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Non-traditional obstacles



JOHN WAMPLER | KERNEL STAFF

Jerry Price, president of the Non-Traditional Student Organization, takes out a book in his 9 a.m. decision and information sciences class. Price and other non-traditional students say they face struggles at UK.

Back to the classroom: Non-traditional students face stereotypes, difficulties navigating college system, say UK could do more to help

By Joon-kyeong Lee
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Madelyn C. Twyman once brought her daughter to class with a cast on her arm after her daughter broke it. The 10-year girl thought it was pretty neat. "But she thought the best part was going for lunch with mom afterward," said Twyman, a part-time accounting senior.

Non-traditional students often stand out from the crowd because they frequently juggle full-time jobs, financing, family and academic responsibilities, and that might mean having to take a daughter or son to class, as Twyman did.

Margie Cherry, a social work graduate student, struggles to make time to hang out with her son.

Picking between diapers and books is always a problem, she said.

"As a non-traditional student, I face many challenges that traditional students don't comprehend," Cherry said.

David Carroll, a communications senior, who has done a class project on perceptions of non-traditional students at UK, said one of the most difficult tasks is class-related.

"When a non-traditional student is thrown into the mix (of the class) ... that upsets the expectations, and things aren't as nice and neat," he said.

Carroll said he's been stereotyped.

"Instructors often respond with surprise when I make a comment that the teacher didn't expect to come from a 30-something white guy — I am expected to have a white conservative view on the world," he said.

"It makes it very interesting sometimes, other times frustrating," he said.

Nationwide, more non-traditional students are attending colleges or universities. According to the U.S. Department of Education's analysis released in August 2002, 73 percent of all U.S. undergraduates in 1999-2000 were in some way non-traditional. The figure was calculated by consideration of job, part-time enrollment, age and parenting status.

UK doesn't exactly reflect the trend, though. Last year, 32 percent of the total enrollment was age 25 or older and 19 percent were part-time students, according to UK's statistics. If Lexington Community College is included, the proportions increase.

Compared with 10 years ago, these figures are slightly lower. In 1992, 57 percent of the UK students were non-traditional students. That number includes part-time students.

Non-traditional students aren't the minority. Yet their special needs and issues are often overlooked when UK budgets student services, students say.

Older students need flexibility in course scheduling, including evening and weekend courses or correspondence courses, said Cecile McKinney, the UK Evening and Weekend College coordinator.

Coping with foreign language course requirements is also a difficulty that older students often talk about, McKinney said.

"Because they had been out of school for a long time, they are usually unable to draw from any previous foreign language background," she

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UK makes deal with Northwest

Cheaper flights: Faculty and staff get 5 percent off

By Rebecca Neal

STAFF WRITER

An agreement reached between Northwest Airlines and UK will give UK faculty and staff members a 5 percent discount on business travel.

Marc Mathews, senior associate controller, said the discount should help UK reduce its travel expenses.

"Last year we had a total travel cost in excess of \$10 million," he said.

The discounted flights must be booked through a designated travel agency, Mathews said: AAA Travel, Avant Travel or Commonwealth Travel. Mathews said other travel agencies will be designated as employees request it.

Bradley Canon, a political science professor, said a discount would help stretch his travel dollars. He said his department gives him travel money, but he went over by about \$300 last academic year.

"We get a certain amount of travel money, and if you exceed it, then you have to pay the difference," Canon said.

Canon said that discounts with more airlines would be useful.

"I almost never go where Northwest goes," he said.

Mathews said UK also has arrangements with ATA Connection for employees' personal and business travel. He said the discounts range from 5 percent to 15 percent.

Mathews said the discount can be obtained by calling ATA. When asked about a "star profile" code, faculty should say "University of Kentucky" for the discount, he said.

Jack Blanton, the senior vice-president for administration, said the flight discounts is the beginning of a travel management plan that UK is developing.

"We've had other discounts for lodging and car rental, but this is a first for airlines," Blanton said.

Mathews said UK is looking at other travel plans.

"We're trying to model our plan after corporate travel, like IBM," Mathews said.

Another professor said he wasn't sure that the discounted tickets would be cheaper than his current arrangement.

"Hotwire.com has beaten any price I've found, so I'd have to compare this new discount with it," said Harald Hoebusch, an assistant German professor.

Hoebusch said he thinks the online discount sites are easier than going through a travel agency for the discount.

"I haven't booked through a travel agency in a long time," he said.

Fly off

To book a discounted Northwest Airlines flight, call one of the following agencies:

AAA Travel: 225-5222
Avant Travel: 233-0000
Commonwealth Travel: 277-7135

For more information about the ATA Connection discount, call 877-726-0815.

Speaker to share anti-abortion views

By Abby Heath

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Kristen Vance said she sacrificed everything in her pursuit of true love and happiness, including her unborn child. She thought she was doing what was best for her; now she says she made a selfish choice, and it was a mistake.

Tonight at the Wesley Foundation, Vance will be sharing her experiences with the UK community.

"I want to speak publicly so that hopefully others will see the trap that I fell into and decide to go down a different path in their lives, always seeking the truth in everything before making a decision that will affect the rest of their lives," she said. "I want others to avoid the heartbreak that I have endured and still endure because I learned the truth after it was too late."

Jessica Burke, the co-president of UK Students for Life, the sponsor of the visit, said she hopes Vance's testimony brings the debate over abortion back into people's minds and makes people realize that a woman carries a baby, not a non-human fetus.

"Kristen was invited to speak because she, better than any of us, can explain what effect an abortion has on a woman because she has had one ... she has experienced it," Burke said.

Vance said abortion is a pivotal issue, and she hopes to encourage people to learn more about it.

"I hope that people will see how I stubbornly lived a lie because I refused to see the truth, and I hope that they will not make the same mistakes," she said.

In order to reach a wide audience, Vance shares her experiences with college, youth and church groups. Vance regularly teaches buzz groups at Fellowship of Christian Athletes youth and leadership conventions.

Vance said she has found meaning in sharing her experiences.

"Even though I sometimes face opposition, it is always a positive experience to share the truth," she said.

Vance said she encourages people who are pro-choice, undecided, considering abortion, or those who have had an abortion to hear her speak.

"My story will be one of healing and hope and a challenge to indifference, so I would especially encourage those to attend who think abortion has nothing to do with them," Vance said.

If you go

Hear Kristen Vance speak about her abortion tonight at 9 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation on Rose Lane.

Court will hear college affirmative action case

At stake: Justices will consider how much weight, if any, universities can assign to an applicant's race

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide if minorities can be given a boost to get into universities, a subject still heatedly contested a quarter-century after the justices first addressed affirmative action in college admissions.

The court will tell universities how much weight, if any, they may assign to an applicant's race.

At stake are race-conscious admissions policies at many public and private colleges, law schools and medical schools.

The only time the Supreme Court considered a college race case, the justices issued a split 1978 ruling that banned racial quotas but

gave states little other discretion.

Both sides of the affirmative action debate wanted the court to try again.

Justices will consider whether some white applicants to the University of Michigan and its law school were rejected unconstitutionally because of their race, under the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection for all under the law.

Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman said the outcome "will have a profound impact on our nation's higher education system and on our race relations broadly ... Now is not the time to turn back the clock."

"The color of your skin determines so many important things about your life

experience — where you live, where you go to work and with whom you work. Race still matters in our society. The ideal of colorblindness does not mean we can or should be blind to that reality," she said.

Opponents contend that race-conscious policies hurt white college applicants by giving slots to less-qualified minority prospects.

"They're also unfair to minorities who are stigmatized and held to a demeaning lower standard," said Curt Levey, a lawyer with the Washington-based Center for Individual Rights, which is representing white students in the challenge.

Levey said black enrollment initially fell when race considerations were abandoned in public colleges in California, Florida, Texas and Washington state. But he said the numbers are in-

creasing, proof that race does not have to be a factor in admissions in the rest of the country.

The Supreme Court announced separately Monday that it would resurrect another controversial issue: whether states can punish homosexuals for having sex.

The court ruled in 1986 that consenting adults have no constitutional right to private homosexual sex. Justices will reconsider that in an appeal filed by two men prosecuted under a Texas law that makes it a crime to engage in same-sex intercourse.

The court will hear arguments in the cases next year, and its decisions will be made public before July just as some justices may be contemplating announcing retirements from the court.

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COURT

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Only two of the justices who considered the 1978 affirmative action case still sit on the court — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice John Paul Stevens. Rehnquist, 78, is considered the most likely retirement prospect. He was not at the court Monday because of leg surgery.

"This issue is not going to go away, no matter what," said Theodore Shaw, counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, part of a consortium of groups that urged the court to review the affirmative action cases.

A divided appeals court upheld the law school's admission practices in May, saying the Constitution allows colleges and graduate schools to seek "a meaningful number" of minority students, so long as the school avoids a fixed quota system.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati has not ruled in a companion case addressing Michigan's undergraduate policy. Justices took the un-

usual step of taking the case anyway, without awaiting a ruling.

The last college affirmative action case at the high court involved Allan Bakke, a white man rejected for admission to a California medical school while minorities with lower test scores got in through a special program.

The court on a 5-4 vote outlawed racial quotas. Justice Lewis F. Powell wrote separately that schools could still consider race, so long as they did not use quotas. Courts around the country have set contradictory rules, based in part on Powell's opinion.

"Many questions cry out for clarification," lawyers for white law school applicant Barbara Grutter told justices in a filing.

About 15 percent of the first year Michigan law students belong to racial or ethnic minorities.

The Supreme Court was told that without diversity considerations, the number of minorities in a freshman class could plunge to fewer than 4 percent. Overall, more than 13 percent of Michigan's 39,000 students are black, Hispanic or American Indian.

The cases are Grutter v. Bollinger, 02-241, and Gratz v. Bollinger, 02-516.

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Jerry Price, president of the Non-Traditional Student Organization, looks over work with Stephanie Estes, a fellow non-traditional student, in their decision and information sciences class.

said.

"I spent extra money getting a tutor for a required Spanish class," said Jerry Price, the president of the UK Non-Traditional Student Organization. Like the math tutoring program sponsored by the math department, a similar system for required foreign languages is needed, he said.

Affordable childcare, convenient academic advising and equitable transfer of credit are more issues the university should address, Price said. "We need a leg-up. Even the Donovan Program for senior citizens is supported by the university for academic and age diversity," Price said.

"My husband and I have made the sacrifice to live on one income, so I could finish my education. We can barely afford diapers, let alone childcare," said finance senior Stephanie Estes, a mother of two children under two years old.

"When classes are not scheduled conveniently for people like me, it makes it difficult to fit in the classes I need to graduate," she said.

To work with these issues and help each other, non-traditional students have gathered under the Non-Traditional Student Organization. Established in October 2001, so far, it's a "self-help group" receiving little funds or aid from the school. The group is working with several channels to increase interest through scholarships and services for adult students.

The members' regular activities include picnics and discussion meetings. The next meeting is scheduled Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. Though the title is non-traditional students, Price said the organization is open to all members of the UK and LCC community.

"No discrimination of any kind allowed," he said.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIMEREPORT

Selected reports from the UK police from
Nov. 25, 2002 to Nov. 29, 2002

Nov. 25: Theft from 343 Martin Luther King Blvd. reported at 7:22 a.m., two watches and two rings stolen from basement mens dressing rooms.

Nov. 25: Theft from Redmons reported at 2:58 p.m., I.D. and license stolen.

Nov. 25: Suspicious person reported at 3:36 p.m., female panhandling.

Nov. 26: Theft from 465 Rose St. reported at 6:29 a.m., unknown persons broke into vending machines.

Nov. 26: Criminal mischief at 850 Rose St. reported at 7:33 a.m., car keyed last Friday in parking garage.

Nov. 26: Suspicious person at Taylor Education Building reported at 2:56 p.m., male harassing persons in building.

Nov. 27: Burglary at 725 Rose St. reported at 2:23 a.m., lockers broken into.

Nov. 27: Criminal mischief at 1400 Nicholasville Road reported at 9:37 a.m., damage to vehicle.

Nov. 27: Disorder at 300 Alumni Drive Apts. 228-242 reported at 1:31 p.m.

Nov. 27: Trespassing at Scott Street Building reported at 3:47 p.m., older woman panhandling money.

Nov. 28: Criminal mischief at 329 Columbia Terrace reported at 9:56 a.m., someone threw bottle through living room window.

Nov. 29: Theft at 700 Woodland Ave. Apts. D2-D227 reported at 1:12 p.m., keys stolen.

Source: UK Police Log at www.uky.edu/Police and police reports.

Compiled by staff writer Emily Hagedorn



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Inspections continue

Iraqis look on as the vehicles of U.N. weapons inspectors leave after a visit to an alcohol factory in Khan Bani Sa'ad, 30 kilometers (20 miles) northeast of Baghdad on Monday. A team said to be from the U.N. nuclear regulatory agency visited three alcoholic beverage plants on Baghdad's outskirts.

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UK Students for Life

It was fall semester 1993 and I was a freshman who had big hopes of becoming an artist and living the "American Dream." I was constantly looking for fulfillment in whoever I was dating at the time. I believed that I would be content and happy if only I had that special someone to share my life with. I sacrificed everything in my pursuit of "true love" and "happiness" including my child. I believed that my baby was not yet a person because I had been constantly fed that lie through high school. I wanted to believe that my baby was more like an animal going through evolutionary changes. I wanted to believe that he couldn't feel anything, and I wanted to believe that he was just a blob of tissue. My heart was telling me that all of those things were lies but I wanted to believe them because I had reached the height of selfishness by making my own priorities more important than human life. It was only after my abortion that I found out the truth. For years after that I suffered the impact of the choice I had made as I became more aware of just how human my baby was. I never found the contentment and happiness that I was looking for in my career or in another person but I did find True Joy and True Love in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Come hear the whole story on Tuesday night!



9:00 p.m. Tuesday December 3rd
Wesley Foundation (508 Columbia Avenue)
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Towering heights: Film takes various sports above usual expectations

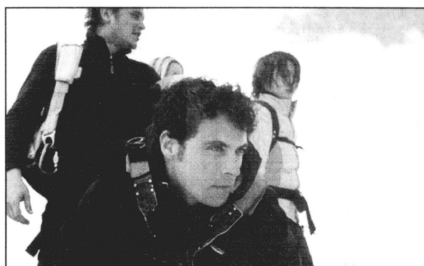
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Last summer, we had XXX, about an extreme sports artist who captures his elaborate stunts on videotape, then tangles with Eastern European terrorists.

Now, we have *Extreme Ops*, about a whole posse of extreme sports artists who capture their elaborate stunts on videotape, then tangle with Eastern European terrorists.

But the movie should have been called YYY — as in, why was it made? Why would any actor want to appear in it? And why would anyone want to see it? The impossible plot and laugh-out-loud dialogue would have been tolerable if the tricks were impressive. But the blue-screen effects look fake, and it's obvious where the actors end and the stuntpeople begin; so *Extreme Ops* isn't even enjoyable as a guilty pleasure.

The climactic stunt — a group of skiers and snowboarders try to outrun an avalanche — has been done better twice already this year in the new James Bond movie *Die Another Day*.



Crazy sports ... Sports enthusiasts take their love for thrills to the limit in the film *Extreme Ops*. Highlighting snow skiing, snowboarding and many other sports, *Extreme Ops* promises intense action.

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The naturally visual subject matter was far more engaging in a 1999 IMAX documentary that followed the real athletes titled, appropriately enough, *Extreme*. Here, we're stuck with prissy producer Jeffrey (Rupert Graves), gonzo cameraman Will (Devon Sawa), and intrepid director Ian (Rufus Sewell), who are shooting footage for a digital video camera commercial.

In front of the camera are punk rocker Kittie (Jana Pallaske), a Fairuzza Balk look-alike, idiot daredevil Silo (Joe Absolom), and Chloe (Bridgette Wilson-Sampras), an uptight gold medal-winning downhill skier who's only included for

celebrity face time. While exploring the freezing mountainous terrain — which looks neither freezing nor mountainous — Will accidentally shoots video of Pavle (Klaus Löwitsch), a Serbian war criminal who faked his own death.

Pavle is hiding out with his saucy fur-clad girlfriend, Yana (Liliana Komorowska, who's married to the director, Christian Duguay), and his blindly loyal son, Slavko (David Scheller). And because it's a small world up there, Pavle hears about the videotape and assumes that Will must be a CIA agent.

He and his garden-variety thugs hop in their helicopter and try to blow away

the snowboarders so that their dastardly plan for world destruction, or something, is not exposed.

But there's still time for high-altitude hijinks, involving Chloe and Kittie in a beer-soaked hot-tub romp.

More baffling than what the terrorists are after is why these actors said yes to this project.

Sewell is a classically trained British stage actor who's played Macbeth on London's West End. Graves became a heartthrob in the mid-'80s when he co-starred in the Merchant-Ivory film *A Room With a View*. And Wilson-Sampras — wife of tennis star Pete — couldn't possibly need to work this badly.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR
Week of December 2-8

The Campus Calendar is produced by the Office of Student Activities, Registered Student Orgs, and UK Depts. can submit information for FREE online ONE WEEK PRIOR to the MONDAY information is to appear at: http://www.uky.edu/Campus_Calendar. Call 257-5887 for more information.

Tues 3

MEETINGS
*UK Students for Life, 5:00pm, Wesley Foundation
*Alpha Kappa Psi Meeting, 7:30pm, B&E, Rm. 148
*Anime, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119
*Alpha Psi Omega Hedge Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 359
*UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 331
*TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave
*Landscape Society Meeting, 6:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
*Conversational English Class, 5:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
*Lafayette Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
*Pro-Life Speaker on PAS, 9:00pm, Wesley Foundation, Rm. Basement

ACADEMIC
*L.E.A.P., 10:00-10:50am Frazer Hall
*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Commons Rm.307

SPORTS
*UK Basketball Game vs. High Point, 8:00pm, Lexington, Ky
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

SPECIAL EVENTS
*The Gift of Life Challenge
*Alpha Kappa Psi Dues Ceremony, 7:30pm, B&E, Rm. 148

Weds 4

MEETING
*Pre-Physical Therapy Student Association, 6:30-7:30pm, W.T. Young Library, Rm. 143
*Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
*Institute of Religion/Doxtrine & Covenants Study, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119

Table Française, French conversation group, 3:00-4:30pm, Blue Hall, Private Dining room, FREE!
*Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Garrigus, 2nd floor conference room

ACADEMIC
*Chemistry Tutoring 105/107, 6:00-8:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
*Biology All 100-level Tutoring, 6:00-8:00pm, Commons Rm.307
*Advanced Japanese Tutoring, 6:00-8:00pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room
*Math Tutoring, 1:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building
*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*French Tutoring, 2:00-4:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby

SPORTS
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
*Equestrian Team, 8:00pm, Ag. North Building

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Sigma Alpha Epsilon/Alpha Delta Pi Christmas Party
*The Gift of Life Challenge

ARTS/MOVIES
*Art at Lunch, 12:30pm, UK Art Museum, Free!
*UK Lab Band and Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:00pm, Singletary Center, Free!
*French Film Series, 7:00pm, Young Library Auditorium, Free!

Thur 5

MEETINGS
*Pre-Physical Assistant Studies Student Association, 5:30pm, Health Sciences Learning Center, Rm. 501B
*Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:50pm, UK Medical Building 2nd Floor
*Devotions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00
*Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Synergy, 8:00pm, CSF Building
*Mensary International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228

ACADEMIC
*Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 6:00-9:00pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room
*French Tutoring, 3:00-4:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby
*Math Tutoring, 12:00-6:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building

SPORTS
*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch

SPECIAL EVENTS
*The Gift of Life Challenge
*Sigma Alpha Epsilon/Alpha Delta Pi Christmas Party

Fri 6

MEETINGS
*Revised Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245 FREE!

ACADEMIC
*Math Tutoring, 1:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building

SPECIAL EVENTS
*The Gift of Life Challenge
*La Residence française, 5-6pm, Keeneland Hall

SPORTS
*UK Hockey Game vs. Ohio State, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, \$5.00 at the door
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 6:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ARTS/MOVIES
*Viola Recital, Modesto Marcano, 12:00Noon, John Jacob Niles Gallery Series, Rm. Leslie Caswell Little Free Arts Library

Sat 7

SPORTS
*UK Basketball Game vs. North Carolina, 2:00pm, Chapel Hill, N.C.
*UK Hockey Game vs. Ohio State, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, \$5.00 at the door
*Tae Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30 pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ARTS/MOVIES
*Christmas Collage, 8:00pm, Singletary Center

Sun 8

MEETINGS
*International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 253

ACADEMIC
*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Commons 307
*Chemistry Tutoring 105/107, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
*Biology All 100-level, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby

ARTS/MOVIES
*Holiday Open House, 1:00-3:00pm, UK Art Museum, Free!

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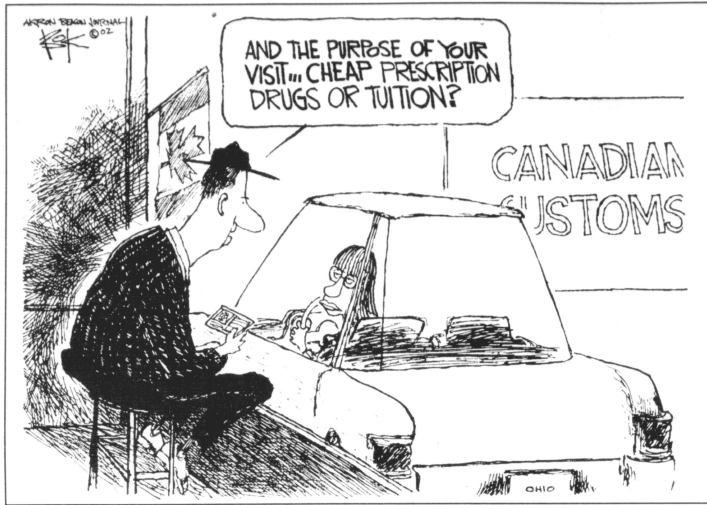
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Bars should set smoking policies

At last check, Lexington's restaurants, bars and taverns were private entities. And smoking, despite its well-documented health risks, was still legal.

But members of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council disregarded these facts and voted Nov. 26 to begin drafting an ordinance that would ban smoking in the city's restaurants, bars and taverns.

In a past editorial, the Kernel criticized Lexington Mayor-elect Teresa Isaac's support of a city-wide vote about a smoking ban because the matter is a private issue.

But in choosing between a lesser of two evils, Isaac's plan is preferable to a lame-duck council banning smoking.

The measure passed by a 8-to-7 vote. Two of the supporters will no longer hold seats when the new council is sworn in. Despite this, Councilman David Stevens, the chief advocate of a ban, is pushing for a vote by Dec. 12.

He says the council must act quickly to prevent the state legislature — backed by tobacco lobbyists — from emptying such an ordi-

nance. The state legislature will convene in January. Proponents argue Lexington's citizens will not want a lawmaker from Paducah to tell them what they can and cannot do.

But they just as likely will not want a lame-duck council to make these choices for them, either.

The economic consequences of a possible ban must also be considered. At the very least, the council should put on hold until the economic impact of a non-smoking ordinance can be studied.

There is undoubtedly a niche for bars that allow smoking in Lexington, and the business these bars command testifies to this. If there was such a demand for smoke-free bars, then why haven't these businesses proliferated already?

Plus, as long as smoking is legal and minors are not admitted to bars only adults making a choice are affected. If a business chooses to ban smoking, it has that right. But unless government is paying the bills for these establishments, they should be allowed to set their own smoking policies.

READERRESPONSE

Mining forest is not program's answer

TO THE EDITOR:

A Nov. 26, article about the use of Robinson Forest for mining purposes ("Student group urges Robinson preservation, pg. 1) finally brought to light to students an immense issue that UK administrators now face — whether or not to mine Robinson Forest.

I think it is a great thing that students from Eastern Kentucky are able to have the college experience because of the Robinson Trust program. But at what cost is it to further mine Robinson Forest? And is that the original intent of the Robinson Trust program?

I think I speak for many who have visited the forest when I say that it is a very beautiful place. One is given the chance to see flying squirrels gliding from tree to tree, traces of elusive bobcats, several species of wood rats, gently rolling hills with a plethora of tree and plant species and interesting and beautiful rock formations to name a few of the sites. Mining would strip the land of this rich forest community, which has taken thousands of years to come into its current state, which would never again exist in the same way.

Beauty, though, is only one small thing that the forest has to offer. Being only one of very few Old Growth forests left in the nation, it offers priceless research and education opportunities to UK and Transylvania University faculty and students not available at many other sites in our country.

Many very interesting and important research projects are happening here, including the re-establishment of the American Chestnut and research on several mammals including flying squirrels and elk. Not only does it afford us countless opportunities for knowledge, it is also one of the last two strong holds of a rare wood rat species that would most likely become endangered if this habitat is eliminated.

It also has several of the cleanest waterways in Kentucky, which inevitably wouldn't be so after a mining venture. Mining would take away the opportunity for further research here, unless one wants to research how long it takes a forest to rebuild, and how much populations suffer after a surface mining event.

The committee claims it is only considering mining a 250-acre track of land outside the main watershed. But what happens once the money from this venture is gone? The forest will be chipped away at until eventually nothing is left undisturbed. Is this what Edward Robinson — the original owner of the land and founder of the trust — intended the land for?

In an article announcing the Robinson Trust Scholars from several years past, it said "the trust carried a stipulation that it be used primarily for reforestation and agricultural research." The mining of the forest would not uphold either of these purposes for which the original owner of the land intended its use.

I am not arguing that money should not be given to students in the Eastern Kentucky area who otherwise would not have the opportunity for further education. I just urge those on the committee giving suggestions for further use of Robinson forest to look at all the forest has to offer us in its undisturbed state. I would hope they would fairly decide on a plan of action, which is mindful of all those concerned as well as mindful of the original intents for the use of the land.

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What I learned at the museum: no kids

I recently went to one of those science museums that are aimed directly at kids. This was great fun and — thanks to my niece and nephews — I realized I will grow up to have a dog and a fish. Maybe two fish if the tank is big enough.

The hardest part was changing my vocabulary so that they would understand me. A saying you can't tell a 6 year old: "You see where the cantilever over here and the fulcrum point on the lever balance and the object goes down the minis-



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cule incline because of gravity. Is that not cool?" Instead, you have to say, "See how the ball rolls away from the top. Is that not cool?"

I also realized the energy level of children is approximately twice that of the Energizer Bunny. Barring a battery falling out of one of these carpet dwellers, they never slowed down. Keep in mind these kids were great and hardly every cried or whined. You would think six adults could easily keep three kids under the age of 7 under wraps. You would be wrong.

Between the multiple levels and 342 hiding spots (I know I counted), these kids were on a roll. I am sure the fact that the adults were more interested in the exhibits than the kids didn't help, but come on. I've always wanted to see

a diagram of the human digestive tract. Did you know that the intestines are half as long as one season of Survivor? Who knew your late-night cheese sticks binge traveled through 3 miles of intestine?

But the science museum still gave us a great learning experience. The adults learned what senses were used to observe their surroundings. The kids learned that if it is red and circular it must be pushed and pushed repeatedly. The remote control will never be the same. There is nothing like spending 15 minutes watching the intro to "How the Ear Works" 30 times.

The only thing I absorbed from that movie — the ear is important and has the smallest bone in the body in it and the ear is important and has the smallest bone in the

body in it.

But the best part was when we got home. I finally realized that when I was younger and I wrestled with my dad, I was never causing any discomfort. Period.

I was being simultaneously attacked by three human beings and no matter what they did, it didn't hurt. The first time all three jumped on me, I thought I might get bruised, hurt or maybe even tickled. The only time I was really laughing was when the youngest, my niece, came over to me and in a typical 2-year-old's voice asked, "You wanna piece of me?" Now I didn't have to fake the laughter from their futile tickling.

My laughter did not stop their haphazard plan of attack. They tried and tried but nothing more

was accomplished then an errant groin shot. After which "Uncle Wonnie" had to excuse himself to the restroom and try to regain another important sense, that of sight, seeing as my sense of touch seemed to be just fine. Definitely not numb.

I will go to science museums in the future. I'm sure they will be fun.

Maybe not as fun as this last trip, but then again, it might be harder to have fun when trying to look at exhibits while trying to keep a dog in check and not splashing people with my fish tank. Can fish even eat freeze-dried ice cream?

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Barbour out for up to five weeks

More bad news: Cats play High Point in home opener without junior college transfer who has a broken hand

By Alex Williams
STAFF WRITER

The UK men's basketball was on the receiving end of another bad break Sunday.

The Cats will be without Antwain Barbour, the team's fourth leading scorer and a fill-in point guard, for at least five weeks after the junior guard broke his left hand during a hard fall in practice Sunday.

Barbour's absence will force UK coach Tubby Smith to shake up the starting lineup tonight when the Cats open their home schedule against High Point at Rupp Arena.



Barbour

Smith will insert Jules Camara into the starting lineup. Camara played quality minutes in the Maui Invitational and teamed with Marquis Estill as a formidable frontcourt combination.

Smith said his team will miss Barbour's slashing ability, but will benefit from the "twin towers" inside.

"Obviously we lose a ball handler and a penetrator, but we add some stronger play inside," Smith said. "They look for each other and are big targets inside."

Barbour's loss is just another blow to UK. Point guard Cliff Hawkins is academically ineligible for the fall semester and Erik Daniels has one game remaining on a four-game suspension for participating in

an unsanctioned summer league.

That limits the Cats to only nine scholarship players. Smith will rely on his bench for quality minutes from sophomore Josh Carrier and freshman Keleena Azubuike.

Both have played well at times. Carrier tallied six points and grabbed three rebounds in 13 minutes against Arizona State. Azubuike, a versatile swingman, scored nine points in 10 minutes against Gonzaga despite fouling out.

Possibly the most athletic player on the team, Azubuike said he does not feel any pressure to make an immediate impact.

"I don't ever accept pressure," Azubuike said. "I'm just going to keep playing hard, doing what coach tells me to do, and I'll be fine."

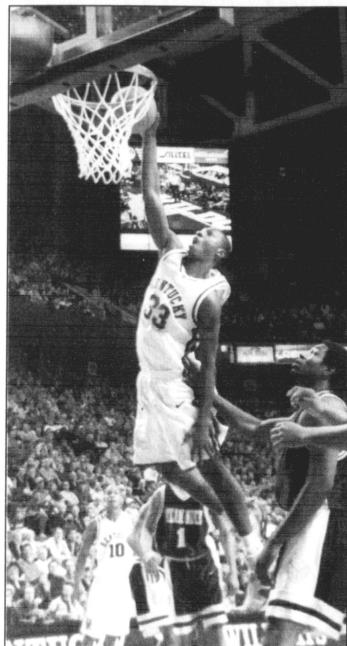
High Point, Smith's alma mater, comes to Lexington with a 2-1 record. It plays a style similar to UK and runs a motion offense through its frontcourt players.

Dustin Van Weerdhuizen leads the Panthers with 15 points a game. High Point is anchored inside by 6 foot 8 inch, 275 pound Kashawn Hampton.

"Looking at their offense, they've got some guys who can score," Smith said. "We need to come out ready to play."

Smith said the team is focused despite the injury.

"Without Antwain we lose quickness and explosiveness," said senior Keith Bogans. "Now, we just need guys to step up."



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Back to earth

UK's Antwain Barbour broke his left hand in practice this weekend and will be out five weeks, including tonight's game against High Point.

Bitter end to great season leaves Cats in check

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The UK football team did not want to go out this way. Not this ugly, at least.

A fairytale ending to a pleasantly surprising season would have scripted the Cats walking off the field at Neyland Stadium victorious and leaving the vast majority of the 105,462 in attendance bitter in the hands of defeat to their bordering foe.

Instead, the final outcome hit the Cats with a reality check. A 24-0 defeat says UK still has a lot of work to do.

"It's a tough way to top off a great season," said senior wide receiver Aaron Boone. "But I think the foundation is there for good things to come."

Perhaps, Morriss and Co. has righted a ship once sinking quickly by the fraudulent actions of Shallow Hal and Claude the Fraud.

But the way the team played, it has no one to blame but itself for its performance, or lack thereof, on Saturday.

Penalties piled up on the field like dirty laundry. The Cats were penalized 13 times for 76 yards, eight of which were off-side calls against the defense. That nearly equals the 89 total rushing yards or the 83 passing yards accumulated on the day.

"We just shot ourselves in the foot time and time again," said Jared Lorenzen.

At times, the offense was painful to watch and moved like rush hour traffic on Nicholasville Road. Despite controlling the clock for nearly eight minutes in the opening drive, the longest play the Cats could muster on offense all afternoon was a 15-



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yard completion from Lorenzen to Boone in the fourth quarter. Whether the team was still stuffed from Thanksgiving dinner with President Todd or affected by the untimely first quarter suspensions of Pinner, Chase Harp, Leonard Burress and Dewayne Robertson, the Cats looked lethargic and oblivious to the significance a victory would give this team.

Morriss said the team "lacked focus."

Pinner described the team's performance as "flat." Boone maybe said it best, "We didn't show up."

Whatever the reason, Morriss will use this as a learning experience. "You bet, absolutely."

He will also not let his team dwell on its season-ending lackluster performance, instead focusing on the positives of seven wins and significant progress made.

It is obvious the Cats improved from years past as its 7-5 record indicates.

Just how much they want to improve depends on how badly they want to remove the stigma of "Kentucky football." Saturday's loss makes it 18 straight to the hated Vols dating back to 1984, and Tennessee's youthfulness coupled by UK's scholarship reductions present the potential for UT to further continue its dominance over the Cats.

On Saturday the team knew it ruined a golden opportunity to make a mark on a program looking for a pick-me-up.

"I really thought we were primed to play harder and play smarter. I thought we were primed to play our best game," Morriss said.

Throughout the season, UK players and coaches alike dismissed the talk of "Kentucky being Kentucky."

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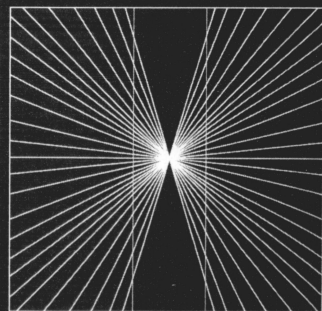
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