel said.

Biden, on the floor of the Senate, said: "Mr. President Bush, please, please, if you don't want to enunciate it, in your mind Mr. President, treat this as a crisis because it is, if not contained now."

Democratic leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said, "The president should stop downplaying this threat, start paying more attention to it and immediately engage the North Koreans in direct talks."

Declaring the North Korean nuclear threat more serious than Iraq's weapons programs, Sen. John Kerry D-Mass., accused the administration of having a "fuzzy policy." Kerry, who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination, said the administration had taken all options off the table, including the use of force and applying economic sanctions against Pyongyang.

Rejecting the criticism, Powell said, "The president has retained all his options" even while the United States has told North Korea it does not plan an attack.

"I still feel it is possible to find a diplomatic solution," the secretary of state said. Powell also said that North Korea would benefit economically by curbing its nuclear ambitions.

"The president has made it clear time and time again: We want to help the North Korean people who are starving, who are in economic distress, but we have to find a way to do it that does not suggest to the North Koreans that we are doing it because they have this tool, this weapon," he said.

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