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Sununu quits chief of staff under fire

By **TERENCE HUNT**
Associated Press

MERIDIAN, Mississippi — White House Chief of Staff John Sununu resigned yesterday after harsh criticism among Republicans of his abrasive style.

In a handwritten note, Sununu told Bush that he thought it was in the president's best interest for him to resign.

Bush accepted the resignation, effective Dec. 15, and said that Sununu would remain as a counselor to the president with Cabinet rank through March 1.

The announcement ended weeks of speculation about Sununu's future. In his five-page letter, Sununu said that until recently he had been convinced that he could be a strong contributor to Bush's efforts.

"But in politics, especially during the seasons of a political campaign, perceptions that can be effectively dealt with at other times can be — and will be — converted into real political negatives," Sununu wrote. "And I would never want to not be contributing positively, much less be a drag on your success."

There was no immediate announcement of a successor. Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner has been mentioned prominently, though, as a replacement.

Sununu, 52, came to Washington as chief of staff right after Bush's election in November 1988. The portly New Hampshire governor had been widely credited with turning around Bush's presidential hopes by orchestrating a come-from-behind victory in that state's primary.

Sununu came to Washington with a reputation as a pit bull but proclaimed himself as a pussycat. He alluded to both characterizations as he left with an offer to always be of help to Bush.

Bush's eldest son, George W. Bush, had warned Sununu that he had alienated many key Bush supporters who are urging that he be replaced, sources said in Washington.

Right up until Sununu's resignation, the White House insisted that Bush has "full confidence" in his aide. But other officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said they doubted that Sununu would survive the latest controversy.

Hostage Steen released after almost five years

By **EILEEN ALT POWELL**
Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — The Lebanon kidnaping ordeal seemed headed for an end with the release of another American yesterday, and reports said Terry Anderson, the last American captive, could be freed today.

The freeing of American Alann Steen was the latest in a series of dramatic releases since August that the United Nations has orchestrated. Only three Westerners still are held captive by Shiite Muslim radicals.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who had predicted Steen's release 24 hours earlier, said in New York after meeting with Iranian Ambassador Kamal Kharrazi that he expected yet another release within two days. "I know it will be very soon but I cannot say

when," he added.

Kharrazi said it was his understanding that Anderson would be freed today, and sources in Damascus who are close to the hostage negotiations made the same prediction. There were indications the United Nations was working on a separate deal to gain the freedom of two Germans.

Steen, a Boston native, spent nearly five years in captivity.

"It's great to be out," the 52-year-old journalism teacher told reporters at a news conference at the Syrian Foreign Ministry.

Steen, thin and pale, wept as he was turned over to U.S. Ambassador Christopher Ross.

"I don't think I can find the words right now to express how I feel, except that it's wonderful," said Steen, who was kidnapped on

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Santa Claus heard wishes from area children during the seven year old Casey Boggs, at the Albert B. Chandler Med Center's annual holiday celebration last night.

Med Center lights tree to kick off holiday season

By **KELLEY POPHAM**
Staff Writer

Santa heard a lot of wishes last night.

Casey Boggs, 7, hopes an electric battleship and a model car will appear under his tree Christmas morning.

In the spirit of the season, San-

ta also heard wishes from needy area children during the Albert B. Chandler Medical Center's holiday kick-off.

Peter Bosomworth, chancellor for the Medical Center, and his wife, Jody, are running the event, which draws 200 to 400 med center employees and their families annually to gather in celebration

of the holiday season. Festivities included the lighting of the Center's Christmas tree, caroling and storytelling.

"The reason we started (the holiday fellowship) is we're interested in team building and supporting our employees because

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Wethington not asking governor to step down

By **GREGORY A. HALL**
Associate Editor

UK President Charles Wethington said last night he will not ask Gov. Wallace Wilkinson to step down from the Board of Trustees. But the Student Government Association is scheduled tonight to consider asking Wilkinson to step down.



In response to a student's question at an Omicron Delta Kappa dinner last night, Wethington said it was not his role to ask board members to resign.

"Will you ask Mr. Wilkinson to step down from the board?" asked Tony Hemmer, an editor with the Kentuckian yearbook.

"It's not my role to ask members to serve on the board or step down from the board," Wethington said.

Wethington pointed out that the governor is responsible for appointing most members to the board. "It is my responsibility to work with the Board of Trustees at the University of Kentucky and to work for that Board of Trustees to carry out the mission of the institution," he said.

After the speech and questions from the audience, Wethington said he does not purport Wilkinson to have ulterior motives.

"I purport him to have the best interests of the University of Kentucky at heart, as I do all of the other board members in the institution," Wethington said.

He said Wilkinson's talk of reform was not necessarily bad. "I truly think that we are very premature in somehow assuming that his interest is somehow a negative one," he said.

He also said Wilkinson is not asking for too much in calling for improvement.

"I don't think anyone inside this institution would say that this institution can't be better," Wethington said.

Meanwhile, student leaders are considering protests and asking Wilkinson — whose term as governor expires Dec. 10, the day of his first board meeting — to step down from the board.

Six members of SGA were listed as sponsors of a resolution to be introduced to the SGA Senate this

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Gorbachev urges approval of treaty

By **BRIAN FRIEDMAN**
Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Mikhail Gorbachev warned yesterday that the disintegration of the Soviet Union will lead to misfortune, catastrophe and war, but Russia hastened the breakup by recognizing Ukraine's new statehood.

Saying the country was experiencing a destructive "crisis of statehood," Gorbachev urged lawmakers across the Soviet Union to approve his proposed Union Treaty — a plan to hold the nation together as a loose confederation.

"The breakup of such a multiethnic community will bring misfortunes upon millions of our people, which will outbalance all possible temporary benefits from secession," Gorbachev said in a statement distributed to lawmakers in all 12 republics, not just those seven who have said they will sign the treaty.

"A breakup is fraught with interethnic, interpublic clashes, even wars," he said. "That would be a catastrophe for the entire global community."

Coming one day after Ukrainian officials announced that voters in the republic had overwhelmingly approved a referendum on indepen-

dence, Gorbachev's comments amounted to a desperate plea to save some form of union as well as what little remains of his dwindling authority.

The proposed treaty would limit the Kremlin's role to foreign affairs, strategic nuclear arms and coordination of economic policy. It also would establish a five-year, directly elected national presidency and an independent judiciary, and allow the republics to introduce their own currencies.

Ukraine's newly elected president, Leonid Kravchuk, previously pledged not to sign the treaty. Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin said in a newspaper interview last week that if Ukraine did not sign the treaty, his republic would not sign either.

Yeltsin yesterday recognized Ukraine as an independent state, Soviet news media reported. The move could seal Ukrainian secession and remove a diplomatic hurdle for nations considering the step.

Poland, which borders Ukraine, already recognized Ukraine's statehood, and the United States, Canada, Sweden, Hungary and Denmark announced similar plans.

Gorbachev's appeal to national and republic

lawmakers on the Union Treaty did not mention Ukraine. But his spokesman, Andrei Grachev, said the referendum results "were quite predictable."

Trying to put the most positive face on the blow that Ukrainians dealt the Soviet leader, Grachev said the vote would now allow the government in Kiev to work out its future relations with a new union.

But he added, "The president believes that a most effective means to resolve the accumulated problems of the union lies not through separation," but through reforming the outdated central government.

Gorbachev warned that further disintegration of the union would bring bloodshed, economic collapse and stifled development in science, technology and culture. "Things are going from bad to worse," he said.

In a separate speech on Soviet television last night, Gorbachev spoke to the nation on the need for a new union.

He raised fears of nationalistic backlash if the union falls apart, alluding to allegations of discrimination against ethnic Russians, Ukrainians and other groups in the newly independent Baltic states — Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

Scholarships for minorities limited

By **TAMARA HENRY**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Colleges will be prohibited from awarding race-specific scholarships under a new policy of the Bush administration but financial aid could still be used to achieve diversity based on factors that include race, administration sources say.

Education Secretary Lamar Alexander is to announce specifics of the policy today that would end a practice by colleges and universities to offer scholarships for minorities to remedy past discrimination, encourage enrollment of under-represented groups or achieve congressionally mandated goals.

Some details began trickling

out Monday night, and Alexander was bombarded by questions yesterday on a speaking trip to Louisville, Ky.

"I'm confident after looking at the results of our seven-month review that college presidents will be able to award scholarships to minority students and use financial aid to create diversity on campus without violating the law," Alexander said.

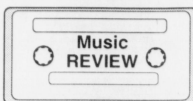
Colleges will be prohibited from awarding scholarships based solely on race, one source said. But scholarships can still be used to gain diversity — involving geographic origin, cultural or economic disadvantage or exceptional personal talents as well as race, according to the source.

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DIVERSIONS

Skaggs' 'My Father's Son' focuses on family

By DAVE LAVENDER
Staff Critic



One man from the hills of Eastern Kentucky has changed the face of country music forever.

He is Epic recording artist Ricky Skaggs, and his new album, *My Father's Son*, marks his 10th album in as many years.

When he began recording a decade ago, traditional country music relied solely on life support, barely registering a heartbeat. Like rock 'n' roll, which survived that horrible, hokey "Disco Fever" era, society had to pull country music from the mires of pop music and "urban cowboy" stigmas haunting the industry.

Now, with Garth Brooks' theatrics and the lads' sentimental acoustic groove etched in many Lexingtonians' minds, combined with NBC's "Hot Country Nights," it becomes virtually impossible to believe that 10 years ago country music was a dying genre.

Yet, during this time, Dolly Parton abandoned her soulful Smoky Mountain roots and wigs in hand, went pop with "9 to 5." Brooks was still in school dreaming of Friday nights and football. And Randy Travis was buried in the back room of a Nashville restaurant doing dishes.

Only Skaggs was already moving forward in success. He left Emmylou Harris' band in the early '80s to self-produce his 1982 debut album, *Waiting for the Sun to Shine*, which brought together two divergent

camp, bluegrass and country, and weaved them into a highly successful sound that won him a Horizon Award, Male Vocalist of the Year from the Country Music Association and bluegrass act of the year.

Skaggs, who made his first appearance at the age of six with Bill Monroe, and who along with Keith Whitley joined Ralph Stanley's band at the age of 16, strung together four straight gold albums, three of which went platinum in Canada during the '80s.

When he took "Uncle Pen" to the number one spot in '84, he became the first solo artist in the history of country music to take a bluegrass song to No. 1.

On his new album, Skaggs emerges from the shadow of his lightning-quick, flood of successes of the '80s.

Dubbed "Picky Ricky" by his wife and fellow recording artist, Sharon White, because of his finicky taste for perfection when producing, Skaggs has relieved some of the producing burden that nearly drained him in the '80s, by enlisting talented singer, guitarist and songwriter, Mac McAnally to co-produce the album.

Much like the revitalizing effect Steve Buckingham's co-production had on the success of his 1989 al-

bum, *Kentucky Thunder*, McAnally's presence freed Skaggs to concentrate more on other aspects of recording, rather than technicalities.

McAnally, a favorite co-writer of Jimmy Buffett, also adds an expanding quality to Skaggs' already expansive country-bluegrass hybrid style of music.

His influence is most felt on Skaggs' beautiful rendition of the John G. Elliot composition, "Somebody's Prayin'." With the song's author accompanying him on piano, Skaggs' comfortable-shoe tenor testifies a still, solemn reverence in this spiritual hymn. The familiar mandolin and fiddle are shelved in favor of an oboe and an orchestra.

Their absence alone demonstrates the broadening horizons of Skaggs' music. Ten years ago, or even five, Skaggs would have never thought of utilizing foreign instruments.

My Father's Son has a definite theme centering around the songs, like a worn family bible on the living room coffee table. All 12 songs shed different shades of light on the importance of family, faith, enjoying life, and a renunciation of the selfish Reagan Era of the 1980s that at one time nearly devoured Skaggs along with much of America.

"This album is about priorities and my family, the most important thing to me on earth," Skaggs said. "I think anybody trying to balance a career and a personal life will relate to these songs."

The title track, an sentimental, realistic journey back into the hollows and mines of Skaggs' Eastern

Kentucky upbringing, is one of the few songs on the album that harbor any distinct similarities to his early work like *Highways and Heartaches*.

Co-written with George Green (a songwriter for John Mellencamp), "My Father's Son" features Skaggs at his best, playing every instrument from fiddle and mandolin to banjo, guitar and earthwood bass.

While some songs like "You Don't Count the Cost" and "Father Knows Best" drip with sentiment, the title track lays bare the "Catch 22" life in Appalachia:

"Raised by a miner by a miner's calloused hands/passed my youth between these mountains where I grew to understand that family was the word of God and faith was its demand/and life and death the same came from the coal beneath the land."

Although Skaggs used his own band on his previous hits, he now utilizes the abundant crop of talented studio musicians such as Toto's David Hungate; new Dire Straits member Paul Franklin; former New Grass Revival members Sam Bush and Bela Fleck; and many others.

Another noteworthy song on the album is "Hold on Tight" done with White, with whom Skaggs won the 1987 duet of the year award for "Love Can't Ever Get Better Than This."

A second duet is "Only Daddy (That's) Walk the Line," a song Waylon Jennings made famous and a song Skaggs has done for years during sound checks. Skaggs called



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Ricky Skaggs' newest recording, "My Father's House," focuses on values of family and faith. It features a duet with Waylon Jennings.

Jennings to ask permission to do the song.

Not only did Waylon consent, but he also dropped by the studio and joined Skaggs in a spirited duet of the number.

Although Skaggs penned only one song on the album, and will admit it is tough for him to write

songs, this album is a mirror of the personal life of Skaggs, or at least an idealistic peak at the "Simple Life" that Skaggs would enjoy when he gives up the road.

However, like his bluegrass forefathers (Monroe and Stanley) Skaggs' pickin' party could last well into his '80s.

From Scarlett to Woody, film sex is not just 'Dirty Dancing'

By GREG LABER
Staff Critic

This series has examined the scandal of sexuality in films; I found that while the cinema has reflected the nation's continually

evolving attitude toward sex, one thing will not change: As long as sex exists, it will have a place on the big screen.

For a change of pace, rather than examining a particular sexual theme in films, I will instead chron-

icle some of the sexiest films ever.

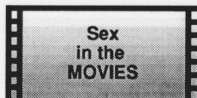
For those of you who believe Patrick Swayze invented movie sex, I recommend "Gone With the Wind." Almost 50 years before anyone ever heard of "Dirty Dancing," Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh set sparks

flying so intensely that movie companies offered millions for the sequel rights earlier this year.

Although race cartoons were all the rage in the 1960s, way back in 1940 Walt Disney set the film world on its ear with "Fantasia." It appeared innocent enough with a "G" rating, but "Fantasia" features some of the most sensual images ever seen on the silver screen. The segment featuring the centaurs frolicking in the lush forest rivals any live-action fling.

Other unexpected sexuality comes from Alfred Hitchcock, who has been known for several things other than sex appeal. However, upon close examination, many of his films have intrinsically sexual themes.

"Notorious" was just that in 1946 when censors banned any film featuring kisses that lasted beyond three seconds. Hitchcock thwarted their prudish practices by timing each of Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman's embraces to break just



before the three-second point.

However, the second their lips parted, they met again and again. The result was a feverish foray of kisses making one's head spin.

Hitchcock's battle with the censors continued throughout his career. In the 1960 classic, "Psycho," the Motion Picture Association of America was divided over the issue of nudity in the shower scene. Three of the five censors claimed they saw Janet Leigh nude and returned the film to Hitchcock for alteration.

He returned the film unchanged for a second viewing and the censors allowed it to be released.

Marilyn Monroe raised men's heart-rates throughout her career in Hollywood. Few could contest the

claim, however, that her 1955 comedy, "The Seven Year Itch," was her most sensual performance. Although she plays her typical, dumb-blonde role, in this film the tables were turned. Rather than being a bland sex object, Monroe actively pursued her man.

By the same token, James Bond has been the male ideal since his debut in 1962's "Dr. No," starring Sean Connery as British secret agent 007. Although Bond has been womanizing ever since, none of his leading ladies have ever matched the first, Ursula Andress.

Although Woody Allen does not meet most people's idea of sexy leading man, his 1979 classic, "Manhattan," is among the most sensual of films in recent years. Filmed in glorious black and white, "Manhattan" shows us a love affair with New York City in addition to those between the sheets.

Kathleen Turner's screen debut in 1981's film-noir, "Body Heat," caused movie theaters across the country to turn up the air conditioning. Her self-assured sexual manipulation of William Hurt was both frustrating and satisfying to every man in the audience.

Kevin Costner currently reigns as America's number one heart throb, but his sexiest performance was with Susan Sarandon in "Bull Durham." When these two characters finally did collide, it was literally a grand slam.

After this brief trip through Hollywood's sexual past, one might ask what we have to look forward to in the '90s.

With moral tides turning against the sexual freedoms permitted in the past, you can expect the good old MPAA to pull in the reins on screen sexuality.

However, as long as movies are made, boy always will meet girl. We all know what comes next.

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SPORTS

Undefeated UMass to face practiced Cats

By TIM WIESENHAHN
Sports Editor

Practice, practice, practice. Since UK's 85-67 loss to Pitt Nov. 22 in the Preseason National Invitational Tournament at Rupp Arena, the Wildcats have done nothing but practice, practice, practice.

No more NIT games. No trips to New York City. No time to play. Just time for practice.

"Practice when needed is a great thing to have," said UK coach Rick Pitino. "We needed more practice."

So much so that the Wildcats barely took time to eat Thanksgiving dinner.

"I told the players to take their time and eat," Pitino said of UK's Thanksgiving dinner at the Hyatt Regency. "They only took about 25 minutes — the shortest buffet Thanksgiving dinner I've ever seen in my life. ... It was like a fast-food restaurant."

"They knew they had another practice coming up — they did want to spend time eating, they wanted to spend time playing."

So, did all the practice, practice, practice improve UK?

"Practice has been very good," Pitino said. "We got a lot of time. We needed that more than anything else. It was a blessing."

Pitino said UK's seniors used the extra practices to improve their understanding of UK's offense. Although their effort and attitude was excellent during UK's win over West Virginia and during its loss to Pitt, Pitino said the seniors lacked understanding. But they weren't the

only ones.

"Some of the younger players on the team did know some of the plays," he said. "They were trying to memorize rather than just understand by repetition. Now they have a better understanding of what we are trying to accomplish with our offense."

So, who practiced well?

Dale Brown and Chris Harrison, Pitino said. "He (Harrison) could be the best shooter on the team right now, but he probably won't play."

Harrison, a 6-foot-3 freshman guard from Tollesboro, Ky., still lacks the fundamentals to play defense, Pitino said.

"We improved our intensity," said UK guard Sean Woods.

"We really learned our plays a lot better," said UK guard Travis Ford. "Overall, as a team, we got to know each other better. ... We went over and over our plays."

Ford, who fractured his left kneecap during UK's Blue-White scrimmage, said UK's practice marathon has helped his recovery.

"It's helped me get back in shape, from my knee, more than anything," he said. "My knee is coming along really well."

And with even more practice, UK's starting lineup may be jostled tonight. Woods, Jeff Brassow, John Pelphrey, Jamal Mashburn and Aminu Timberlake were listed before practice yesterday as UK's probable starters.

Although Pitino wouldn't name a specific position or player, he said there could be a change tonight in UK's starting lineup.



FORD



WOODS

GAME NOTES

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First meeting between the teams.

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Kentucky: 1 - 1
UMass: 5 - 0

THE COACHES
Kentucky: Rick Pitino (Massachusetts, 1974)
Career Record: 260 - 168
UK Record: 37 - 20

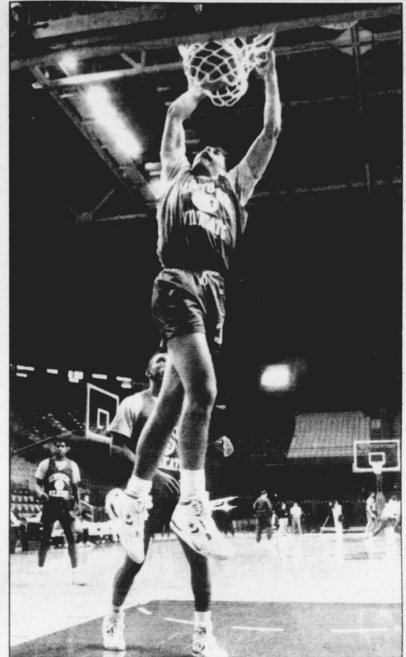
UMass: John Calipari (Clarion State, 1982)
Career Record: 57 - 45
UMass Record: 57 - 45

PROBABLE STARTERS

Kentucky:					
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg. Rpg.
G	11-Sean Woods	6-2	180	Sr.	6.0 3.5
F	31-Dale Brown	6-3	200	Jr.	NA NA
F	34-John Pelphrey	6-7	195	Sr.	19.5 5.0
F	24-Jamal Mashburn	6-6	240	Sr.	20.5 7.0
C	25-Aminu Timberlake	6-9	175	Fr.	3.5 3.5

UMass:					
Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg. Rpg.
G	11-Anton Brown	6-2	175	Sr.	9.0 4.5
G	20-Jim McCoy	6-4	180	Sr.	6.0 2.5
C	31-Harper Williams	6-7	230	Jr.	10.0 6.5
F	22-Tony Barbee	6-6	215	Jr.	17.0 7.0
F	34-William Herndon	6-3	220	Sr.	13.0 2.5

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RADIO: UK Radio Network (Cavwood Ledford & Dave Baker)



KERNEL FILE PHOTO

UK guard Jeff Brassow drives to the basket during practice earlier this season. Brassow injured his right knee at Rupp yesterday.

men's 5-0 start is their best since the 1977-78 season when UMass went 8-0. UK and UMass have never played.

"John Calipari is a very bright young man," Pitino said. "He booked this game because he thinks he can beat us."

So, tonight after nearly two dozen practices, the Wildcats (1-1) return to Rupp to play the undefeated Massachusetts Minutemen.

"UMass is as good as any team on our schedule," Pitino said. UMass have eight players who are interchangeable parts, they are as good as any team in the country right now.

UMass defeated New Orleans 68-56 Monday to win the Great Alaska Shootout. The Minutemen also defeated Oregon and Santa Clara in the tournament. They are 5-0.

Pitino said he expects the Minutemen to try to shut down UK's three-point shooting and attack the Wildcats' inside game.

"They play unbelievable defense," Pitino said of his alma mater. "It's a senior team."

New Orleans committed 13 turnovers against UMass and shot only 44 percent from the field and were only 1-8 from three-point

range. Last season UMass, who start three seniors and two juniors, finished 20-13 overall and tied for third place in the Atlantic 10 Conference at 10-8.

Senior Jim McCoy is the Minutemen's all-time leading scorer and is averaging 12.8 points a game. The 6-foot-4 guard scored 17 points to lead the Minutemen in their win over New Orleans.

Junior Tony Barbee, who played pickup games with Woods as a high school student in Indianapolis, leads UMass in scoring. The 6-6 junior averages 13 points and 7.6 rebounds a game.

UMass center Harper Williams, a 6-7 junior, averages 13 points and 7.6 rebounds a game. He scored 12 points and grabbed five rebounds against New Orleans.

The Minutemen are coached by John Calipari. Calipari, in his fourth year at Massachusetts, has compiled a 59-45 record. The Minute-

men averaged 15 points and 5 rebounds in UK's two games this season.

Brassow injures knee, will miss 6 to 8 weeks

By TIM WIESENHAHN
Sports Editor

UK junior guard Jeff Brassow injured the anterior cruciate ligament and the lateral meniscus of his right knee yesterday during basketball practice at Rupp Arena.

Brassow, a 6-foot-5 starter from Houston, Texas, will fly with UK

assistant trainer JoAnn Hauser to New York City today to see Norm Scott, physician for the New York Knicks. Scott will perform arthroscopic surgery on Brassow's knee tomorrow morning.

UK Assistant Director for Communications Chris Cameron said if Brassow's injury only requires arthroscopic surgery, Brassow could

return to UK's lineup in six to eight weeks. If the injury requires complete reconstructive surgery, Brassow could miss the remainder of UK's 1991-1992 season.

Junior guard Dale Brown is expected to replace Brassow tonight

against Massachusetts.

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Say no to Wilkinson! Students should rally at trustees meeting

Rarely has anyone exhibited the audacity Gov. Wallace Wilkinson demonstrated on Monday in appointing himself to UK's Board of Trustees.

Since Wilkinson dropped out of UK as a student, he has had a vendetta against the University. He is bitter for not being given an honorary degree — the first governor in memory not to receive one.

During the NCAA investigation of the UK basketball program, Wilkinson tried to assume control from Frankfort, Ky., by openly criticizing UK's handling of the incident. He railroaded David Roselle out of the presidency, allowing his friend Charles Wethington into it. Now he is even jeopardizing Wethington.

Having Wilkinson at every board meeting will certainly — albeit unjustly — keep alive the perception that Wethington is nothing more than a crony.

Faculty Trustee Raymond Betts put it mildly when he said "the relations between the governor and the University in the last few years have been tense and often confrontational." To say that during the past four years Wilkinson has been the University's greatest enemy would be an understatement.

And now Wilkinson is in a position to govern the University — possibly in the future as chairman.

With only six days until the next board meeting, the UK community should take a proactive stance to the issue at hand.

Student Government Association President Scott Crosbie should denounce the appointment immediately and call for Wilkinson to step down. Crosbie is reluctant to do so because he does not believe students are outraged. Crosbie's phone number is 257-3191 — call him and let him know what you think.

The SGA Senate has proposed a resolution denouncing the appointment — and calling for Wilkinson to re-evaluate his appointment. The senate should go one step further by demanding that Wilkinson step down and leading student protests. Call SGA at the phone number above and let them know how you feel as well.

The University Senate meets Monday and also should pass a resolution calling for Wilkinson to step down.

Wilkinson may be at the basketball game tonight. If you see him let him know what you think of his self-appointment.

Something more. On Tuesday Wallace Wilkinson will be making one of his first appearances at UK for something other than a football or basketball game. He will likely be at the Board of Trustees meeting on the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower. The meeting is at 1 p.m. We ask all concerned UK students, faculty and staff to show up for that meeting and let the governor and the board know what UK really thinks about this move. Wallace Wilkinson is not welcome here.

Wilkinson's self-appointment also puts Wethington in an awkward position with the incoming governor. He must run the University with Breton Jones sitting in the Governor's Mansion. Jones, and a legislature that is willing to support him, will decide the University's fate through state appropriations. Jones and Wilkinson have feuded for the past four years. If Jones has the perception that Wethington is under Wilkinson's control, he may be less than cooperative in giving funding to UK.

Wilkinson's presence on the board will be a detriment to the entire University. Although his goals of improving teaching and decreasing dropout rates are admirable, other statements he has made show he has no understanding of what higher education means or how it works.

"There's nothing wrong with research or publishing, but we can no longer afford for a substantial percentage of our full-time, tenured faculty to be involved only in research and publishing," Wilkinson said.

Even those who believe the governor may have noble intentions must admit Wilkinson has no understanding of what a modern research university is. Wilkinson views teaching and research as diametrically opposed, when, in fact, they work hand-in-hand toward the same goal — educating and serving the state.

Wilkinson has shown himself to be an enemy of UK for the past four years and now he is seeking to remake the University in his own image. A sleazy, political man wants to make this a sleazy, political institution. We cannot take this and we should not take this.

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This Christmas, buy Republican ...



Don YATES

Before long, Christmas will crash down upon us like a ton of wet tin. Looking forward, it is difficult for me to say what my favorite part of this holiday season is.

Every year, I anticipate the pretty decorations, the delicious food and dressing up as Santa Claus, visiting schools and asking for money because Rudolph is sick and dying and needs medicine.

I suppose, however, that year in and year out, the most exciting time of the season is Christmas morning. I revel in the pleasure of watching friends and family open that gift I selected just for them.

However, finding that special present can become difficult if I don't know where to go to match the personality with the merchandise.

This year, fortunately, the task is simple when it comes to purchasing gifts for the Republicans on your list. Thanks to the helpful folks at the Republican National Committee, there is now available a GOP Gift Catalog. I have excerpted a snippet from the catalog below.

Item 1: The GOP Political Trivial Pursuit. This challenging, yet informative, game is bound to delight conservatives. This twist on the popular Trivial Pursuit games contains only political trivia.

What makes it especially delightful, however, is that the questions reflect the truth about politics and not the slanted, spiteful versions of events put out by the liberal media.

Questions include: "Name the president who shamelessly paraded to special interests and manipulated racial problems for political gain by signing the 1964 Civil Rights Act?" (Answer: Lyndon Johnson); "Can you match the Republican with his patriotic duty?" Nixon, North, Quayle/ smuggling guns, dodging the draft, stealing Democratic campaign strategy;

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

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Toby GIBBS

Thanks to the modern miracle of television technology, watching "Sam and Barb's Channel 27 Merry-Go-Round of News" means worry-free viewing.

That's good news for all of us "Channel 27 News-Clubbers" — the bright-eyed, bushy-tailed battalion of "Little Barbs" and "Sam Juniors" who are popping up throughout the Bluegrass.

Every night, weekday or weekend, I sink back into the cozy confines of my favorite easy chair — feet up, beverage in hand — as the studio orchestra launches into that hauntingly familiar theme song ("The Got-Those-No-News-Is-Good-News Blues") as millions of us sing along in our homes, in diners, in bars and in our hearts.

It's worth the official club dues and the activity fee to become a "News-Clubber." In addition to the newsletter, with its Channel 27 trivia quiz, its Fun Facts About The Anchor team, and its wacky Make 'n' Do page, I get autographed photos, gift catalogues and much, much more.

But best of all, I get the satisfaction of knowing as I watch the broadcasts that I am part of the growing "News Clubber" family of the airwaves.

We tune in for that pleasant parade of rodeo news, garden tips, health and grooming advice, garage sale updates, trends in designer socks, home movies of castmembers' weddings and the interviews with local craftsmen who

carve American presidents' heads out of gourds. And the news, of course.

Who can blame the fanatical groups who commit assorted share-demeanors and felonies and purposefully leave behind blatantly obvious clues — including wallets, tagged fingerprints and bird-certificates — just so they can be mentioned by name on "Crimestoppers."

Who wouldn't enjoy the song-and-dance routines, the flashing lights, the glitter and glitz that is Channel 27?

Each day of the week brings exciting new surprises: Mondays, you can "mosey" on over to "Uncle Sam's News Funny Farm" and chew the fat with your favorite overall-clad anchorman, Sam Dick.

On the new Channel 27, hobnob with Clara Cow, who moos the stock market report. Meet Petey Pig, your agriculture reporter who likes to sing a little ditty about the importance of mulch. Stanley Sloth is my favorite. I all but tingle when he and Barbara Bailey talk about the recent wave of bank robberies and the latest unemployment figures.

Tuesday means Casino Night, when they spin the big wheel to determine what stories to cover. Suave reporters roam about in tuxedos and evening gowns (depending on the reporter's own sex and/or gender, of course). The studio audience is also invited to enjoy a wonderful continental buffet during the broadcast.

On Wednesday, Music Hall Night, the cast members each share a couple of songs with you, the home viewer. Opera, country, rock, blues — everyone gets the chance to belt out a song or two. You have not lived until you've heard Valeria Cummings' polka medley or Rob Bromley's parade of show tunes.

Thursday — Kids' Night — means two extra cartoons per show, plus free balloons and a visit from Ralphie the News Clown (actually station manager Ralph Gabbard, incognito!), who recites editorials while spraying seltzer down Sam Dick's pants.

The Commonwealth holds its breath every Friday, when the station holds its drawing in the "Anyone Can Co-Anchor" raffle. Whose postcard will be picked by Froggy, the medical news wondertoad? The state waits with baited breath. And nobody comes away a loser! While Channel 27 can't name a hurricane after you, your postcard will be used by weatherwoman Cindy Preszler to name a low pressure area in your honor.

Every morning, you'll want to enjoy a box or two of delicious "NewsFirst Sugar Bulletins," the breakfast cereal that comes in two delightful flavors: sugar, and mega-hyper sugar. Start each day off on the right foot — the NewsFirst foot — with a heaping bowlful of crispy flakes shaped like the faces of your favorite TV personalities — from Bill Bryant to Melissa Ross.

That cereal is available at the Channel 27 Gift Shop, located next to the elegant Gabbard Grotto on the station's mezzanine. It's the place to go to stock up on the lunch boxes, the frisbees, the Randy Rauch look-a-like face masks, the secret decoder rings, the life-size Karen Oddly inflatable dolls or the Rob Bromley Collection of Men's Apparel.

And while you're there, you might even get a glimpse of your favorite stars. One or two might even brush past you in the hallway. Get an autograph, maybe swap a kind word or two. Shake hands with a famous person — a person on Channel 27!

It may not be much, but it will be something you can share at the next club meeting. Meanwhile, keep watching for those special moments that make Channel 27 what it is.

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Hostages

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Jan. 24, 1987, at the U.S.-supported Beirut University College by extremists posing as Lebanese police. "Five years is no fun."

The pro-Iranian organization of Islamic Jihad for Liberation of Palestine said it freed Steen in Beirut under a U.N.-brokered agreement.

Syrian army officers drove Steen across the rainswept border to Damascus, the traditional first stop for freed hostages.

Steen was flown last night to Germany, where he will undergo medical examinations and be debriefed by intelligence officials.

Nearly 100 people turned out in subfreezing temperatures to greet Steen as he arrived the U.S. Air Force hospital in Wiesbaden. He punched his fist in the air in

celebration as confetti showered down around him and the crowd cheered wildly. A banner that hung outside the hospital said, "Dear Santa, Please Bring us One More," referring to Anderson.

Steen was to join fellow American Joseph Cicippio, who was freed Monday. A U.S. physician said Cicippio was knocked unconscious when he was abducted in 1986. He suffered frostbite in captivity, the doctor said, but is generally healthy.

Steen said in Damascus that he exercised for two hours every day while in captivity but had had lots of colds.

His face and neck were covered with what appeared to be abrasions, which he kept scratching; Steen said he caused them himself when he shaved for the first time in three years.

Asked if he had a message for his wife, Steen said, "I love her, I miss her."

Virginia Steen later spoke to her husband by telephone from her home in Clark Lake, Mich. "I told him I loved him. ... I told him he's a grandfather, he didn't know that," she said.

The United States welcomed the release, but White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the ordeal would not be over until all Westerners were freed.

Steen is the eighth Western hostage released since August, when

the United Nations began intensive negotiations to arrange a swap of Western hostages for about 300 Arab prisoners held by Israel and its proxy militia in Lebanon. Israel seek an accounting of four missing servicemen in Lebanon.

Iran, long the chief backer of Lebanese kidnappers, and Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, now are both striving to free Western hostages.

Wethington

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evening, which denounces Wilkinson's self-appointment and calls for him to "re-assess" it.

At least one senator said he would introduce an amendment calling for Wilkinson to step down.

Senator at large Jay Ingles said the resolution was not worth passing unless it asked for Wilkinson to step down.

"I think it's rather clear that having Wallace Wilkinson on the Board of Trustees is not in the best interest of this University," Ingles said.

Student Government Association President Scott Crosbie said he supports the resolution unamended, but that protest may not be best for the University.

"(Wilkinson's) going to be on the board no matter what," Crosbie said. "I don't necessarily agree with that placement. But I am willing to work with any new trustee, especially in the interest of students."

Crosbie, the student trustee, said protesting could jeopardize any stu-

dent voice in the General Assembly in January.

Crosbie, however, didn't rule out calling for protest in the future.

"We're still in the process of assessing the situation," he said. "... We are still looking at what the implications of a student protest can and would be."

He also said he didn't know if students feel the urge to protest the appointment.

"I definitely don't control the entire political climate on this campus," Crosbie said. "I have not yet seen a student body that's wanting to protest."

Former trustee and SGA president Sean Lohman called for Wilkinson to step down, based on his past relationship with UK.

"I was on the Board of Trustees when (former UK President David) Roselle was forced out and I know who forced Roselle out," Lohman said. "Everyone knows who forced Roselle out."

"Here we are again. Wallace Wilkinson is entering the politics of the University of Kentucky," Lohman said. "Politics has no place in higher education."

Lohman said Wilkinson does not

care about students, though Wilkinson said the reason for appointing himself to the board was to make the University more geared to students.

"Wallace Wilkinson has never listened to student concerns," Lohman said. "He has refused to hear students. He has refused to meet with students. ... There is no reason for me or for students to believe that he will even give us lip service."

Lohman said that while he was president student lobbyists tried to meet with the governor at least three times — "And they didn't even give us a maybe."

A first-year law student, Lohman said he thought Wilkinson might appoint himself, but that Wilkinson would not because it would be "too

blatantly political to do and then he up and does it."

Lohman said Wilkinson has little interest in UK.

"I think that he has some ulterior political motive in doing this," he said. "I don't think that he cares particularly about the University of Kentucky very much ..."

Lohman said Wilkinson could use the position to make a second campaign for governor in 1995.

"You can have a lot of people indebted to you after six years of service on the Board of Trustees," he said.

"I hope he does not make this Board of Trustees a laughingstock, just a political junk yard," Lohman said.

Some faculty have said the ap-

pointment will place Wethington in a difficult position between the incoming governor and the outgoing governor, who appointed or re-appointed a majority of trustees to the board.

"It's going to put Wethington in a tight spot, but I have no doubt Dr. Wethington will be able to handle that," Lohman said.

Wilkinson said faculty need to spend more time with students, and that the University could not afford to have researchers not teach.

Wethington, in his speech, emphasized UK's traditional mission as the flagship institution of the state system.

"It seeks to provide an optimum environment for teaching, for learning and for research," Wethington

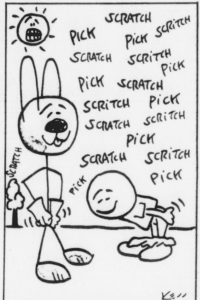
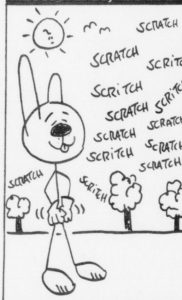
said. "And remember that we are a university — a university that is involved in all three functions to a significant degree."

He also emphasized UK efforts to make the institution more oriented toward students.

"Please be assured however that we will never lose sight of the need provide every student with the best teachers and the best facilities that we can," Wethington said.

"And our goal is to put that same kind of emphasis on these three functions of the institution. That is to ensure that our research is excellent and that our service role is handled in a way that indicates it is excellent."

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Santa

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they work very hard and they do very good things for the University and the patients we serve, and we want to recognize that," Bosomworth said.

While the children are telling Santa their Christmas wishes, parents have the opportunity to participate in the sixth annual "Circle of Love." The project, which provides anonymous gifts for needy children in Fayette and surrounding counties, began in the Medical Center and now is a campuswide effort, serving 1,300 children.

Bonnie Hardwick, project director, said the event has been successful in the past.

"We were worried, the economy being the way it is. But I think today has probably been the best day I think we've had so far. We've really been bombarded with people want-

ing names," Hardwick said.

"Circle of Love" lists children's ages and three gift wishes on holiday cards, which are given out to individuals wanting to do their part as Santa's helpers.

For those who wish to participate, tables will be set up all week in the hospital lobby or can be obtained at the hospital security desk Dec. 3 and 4 between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Wrapped gifts can be returned Dec. 10-12 at the Medical Center Personnel Office.

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