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## HITTING THE NAIL ON THE HEAD



Jeff Herrin, president of UK's Habitat for Humanity chapter, helped build a house at 425 Hawkins Ave. in downtown Lexington. Construction began yesterday morning and is expected to be completed this week.

## Family brings 'home' bundle of joy

By KELLEY POPHAM  
Contributing Writer

Anthony and Patricia Hughes have two sons, ages 10 and 9. And they're expecting again.

The newest addition to the family will be a little different, however — about 200 people are helping in the delivery.

"We found out in June," said Anthony Hughes, whose family lives in Lexington. "I felt great. I was at work when my wife called. I took half a day off, picked up my wife and kids, to celebrate."

The Hughes' newest bundle of joy is a dream come true, not only for the Hugheses, but for 14 other

Lexington families — the dream of owning their own home.

Thousands of people — representing church groups, UK, businesses and all economic and cultural walks of life — have gathered in downtown Lexington this week.

Their mission is to help Habitat for Humanity International construct adequate housing for hard-working families like the Hugheses, who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

More than \$450,000 is being spent to house about 75 people. Construction began yesterday and is expected to be completed by noon Saturday.

Anthony Hughes, who works at Lexington Public Safety, and Patricia Hughes, a public librarian, previously had lived in an apartment.

"There's going to be a lot of room, more space, more everything. My oldest son wanted a room of his own," he said. "This is one of the greatest experiences — people do care. If it wasn't for the help of Jehovah, it never would have happened."

The Hughes' home is being built by Habitat's UK chapter. Jeff Herrin, chapter president, said his group committed to the project last January.

"It really gives you a sense of

excitement to see it all happen, to see this family that was living in low-income housing will have a nice place to live," Herrin said.

Habitat has more than 560 affiliates in the United States and 100 overseas.

Lexington is one of three cities in the nation chosen to build 15 houses to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the housing project, which has been responsible for the construction of more than 10,000 homes since 1976. Other than the United Way of the Bluegrass, this is the biggest community effort in Lexington's history.

"That's one of the beauties of

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## Racial climate getting better, president says

By GREGORY A. HALL  
Associate Editor

Advances by women and minorities in all areas of the University prove UK is moving away from the discrimination that historically has plagued it, UK President Charles Wethington told faculty yesterday.

"I am persuaded that the image of this University is changing and that we are beginning to be seen as an institution that recognizes the contributions of the individuals who are faculty, students or staff here, no matter what their race, creed, ethnic background or gender may be, or from what part of the world they come," Wethington said in his 22-minute address.

Wethington, whose first anniversary as president is tomorrow, presented his annual address to the University Senate.

He recounted the achievements of his first year in office, which include higher numbers of minority students and faculty, record enrollment, a 10 percent increase in the faculty salary pool and appointing the first woman vice president.

However, he said appointments of women and minorities were not made because of race or sex.

"When women and minorities, or anyone for that matter, are selected for positions in this University, they need not to wonder if they are tokens but clearly will know that they are the best candidate," Wethington said. "Parity for women and minorities will not be achieved by quotas."

Despite a gloomy forecast for funding for higher education in the General Assembly next year, Wethington pledged to keep UK's funding comparable to its benchmark universities, institutions like UK with similar missions.

"I plan to work with you to do all that we can to not only keep this University competitive in terms of its salaries, but also push to get the resources needed for enhancing our program quality as well," he said.

Wethington said UK must continue to improve the quality of its education and the service it provides to the state as the commonwealth's



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flagship university.

"The value of a degree from the University of Kentucky will not be suspect but respected," he said.

He asserted UK's role as one of the two doctoral granting institutions in Kentucky. Western Kentucky University has proposed a doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) to the state Council on Higher Education.

If granted, it would be the first doctorate program offered by a regional institution. Previously, state law has been interpreted as allowing only UK and the University of Louisville to offer Ed.D. programs.

But that interpretation changed when state Attorney General Fred Cowan issued an opinion July 30, which said state law does not prohibit other universities from offering the Ed.D.

The attorney general's opinion, which does not carry the force of law, said WKU's request meets a provision in state law that allows for post-masters level programs to meet state "requirements" for teachers and school personnel.

Wethington said yesterday that the shortage of state dollars for higher education does not allow the other six regional universities to

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## Jones pledges to work for education

By GREGORY A. HALL  
Associate Editor

One day after state legislators painted a bleak picture for higher education in next year's General Assembly, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Brereton Jones remained optimistic.

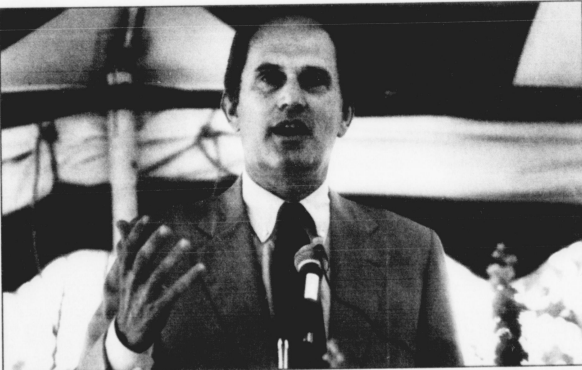
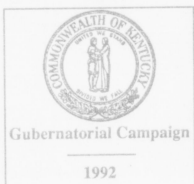
Jones did not discount what the legislators had said the night before, but instead said eliminating waste in government would ease the budget crunch.

"As we identify that waste and as we eliminate that waste, we are then going to give the very highest priority to investing that into education and particularly into higher education," Jones said.

Lt. Gov. Jones spoke to Kentucky higher education officials yesterday morning at the State Council on Higher Education's annual Decision Makers conference, held at the Marriott Griffin Gate.

Two legislators spoke to the conference Sunday, telling the higher education officials that a struggling economy would make it a difficult session of the legislature for higher education.

Sen. Ed Ford, (D-Cynthiana), chairman of the Senate Education Committee, and Rep. Joe Clarke, (D-Danville), the House's budget chief, both said higher education



Lt. Gov. Brereton Jones, the Democratic candidate for governor, spoke to higher education officials yesterday at the State Council on Higher Education's annual Decision Makers conference.

would have to fight to maintain its funding.

The state came up about \$58 million short in projections for the last fiscal year, Clarke said. That, combined with a current recession, has lawmakers looking for budget restraints.

Jones also reviewed his proposed reform of the selection process for members of the governing boards at state universities.

The reform is aimed at eliminating some of the political influence involved currently.

Jones, a former UK trustee, wants to create an independent citizens board to recommend three people to the governor for appointment to fill vacancies on the governing boards at the eight state universities.

Under state law, the governor ap-

points nearly all members to seats on the governing boards.

In the last UK presidential search, many faculty complained that the process placed undue political influence from the state capital on the academic process.

Also, Jones promised to consult with university presidents before making appointments to the boards, but said he would make the decision.

UK President Charles Wethington wouldn't say if that is done

now but nonetheless welcomed Jones' statement.

"I think all of us who work as presidents appreciate the opportunity to discuss prospective board

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## U. Senate defeats fall break

By GREGORY A. HALL  
Associate Editor

A proposal for a two-day fall holiday at the end of the eighth week of the semester was defeated yesterday by the University Senate by a show-of-hands vote.

Students, calling the break necessary, argued for the measure, but faculty objected to losing the class time and said the holiday would not serve an academic purpose.

Some faculty argued two days off could be useful if instructors used the time for work with students.

But when University Senate Chairman Marcus McElistrem said the University could not give the holidays and then force the students to attend supplemental classes, faculty also objected to the plan.

Students protested, trying to counter faculty argu-

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### SPORTS

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### UK TODAY

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# DIVERSIONS



## Parker brings a little soul to the screen with 'Commitments'

### Movie REVIEW

By HUNTER HAYES  
Arts Editor

Picture this: Three working-class white guys in their early 20s from Northern Dublin want to start a band. Not a rock 'n' roll band or, as many people would assume, a punk band — but something else. A soul band.

Sound unlikely? Well, that's what happens in Alan Parker's new film, 'The Commitments.'

Although, the guitarist and bass player can't believe it, the visionary manager of the band, Jimmy Rabbitte (played by Robert Arkins), tells them that soul is the perfect musical outlet for people of their backgrounds. Forget U2 and Sinéad O'Connor. Soul music speaks for North Dubliners, he insists.

And it seems as though he's right. Unlike many music films, 'The Commitments' successfully combines acting talent with an enticing soundtrack. Part of the success of the film's soundtrack is that the actors are musicians — they were cast for their musical talent. In fact, only two of them — Bronagh Gallagher (who plays Bernie, one of the three female backup singers) and Johnny Murphy (Joey "The Lips" Fagan) have acted before.

The film traces the band from its conception at a wedding, where two of the future members meet with Rabbitte. Through auditions for other members, and their ultimate peak and nadir. The plot is believable because the dialogue represents these people as a group of individuals who possess a strong sense of their surroundings, rather than a weak and ineffective Hollywood stereotype. This is shown through the colloquial, humorous dialogue.

The dialogue carries many unexpected moments of the film. An example is when Rabbitte's father — who is first seen slamming the door on the face of a hopeful, young musician who has answered Rabbitte's advertisement for the audition — asks his son if he is forming a band. When told he is, the elder Rabbitte breaks into an impromptu version of Elvis Presley's "I Can't Help" Falling in Love With You.

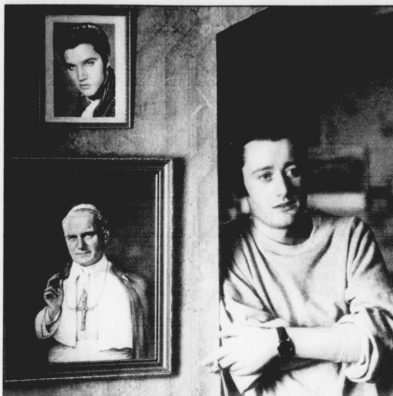
"Elvis isn't soul," the young manager tells his father.  
"Elvis is God," the elder Rabbitte replies.

His firm belief in that fact is shown by a picture of "The King" hanging above a portrait of Pope John Paul II.

The group that ultimately forms is an eclectic one. The singer is an overweight and overbearing youth with a voice that is a cross between Joe Cocker and Delbert McCintin. The piano player is a medical student, the new drummer also acts as their security guard and the backup singers come from a church choir.

As the group falls into place, it experiences many of the problems that plague working bands. Their drummer quits; Joey, the trumpet player who claims to have played with everyone from the Beatles to Otis Redding, begins sleeping with the backup singers, who in turn fight over him; and various egos begin to clash. On top of that, Rabbitte has obtained the band's equipment by dubious methods and must deal with that.

Nearly all those conflicts are resolved by the end of the film. Most importantly, the band's offstage dissonance is overridden by its onstage harmony. Most of the time.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Robert Arkins (left) plays Jimmy Rabbitte, an idealistic young manager of a Dublin soul band in Alan Parker's new film, 'The Commitments.' Parker, shown at the bottom of the stairs with the cast, has previously directed such films as 'Fame,' 'Birdy,' and 'Angel Heart.'

Parker, who has directed such films as "Fame" and "Midnight Run," is seen in a cameo appearance as an engineer in a recording studio. He also manages a little self-promotion in a scene where members of the band are watching a tape of James Brown in a video store.

In the background are various memorabilia from Parker films, and a sign above other tapes announces that the store is sponsoring an "Alan Parker Week."

Roddy Doyle, author of the novel on which the film is based, also helped write the screenplay for "The Commitments." He captures the colloquial speech of the residents, and Parker never loses track of his efforts. Although many of the words and phrases may not be recognized by an American audience, their meaning is clear. The cinematography also captures the working-class environment of North Dublin.

"The Commitments" is not a film

that would be expected to accumulate numerous Oscar nominations. But it is a film for the moviegoer and not the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

And unlike many other movies that inundate the theaters each year

this one promises something many of them can't — a good time.

'The Commitments', rated R, currently is showing at Lexington Green Movies 8.



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# SPORTS

## 'Small' Hall a 'big' plus to UK's volleyball team

By GRAHAM SHELBY  
Senior Staff Writer

Question: When is a woman 5 feet 6 inches tall called "small"?

Answer: When she's an outside hitter for the UK volleyball team.

Ann Hall may be taller than most women, but she stands literally (but not figuratively) in the shadow of some of her teammates, nine of which are 5-foot-10 or taller.

Her height, or lack of it, can be very deceptive.

During matches, Hall's short, muscular legs spring her as far into the air as taller opponents, who sometimes land with their eyes wide, staring through the net at the woman known among her coaches as "Mighty Mouse."

Occasionally, Hall's diminutive stature has helped her because unfamiliar opponents don't know what to expect from a player her size in the outside hitter slot. "When we play a (new) team, when they see me step on the court they say 'setter,' because the setter's usually the shortest one on the team."

When you're a 5-6 volleyball player, "you have to work twice as hard... if I were taller I'd be All-American by now," she said with a laugh.

The Portage, Mich., native first picked up the game in seventh grade and went on to become captain of one of the toughest volleyball teams in the state. Her older sister played volleyball for the University of Michigan.

Hall was persuaded to play volleyball in basketball country, mainly because of UK's Michiganander coach, Kathy DeBoer.

When it comes to evaluating coaches, Hall said a recruited athlete can discern, which coaches may be of questionable character. "You know who's a phony and who's not. She (DeBoer) was straightforward."

Migrating South for college required Hall to adjust to the different attitudes of people in the near-South.

"I knew nothing about Kentucky before I came here.... It was an adjustment."

One incident occurred shortly after her arrival, which illustrated to her how different her new home really was. "This guy — just on the street — said 'hi' to me. That threw me — that threw me," she said.

Hall said her duties on the court are to keep opposing teams from throwing the Wildcats off their game. "I try to keep the game running smoothly by talking, communicating with the players, trying to keep them in focus."

"I try to keep enthusiasm on the court by cheering, jumping up and down, silly stuff like that."

Hall wouldn't define "silly stuff," but said "I do some silly things," to keep the players loose during matches.

When asked how big a chunk of her life volleyball occupies, her mouth stretched into a Cheshire-cat grin, holding her fingers about an

inch apart and laughing.

Hall said she wasn't planning to try out for the Olympics or to join the pro-beach volleyball circuit, in which some athletes can earn six-figure salaries.

A communications junior who hauled in a 3.8 GPA last semester, she said the sport is "basically paying for my education."

But in addition to providing the room, board and hours of study other students pay thousands of dollars for, Hall said: "I play volleyball for the competition.... I'm a very competitive person...."

Her competitiveness is undeniable, DeBoer said, but not bitter. "She loves to beat you, but it's not in a malicious sense. She loves to play the game, she's out there having fun with it."

Hall said volleyball games are "more fun when they're intense.... Rally score, those are the best games." Rally-score is the fifth game in a best-of-five series when there are no side outs and every kill scores a point.

Hall said blowouts either way are not as thrilling, particularly when the Cats are on the losing end.

"It's more frustrating to get blown out," than to lose a close match, she said, adding that when

UK has lost big, it wasn't necessarily because its opponent was significantly more capable. "We've been blown because we've played awful. I don't think we've come across a team that was so much better that we just couldn't handle them."

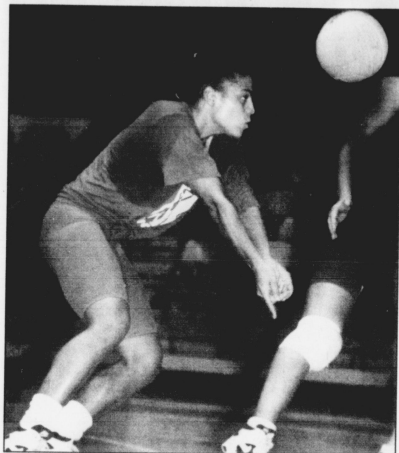
DeBoer said the Cats' ability to handle stronger teams owes much to the junior's talents.

"Ann Hall is one of the best athletes I've ever coached," DeBoer said with near glee. "She's physically very gifted.... She's strong, incredibly strong. She just has a lot of very exceptional athletic ability."

In addition to any inherent talent for smacking white spheres over a net, DeBoer said Hall's work ethic simplifies a coach's job. "There's a lot of great athletes out there who aren't a lot of fun to coach," Hall, conversely, "brings to the court the work habits of a kid" far below her own talent level.

"Ann Hall is somebody who loves life. She loves volleyball — she gets a kick out of playing the game."

The Wildcats take on Cincinnati tonight at 7:30 in Memorial Coliseum.



Outside hitter Ann Hall hit a dig yesterday during volleyball practice at Memorial Coliseum. Hall is a communications junior.

## Validated student ID required for tickets

Staff reports

Student tickets for the Kent State and Mississippi football games will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow at Memorial Coliseum.

Ticket distribution is different this season in that tickets for two games will be handed out at once.

"With the games being played within the same 10-day period, we didn't want to overlap (the distribution)," said Rodney Stiles, director of administrative services. "This will create less confusion." To obtain tickets, students must present a validated UK ID and a student activities card at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office.

"We will not take schedule cards starting now," Stiles said. "The key phrase to remember is validated ID."

Students may receive up to two tickets by presenting their ID and another student's ID with an activi-

ties card.

"Priority seating" — sections 208 and 210, which are on the 50-yard line — will be distributed tomorrow evening from 6 to 7.

Guest tickets will be distributed Thursday. Stadium seating costs \$16, while end-zone seats can be purchased for \$12.

Stiles said students should not wait until the last minute to pick up their tickets. Tickets not distributed by Friday will be made available to the public Monday.

"Students must get their tickets fast," he said. "The new policy is if you don't have a ticket, you don't get in the stadium."

Men's soccer team beats Bradley, loses to Memphis State

It took more than 195 minutes of play this weekend but the UK men's soccer team won its second game this season. UK defeated Bradley 2-1 Sunday in sudden-death overtime after two 45-minute periods and one 15-minute overtime period at the Memphis State University Tournament in Memphis, Tenn.

UK junior Greg Kotzbauer scored a goal off a head shot that flew past Bradley goalkeeper Scott Fusco to win the game.

Memphis State defeated UK 1-0 Saturday. The Wildcats are now 2-2 and will play Marshall at 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Cage Field.

Women's soccer club defeats Southern Indiana, loses to Arkansas-Little Rock

Coach Mike Joy's squad won its third game Sunday, 4-0 against Southern Indiana. UK freshman Andrea Brown scored two goals. UK suffered its first defeat Saturday, 0-1 to Arkansas-Little Rock and is now 3-1. The Kats play Xavier University tomorrow at 7 in

## Four Kats in Top 10 as UK leads by 16

By JOHN KELLY  
Contributing Writer

The UK women's golf team took a big step yesterday toward repeating as champions of the Lady Kat Invitational Golf Tournament, as it placed four individuals in the top 10 and opened a 16-stroke lead over second-place South Carolina.

"I'm glad we're ahead, but I'm most excited about the great scores we've turned in," UK head coach Bettie Lou Evans said.

UK scored 599 for the day and junior Lisa Weissmueller leads the individual competition with a two-round total of 151.

Junior DeLores Nava, who shot 74 in the first round, said the team needs to remember the tournament isn't over yet.

"We have to keep it up," Nava said. "You never know. This is only the beginning."

UK led South Carolina by 10 strokes after the first round as senior Tonya Gill and Weissmueller tied for the individual lead with a 73.

Weissmueller said UK shouldn't think too much about its lead after the first round.

"When you have a big lead like this, you don't want to let it up," she said. "I hope everybody plays as hard as they did on the first 18 and doesn't give up. Hopefully, we'll be ten more ahead."

Evans said she was concerned with her team's durability. "They're not really used to playing 36 holes in one day," Evans said. "But we don't want to get down if our scores aren't quite as good this round because we're all tired. We need to get a good night's sleep and come out

and play really well tomorrow, which I know we can do."

As the players reached the turn (the 18th tee) in round two, they were upbeat.

"I just didn't hit many greens on the front side," Gill said. "And when I missed them, the chip shots weren't getting very close and I had to make a few five, six and 40-foot putts for par. So I'm just going to try to get a little closer to the hole and make it easier on myself."

Weissmueller reached the turn at 2-under-par, but remained focused.

"I'm hitting the ball really well," Weissmueller said. "I made a few putts that I normally don't make. I made some 20-footers but then I missed some two and three-footers. Hopefully, I can make those on the back side."

Senior Laurie Goodlet, who after shooting 76 in the first round, had the best nine holes of the day with a 35 on the front side in round two.

"This is her first year to break into the starting lineup and have her own spot all year," Evans said. "She has a lot of confidence and she's always playing well here."

As expected, scores were higher when the second round ended, but UK expanded its lead over South Carolina to 16, while third place North Carolina lagged 19 behind and fourth place Indiana was 20 strokes off the pace.

Other than Weissmueller, who equaled her first round score of 73 to secure the top spot at 146, UK had three additional top-10 individuals in Goodlet, Gill and Nava.

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Tues., Sept. 17: 12:00 pm Dr. Kim Ward Anderson — Professor of Chemical Engineering at UK  
12:30 pm Debra Martin — Producing Manager for Lexington Actor's Guild  
1:00 pm Janet McKindley — Trade Program Manager for the Kentucky World Trade Center  
Wed., Sept. 18: 12:00 pm Paula Anderson — Lifestyle Editor for the Lexington Herald-Leader  
12:30 pm Cindy Trapp — Trapp Communications, Inc., Advertising and Graphic Design  
Thurs., Sept. 19: 12:00 pm Carolyn S. Bratt — W.L. Matthews Professor of Law  
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## State agrees to buy Pin Oak for UK

Staff, wire reports

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The state has agreed to buy a Woodford County thoroughbred farm for UK, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's office said yesterday. The price is \$11.5 million.

Pin Oak Farm will give the University a new site for its agricultural research station, Wilkinson said in a statement.

UK wants to develop the present site, Coldstream Farm in Fayette County, into an industrial park.

The 1990 General Assembly approved a \$12.5 million bond issue to finance the Pin Oak Farm purchase. Wilkinson said he personally negotiated the purchase from aircraft manufacturer Allen Paulson at \$1 million less. Paulson also owns Brookside

Farm, another thoroughbred operation, in Woodford County.

The farm recently had been advertised for sale in The Wall Street Journal.

But UK Vice President for Administration Donald Clapp said he didn't think that had anything to do with the sale.

UK learned that the governor and Paulson had reached a preliminary agreement in the past few days, Clapp said. "These particular discussions probably had not extended over a long period of time."

"(The sale) was really a help to be able to replace Coldstream in terms of agricultural research," Clapp said.

The Pin Oak Farm is nearly 1,500 acres, whereas Coldstream Farm was nearly 1,000 acres.

## Wethington

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give doctoral degrees. He called on the faculty to prove UK is getting the job done.

"This state does not need, not can it afford, six more doctorate granting institutions," Wethington said.

"The University of Kentucky can meet the state's needs. As faculty, your involvement is essential in assuring that the same quality of programs that are offered in Lexington are offered in outreach sites."

WU contends that UK is not meeting the need and that its request will meet a mandate of the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act.

Wethington said UK will work with high schools so that students are better prepared for college.

He also pledged that the University will become more student oriented.

"We want to have a high level of commitment to scholarship, excellent teaching (and) the best advising system possible," he said. "Students who come here will need to know that we care about them and their success as future contributors to society."

In his address to the senate last spring Wethington announced his plans for a new library on the central campus.

Studies the University has commissioned say the most logical site for the new library will be in the Clifton Circle area.

The cost of the library is expected to be about \$60 million. The University is raising \$12 million privately and will ask the state legislators.

## Jones

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members with governors," he said.

While Jones called for eliminating duplication, he didn't specify where. One point of contention within higher education is a proposal for a doctoral program in education (Ed.D.) at Western Kentucky University.

If granted, it would be the first doctorate program offered by a regional institution. Previously, state law has been interpreted as allowing only UK and the University of Louisville to offer Ed.D. programs.

But that interpretation changed when state Attorney General Fred Cowan issued an opinion July 30,



KERNEL FILE PHOTO

UK President Charles Wethington, whom the Board of Trustees selected to lead the state's flagship university a year ago tomorrow, spoke to the University Senate yesterday.

ture for \$46 million.

Wethington asked faculty yesterday for full support in University fund-raising.

"Our goal will be to achieve 100 percent participation in this campaign," Wethington said. "If we make up our minds that we all want to contribute, this will happen."

Wethington also said UK would be environmentally responsible.

"We will work to reduce adverse environmental impacts on this campus," he said.

which said state law does not prohibit other universities from offering the Ed.D.

UK contends the WKU request isn't in the best interest of the state, with its limited funds available to higher education.

"We really believe that the state resources can best be used by having the University of Kentucky with the University of Louisville out there," Wethington said.

WKU President Thomas Meredith said his school's proposal is not provided for by any other university and that the need exceeds what UK and U of L can provide.

"That's not duplication, that's meeting the need," Meredith said.

Jones, however, would not comment on the proposal, which currently is before the CHE.

## Holiday

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ments.

Student senator Jay Ingle said students would not use the break simply as a holiday.

"I think it would not because it's the two days before midterm," Ingle said.

However, Student Government Association President Scott Crosbie said students could use the day to sightsee in and around Lexington.

Faculty said the loss of days would put UK in the bottom range of days per semester as compared to its benchmark universities.

Student senator Jim Arnett, arguing for the proposal, asked if the

benchmark institutions were good enough to teach the same material in fewer days or if UK wasn't good enough to get the same value out of its class time.

A motion to return the bill to committee was defeated before the proposal was voted upon.

The 1991 Ad Hoc Committee on the Calendar recommended the holiday to provide a break for students, especially freshmen.

The SGA Senate also endorsed the proposal, by passing a resolution at its meeting Wednesday night.

Later in the meeting, the senate approved moving the midterm for spring semester to Monday from Friday. The change aligns the fall and spring semester midterms on the same day of the semester.

## Habitat

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Habitat — you don't have to be a skilled worker to pitch in and help," said Juliette Crane, public relations coordinator for Habitat for Humanity International.

Funds for the project are raised through cash contribution, donation of materials and supply and volunteer labor, which lowers the cost of the home to about \$30,000.

Though the efforts of the community are great, it is more than paid back through raising property values, eliminating unsightly housing and instilling hope and stability in the benefiting families.

Students from the UK, ASbury College, Berea College and community supporters are lending their time to the efforts.

One of the laborers on the Hughes home, Pastor of the campus Christian Student Fellowship, Lynn Buckles said: "We believe this is part of living out the gospel of Christ. Love in action."

The Organization's motto reads, "Building Decent Simple Housing in Partnership with God's People in Need."

Although Habitat for Humanity is religiously based, applicants are chosen regardless of religious affiliation and purely on the family's character, current living conditions, ability to maintain property.

Each new home owner has to pay back the organization through 200 hours of "sweat equity" on the construction of their home and through no interest monthly installments, which often are cheaper than renting.

The new home owners also promise to donate their time in the future construction of other project homes.

Construction on the homes will continue from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. until noon Saturday, when the finished homes will be handed over to their new owners.

By the end of 1991, Habitat hopes to have completed 15,000 houses. Locally, Lexington will continue the projects, completing one house per month next year.

Due to the inconvenience of life, classes resume today.

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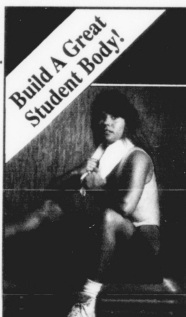
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The sidewalks on campus are especially crowded this semester — partly due to the fences that have been erected to keep wandering students away from construction sites.

But the largest reason for the cramped conditions is record enrollment at UK.

University President Charles Wehington announced Thursday that 24,200 students are enrolled at the Lexington Campus and 45,100 are enrolled in the Community College System. Both are record numbers and show the vast number of people that UK is serving.

There was some concern when UK instituted its selective admissions policy in 1984 that there would be a drop in the number of students attending the University. The numbers released last week obviously show this is not the case.

Not only are there more students at UK this semester, but the freshman class is the brightest in UK history.

The freshman class, though not record in size, contains 112 Governor's Scholars, 82 class valedictorians and 48 National Merit Scholars. Such quality truly is impressive and should be lauded. The Admissions Office obviously is doing an excellent job.

The University has been putting a greater emphasis on attracting superior students and now consistently makes annual "best buys among colleges" lists. This is a welcome change from the years when UK was regarded as a lightweight institution with a good basketball program.

Increased enrollment in the community colleges shows that UK is continuing its statewide mission.

The Admissions Office is actively recruiting students who may not wish to come to Lexington or who may not be able to meet the Lexington Campus' selective admissions requirements yet still have potential as college students.

Also impressive is the announced rise in the number of black students enrolled at the Lexington Campus.

The number rose from 772 last year to 975 this year. Such a diversification is necessary if UK is to fulfill its mission to serve all Kentuckians.

UK is now enjoying the best of both worlds: an increase in quantity and quality. The entire University community should commend itself for a job well done.



## Letters

## Ash insulting to America and UK students

To the editor:

On Tuesday last I had the privilege to be insulted by one of your esteemed columnists — David Ash. I do not know how many fellow students read the Kentucky Kernel, and thus I do not know how many others took affront to what I refer to as sloppy and irresponsible journalism.

The article had to do with the SAT and its bias. I agree that the test is perhaps a tad overexpectant in some situations. However, in the article, Ash (in an emotional fit perhaps) has gone beyond the realm of objective journalism into the pits of faulty journalism.

Congratulations, Ash! You have succeeded in alienating a good 30 percent of your readers. How, you may ask? How indeed! You have assumed that all of the students here at UK have the IQ of Jello. Further,

you assumed that anyone that has an IQ greater than that of certain mosquitoes I know of is a "nerd."

I truly am sorry that you have not outgrown the need to segregate those who are academically better endowed than yourself. It is a pity. The correct answer to your synonym of degradation is retrogradation and I will guarantee you that I did not stand in the back of my pro and trade baseball cards, comics or stamps. Nor did I punch my friends in the arm. That seems a trifle childish now, does it not?

The idea that we should base entrance to establishments of higher learning on MTV vocabulary and terms used as people skate through malls is simply inane. In fact it is horrific. It scares me that you would encourage that sort of slack attitude and that the Kernel would come out with such a philosophy.

I quote, "We would really make the Japanese look foolish..."

Yeah, that's the idea. Let the United States of America give the world community something really good to laugh about. Why not make it easy and just burn down society and run around as hunter-gatherers again? Fools all who support this notion.

Sir, I say that it is in bad form for a person to speak "esoterically" while denouncing that same pattern of speech. Moreover, if you look up "esoteric" in Webster's Dictionary, you will find it says something like "designed for the specially initiated or trained." I contend that it takes no special training to learn words such as retrogradation. Rather, it takes only the amount of work minimally expected in the development of an able mind. This type of wanton journalism is the type of slanted, empty trash typically found in rag mags at a grocery store.

I hope that you understand that this is an important issue. I hope you realize how much power media have over the populace. Occasionally, though, we tend to forget.

In closing, I would like to say this:

Only the lowest life forms can survive in a stagnant pond. That is to say, we should never encourage the abandonment of higher education and what some refer to as "esoteric" knowledge.

Peter Caravello  
English sophomore  
Sept. 11, 1991

Editor's note: The views of columnists do not necessarily reflect the views of the Kentucky Kernel Editorial Board.

## Silly process causes silly exchange between senators, Thomas

The whole process has become a little silly. The confirmation procedure for appointees to the United States Supreme Court, which should be a time for serious investigation and discussion of the nominee's views and beliefs, has evolved into a three-ring circus of wacky mayhem and zany characters.

Seeing as how I have dozed through dozens of class discussions on Supreme Court cases while at the College of Law (motto: An "L.A. Law" education at a "People's Court" price!), I feel that, of this editorial page columnist staff, I alone have a duty to weigh in with a serious opinion on this tragedy.

When a Supreme Court candidate takes a seat before the Senate Judiciary Committee, it should signal the start of a national discussion on constitutional issues. Tuesday of last week, however, witnessed the



Don YATES

beginning of something that may have made the Founding Fathers turn over in their graves.

Clarence Thomas, the appointee, responded to senators' questions with all the eloquence and verbosity of a sleazebag on the Saturday morning show "Land of the Lost." After receiving the answer "I can't comment on that" several dozen times, senators grew irritated and resorted to asking almost anything to get the process moving.

Senator: Have you ever tried to obtain service at a 7-Eleven store without shoes or shirt?

Thomas: No.

Senator: Have you ever had "Harry Butz" paged at public place?

Thomas: No.

Senator: Do you now, or have you ever, watched episodes of "Punky Brewster"?

Thomas: No.

Senator: Have you ever dated a farm animal?

Thomas: Does prom count?

Yes, I agree this is shocking. It was not like this, though, when Judge Robert Bork (motto: Dig my groovy beard) was going through the confirmation process in 1987.

You remember Bork. He was the nominee who had been a choreographer for the Broadway musical "Gypsy" before entering the judiciary. Say what you want to about Bork, but he had a political spine and refused to let the White House muffle his personality and views.

Senator: Is it true, Bork, that at a Washington, D.C., cocktail party in 1986 you struck Chief Justice William Rehnquist in the head with a board because you thought you saw a flying monkey land on his head?

Bork: No, it was Justice (Byron) White.

Senator: Did you say in a 1984 speech that you would have overturned the dismissal of traffic charges against Carol Brady because Mike Brady violated procedure by tossing his briefcase on the floor during the hearing?

Bork: That was not a constitutionally protected act.

Senator: Is it true that you believe that the First Amendment protects your right to ask young law clerks at the Court of Appeals if they want to see "the real Washington Monument"?

Bork: Well, if it is true — hey

look out for that flying monkey!

Following outbursts such as these, the hearing room would be rocked with laughter, confusion, shouting and general nudity. It made great television.

Some of the guilt for all this nonsense must rest with the Senate. With the introduction of television to the hearing room, senators have become media hounds. Do you think while the legislators are applying their makeup and straightening their toupees, they are giving deep consideration to the questions they will ask?

As a matter of fact, there is some talk of trying to improve the process by replacing senators with Disney-created muppets who will talk and act almost like real people. The idea was stolen from the Republican Party, who proved on a bet it was pos-

sible to run the nation with such an animated toy from 1981-89.

Of course, the ultimate blame for this farce lies with President Bush. If he weren't such a shortsighted, political coward, he would have allowed a robust debate on the constitutional issues facing the nation.

On both occasions in which Bush has had an opportunity to nominate someone to the high court, he has selected an inexperienced unknown and ordered the person to clam up and play dumb.

This shows a great disrespect for the nation, the nominees as human beings, and to me, Don Yates (motto: It's always darkest before the Don) as a citizen.

Don Yates is a second-year law student and a Kernel columnist.

## 'Political Correctness' makes some want to be wrong

I hate to be wrong. Just about anyone who has ever known me in just about any context will readily agree with this. A close friend once suggested that the reason I overcome my inherent laziness at exam time has little to do with a real desire to learn and is only a result of my intense aversion to being incorrect.

While my friend most certainly was guilty of hyperbole, the fact still remains that I very much like to be right.

When you combine how much I like to be right with the fact that "correct" is a synonym for "right," it would seem that I would be bending over backwards to be politically correct.

But I'm not.

And it's not because I don't want to be political and it is certainly not because I've lost my desire to be correct in general. But for whatever reason, when these two perfectly good words are put together, the result is not appealing.



Jen SAFFER

In a nation that extolls freedom of speech and diversity of opinion, it is both shocking and upsetting that a standard of political correctness is developing.

What is even more disturbing is that these standards of correctness are being widely embraced by students at America's universities, and that these students — in the name of "diversity," "sensitivity," and "tolerance" — engage in which kinds that would make Cotton Mather proud and attempt thought control which suggests that in 1991, seven years have passed since 1984.

It's not that sensitivity is an inherently evil concept. Just about every one would agree that Ameri-

cans ought to be more sensitive. Even President Bush and the Republicans want to be "kinder" and "gentler." But PC "sensitivity" adds a new dimension to the word.

The prevailing attitude among the radical (and sometimes not-so-radical) left is that any draconian means are acceptable so long as "sensitive" ends are achieved. These tactics include forced resignations and unwarranted, unfounded media crucifixions (a la former Sen. Joe McCarthy), which if nothing else prove that history does repeat itself and that the political spectrum is a circle.

Perhaps by PC standards, Nicolo Machiavelli may have been quite "sensitive" after all.

True sensitivity can not be mandated. True sensitivity has nothing to do with "person hole covers," "womyn" or "the vertically impaired." Sensitivity develops from an exposure to a wide array of ideas, not just those ideas that are "sensitive."

And real sensitivity is not a matter of word choice, but of action. Even if Jeffrey Dahmer, the serial killer, proclaimed a deep interest in the plight of the third-world womyn, and never parked in a space reserved for the differently-abled, I would doubt that even the most PC among us would want him as a dinner companion.

An important part of PC "sensitivity" lies in "diversity." This is not the same diversity that would expose students to a wide range of authors and ideas that have proved over time to have impact and be of long-lasting (for example: the cannon).

It is instead a "diversity" for diversity's sake. A diversity that would abandon those like John Locke, who, despite his lasting impact on American political thought, has the misfortune of being not only dead, but also a white male. If only he were a South American peasant womyn turned militant feminist ac-

tivist.

Only so much can be read in a college career, and choices have to be made. I would argue that the inclusion of the likes of John Locke or William Shakespeare in the curriculum is not so much a sign of "Eurocentrism," but a recognition that, yes — I'll write it — some ideas have had a greater impact on the development of our society than others. Some books are just better than others.

As for "tolerance," I'll say two things. First, true tolerance is a two-way street. The PC doctrine would have us "tolerate" only that which is PC, and damn the rest to hell. But implicit in the meaning of tolerance is the idea that it is necessary to tolerate what we don't like.

We don't tolerate ideas we agree with; we agree to tolerate them.

Next on the subject of tolerance, let me add that the very Western civilization that PC indicts is the

story of the development of tolerance, liberty and individual rights. The very Third-World nations that PC so quickly embraces is, if anything, a story of intolerance. — and to be frank, a story that has not had the same impact on the development of The United States.

This is not to say that the Third World should not be studied, and that South American womyn may be worth reading. But when the choice has to be made to include one thing in the curriculum and leave out something else, quality and impact should be the measuring stick, not the race-sex-nationalist-orientation of the author.

If this is what it takes to be "correct" in today's universities, then more than anything else I want to be wrong.

Jen Saffer is a political science senior and a Kernel columnist.



# Agin wins media adviser of the year

Staff reports

During Mike Agin's first year as Kentucky Kernel adviser, the newspaper staff demanded resignations of a board of trustee member and the head basketball coach.

For a veteran journalist who entered the newspaper business "to change the world," Agin felt at home with the controversy.

"I have a strong personal belief in the freedom of the press," said Agin, who is beginning his fourth year as UK's student media adviser.

Agin received the Distinguished Four-Year College Multi-Media Adviser Honor Roll Award this week from the College Media Ad-

visers Awards Committee.

"It's recognition of what's happening on campus," he said. "It recognizes high-quality students putting out high-quality products."

Agin, also an adjunct journalism professor, serves as general manager for the Kernel and oversees WRFL-FM, UK's student-run radio station, and the Kentuckian yearbook.

Agin said his love for journalism began in 1971 when he was a sophomore at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, as a rookie reporter for his college newspaper, The Miami Student.

"My first story was about a charity basketball tournament," Agin

said.

The next summer he served as an intern at the Cincinnati Enquirer. In the fall of his junior year, he continued to work weekends for the Cincinnati daily newspaper. At graduation in 1974, he began to work full-time as a reporter for the Enquirer.

"Journalism allows people to meet all kinds of people, test your own intellect all the time and allows you to express yourself through writing," he said.

Although being adviser of an independent student newspaper sometimes puts Agin in a precarious position, he said keeping his hands out of the daily grind is no great task.

"I don't edit or censor anything in

the newspaper," he said. "I maintain good distance."

Agin, an Ohio native, worked from 1974-78 as news chief for The Cincinnati Enquirer's Indiana bureau and as a reporter in the Hamilton, Ohio, bureau.

He left the Enquirer in 1978 to freelance then worked for Miami University, where he was editor The Miamian, a tabloid newspaper published for the University staff.

He then left to become the bureau chief at The Cincinnati Post, where he remained for seven years.



AGIN

# First lung recipient at UK dies at age 19

Staff reports

Services for Linda Barnhill, UK's first lung transplant patient, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Ellison Funeral Home in Williamsburg, Ky. Barnhill, 19, died Saturday of complications resulting from brain damage after a lack of sufficient oxygen.

Until last week, Barnhill's body

showed no signs of rejecting the organ since the transplant on June 16.

Barnhill was admitted to UK Hospital last month when she developed hypoxia. Dr. Michael Sekela, UK's heart and lung transplant surgeon, operated on Barnhill to keep her airway open.

Barnhill was a Williamsburg native.

# 4 win OAK Awards for national success

Associated Press

A national radio personality, two eminent medical researchers and a leading business executive were recognized yesterday as OAK Award recipients by the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education.

The awards are presented biennially and were created to honor people who received undergraduate degrees from Kentucky colleges or universities and went on to achieve national stature in their chosen fields.

The honorees today: •Bob Edwards, host of the National Public Radio show Morning Edition, Edwards, a native of Louisville, Ky., is a graduate of the University of Louisville.

•Dr. William F. Meacham, clinical professor and chairman emeritus of neurological surgery at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and senior partner of Neurological Associates in Nashville,

Tenn. Meacham grew up in Hopkinsville, Ky., and is a graduate of Western Kentucky University.

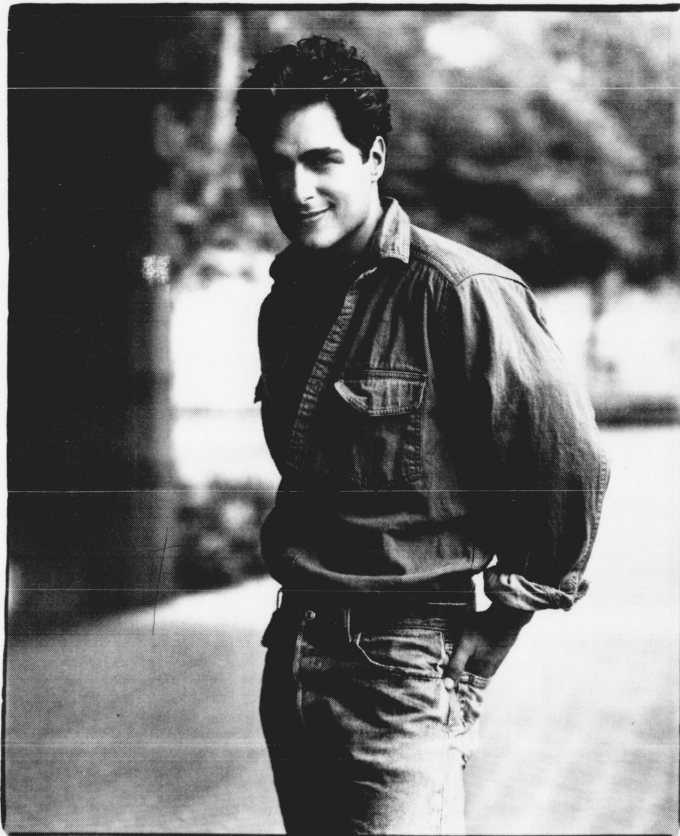
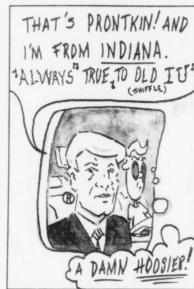
•Dr. Phillip A. Sharp, professor and director of the Center for Cancer Research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sharp is a native of Falmouth and a graduate of Union College.

•T. Marshall Hahn Jr., chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Georgia-Pacific Corp. Hahn is a native of Lexington and a UK graduate.

•The Advocates for Higher Education is a private, non-profit group formed in 1985 to generate support for Kentucky's colleges and universities.

•The OAK awards were begun in 1987. Past recipients have included Julian Goodman, retired chairman of the National Broadcasting Corp. and a graduate of Western, and Juanita Morris Kreps, former secretary of the Commerce Department and a graduate of Berea College.

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