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Letters to D.C. could sway votes

By Stephen Trimble
Senior Staff Writer

One of Kentucky's U.S. senators deplores the roughly \$10 billion cut from the federal student loan program. The other's view is still unclear.

Students and their parents can still affect the way either Wendell Ford or Mitchell McConnell votes on the Republican proposals that are moving through both the House and Senate.

One thousand hand-written letters — piled high on each senator's desk — could sway either's vote, UK's Vice Chancellor for Administration Jack Blanton said last week.

Neither senator could ignore that large of an appeal for a particular issue — either in favor of or against the cuts, Blanton said.

But only a hundred have arrived at McConnell's office in Washington D.C., said the Republican's spokesman, Robert Steurer.

Students and parents sent about the same number of letters to Ford's Washington office since the proposals were approved last week, said Mark Day, Ford's news secretary.

McConnell hasn't made a clear stand on the issue yet. Ford is "four-square" against any cuts on student loans, Day said, adding the Democrat also opposes cutting the National Service Program, which includes AmeriCorps.

A bill in the Senate would cap the Direct Lending program by 20 percent. It also charges a .85 percent fee on universities for their total student loan volume.

Neither senator has responded to the letter UK Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Elisabeth Zinser sent last week, she said yesterday.

"The proposed fee to act on an unfunded mandate on institutions," Zinser's letter said. "Education is the key to the future for Kentucky's youth and critical to our continued advancement as a state and nation."

"Adoption of this proposal would hamper the ability of institutions of higher education such as the University of Kentucky to contribute to these ends."

The letter also was signed by UK President Charles Wethington.

Does she think the letters mattered? "I think the jury's still out on that one," she said.

Letters from students and parents

probably would be much more influential with the senators, she said.

The spokesmen for both senators agreed that letters have influence.

The Student Government Association will not make any plans for active protest or acceptance on campus regarding the cuts, said Melanie Cruz, a UK sophomore and regional director of the National Association of Students for Higher Education.

Cruz, SGA President Shea Chaney and other student activists will participate in a protest march in Washington D.C. on Oct. 14.

The number of protesters has been estimated at 5,000 students from across the country, she said. The protest is part of a leadership conference sponsored by NASHE, which is a nationwide student lobbying organization.

NEWSbytes

STATE Universities may get new funding formula

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's universities and community colleges would have to meet performance goals as part of a funding plan that a state higher-education planning board is considering.

The plan, which will go before the Council on Higher Education's finance committee next week, calls for performance-based funding to evolve in three phases.

In the first phase, during the 1996 and 1997 fiscal years, each school would develop specific goals and means of measurement. The state would help pay for that effort if the school can show by April 1 that it is seriously working to implement the plan.

In the second phase, during the 1997 and 1998 fiscal years, performance funding would be linked to documentation of a school's efforts to meet specific goals.

Gorbachev hopes U.S. can unify

LOUISVILLE — The United States, as the remaining superpower on the globe, must avoid withdrawing from global politics but still temper its role, former Soviet premier Mikhail Gorbachev said yesterday.

Gorbachev said there is a growing tendency in the United States and in Russia toward isolation. "I would like America to play a unifying role in the world instead of trying to be a policeman in the world," Gorbachev said. "Because the role of policeman is something that you do not need and that the world will not accept."

And Gorbachev said Americans should accept Russians in an honest partnership on the world scene and not merely indulge it during a time of difficulty.

"Russia doesn't like to be patted on the back," Gorbachev warned.

Gorbachev was in Kentucky to accept the Graewemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order.

The award was established by Louisville industrialist H. Charles Graewemeyer. The endowment, which is administered by the University of Louisville, also makes awards in music, education and religion.

NATION Supreme Court to decide on VMI

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will decide whether Virginia Military Institute can remain all-male.

The court said yesterday it will study competing appeals — one by Virginia officials and one by the Clinton administration. A decision is expected by July.

The administration says the only way to guarantee women equal treatment is to admit them to VMI. A separate "women's VMI" began this fall as an unlawful as segregated schools once created for blacks and whites, administration lawyers contend.

Virginia argues that the state-supported military college must keep female students out to preserve its educational goals.

Women can attend other public colleges in Virginia, state officials note.

Even if the women's VMI program were dropped, the state adds, VMI should be allowed to remain all-male.

Opal causes \$1.8 million damage

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. — Under blue skies, the damage wrought by Hurricane Opal became clear yesterday: hundreds of houses smashed into splintered boards, condominiums flattened, hotel walls caved in and boats tossed ashore along 120 miles of eroded beach.

"This is what I call utter destruction," an astonished Al Donaldson said as the homeowner looked over Santa Rosa Beach, west of Panama City.

Opal, which hit land late Wednesday with gusts up to 144 mph, killed at least 15 people and caused an estimated \$1.8 billion in damage to insured property along the Florida Panhandle.

That made it the second-costliest storm in state history after Hurricane Andrew, which inflicted \$1.7 billion in damage in 1992.

Fifteen Panhandle counties were approved for federal emergency aid.

NAMEdropping

Letterman finds his blow-dryer tape

RIO RANCHO, N.M. — Hair stylist Linda Hawrey wasn't kidding when she produced "Blow Dry, the Video," but David Letterman has worked the instructional tape into a network joke.

Hawrey released the video hoping to sell it to people interested in blow-drying and styling techniques.

A Letterman staffer discovered the video on the shelf of a New York City "how to" video store and took it back to his boss.

The host of CBS' "Late Show" was an instant fan. His staffers called Hawrey and asked if Letterman could use the tape on his show. The punch line, they told her, would be: "It blows."

Compiled from wire reports.



HONOR Shirley Rose, a professional adviser in the College of Communications and Information Studies, receives her award from Chancellor Zinser.

Giving good advice

Advisers' honored for helping students handle UK pressures

By Jacob Clabes
Executive Editor

The Office of Undergraduate Studies honored two of the University's student advisers yesterday in a ceremony held on the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower.

Shirley Rose, a professional adviser in the College of Communications and Information Studies, and Lois Mather, an associate professor of agricultural economics and director of undergraduate studies for the College of Agriculture, were presented the University's first annual outstanding student advisers award for 1995.

Nominations for the award are made by students and faculty, and winners are selected by a committee that is appointed to oversee the nominations by the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

"We had a lot of strong nominations from good people all around campus," said Ken Freedman, chairman of the selection committee. "Rose and Mather showed a great deal of promise when working with the students."

Both Rose and Mather were presented

with a plaque and cash award by chancellor for the Lexington Campus, Elisabeth Zinser.

"I am extremely gratified," Mather said. "The satisfaction that we gain from helping a student and then sitting back and watching them grow as a student and then again as a professional is extremely gratifying. Contact with the students is one of the most satisfying jobs that we have as faculty members."

Zinser said the students that Mather has advised over the years have had a great deal of praise for his ability to help them.

"Students praise his ability to listen, his knowledge of the academic system at UK, and his sensitivity in dealing with each individual," she said.

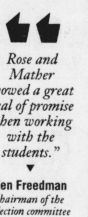
Rose, who began her career at UK 35 years ago as a secretary in the men's residence halls, said that she is surprised by winning the award.

"I'm overwhelmed," she said. "I was very surprised that I was nominated and even more surprised that I won."

Zinser, while presenting the award to Rose, said that students have commented that they are also receiving rewards by the knowledge she has to

help them.

"One person who wrote in support of her nomination said that Ms. Rose has received little formal recognition for her work, probably because she spends so much time seeing that others, especially students, are rewarded instead," Zinser said.



Rose and Mather showed a great deal of promise when working with the students.

Ken Freedman chairman of the selection committee

Student leaders taking UK wheelchair tours

By Jonathan Lifland
Contributing Writer

You don't know someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes. Or, in the case of the disabled, rolled a mile in their tracks.

As part of the 25th anniversary of disability services at UK, students are raising their awareness of the disabled by taking their place for a while. Volunteers are sent on a tour route around UK's campus to find out how wheelchair students get around. The disabled student simulation starts Monday.

Participants also can imitate blindness by wearing a blindfold and using a cane as a guide.

Campus leaders from student government and fraternities are planned to participate in the events. Special education students also will take part.

The purpose is to educate non-disabled students to the experiences of the disabled to increase awareness of the problems they have, such as trying to photocopy on a machine, get a drink of water from a

faucet or get food from a vending machine.

"I would like to thank them for caring enough about my experience," said Sheila Tipton, a social work junior who is physically disabled. "I'm hoping they do it for more than just fun."

To avoid confusion with handicapped students, the simulation wheelchairs have "Wheelchair Awareness Day" printed on the back. While in the wheelchair, the students are asked not to use their legs to help them. The Disability Resource Center, which is sponsoring the simulation, is trying to make the activity as realistic as possible by re-creating the situation of handicapped students on campus.

Students will be asked to go from the DRC office in Alumni Gym to the student center of M.I. King Library and Frazee Hall.

"If you don't know where you're going, you can really get lost," said Tipton.

The wheelchair travel is being done as part of the 25th anniversary of disability services at UK. You might have seen the big blue handicapped signs on

some buildings on campus with the number 25 on them for the celebration.

The campus tour involves students going to campus landmarks to discover the different routes and wrong turns and obstacles for handicapped students.

"One of the best ways to teach is to give others an idea of the limitations," said JoAnn Berryman, a disabled special education teacher. Berryman, who received UK's first-ever handicapped parking pass in 1962, wants to share with others how difficult it is to be in a wheelchair.

"I think (the wheelchair simulation) is a great experience," she said.

Jennifer Feeley, attendant care coordinator at the DRC, said handicapped students aren't offended by the simulation. She says that wheelchair users are glad to have the exposure of their difficulties.

The disability simulation takes about two hours and will run from Oct. 9-27. Anyone who would like to participate can contact Jennifer Feeley at 257-3568.

United Way plans for spectacular

By Patrick Accorsi
Contributing Writer

The UK United Way student campaign will sponsor the third annual Sports Spectacular to benefit the United Way of the Bluegrass on Sunday.

The event will include three-on-three basketball, two-on-two volleyball, three-point shooting and a slam-dunk contest.

The fundraiser will be held at the Seaton Center

on Sunday at 11 a.m.

The UK student campaign is part of the University-wide fundraiser for the United Way. It was created so student organizations could create events that were fun and beneficial to the charity.

The UK students contribute annually to the United Way of the Bluegrass.

"Last year the UK student campaign raised \$3,000 for the United Way," said Jay McCoy, dean of Fraternity Affairs for the University.

Dean McCoy oversees the operations of the student run campaign.

Student Development Council members Pam Stone, Scott Coovert, Brad Eggert and Sterling Wilder are co-chairs for the event.

"This is a great chance for UK students to support the United Way and have fun at the same time," said allied health junior Pam Stone.

Hundreds of students are expected to participate in the various sporting events.

"The Sports Spectacular is a lot fun," said senior Mark Phelps. "I went last year and it is a great way to spend a Sunday."

Pricing for the event is \$30 for the three-on-three basketball game, \$15 for the two-on-two volleyball, three-point shooting and the slam-dunk contest will both be \$5 to compete.

Lexington businesses are also giving their support. Hands On Originals is donating T-shirts free of charge, Steak-Out will donate food and a DJ will be provided. The Student Government Association is sponsoring the event.

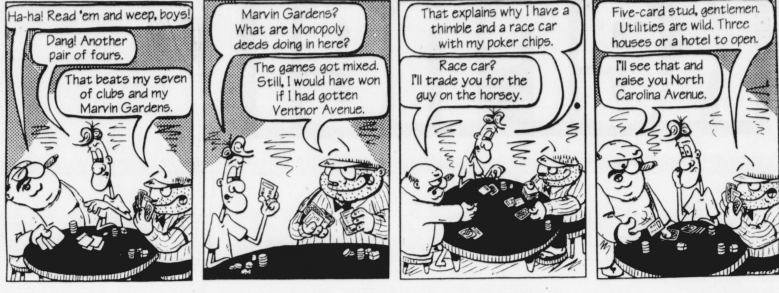
Applications for teams are due in 575 Patterson Office Tower today.

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Young student engineering his place

By Sia Lee Lim
University Wire

Ulas "Darda" Bayraktar, from Turkey, turned 15 in August. He stands at 5 feet 9 inches, has brown eyes, bunny teeth and curly hair. He wears a black baseball hat that has an MTV logo. He is also a freshman in electrical engineering at Oklahoma State University.

Linda Larchick, student adviser for Student Support Services, said Bayraktar is the youngest international student on campus.

"I play the guitar and watch only MTV," he said. "I love music. I want to form a band when I go back to Turkey." He received a few warnings

when he plugged his electric-guitar into an amplifier and played it in his Cate Center room.

Bayraktar has played the piano and organ since he was five. He dreams of becoming a musician, but wants to be an engineer in practice.

But Bayraktar is interested in making money.

"Electrical engineering is popular in my country," Bayraktar said.

His emphasis is in computer science. He's enrolled in 15 hours in engineering physics, introductory sociology, introduction to engineering, calculus II and English 1113.

"It appears that he will be doing very well on this course," said Stan Eliason, professor for math and Bayraktar's instructor for calculus.

He also passed three advanced placement exams in physics, chemistry and calculus I.

"I have no difficulty at all," Bayraktar said. "I have advantages because I can graduate earlier." He said he hardly studies except doing homework for physics and

calculus.

Both Bayraktar's parents are doctors. When his father, Yusuf Bayraktar, a professor of medicine at Hacettepe University, at Ankara, Turkey, received a medical scholarship, the family went to Japan. Bayraktar was five. He studied as an unofficial student in Japan for three months.

Bayraktar learned to say "mizut," which means water in Japanese. When he told his teacher he needed to go to get a drink of water, he ran home instead. He was lost in class.

When he returned to Turkey, his parents tried to enroll him in first grade at a private school. It was full. The school requested that he take an advance English test and he passed. He began school in second grade instead.

Bayraktar was a 14 and a half when he finished three semesters at a Turkish high school.

The family came to Oklahoma because his father received a Fulbright scholarship in medicine to

do research, and practice at Baptist Medical Center and Oklahoma Transplantation Institute.

Bayraktar came a senior when he transferred to Putnam City North High School in Oklahoma City.

"I had enough credits to be a senior," he said.

He spent one semester at PCNHS and came to OU. He scored a 1300 on the SAT and a 27 on the ACT.

Lee Savage, student adviser at Student Support Services, said Bayraktar is a very intelligent young man. They met at a Turkish Student Association picnic.

Bayraktar's parents and his younger brother are leaving Oklahoma in November.

"My wife is very anxious about leaving him here, but I am not," his father said. "He is very independent and can take care of himself. Bayraktar is very helpful, he helps me proof read my research papers, he is better than a secretary."

"I want him to be a doctor, but he is interested in science, math and computers," his father said. "I hope he can get a scholarship here."

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MSU offers alcohol-free tailgating

By Kevin Wu
University Wire

For football fans bothered by the presence of alcohol at tailgate parties, Michigan State University will sponsor a chemical-free alternative at all home games.

From 9 a.m. until kickoff on football Saturdays, the Student Action Team Roundtable, a MSU student organization, will serve a variety of food in an area where alcohol and tobacco are prohibited. Several university organizations will donate food.

The program reflects a general trend toward lowering the quantity of alcohol on campus, said MSU junior Bernie Kuhn. In 1993, the university banned kegs on campus in an attempt to curb underage drinking.

But many students question the policy's effectiveness.

"The only difference is that now there are bottles and cans littering the football field instead of cups," Kuhn said.

Most MSU students agree that non-alcoholic alternatives are a great idea for people who want to celebrate without having beer around. However, some students said the success of this program might prompt the university to reconsider banning alcohol.

Kuhn said banning alcohol from tailgates would be "infringing on a lot of people's rights."

"If I wanted to party, and someone stopped me, I'd be pretty upset," he said.

Some MSU students said they are worried that tailgates without alcohol would put a damper on the spirit before football games.

But Karen Kumon, president of the organization that created alcohol-free tailgates, disagrees. "We're just (raising) with a clear mind, without being intoxicated," Kumon said.

Although Kuhn said students who get out of hand when they're intoxicated should be held responsible, he said, "these are a few isolated cases that don't represent the entire picture."

This story originally appeared in The Daily Northwestern at Northwestern University.

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SPORTS

Wildcats' setter spot up for grabs

Grimes and Bolten competing for time

By Stephen Trimble
Senior Staff Writer

The biographies of the UK volleyball team's two setters appear on facing pages of the Wildcats media guide.

Like a mirror, their careers reflect each other on the opposite pages.

As a sophomore last year, Ainsley Grimes made 1,025 assists, which is the setter's responsibility, in 118 games. Entering the season with the starting role, Grimes had a career-high 78 assists against Alabama.

But she eventually grew tired. The setter is the quarterback or point guard for the volleyball team, and runs the offense throughout the match.

"Ainsley kind of ran out of gas," UK coach Fran Ralston-Flory said. "We ran her to death."

Freshman Fiona Bolten stepped into the starting role toward the end of the season, finishing with 759 assists in 111 games played. She had also had career-highs of 78 assists several times last during last season.

When she took the starting job, albeit near the end of the season, it also tired the first-year player as the team struggled to post a 13-21 record.

"Last year really wore me out," she said.

Now, both setters are fighting for the same job again as the Wildcats (6-8) travel to Baton Rouge, La. tonight to play LSU (10-5), the

Southeastern Conference's West Division leaders. UK will play Arkansas (9-7) at Fayetteville on Sunday.

Ralston-Flory faces a strategic dilemma with her two setters.

Her veteran outside hitters, senior Molly Dreisbach and junior Gina Heustis, seem to respond better when Grimes plays setter, where she has started the past two games.

But Ralston-Flory's emerging sophomore, Cynthia Dozier, seems to play better when Bolten is setting up spikes.

After practice Wednesday, Ralston-Flory said she is considering starting both players and shuffling her offense to accommodate two setters on the court.

"I'm still not sold on it yet," she said.

When the Wildcats play LSU, Bolten and Grimes will most likely rotate into the offense depending upon the match-ups LSU makes, Ralston-Flory said.

Bolten is still recovering from an ankle sprain she suffered in practice on Saturday. The ankle was still swollen and bruised after a practice in Memorial Coliseum on Wednesday night.

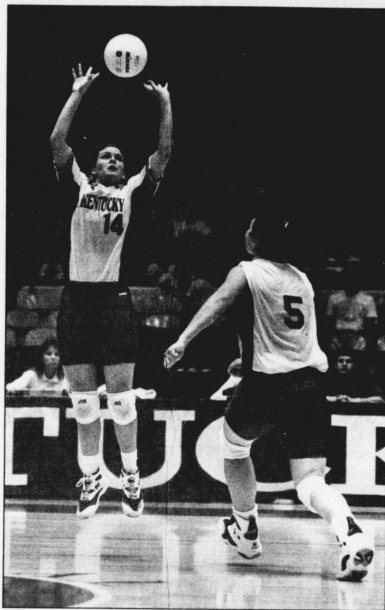
"It's nice and discolored," Bolten said.

But the heavily wrapped joint didn't affect her performance in practice, and she doesn't think it will affect the way she plays against the Fighting Tigers tonight.

"It's tough, it makes you tentative," Bolten said. "But you can't think about that way."

Notes:

▼The team's coaching staff is



WHO'S THE BETTER SETTER Fiona Bolten (No. 14 above) and Ainsley Grimes could both see action as setter in this weekend's road matches.

headed for a homecoming tonight.

Ralston-Flory was an assistant coach at LSU before she was recruited by former Wildcat head coach Kathy DeBoer in 1993.

While Ralston-Flory was at

LSU, she coached Julie Ibieta and Tonya Johnson, who UK's two assistant coaches now.

Ibieta was an All-American in 1992 and Johnson was the team captain in 1993.

Cool Cats ready their own midnight madness

By O. Jason Stapleton
Staff Writer

The UK hockey team finds itself in a new situation at the beginning of this season.

Unlike last year, the Cool Cats are not expected to win their division.

The reason for the modest expectations stems from UK changing its conference affiliation.

Last year UK was in the Southern Collegiate Hockey Association, which consisted mostly of southern schools. UK was conference champion last season.

This year however, UK is in the Mid-West Conference, which includes hockey powerhouses such as Michigan State, Bowling Green and Miami of Ohio.

The general consensus among Cool Cat players is the new conference should provide more competition, but the team still expects to be the forefront of the competition.

"We're in a real tough division this year," said senior wingman Chris Boyd. "We played all the teams that are in it last year, except for two, and we beat them all. So we have a real good chance of winning our division."

UK coach Gord Summers also believes the Cool Cats will be facing a lot tougher schedule this year.

"These are hockey schools we're playing this year," he said. If the Cats are going to win the conference crown this season, they will have to perform well in key matchups with Michigan State and Bowling Green, Sum-

UK vs. Kentucky Legends

The UK hockey team will begin its 12th season of play against a team comprised of former players.

▼FACEOFF: Midnight tomorrow at the Lexington Ice Center.

▼ADMISSION: \$4 at the door, \$2 for children 12 and under.

mers said. "Those are the two most important series because (the teams are) the toughest," he said.

One factor plaguing UK at a disadvantage is that both of these key series take place on the road, with UK traveling to East Lansing, Mich., Oct. 27-28, and Bowling Green, Ohio, on Feb. 9-10.

Boyd, a team captain this season, expects Miami of Ohio to be another key matchup.

"They won the division last year, but they didn't go to the nationals," Boyd said. "They have all their key players coming back except the defensemen."

The Cool Cats only are returning nine players this season.

"We lost quite a few seniors last year and a lot of transfers," he said. "So our freshmen need to step up and play this year, and they've shown us they can."

The Cool Cats open up their season Saturday night against the Kentucky Legends, a group of former Cool Cat players. The game is scheduled for midnight at the Lexington Ice Center.

Summers said the alumni have no chance against his squad. "We'll beat them," he said.

SPORTSbytes

Soccer teams set for action

The UK women's soccer team (7-4) will take on Xavier today at 4 p.m. The game was originally to be played at Xavier, but was moved to Lexington because of wet field conditions. The women will play on the practice soccer fields near the Shively Track.

▼The UK men's team, ranked No. 25 in *Soccer News* for the second consecutive week, will battle Mid-American Conference opponent Bowling Green today at 3:30 p.m. before taking on Western Kentucky at 2 p.m. Sunday.

UK coach Ian Collins will decide by 8 a.m. today if field conditions at Cage Field are appropriate for the game with Bowling Green. The Cats are 10-2.

Other sports also busy

UK's men's and women's swimming and diving teams are competing in their intrasquad meet today at 5 p.m. at the Lancaster Aquatics Center.

UK's men's tennis squad will travel to Athens, Ga., today for the Southern Collegiates.

The UK men's and women's cross country teams will run in the Indiana Invitational today in Bloomington, Ind.

Compiled from staff reports.

Wildcat special teams player fought through two serious knee injuries

By Shannon Hart
Staff Writer

For most athletes, a serious injury such as a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) would be enough to end their career.

Not so for UK safety and special teams player Rob Manchester.

The fifth-year senior has come back from not one, but two completely torn ACL's, one in each knee. Manchester injured his left knee during his junior year of high school. He tore his right ACL after playing four games as a redshirt freshman at UK.

"I had that taste of being out on the field," Manchester said.

That brief stint helped inspire Manchester during his rehabilitation.

"I just wanted to prove to myself and everybody else that you can have two blown knees and two major reconstructive knee surgeries and still come back and play football," he said.

Manchester said he realized his ability to "persevere and be persistent" when he was injured.

"Even though you're knocked down, you can come back," he said. "It just boosts your confidence and self-esteem. It proves you're a tougher person by not letting anything get you down."

Special teams coordinator Bill Glaser said he has been impressed with Manchester's "love of Kentucky. He's proud to be a Wildcat."

Manchester played high school football at Paducah-Tilghman, and said his upbringing and coaches at home have continued to help him while at UK.

"My high school coaches, Coach (Allan) Cox and Coach (Jack) Haskins (UK quarterback Billy Jack Haskins' father), have always inspired me," he said. "But my parents have most of all. They're the ones who told me to keep fighting."

Manchester's current coach, Bill Curry, and his teammates at UK also played an instrumental role during his recovery.

"They wouldn't let me quit even if I wanted to," he said.

Manchester played as a walk-on the past four years.

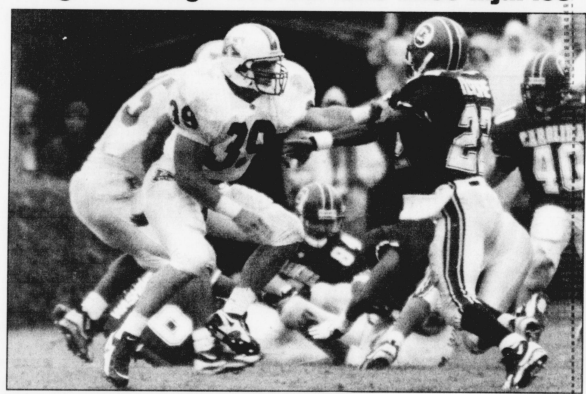
He turned down several scholarship offers from schools like Murray State, Southeast Missouri and the Naval Academy to attend UK.

"I just knew in my heart I could play on the Division I level," Manchester said. "I had offers from Division II schools, but I knew I was better. UK was the best opportunity for me to play and have a chance in Division I."

Glaser said Manchester sets an example for other walk-ons.

"Rob's an example to all the walk-ons of what can happen to you," he said. "He's a good source of encouragement for them."

After Manchester's second knee injury, his immediate goal was "to get back on the field." He was back



COMEBACK KID UK safety and special teams player Rob Manchester (39) finally earned a scholarship this season despite tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in both knees earlier in his career.

on the field as a sophomore and even improved as a player.

For his hard work, Manchester finally was granted a scholarship this season.

"It just made it all worthwhile," Manchester said. "I worked so long and so hard. It's hard to describe. It's just a great feeling.

It's the icing on the cake for me."

Being awarded the scholarship convinced Manchester that "everything pays off in the long run."

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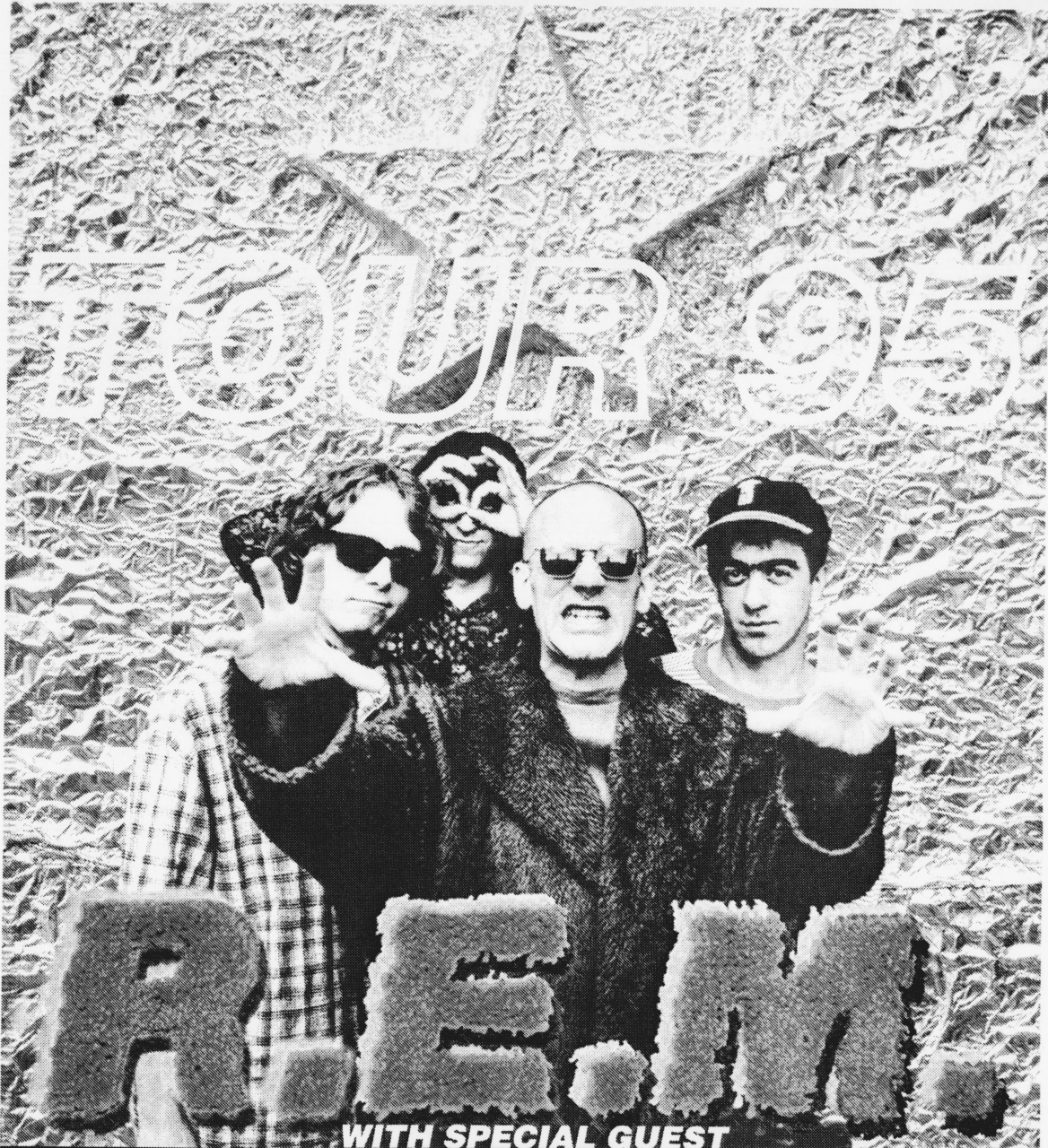
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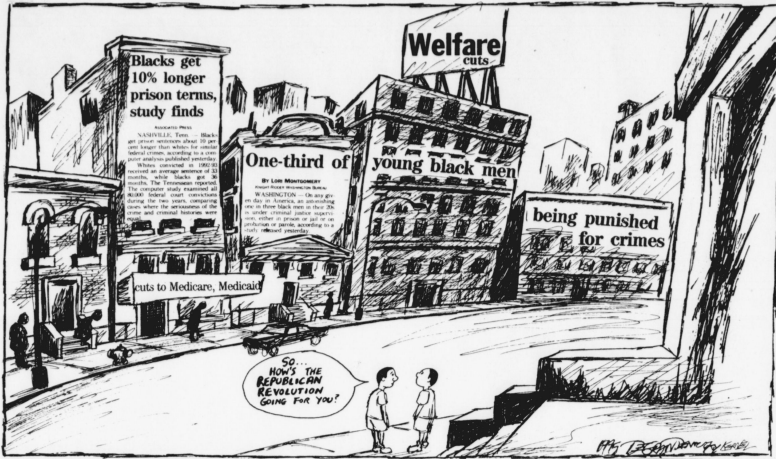
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ViewPOINT



It should've been a conviction and a poetic scolding

Go ahead — roll your eyes, snort, turn away. I don't care, I've written about O.J.

As you read this, you are perusing a broken promise: Never, ever, would I write about O.J. Simpson. But...

I just can't keep quiet anymore. Nine months — nine months! — of testimony, and then the jurors deliberate for an amount of time that — maybe too conveniently — is roughly equivalent to how long it takes in Los Angeles to order, deliver and consume enough pizza to feed 12 people.

I can just see them munching away on a large cheese and pepperoni (the writer's favorite) trying not to smudge their book and made-for-TV movie contracts lying on the table.

The forewoman takes a vote. "All who say O.J. is not guilty, raise your hands," she says. All hands extend into the air. Smiles creep onto their faces. Dollar signs replace the pupils inside their eyes as they begin to dream...

Then they see the juror that kept his hands at his sides.

He's a small, geeky-looking guy in the back of the room. He doubts his colleagues' verdict. He clears his throat, straightens his tie... about to make his case.

He sees the frowning stares pointed at him. His hand reluctantly lifts. Not guilty, the clerk reads later, on all charges.

It's fiction, but it's still revolting.

But what disgusts me most about the whole process — read: understatement — is the lack of theatrics.

Lance Ito is too civil. He needs to vent.

Yell at O.J., scream at the media, shout at Johnnie Cochran — just get it out.

We want to hear it. I want to hear it.

In fact, I almost wish O.J. would have been found guilty, regardless of the facts, just to hear Ito whoop it up in the sentencing hearing.

As we all know — boy do we ever — the jury decided O.J. was not guilty. So we'll never know what Ito may have said for the final words of the trial.

But I'd like to think — call me a romantic — that Ito would have snapped during his final words of the sentencing speech.

Because maybe a whoop-hollerin' sermon from Ito's bench could make good medicine for a society that has grown nearly sterile — if not comical, as this writ-

crime. I think fiery sentencing hearings have a place in this society.

In fact, all judges should throw some fire and brimstone into their sentences.



Stephen Trimble
Kernel Columnist

It could intimidate criminals, and might even put a wrinkle on some overpaid, weasly lawyer.

Of course, bar associations would spew a storm of protest over the lack of proper judicial decorum on Ito's part, and no doubt every commentator and analyst would rant about treating everyone with courtesy.

Even a criminal. What we need is another Judge Roy Bean, a legend of the Old West.

He was a legend because his eloquently brutal sentencing speeches became legends, classics.

Once when a killer, thief and all-purpose bad guy was sentenced, Bean delivered this famous sermon to the convicted.

"Jose Manuel Miguel Xavier Gonzalez," Bean began, "in a few short weeks, it will be spring. The snows of winter will flow away, the ice will vanish, the air will become soft and balmy."

"In short, Jose Manuel Miguel Xavier Gonzalez, the annual miracle of the years will awaken and come to pass.

"But you won't be there. The rivers will run their scaring course to the sea, the timid desert flowers will put forth their tender shoots, the glorious valleys of this imperial domain will blossom as the rose.

"Still you won't be there to see. From every treetop, soft, mellow woodsong will carol his mating song, butterflies will sport in the sunshine, the busy bee will hum happy as it pursues its accustomed vocation, the gentle breeze will tease the tassels of the wild grasses and all nature, Jose Manuel Miguel Xavier Gonzalez, will be glad but you.

"You won't be there to enjoy it because I command the sheriff of the county to lead you away to some remote spot, swing you by the neck from a knotting bough of some sturdy oak, and let you hang until you are dead."

Perhaps that's a little trite for the Simpson trial, but you see my point.

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Lately it seems that the two-party system has been taking a beating. There seems to be a segment of the population which doesn't seem to side with either the Republicans or Democrats.

Whether it be Ross Perot or Colin Powell, there seems to be a growing number of people ready to lead these third-party followers into battle.

It's also a fact that the third-party numbers are growing.

Since the motor-voter bill went into affect, the independent voters are going up. This situation can lead to interesting dilemmas, and may be something to look at over the next several years.

Take 1992, where independent candidate Ross Perot garner 20 percent of the vote, thus leaving President Clinton without a majority of votes. That makes it very difficult to stand behind a president's decision when a majority of voters didn't lend them support.

That's why the idea of a run-off is very important. It's obvious that these new voters aren't going away, and situations like the last presidential election are bound to happen. A presidential run-off provision would ensure that every president elected could a majority of the electoral colleges votes. It also wouldn't necessarily mean that the third-party candidates would be shut out either. It would simply mean the two top vote-getters would run again to find a majority.

What if Clinton, Perot, Powell and a Republican-to-be named later all decided to run? Even Jesse Jackson has mentioned running again.

Those are all national political heavyweights, and three of them would be independents. You could have a winner with only about 25 to 30 percent of the vote.

A run-off provision only makes sense to ensure that a majority of Americans support the President of the United States.

IN OUR OPINION

Editor in chief's column on O.J. seemed racist

The picture Lance Williams painted of the Student Center at 1 p.m. on Tuesday seems itself racist. Why is the Cultural Center filled with black students and the outer lobby filled with white students, both waiting to hear the verdict, a big issue of racial segregation? I believe it is logical, not racist, that most students involved with the M.L.K. Cultural Center are black, therefore they will gather there because they know each other, not as an act of segregation. At any gathering, people who have something in common tend to home in on one another,

not to separate the rest but to be with people they know. Also, why is it assumed the "crowd of whites expected a guilty verdict?" The students quoted are not proof of that stereotype either. The white student saying "Best justice money can buy" and the black student saying "They'll never get him..." he's on his way" both bring up issues unrelated to race.

I'm not denying that there are bigots out there that would love to have had O.J.'s verdict be that of guilt simply because he is a black man, but I believe Mr. Williams read too much into the scene at the Student Center. Writing an article like the one he wrote (whether he meant for it to come across that way or not) only encourages racism rather than helping to end it.

Kathy Hardesty
Engineering sophomore

Principle alone dooms Knuckles

I don't think I have ever heard more ignorant views of anything than your views of justice and race. You say in your viewpoint on Wednesday that "If the jury had been black, I can't imagine what the outcome would have been." Are you saying that a black jury does not know about the real meaning of justice? Are you inferring that a white jury would make the "better" decision by virtue of the fact that their skin is light? If that is what you are trying to say (and I think it is), then God help you in the event that you are tried for a crime and the jury turns out to be black. They might convict you on principle alone.

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Communication senior

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INFORMED SOURCES "MY BASIC anger is these misconceptions."

O.J. Simpson, speaking out for the first time since his acquittal in a telephone call to CNN's "Larry King Live," in which he said prosecutors and legal commentators distorted evidence presented at his trial.

Exposure to controversial media is good for the mind

Remember when you were young and still impressionable? Everything was new to you and so mysterious that each day brought new discoveries and more unanswered questions. I live to experience those feelings simply because I like to be shocked by the new and the controversial. Just last week, I finally went to see "Kids," and everyone's reactions to it tainted my expectations, so I wasn't so flabbergasted, but I had to see it because I knew I would be somewhat shocked — and I definitely was.

Seeing movies these days sometimes becomes an experience of social defiance. The media and public opinion bring the spotlight to some films, often concentrating on them because of the controversial nature. A few years ago when "The Last Temptation of Christ" hit the theaters, people were so outraged by the content that most

people went to see the movie out of basic curiosity, and to see what it was that everyone was so irate about.

Recently, in Poland, the same phenomenon occurred.

That country is just now experiencing the waves of shock that erupted through America some time ago over the controversial movie, "Priest," in which the Catholic clergy were not portrayed in the most favorable light.

Protestors outside theaters yelled at moviegoers, daring them to enter the theater of sin that was so bold and corrupted to show the movie despite public outcry and opposition.

One woman actually expressed a hope that one patron would "get AIDS."

What a nice comment from a religious person who was trying to preserve the perfect image of the Church.

It's a shame that politics seems to find its way into this industry. Back in America, the debates over federal funding for the Arts caused a great stir because it seemed unfair for the government to take money away from the intellectual endeavors of artists.

Bob Dole jumped on the bandwagon and attacked the movie industry for making

movies like "True Romance" and "Natural Born Killers" because they capitalized on violence and purportedly sent the wrong message to our youngsters.

What was that message, Bob? That violence exists and that things like movies instruct people that violence is good and desirable?

These kinds of comments really make me laugh. To assume or to speculate that our country is in a moral decline because of violence in the movies is tantamount to saying that kids are bad today because women took to the work force instead of staying at home with them. It takes away the

importance of individual decision making. No child or adult goes out and murders because they see movies that have death and murder in them. If the person is already messed up and deranged, he or she might take pointers from "Faces of Death," but the movie itself doesn't create weirdos.

The Polish protestors and Bob Dole share common ideologies. They look to an easy and accessible source to lay blame instead of looking to the real causes of social problems.

It's much easier to use a movie as a scapegoat than it is to take a close look at the social unrest and economic disparity that often leads to the kind of violence that politicians and the public alike bemoan.

This is why the Polish need to calm down. Just because a movie takes a sacred institution and reveals truths about it that tend to

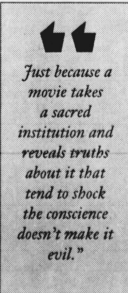
shock the conscience doesn't make it evil. There are still things in this world that aren't perfect. "Priest" takes a look at the Catholic Church and exposes its components, revealing some negative aspects in the process. To deny the merits of the movie and to protest its existence is to protest life and reality.

Criticizing the content of a film because it goes against a perceived notion of one's personal world view is a grave mistake because it not only disregards an artist's view, but it also disregards the import of freedom of expression. If you don't like the implications of a movie or a work of art, don't see it, express your distaste, but don't deny other people the freedom to see it. Scapegoating solves no problems, it only creates them as it fosters ignorance and misunderstanding. After all, seeing the world in a new light may just open your mind to the diversity of people and ways of life. They, you may just learn something.

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DiVeRSions

Shallow talks about life on the road

By Robert Dully
Assistant Arts Editor

Editor's note: Last Sunday I had the opportunity to spend close to an hour interviewing the band members of Shallow in their tour van.

Q: After doing one local show on the Lollapalooza tour, you guys were asked to headline the third stage for the rest of the tour. How did that go?
Ryan: It was weird, sometimes I got the feeling almost like, what the hell are we doing here?

Stephen: Yeah, when I got home from it, it was like, "Dude, I've been so far out reality for the past month and a half it's unreal." I didn't know anything about the outside world; we were either in a van, a motel or an amphitheater. It was like you were traveling in a circus.

Q: What was the strangest thing that happens to you guys on the tour?
Ryan: For me it was when Perry Farrell grabbed my balls (everyone laughs). Definitely the strangest thing that happened on the tour. It's a true story!

Porno: For Pyros was playing on our stage in Los Angeles, and Farrell was there. I was standing there talking to Moby ... and

Perry walked by and says "Hey Moby, I'm really sorry about grabbing your nuts." Apparently he had grabbed Moby's nuts the night before and Moby's a big reborn Christian and apparently wasn't too happy about it. He said it was just something we do, we grab each other's nuts, and he reached over and he grabbed my nuts!

I called my girlfriend up and told her about it, and she asked why I was so excited about it. That was probably the weirdest thing.

Jason: I can't top that.
Q: How do you guys like touring in general?

Julie: We liked it with Lollapalooza, but this time ...

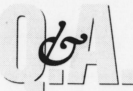
Jason: We still like it, but it's harder when you're playing for people that just don't want us to be there.

Stephen: Some of the best crowds that we've had on this tour were the smallest crowd, like eight people, but then we played for this really big crowd for this one club and someone threw something at Julie and we were obviously weren't wanted so we got paid and

got the hell out of there.

Jason: Yeah, we do this big finale and then we're done, and we look up, and everyone's like, "what the fuck?"

Julie: One show in some town there were quite a few people there but, well, we've had this thing about playing with hands that sound like Dave Matthews, and that's who they wanted to hear.



They didn't want to hear us, and we get up on stage and they want us to play an even longer set than we were supposed to. It was already an hour

long, and they wanted us to play two sets of 50 minutes, so we played one set, and they wanted us to play another set, like these people even wanted us to come back, right?

We had all our equipment on this little, dinky stage; it was so loud, and we played 30 minutes and then went into this noise and we played 30 minutes of noise. Everyone was gone except for the people that wanted to say, "Every-

one that was drinking, they were gone; I mean, we got rid of them.

Q: Did you have any break in between Lollapalooza and this tour?

Julie: We had a week and a half off. That's why I think this is so bleh, because we had one week and a half off. Before we were gone six weeks and now we're gone six weeks again.

Stephen: We've been pretty much gone since July 10.

Julie: If this was just a month, and we'd been home a month before it'd be different but now it's just uhhhhh...

College is in, we play weekdays and everyone just starting school and they don't come out really that much.

Q: What about your future goals? What do you guys want to do next?

Julie: Take over the world.
Stephen: Rearrange the planets.

Q: How about musical goals?

Jason: We have an EP coming out in January that's already done. ... We're so proud of it, more so than the record because of the production. The songs are really well done.

Stephen: I also might get an organ (everyone laughs).
Julie: I might get a pony.
Jason: I might donate an organ.
Ryan: Hey, I need one!

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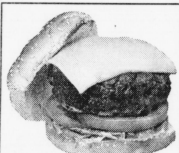
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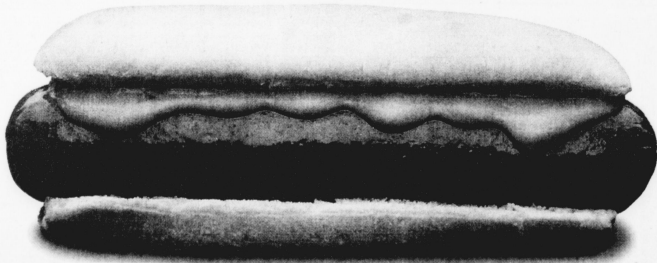
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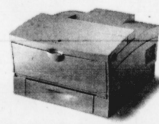
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