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Proposition 48 is racially biased, critics of NCAA policy say

By MEREDITH LITTLE
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The UK basketball program is a telling example of the national effects of Proposition 48.

Since the admissions rule for athletes was implemented in 1986 by the NCAA, three UK basketball players have been declared ineligible their freshman seasons. All of them are black, which is indicative of Prop 48 statistics nationally.

"I know that administrators and educators say that the tests are pitched for a certain level . . . that they are not fair to black athletes," UK coach Eddie Sutton said. "A lot of people feel that."

UK forward Reggie Hanson was ineligible to compete or play with the team during the 1986-87 season under NCAA Bylaw 5-1.1, formally known as Proposition 48. This season, UK recruits Sean Woods and Shawn Kemp were declared ineligible.

Proposition 48 requires athletes entering Division I or II colleges to have certain minimum test scores and high school

grade point averages to compete or practice on an intercollegiate athletics team during the freshman year.

Student athletes must have at least a 2.0 high school GPA and a minimum combined score of 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or a minimum composite score of 15 on the American College Test.

An athlete not meeting the minimum requirements is also ineligible for collegiate financial aid, including scholarships, during the first year at the college and loses a year of eligibility.

Critics of the rule say that it discriminates against black athletes and is unfair to student athletes in general. Hanson doesn't think that the rule is fair either.

"I think that if an athlete gets his grades and takes his classes in high school then he should be able to play," Hanson said.

UK men's basketball coach Eddie Sutton is aware of the claims that Proposition 48 is discriminatory.

Studies have shown that there is a disproportionate number of blacks affected

by this rule," said Brad Davis, assistant commissioner for the Southeastern Conference.

"Generally speaking it's the standardized test scores. That's where the debate arises because some say that these tests are racially biased," Davis said.

SAT score statistics for all high school seniors who took the test in 1987 show a gap between scores of black and white students.

The average black student had a combined score of 737 on a scale from 200 to 1600. The average white student's total score was 935, according to Robert Cameron, director of research for the College Board, which produces the SAT.

Cameron said that despite the discrepancy between the scores of whites and blacks, the SAT itself is not racially biased.

"To assume that differences in mean scores mean that it is biased is a dangerous assumption," he said. "The test reflects differences in quality of schools and opportunities available."

"The data that we have based on studies shows that the SAT is a better predictor of college performance for blacks than for whites," he said.

"On the basis that it does the job, which is to predict college performance, the bias question is not borne out by the evidence," Cameron said.

Many feel, however, that entrance tests do not accurately predict how a student will do in college.

"My difficulty with Proposition 48 is that it doesn't take into consideration work habits," Sutton said. "We've found through experience that people who may not be talented on tests do well. Some people have a hard time scoring but in practical matters do well."

According to Ursula Walsh, director of research for the NCAA, a disproportionate number of athletes affected by the rule in the last two school seasons were black.

Out of 250 colleges reporting in the 1986-87 season, 599 total students were declared ineligible under the rule — 299 of them were black.

For the 1987-88 season, 202 colleges reported that a total of 457 athletes were affected and 213 were black.

Walsh said that the black students affected were "partial qualifiers." Partial qualifiers are students like Hanson who met the GPA requirements but did not achieve the minimum standardized test score.

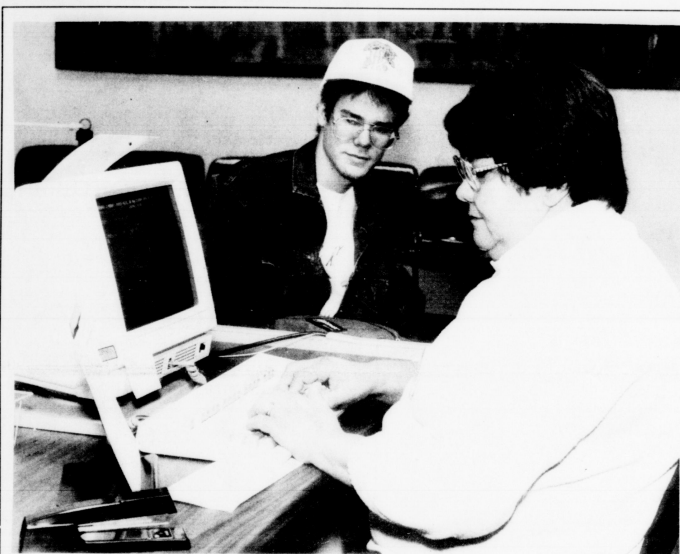
Davis said that educational officials claim that the SAT is more racially biased than the ACT.

Educators say that in some situations the way the questions are worded and the socio-economic background of the student come into play in terms of exposure and experience," he said.

Walsh disagrees with the claims that the tests are racially biased, saying that they are socially and economically biased instead.

"If you have a group of people who have been economically discriminated against, of course the test scores will be lower," she said. "I know that if you could remove

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SIGNING UP: Ralph Gosney, a chemical engineering senior, makes use of the new Student Information Services

registration computer to sign up for next semester's classes with the aid of a terminal operator.

New computer registration has students happy about time saved in getting classes

By CYNTHIA LEWIS
Staff Writer

Although all the kinks haven't been worked out yet, UK officials are confident that the new computer registration system will be quicker for students than the old method.

Students are registering from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. everyday through Nov. 23. Lana Dearing, director of registration and scheduling, said the new computer system is proving very effective.

"It's wonderful," Dearing said. "Students are coming here very well prepared. The colleges have done an excellent job explaining it and advising. The computing center staff has just done an incredible job of supporting the

system. We might have rough spots later, but at least we're off to a good start."

The system did experience some rough spots yesterday. The computer response time lengthened late yesterday causing lines to back up in the Student Center. The problem was cleared up, however, and Dearing said the system is working as it should.

The process involves six steps.

1. Students meet their academic advisers and fill out a blue worksheet which lists the courses they wish to take.
2. Students then pick up individual invitations to register, (ITRs) which tell students their registration date and time.
3. Students report outside 230 Student

Center on the scheduled time and check in to be sure they are eligible to register. All students have a four-hour window from their scheduled appointment time before they are considered late. Students unable to attend the appointment may still go to registration. They will be put on "late arrival" and get another chance to register.

Students should bring their ITRs, the blue registration worksheets and class permits if the course has restrictions.

4. Students then check boards to find out those classes which are open and closed.

5. Once inside room 230, there are 16 terminal operators. Students hand in their worksheets and the operators type in their schedules.

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Bentsen trying to secure Kentucky's vote

By MICHAEL L. JONES
Staff Writer

OWENSBORO, Ky. — Democratic Vice Presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen went on the offensive against Vice President George Bush yesterday, saying that the Reagan administration has "moved this country from the No. 1 lender nation to the No. 1 debtor nation in just three years."

Speaking to more than 500 supporters at the Big Independent Tobacco Warehouse in

Owensboro, Bentsen said the United States has spent \$3.5 billion every year to protect its interest in the Far East.

For example, Bentsen said, although the United States has ships in the Persian Gulf, Japan gets 35 percent of its oil from the Persian Gulf while the United States gets only two percent.

But that only was the beginning of the Bentsen diatribe against Bush, which mainly consisted of attacks on the Reagan

administration policy ranging from trade to drug policies.

Bentsen called for an end to voodoo economics, a label many Democrats place on Reagan's supply-side economics programs.

But in a debate on the UK campus Monday night, representatives for the UK group, Students for Bush, said Reagan's economic policies are not voodoo economics, since the country went from double-digit inflation to single-digit inflation, and

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Wilson handling investigation of basketball theft

By CHERYL WALDRIP
Staff Writer

UK is investigating basketball recruit Shaun Kemp in connection with the theft of two gold necklaces from teammate Sean Sutton's Wildcat Lodge room.

UK Dean of Students Doug Wilson said the investigation, which will determine Kemp's guilt or innocence, will end in a few days.

"It just depends on the availability of the people we need to talk to. It doesn't drag out months," he said.

In September, Sutton reported the theft of two gold chains, worth \$700, from his room in Wildcat Lodge. On Oct. 22, police recovered two gold chains that Kemp pawned at Johnson's Pawn Shop, according to Lexington police reports.

People pawning precious metals or jewelry are required to provide identification and have their pictures taken by the pawn shop, according to a city ordinance.

Sutton could not "unmistakably identify" the chains as his, according to the Suttons' family lawyer, Terry McBrayer, so no charges were filed against Kemp.

Since Sutton did not seek prosecution, Kemp has been cleared by police.

Wilson said Kemp's case is being handled by the dean of students' office in the same way that other student disciplinary cases are handled.

"We don't invent it, there's a procedure that's the same for everybody," Wilson

said. The University investigates by looking at reports from the police, the press, students and faculty, Wilson said.

If there is enough evidence, he said, Kemp will be charged and then will have access to legal counsel to testify on his own behalf.

It is too early to speculate about Kemp's punishment if he is found guilty. Wilson said, but a number of disciplinary options are available.

"The range of sanctions under the code of Student Conduct include everything from reprimanding and letters of warning (to) suspension and dismissal from the University," Wilson said.

Wilson said UK has very different objectives than the legal system when judging cases of student code violations.

"Our primary objective is educational and developmental, not punitive. . . . The extent of what we do deals with the person's status as a student," he said.

The University handles about 50 student code violations a year, Wilson said, which is not high considering UK's large enrollment.

Kemp's name also has been in the news recently in connection to the NCAA's investigation into the UK basketball program.

Kemp has been named in at least one of the 15 NCAA allegations against the UK basketball program, according to published reports.

Commission named to study community college system

By JAY BLANTON
Editor in Chief

A commission has been formed to review the progress of the community college system and evaluate its goals for the future. Charles Wettington, chancellor for the community colleges, announced yesterday.

The commission, which met for the first time yesterday at Lexington's Marriott resort, is composed of 35 business, education and government leaders from across the state.

"We want to look back over our past but particularly look at how the colleges are going over the next few years, particularly through the year 2000," Wettington said. "The purpose of the commission is very simple — to review the accomplishments of the system, to assess its current status, and to provide some direction for the future."

UK's community college system, which is composed of 14 two-year colleges located throughout Kentucky, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

After meeting three to four times during the academic year, the commission will make recommendations about the community college system to Wettington next semester.

Those recommendations will be made available to the University, faculty and

members of the state legislature among others, Wettington said.

The commission, which will be chaired by Wettington and former Gov. Bert T. Combs, will begin its study by examining how the community colleges have performed their mission of providing access to higher education for Kentuckians, Wettington said.

In the last three years enrollment at UK's community colleges has increased by 36 percent. Almost 33,000 students currently attend community colleges.

But the substantial increase in enrollment has been both a blessing and a problem for UK's community college system, since further construction and expansion are needed to handle the increase in enrollment.

Wettington said that the resources community colleges have will be one of the areas the commission will be looking at in the latter stages of the study.

"Resources to do what we need to be doing will simply be addressed later in the actions of the commission," Wettington said. "Not that it's necessarily a lower priority, but I want to work our way through what we're supposed to be doing and then look at what it takes in the way of facilities, (and) in the way of budget to get our job done."

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Sports Editor

UK is tops nationally vs. the pass

By BARRY REEVES
Staff Writer

The hard work is finally paying off for the UK defense. Heading into this weekend's game with Vanderbilt, the UK defense ranks number one in the nation against the pass by giving up only 104.1 yards a game.

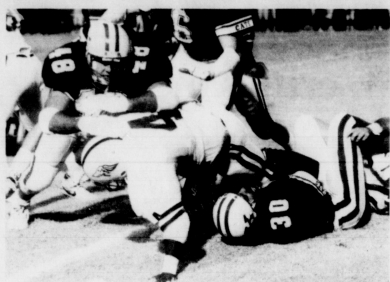
"I can believe it. Claiborne's defenses have always been very tough," Vanderbilt coach Watson Brown said. "Even when he was at Maryland, they were tough."

Claiborne tried to play down the ranking at yesterday's press conference. Claiborne gave the weather and schedule as being the reasons for his pass defenses success this year.

"It's who you play and the type of conditions you play in," Claiborne said.

The UK pass defense will face their toughest challenge on Saturday when they run into the Vanderbilt Commodores. Vandy features one of the best passing attacks in the SEC averaging 236.7 yards a game through the air.

"No question about it. This is our biggest challenge so far," Claiborne said. "They will probably throw more against us than anybody has."



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Joey Couch (48) and Tony Zigman (30) rap up a Southern Illinois runner during last Saturday's game. UK plays Vandy on Saturday.

"It is a very big challenge for us," UK defensive back Ron Robinson said. "After all, they have the number one passing offense in the SEC and we are the number one pass defense in the nation."

The Vandy offense is lead by Heisman Trophy candidate Eric Jones. Jones already has thrown for over 1,300 yards this season.

"I am not saying that he is the best in the conference, but he is very well might be," Claiborne said.

"He's definitely one of the premier players in the nation," UK defensive back Ron Mack said.

The Vanderbilt offense also features the services of standout wide receiver Boo Mitchell. Mitchell is projected to be a first-round draft choice in the NFL next spring. Mitchell is only 153 yards off the

all-time SEC receiving yardage mark of 2,708. The record is held by Chicago Bear Wendell Davis, from Louisiana State University.

"There have been a lot of talented receivers in this league," Claiborne said. "To be the all-time receiver is quite an accomplishment."

"He is very talented," Claiborne said. "He can really get open."

The UK offense has the confidence in the UK defense that a good team must have to be competitive in modern college football.

"I have a lot of confidence in our defense," UK center Brian Cralle said. "I think all the good teams must have that kind of confidence."

Cats hold Blue-White contest in Louisville

By TOM SPALDING
Sports Editor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Chris Mills and Richie Farmer are just freshmen, but they stood out like seasoned veterans in leading the White team over the Blue team in an injury-marred game last night.

UK guard Sean Sutton was taken to the Chandler Medical Center in Lexington after suffering an accidental blow to the right cheek bone by Miller with about eight minutes left in the game.

Sutton's condition could not be confirmed by press time last night. Farmer, a six-foot guard, hit a leaning 14-footer with no time on the clock to give the white team a sloppy 67-65 win over the Blue team in UK's first basketball scrimmage at Freedom Hall.

A crowd of only 9,500 — half the capacity of Freedom Hall — witnessed the game.

Mills led the White team with 21 points and seven rebounds.

"I thought overall for the first scrimmage... there were some encouraging signs," UK coach Eddie Sutton said.

Tied at 65 the Blue squad had a chance at the final shot but freshman forward John Pelphrey was called for a five-second violation with five ticks on the clock to give possession to the white.

Until Farmer's winning shot, neither team could capitalize on last-minute opportunities.

Jayhawks placed on probation

By DOUG TUCKER
Associated Press

MISSION, Kan. — Kansas, the defending national college basketball champion, was put on a three-year probation yesterday by the NCAA for recruiting violations and will not be allowed to defend its title.

In addition to being barred from postseason play in the first-year of the probation, the Jayhawks will not be allowed to have paid campus recruiting visits in 1989 and will be stripped of one scholarship during that period.

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Roberta Peters will perform with the University Symphony Orchestra in a benefit at the Center for the Arts.

Famous soprano performs

By TROY BODY
Contributing Writer

The students in the University Symphony Orchestra will face one of their greatest challenges as musicians on Nov. 2, but they're looking forward to the experience.

The orchestra will perform with renowned soprano Roberta Peters in a gala benefit performance for the College of Fine Arts. The event, which is designed to showcase art and theatre, will begin at 8 p.m. in the concert hall of the Singletary Center for the Arts.

"I think it's great," said violinist Patricia Taylor. "It's a good experience and very enjoyable."

"We will all grow and gain from the benefit," said Music Professor Phillip Miller, the orchestra's conductor. "This is a big learning experience for everyone."

The orchestra's program will be varied, including both operatic arias and popular songs by composer Irving Berlin. Peters will sing arias from three operas: Donizetti's *Don Pasquale*, Verdi's *Rigoletto*, Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*. She also will perform a Fred Astaire medley.

"Technically the music isn't very difficult," Miller said.

Miller noted that the benefit falls between two previously scheduled orchestra concerts, making it necessary for the students to learn a lot of music in a short amount of time.

In addition, some of the music had not arrived in time to be adequately rehearsed.

Despite their extra work, the musicians are excited about the performance.

"It's a great opportunity, and it's for a good cause," said violinist Susan Dentinger.

"I've never had a chance to do anything like this before," said trumpeter Alan Hood. "This is a real benefit for the students and having someone of the caliber of Roberta Peters will add excitement to the concert."

To prepare for the event, the orchestra is devoting additional time to each regular rehearsal in preparation for the benefit.

According to Richard Domek, dean of the College of Fine Arts, "the benefit is a big undertaking."

Domek said the work is worth it because the benefit will raise money and visibility for the University and allow students to see what their peers in the fine arts are doing.

He acknowledged that many students don't seem to be interested in the fine arts. But Domek said that students who do attend "will enjoy the high quality and variety."

After remarks by UK President David Roselle, the fine arts program will showcase the UK Choristers and Brass Ensemble, a tribute to John Tuskus of the Art Department, the UK Jazz Ensemble and a scene from Jean Anouilh's play "Becket." The play will be performed by UK theatre department alumnus Kevin Hardesty and Ed Monaghan.

The gala promises to offer an evening of diversified talent, while raising money for the fine arts.

With hopes of topping last year's balance of \$33,000 the college, in addition to the benefit proceeds, has raised \$3,300 in funds from a phone-a-thon contacting fine arts alumni throughout the nation.

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MUCH

Tickets for the University Symphony Orchestra are \$5 for full-time students (limit one per student ID, limit two IDs per student). The benefit begins at 8 p.m. For more information contact the Singletary ticket office at 606/257-4929.

Doors will open at 8 p.m. for the Amnesty International benefit. 7 Zork 7 and Two Small Bodies will be playing along with Big Wheel. Admission is \$3 at the door. The cover charge will go to Amnesty International.

Big Wheels to perform for Amnesty benefit

By ELIZABETH WADE
Assignment Editor

Big Wheel, an innovative new band composed of members from the Ivy Beats and Squirrel Bait, will be playing at the Amnesty International benefit at Breeding's tonight.

The band, from Louisville, is made up of guitarist Glenn Taylor, singer Peter Searcy, drummer Scott Lankford and bassist Mike Braden.

"Scott, Mike and I used to be the Ivy Beats and Peter used to come up and sing and then we got the idea to do it seriously," said Taylor, a history teaching assistant at UK.

The band has been together one

year and plays mostly original music.

The music, which is influenced by hard-driving bands like Aerosmith and Husker Du, is written originally for acoustic guitar and then jazzed up, said Searcy, former front-man for Squirrel Bait.

"We play beautiful music and rock it up — we try to be as melodic as possible," Searcy said. "It has some meaning — it's not just thrown together."

"Our music is reflective of things we do in our everyday middle-class life, while the guys on the east end of Louisville don't go very deep," Lankford said. "We do not, however, have any religious tendencies in our music."

The group plays a variety of styles ranging from hymnals to

heavy metal. One of their songs, "Burning Down the MiddleHome," is a mellow hymnal, Taylor said.

"It's a song about the perfect household, one like you would see on the cover of a magazine, which is really the shittiest," Taylor said.

"Spanish Salsa," is a funny, goofy song, Taylor said, and "Metallica," is a heavy metal song that they named after the head-banging band.

Two other songs, "Sun God" and "Kid Dynamite" were Squirrel Bait originals. The covers the band plays range from Elton John to Deep Purple — both those are few and far between.

"We will play one or two covers at Breeding's and the rest will be our stuff," Taylor said.

"We have just gotten serious

about playing out," Searcy said.

"We will push it as far as it will go. It is easy to be successful if you are willing to work and willing to make the sacrifices."

The band is well-known in college radio circles and has recently recorded 12 songs in hopes of making an album soon.

Taylor said that UK's student-run radio station, WRFL, plays a few of their songs such as, "Spanish Salsa" and "Kid Dynamite."

Members of the band also have been recognized by national newspapers and magazines such as the *Los Angeles Times* and *Spin* magazine.

Big Wheel will perform with Seven Zork Seven and Ten Foot Pole at 8:00 p.m. tonight at Breeding's. Admission is \$4 and all proceeds go to Amnesty International.

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VIEWPOINT

The lottery is not the only solution to state's problems

Each year, Kentucky loses millions of dollars to Indiana, Illinois and Ohio through lotteries. Tuesday, however, Kentuckians will have the opportunity to keep at least part of that money in the state where it can be used to finance state programs such as education, veterans benefits and programs for the elderly.

Although Kentucky's lottery probably would not bring in as much money as California's or New York's, most estimate say that the lottery would keep about \$70 million in the state.

During his bid for governor, Wallace Wilkinson promised voters that he would implement a lottery that would cure the state's economic woes.

For a state leader to actually believe that, however, would be irresponsible and, as Rep. John Harper put it, "swindling and hoodwinking the voters."

If the lottery amendment passes, Wilkinson proposes to divide the proceeds between funds for an early childhood education program, prescription medicines not covered by Medicaid for senior citizens and a one-time bonus to Vietnam veterans.

While we believe Kentucky should have a lottery, proceeds from it should not be earmarked for any programs.

Because the amount of revenue a lottery will bring in each year cannot be accurately predicted, depending on it to finance a program would be building a house of cards.

Instead, profits should be used the following biennium so state leaders know exactly how much money they can use for programs.

Opponents of the lottery argue that it would prey off the poor people who would spend a majority of their paycheck and welfare checks on tickets, hoping to cash in on the big jackpot.

It is not the government's responsibility, however, to instruct people what they may spend their money on, provided it is within the law.

If anything, a lottery would give all people an equal opportunity to win, not just those with inside information.

Another reason the lottery amendment is opposed is because some fear it will be used as an excuse by state lawmakers not to raise taxes. If the amendment is passed, however, we believe the opposite will be true. Not even the most optimistic analysts envision the lottery satisfying all of the state's needs, but it will illustrate that conforming to the federal tax code and increasing some taxes are the only ways this state is going to build a better future.

Furthermore, there is not going to be a tax increase — at least as long as Wilkinson continues to live in his fantasy world. Therefore, the state needs to get money from anywhere it can.

Polls show that about 70 percent of Kentuckians want the opportunity to play the lottery. On Nov. 8 we hope they get what they want.

Help group is offered to foreign students

Dear Counselor: I am from another country. In fact, being in Lexington at UK is my first experience outside my native land. So far, the experience has been exciting and challenging, but also a little scary. Do others feel as I do? C.C., graduate student.

Dear C.C.: You are definitely not alone. Many students away from home and out of their native country for the first time feel exactly as you do. In fact, students from other parts of the United States comment about "culture shock" when they arrive in Lexington.

Facing a whole new culture can be and usually is a very exciting and enriching experience. And yet, adjusting to various environmental, academic and emotional differences is sometimes overwhelming.

The language might be different, eating habits may differ, concepts of friendship, respect toward one's superiors, rapport with professors, policy towards class attendance, grades in class, may vary immensely.

International students sometimes feel isolated and lonely until they have made friends and understand the new culture more.

A distinct need was felt to provide a friendly and understanding atmosphere for International students who want to talk and express reactions towards a community in which they suddenly find themselves.

With this in mind, an International Support Group was started. This fall with support and encouragement from the International Students' and Scholars' Services and the Counseling and Testing Center at UK.

This group allows the students to interact on a very informal and intimate level with students representing different countries and cultures. During the one hour that the students are together they come up with questions that arise in their minds and with specific experiences that they want to share.

In the process, they learn more about the American and other cultures, all of which helps their

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eventual identification with and acceptance into the American community. Confidentiality is a factor of primary importance.

There is no specific format. Sometimes groups focus on the differences in cultural outlooks about major themes of life such as the meaning of work, religious beliefs, and social customs.

Often times the group offers support and nurturance to a member who has had a rough day or whose feelings have been hurt. Sometimes the group just enjoys the fellowship of each other's company and helps a member celebrate an "A" on a difficult term paper.

The group often offers practical suggestions for dealing with new situations which arise in a different country.

The group is relatively small, with no more than 10 members, and meets once a week for an hour, 415 Bradley Hall. Two groups are open in the spring. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, then all you have to do is go to 113 Bradley Hall or call, 257-6601.

It would help us if you indicate three times and days that best suit your schedule. Please bear in mind that due to space constraints a commitment is expected on the part of each member. The weekly meetings are very important to the members and are therefore taken very seriously.

C.C., you may want to take the opportunity of becoming a part of this group and making more friends.

Students who wish to address their issues can come by the UK Counseling and Testing Center, 301 Frazer Hall, or call, 257-8701.

If you have a problem you would like addressed in the "Counselor's Corner," write, "Counselor's Corner," 301 Frazer Hall, UK, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0031.

Brennan's point of view ...



What miracle?

It is harder to run America than it is Massachusetts

Even the staunchest Republican cannot deny that the Massachusetts economy is extremely enviable. With unemployment at a modest 3.5 percent, not to mention the avalanche of new companies created this decade, Massachusetts is a very prosperous model for the entire American economy to build upon.

The present governor, Michael Dukakis, is, as we all know, the Democratic nominee for president. A basic premise of his campaign rests on that "he wants to do for Americans what he has done for Massachusetts."

By this, the governor takes credit for much of the high economic growth and low unemployment in his state, an economic condition universally dubbed the "Massachusetts miracle."

Can, or should, the governor of Massachusetts take credit for this state's economic vitality? Possibly. But on the other hand, various demographic, economic and political circumstances could account for the results in Massachusetts, much more so than any policies implemented by Gov. Dukakis.

It is very ironic that Dukakis campaigns on how he has revitalized the Massachusetts economy, and at the same time he criticizes the Reagan defense build-up.

In fact, the two are simply intertwined. In 1987, Massachusetts took in \$8.67 billion in military contracts, a sharp increase from \$3.73 billion in 1980. Factor in the Keynesian stimulus and one realizes that the Pentagon has pumped hundreds of billions of dollars throughout the Massachusetts economy during Ronald Reagan's tenure.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology attracts the world's best engineering and science students, luring billions in venture capital for investing in high-technology firms, many of whom are defense related.

Should Dukakis ascend to the presidency and fulfill his promise of defense-spending cuts (i.e. "Star Wars"), his own state of Massachusetts would suffer tremendously.

In fact, the Defense Department's recent slowdown in spend-

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ing — slowdown, not cuts — has already adversely affected small companies in the state.

For example, the Chamberlain Manufacturing Corporation recently laid off 25 percent of the 800 employees of the New Bedford artillery plant. With this slowdown, as a whole, job growth in the state drags along at only 0.5 percent, compared to six-percent growth during the heyday of the Reagan military build-up.

Massachusetts' 3.5-percent unemployment rate should be applauded, but this statistic should be viewed in nationwide context. Specifically, the banking, insurance, etc., and wholesale and retail trade are growing in Massachusetts, but at the same rate as the rest of the country.

David Wilson, a Boston Globe columnist, summed it up this way: "The way with the toughest unemployment problems do not live in Massachusetts."

Nationwide, unemployment among blacks is more than twice that of whites. Furthermore, unemployment among Hispanics runs more than 50 percent higher than among whites.

Consequently, when Dukakis travels to the depressed oil regions of Texas and Oklahoma, or to the farm belt of the Midwest ad espouses once again that "he can do for them what he has done for Massachusetts," he is, in essence, misleading the public.

Taking a closer look, the appearance of an industry-wide miracle occurring in Massachusetts today cannot be found.

Another factor driving down unemployment in Massachusetts is the state's exorbitant housing costs. At \$162,000 for the average home, Massachusetts has the highest housing prices in the nation.

With this deterrent, it is easy to see how few can afford moving to the state, keeping population growth near zero and unemployment low. Thus, this sector of the Massachusetts economy seems to reveal patterns of stagnant growth more than anything else.

The third circumstance account-



ing for the rosy economic figures in Massachusetts rests in the demographics of the state, namely the concentration of minorities, or better yet, the lack thereof.

Nationwide, unemployment among blacks is more than twice that of whites. Furthermore, unemployment among Hispanics runs more than 50 percent higher than among whites. The combined black-Hispanic population in Massachusetts is only five percent.

Most of America has benefited to some degree during the Reagan years, and this expansion certainly has not stopped at the Massachusetts border.

The circumstances leading to the "Massachusetts miracle" are unique. Furthermore, one can easily believe that Massachusetts' bright economy would have existed under a Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative.

No clear evidence reveals that Gov. Dukakis is responsible for this economic expansion.

Simply put, no one man or policy should be heralded for the economic growth in Massachusetts. Gov. Dukakis has been very lucky to get away taking credit where credit isn't due.

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Letters

Column useless

I found the Oct. 25 column by Tim Fogle the most obnoxious piece of self-stroking ego gratifying nonsense I've seen in print.

I question why the editors have allowed Mr. Fogle to contribute silly fiction and little more than letting the majority of 23,000 people see his photo, as his columns have been wasted space.

I have read Mr. Fogle since he wrote for the ECC newspaper, and am familiar with his style, but I see that in the last two year he has not matured enough to know that his writing should show how good he is, not Fogle himself telling us that he is. To be frank, I'm a hard time seeing just how much of the column is "humor" and how much is Fogle.

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Bentsen makes visit to Kentucky

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in the process, put many people back to work.

Answering the charge that Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis believed private citizens should not own hand guns.

Making a reference to his Republican opponent, Dan Quayle, Bentsen said "no way, they're going take my gun away... I happen to be a quail hunter."

Bentsen charged the Reagan administration with allowing cocaine importation to double. He placed the majority of the blame on vice

president George Bush's drug task force.

"The only thing that has gone down in that period of time (the last eight years) is cocaine," Bentsen said.

Bentsen also questioned Quayle's ability to handle the war on drugs. "I've been in a war, and I don't think I want to follow that captain," he said.

Bentsen also challenged the Republicans on higher education. "Any child finishing high school should go to college not as a privi-

lege for a few, but as right for everyone," he said.

Bentsen's remarks about education reflected those registered in a debate Monday night between UK's Students for Dukakis and Students for Bush.

Student debaters for Dukakis claimed that the Massachusetts governor's proposal of providing loans so that students can gradually repay while they work after graduation will put less of a burden on students.

lege for a few, but as right for everyone," he said.

Bentsen said that he was "the only one on the ticket, born and reared on a farm and (who) is still one."

He said that U.S. farmers have lost 14 percent of the farm market under the Reagan administration. Bentsen blamed part of the loss on the lack of a consistent trade policy with Japan.

Proposition 48 draws number of responses

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the socioeconomic differences that blacks and whites would score equally.

Leonard Baird, director of Education Policy and Student Evaluation at UK, says that high school curricula also play a part in the issue.

"A much higher proportion of minority and black students are attending schools that are ill-equipped and in neighborhoods that are not conducive to quiet thinking about algebra," he said.

"It's a very complex issue," Baird said. "If you take bias as adverse impact — how the courts define it — of course they are biased. According to the legal definition, they have a bad effect on minorities."

"It doesn't matter whether the organization says they're biased or not," Baird said.

Although statistics prove that black athletes are adversely affected by Proposition 48 because of test scores, there is no feasible alternative, Davis said.

"The alternative is dangerous — to set two different standards," Davis said. "I think it's best to have one standard and it's the job of primary and secondary schools to bridge the gap — not colleges."

"You can say that whites have to get a 15 on the ACT and blacks must get a 12. That would be a very wrong message to send," he said.

Despite the claims that Proposition 48 is discriminatory because of the standardized test score requirement, the bylaw is generally seen as necessary. Athletes should have to meet academic standards to participate in athletics.

Cameron said the lower performance of basketball players is because basketball seasons are longer and there are more games a

week than other college sports, such as football.

But Sutton is unsure if academic standards should be applied to anything but college admissions.

"Whether Proposition 48 is the answer — I can't answer that," he said. "We certainly have to have some standard to determine if a student should be allowed to enter a university."

Sutton thinks Proposition 48 athletes would improve their grades if they were allowed to practice without competing or traveling.

"They'll do better in the classroom if they're in a structured situation — they're taught discipline and time management," Sutton said. "I think they do worse when they can't be with the team. All of a sudden you take away what a young person has done all his life."

Computer registration

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6. Students pick up the printed schedule before they leave.

Students may add or drop classes everyday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. until Nov. 23. Another registration period is scheduled for Nov. 28-30.

Jon Hesseldeiz, project director of the registration system, said there have been no significant delays.

"We've had excellent response time from the computer.

When we get further down, when there's less choice, we'll have to see what happens. But so far, so good," Hesseldeiz said.

Don Witt, director of advising conferences, said he believes the new system will also take care of the add-drop problems.

"Since students leave knowing what they've got, hopefully it won't be like the old add-drop," Witt said.

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