WEATHER Windy and rain likely today, high 70. Mostly cloudy tonight, low 35. Cloudy and cool tomorrow, high 35.

HAVE MERCY Ron Mercer leads the Cats into Vanderbilt Saturday for a game with the Commodores. See Sports, page 3.





February 21, 1997

Lengthy procession mourns loss



By Rodman P. Botkins KeG Editor

Draped in black, engine No. 33 lead the funeral procession yesterday of Charles 'Chuck' Williams, Jr. Williams, 29, is the second Lexington firefighter to die in the line of duty in 200 years.

As the funeral procession passed in front Administration lawn and proceeded through North Campus many students and faculty stopped to watch the somber procession. The hour-long procession closed South Limestone as it proceeded to Lexington Cemetery.

The crowd, which gathered in front of the Urban County Government Center, stood silent as the procession passed slowly. Only the hum of the engines and the crackles of two-way radios could be heard. Some of the firefighters on board the trucks wiped away tears.

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"It's just really tragic ...," said Cheryl Anderson, an attorney who watched the procession. "My brother in law is a fireman — he's an arson investigator—so it kind of hits home."

Downtown, people lined each side of Main Street from Rose Street to the cemetery.

Many in the crowd wore red ribbons, in remembrance of Williams. A large crowd was gathered in front of Ben Synder Block where flags flew at half-staff.

Williams died Monday fighting a house fire at 500 Addison Ave., when the floor collapsed underneath him as he entered the house. Another firefighter injured in the blaze, Gerald Ray, 31, was taken to UK Hospital's burn unit where he is in serious but stable condition.

The cause of the fire remains undetermined, but investigators have not ruled out arson. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents are assisting in the investigation.

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Firefighters from five states and dozens of Kentucky counties participated in the procession, which began at the 2;300 seat Southland Christian Church in Jessamine Gounty.

Many people took a break from work to pay their respects by watching the procession.

Think it's kind of sad. But it's a nice way to honor somebody," said Lisa Guy, a mail clerk at PNC Bank, of the procession.

Police officers blocked intersections along Main Street to allow the procession to pass.

Tit's a sad occasion, but we've about made a spectacle of it, too," said Joe Mueller, a self-employed business owner and Lexington resident.

A gigantic bouquet of flowers and a poster extended the sympathies of Leland Hollis. Hollis is the mail. Hollis presented the bouquet to two Lexington



LAST RESPECTS (Top) Interior design junior Michael Ledford stopped to watch the funeral procession as it passed the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Limestone Street. (Alowe and right) The procession passed hetween Peterson Service building and administration law where a crowd gathered to watch it yesterday afternoon.

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"I'm really sorry for the family. I realize that he would give his life for me, and it's the least I can do for him," Hollis said.

At the cemterry, Williams was honored with bagpipes, a 21 gun-salute and taps.
Williams was buried in the lot meant for his father, a retired firefighter.
Information for this story was also gathered by the Associated Press.



NEWSbytes

WORLD No public grief after leader's death

BEIJING — Young entrepreneurs hustled to work and old men practiced taichi on side streets. Confronting a new world yesterday without Deng Xiaoping, Chinese gave silent testimony to his call for them to get rich.

Beijingers gathered in little groups around portable radios, listening to broadcasts hailing Deng as a patriot and mourring China's loss. Newspapers, delivered hours late because front pages were held until early morning, were posted on boards, attracting crowds who pored over the black-framed eulogies.

But China did not grind to a halt. The two stock markets that Deng allowed to open still traded, albeit shaken by the passing of their most important supporter.

People expressed sadness and shock, but there were no forced public displays of grief like those after the death of Mao Tse-tung in 1976. Deng deliberately avoided the cult of personality that marked Mao's rule.

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MATION Released convict relapses

TAMPA, Fla. — A neighbor walked over to Lawrence Singleton's door and saw pretty much what Californians feared 10 years ago when they drove Singleton out of rown. There was Singleton, his face and chest covered with blood, a naked woman dead on the living room floor.

Singleton, 69, was arrested on murder charges Wednesday, a decade after being released from a California prison for raping a teen-age hitchhiker and hacking her forearms off with an axe.

Back in California, people responded with a collective I-told-you-so. In Florida, officials said they were angry that Singleton was out on their streets but said there was little they could have done to the said there was little they could have done they are sufficiently and the said they was suffered by the said they was street who has committed a crime this heinous is out on the streets," sheriffs Lt David Gee said.

Singleton had registered as a felon when he moved to Tampa in 1988 and had been arrested three times on shoplifting charges. But keeping watch over him would have been difficult, Gee said.

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Surgeons take tumor from film legend

Surgeons take tumor from film legend LOS ANGELES — A brain tumor was removed from behind the left ear of Elizabeth Taylor yesterday in a three-hour operation. "Everything went as planned," Cedars-Sinai Medical Center spokesman Ron Wise said. The Hollywood legend, who turns 65 next week, was taken to the operating room about 8:15 am. and surgery began about a hour later. It was completed shortly after noon. A neurosurgeon who successfully treated George Burns was leading the team of doctors in removing the growth in the lining of the left parietal lobe. The area is over and behind the left ear. The Oscar-winning actress ("Butterfield 8" in 1960 and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" 1966) learned of the tumor after an MRI Brain sean during an annual physical exam on Feb. 3, publicist Maria Fignataro said.

UK, U of L team up on research

By Mat Herron

The state's urban university and the state's land grant institution may soon collaborate on another professional degree program.

After announcing a dual doctorate program in social work between the University of Louisville and UK, the first of its kind in the country, word has circulated that the same may occur for an applied mathematics doctorate.

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Officials from both universities did not give any specific informa-tion as to what classes will be offered.

UK mathematics professor James Wells said several meetings took place between the two universities where guest speakers were called in. Before Christmas, between 45 and 50 from each school met in the Classroom Building, and a couple of weeks

ago at the U of L Shelby Campus to "talk about math," Wells said. John Neuberger, a professor from North Texas State Universi-ty as well as a research scientist from IBM spoke at the meetings, Wells said. He did not indicate if the applied math doctorate was discussed.

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"This is a very preliminary exploration," Wells said. "It may develop into something, then again it may not. It depends on the administration and what type of (financial) support is available."

Another joint program between the schools at the graduate level gives strong indication of more cooperative learning in the future.

In January, U of L president John Shumaker proposed the "Challenge for Excellence" plan to its Board of Trustees. The plan to its Board

in the nation for endowments, out of 460 institutions reporting, with \$136 million. U of L ranked 107th with \$253 million. These figures were published in the Feb. 16, 1996 edition of the Chronicle of Higher Education. Berea College beat all Kentucky universities with \$390 million, which accounts for its entire budget.

As far as UK's role in the "Challenge for Excellence" plan, U of L Provost Wallace Mann said, "It is our intention to involve UK primarily at the levels of research and doctoral education."

Mann said he and Shumaker will meet with UK President Charles Wethington and Lexington Campus Chancellor 'to explore new directions to meet the challenges for the two research universities in the Commonwealth."

Wethington said no meetings have been scheduled.

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"The University of Kentucky continues to promote the very highest standards in graduate education and in multi-disciplinary and inter-campus efforts," said Fitzgerald Bramwell, vice president for research and graduate studies.

"We will continue to examine new and productive ways to promote graduate programs for the benefit of our students, faculty, staff and the Commonwealth.

Ticket pool closed to many

Getting basketball season tickets is next to impossible for faculty, staff and the general public; students can forget it. Season tickets have been sold out ever since Rupp Arena opened in 1977, said Associate Athlet-ics Director Kathy DeBoer. And the owners aren't

is Director Kathy DeBoer. And the owners aren't giving them up.

About the only time the tickets become available is when someone dies. Upon a ticket holder's death, the University's policy allows the ticket to be transferred to a spouse or a child.

But the ticket can be transferred only once. When the second-hand ticket holder dies, the ticket goes back into the pool.

Four or five sets of tickets — they are always sold in pairs — are distributed each year through the ticket office by lottery. About 75 percent of the tickets, which cost \$205 each, are sold to faculty and staff, ticket manager Barbara Donnelly said. Members of the general public can buy the remaining few.

Many more members of the general public than

few.

Many more members of the general public than faculty and staff members currently hold a pair of the 6,000 season tickets, Donnely said.

People who contribute money to the athletics department can get season tickets through the Blue White Fund, Senior Associare Athletics Director Larry Ivy said. A donation of \$125 to \$500 and up puts a person on the waiting list to buy a pair of the 3,200 tickets distributed through the fund. But like the rest of the seasonal seats, these are not for sale often.

Someone who makes a large contribution will get tickets faster, Ivy said.

The athletic department is self-supporting, so donations are crucial.

"You have to put some priority on it," he said.

DeBoer, who is in charge of the Blue White Fund, said donations are the primary means of funding for student-athlete scholarships, which total \$3.5 million a year. But while people with deep pockets might move to the front of the line, they still have to wait for tickets to become available.

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able.
"Somebody could walk in right now with \$100,000 and I don't have any tickets for them," DeBoer said. Student tickets are never sold on a seasonal basis, said Student Affairs Officer Rodney Steles. Seats in the student section are sold five times a year by random drawing for blocks of two or three games.

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This is to ensure that everyone has a chance to get a good seat, Stiles said. Because the quality of seats varies, a student who had bad seats for a few games might get good tickets the next time he or she buys.

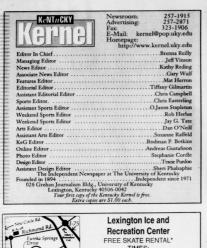
Competition for football season tickets isn't

she buys.

Competition for football season tickets isn't quite as keen as for basketball.

While the seats allocated to the Blue-White Fund have been sold out for years, more seats are coming open because people choose not to renew their tickets (a practice unheard of among basketball season ticket holders).

Barbara Donnely, the ticket manager, said the ticket office has football season tickets available, so a random drawing is not necessary.





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COUNTING SUCCESS Led by vocalist Adam Duritze, Counting Crows along with 19-year-old Fionna Apple, put on an excellent show Wednesday night in Louisville. Apple fans who missed this show an see her at Bogart's in mid-April.

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Bay-area quintet give Louisville audience sobering experience sobering experience system of the seductive melodies. Almost. Inconsiderate winos wouldn't quit heckling for the evening's healtien; Counting Crows. Not to say the birds didn't deliver. Adam Duritz, the jester of the quinter, failed, whipped dreadlocks, and Jesus Christ-posed beneath the bright shooting star emblem from their sophomore effort. Recovering the Statillites. Organis Charles Gillingham dressed in the sleazeball 'I'll-make-you-a-star" leather jacket, basist Mart Malley maintained a lukewarm intensity all night, save for a hair flip and the rest of her.

For the men and women who attended the show Wednesday might, 19-year-old Fiona Apple was the sickest sex object with a propensity for desperately poetic songs about failed flings with equally desperate boys.

Muscally she blends the savey voice of Tor Amos and the swing of Billie Holiday—a style that complements the Palace, Louisville's ethereal, aesthetically pleasing venue. Reeling off the radio-friendly "Shadowboxer," plus other saves of the Crows' quasi-'70s sound.

Salt spices up new album; Sick for metalheads only

Veruca Salt

Eight Arms to Hold You

Outpost Recordings

**** (out of five)

By Rusty Manseau

Senior Staff Critic

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The year was 1994 and
"Seether," a song about unsinkable wrath, blared on radios across
the country, "Seether" came from
Veruca Salt's debut album, American Thighs, one of the best pieces
of music out there.

On American Tbighs, Veruca
Salt combined its unique lyrics
and catchy tunes to brand a style
of their own, Veruca Salt's music
is unique as an alternative band—
unlike, for instance, Silverchair who
continue to try to pass as Nirwana.
Led by female vocalists Nina
Gordon and Louise Post, Veruca
released its second and long awaited album, Eight Arms to Hold You
on February 11.
With this new offering, Veruca
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on February II.

With this new offering, Veruca expanded on its musical style displayed in their debut album and carried it further. The song "Earthcrosser" offers a cool baseline mixed with awasome lyrics such as, "Bedroom eyes lead to blurry vision and the ringing in my ears from playing to loud...

The first song on the album, "Straight," was another cool tune. "Is this the weekend, is that your girlfriend, she's green and innocent, you smoke her like she's incense..." Again, Veruca incorporated its musical talents with a hard-hitting chorus that keeps the song in your head for days, "Stay straight for me..."

The band's current single is called "Volcano Girls," as ong that supposedly serves as a sequel where his "Gereher." Though this

called "Volcano Girls," a song that supposedly serves as a sequel to their hit "Seether." Though this song continues to expose Veruca's talents, it also exposes some of its weaknesses. In this case, toward the end of the song, the music changes to that of "Seether," and the lyrics say, "I told you about the seether before, you know the one that's neither or nor, well here's another clue if you please, the seether's Louise." A section that shows the occasionally weak, corny lyrics.

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Other flaws exist, such as one in the song "Straight." After singing "You smoke her like she's incense," vocalist Post loses her timing going into the next lyric,





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SALT SHAKER The two four-member bands Sick of It All (right) and Veruca Salt (left) continued in the vein of pre-vious efforts on the group's new albums.

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"You smile, you smile..."
But other than that, as one song says, "it's so awesome." Eight Arms to Hold You is a must-have for alternative fans.

Veruca Salt may have the habit of taking ideas from other bands (who doesn't these days), but it puts out music that aren't simple Nirvana and Pearl Jam regurgitations. Yes, there are alternative bands out there that aren't creative distortions of Kurt Cobain.

One last interesting item to note about Veruca Salt — drumer Jim Shapiro has left the Veruca to start his own band. The former drummer for Letters to Cleo, Stacy Jones, takes his place.

Sick Of It All
Built To Last
Elektra
**
By Jeremy Rogers
Staff Critic

To the group's fans (yes, they do have some), the name of the band Sick of It All is a perfect moniker for describing its Generation X image. To me, the band name is a perfect description of how I felt after the first couple songs on the hardcore foursome's latest album entitled Built to Last. I've never been a fan of hardcore. I guess I just can't identify with the aegressive angest that is

bunds Sick of It All (right) and Veruca Si.

the driving force behind this genre of popular music. The erratic power chords, thunderous rim shots, constantly crashing cymbals and abrasive screaming bore me. As far as I have come to understand, "hardcore" is just a cuplemism for screaming vocal lines instead of singing them.

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"Ah, for cryin' out loud." Silence fills the next three minutes, and then another voice says. "Oh come on, burry up you old hag." After another minute of silence, Sick of It All plays another song. Although its music sounds more or less like the rest of the songs on the CD, the way it was included all Nirvana's Nevermind and spiced up with quirky dialogue make it entertaining.

Add that to the vocalist's resemblance to Clarence "Frogram" Henry, and the bonus tack becomes quite funny. For those who do enjoy modern hardctre, punkish music, Sick of It All might be right up your alley.

They have been playing together for a decade and have toured with such big names as the Beastie Boys, the Mighty Mighty Edsstones, Helmet and Rangti, Although Sick of It All as sgen limited success with its handful of previous albums, it has played to enthusiastic crowds in Japan, Spain, Australia, Brazil and Germany as well as the United Staßes.

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UK takes road show to Vandy

Commodores aiming at tournament berth

By Chris Easterling

Third-ranked UK travels into one of the Southeastern Conference's nughest venues — Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium — to battle the ommodores tomorrow afternoon at 3.
It is the second of a three-game road swing for the Wildcats, who on at Alabama on Wednesday. They face Tennessee in Knoxville on meach wight at 9.03

It is the second of a three-game road swing for the Wildcats, who won at Alabama on Wednesday. They face Tennessee in Knoxville on Tuesdav night at 9:30.

Vanderbilt enters the game in third place in the SEC with a 17-8 record overall, 8-8 in the conference after defeating Georgia 86-80 on Wednesday night in Athens. The Commodores are in the midst of a six-game win streak, dating back to a one-point loss to SEC-leading South Carolina in Nashville, Tenn., on Jan. 29.

The win over the Bulldogs puts Vanderbilt in a position for the team's first NCAA Tournament berth since the 1993 SEC Championship team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen. Vandy did have a National Invitational Tournament berth in 1994.

The 'Dorse recent run can be credited to a loss back in late January, Coach Jan van Brenda Kolff said.

"We were in a situation where we had lost to Mississippi State down there and we came back home at 3-4 (in the SEC) and had four of our next five games at home," said van Brenda Kolff. "We felt like we had to start to make a run then.

"Unfortunately, we loss to South Carolina by one point in the last 10 seconds. That game could have ended our season or at least our tournament chances," he said. "(Bught to our team's credit, we came back for practice (that next day) and we're determined to go down to Florida and win that game, and we've been playing with a lot of passion and togetherness."

Tomorrow will be the second meeting of the season between the

Wildcats (25-3, 11-2) and the Commodores. In the first game after Derek Anderson went down with the torn anterior cruciate ligament, UK beat Vanderbilt St-46 at Riverfront Coliseum in Cincinnati. Ron Mercer had one of his most balanced games as a Wildcat, scoring 15 while grabbing nine rebounds and dishing out three assists.

Memorial Gymnasium, Nasbville, Tenn.**

retounds and dashing out three assists.

"When we went up there, we weren't as aggressive offensively as we are now," van Brenda Kolff sald. "We're really executing our plays, we've done a real good job of pushing the ball up the court and getting points off the transition."

Since then Mercer has been on a tear, averaging 18.3 points and 5.6 rebounds.

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His play has caught the eye of Coach Rick Pitino, who said on Tuesday that he expected Mercer to become the third player that has left the UK program early for the NBA Draft after this season. Antoine Walker left after his sophomore year last season and Jamal Mashburn left after his junior year in 1993.

Both are currently starring for their teams — Walker with Boston while Mashburn was just traded last Friday to the Miami Heat.

Mercer was clutch in the Cats' 75-61 win over Alabama on Wednesday, hitting two key three-pointers down the stretch to hold off a late run by the Crimson Tide.

Tomorrow, 3 p.m. Memorial Gymnasium, Nashville, Tenn.

Kentucky (25-3, 11-2)

	Probable Starters:		
		Pts:	Re
	F Ron Mercer	17.9	5.3
	F Scott Padoett	9.3	5.4
ı	C Jamaal Magloire	5.7	4.9
١	G Allen Edwards	10.1	3.1
ı	G Anthony Enns	8.0	.4

Reserves: C Nazr Mohammed, 8.7 ppg; F Jared Prickett, 7.8 ppg; G Wayne Turner, 4.9; G Cameron Mills 3.7; G Steve Masiello. 1.0

Vanderbilt (17-8, 8-5)

Probable Starters:	Pts:
F Pax Whitehead .	15.6
F Billy DiSpaltro	12.2
C Austin Bates	12.1
G Howard Pride	2.5
G Drew Maddux	13.0

Reserves: G Atiba Prater, 5.1 ppg: C Dan Langhi, 4.4; G James Strong, 3.2; F Vince Ford, 1.1; F Gianni Cugini, 1.0; G Brian Williams, 0.8.

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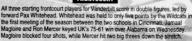
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Team statistics

- BK		Opponents
.472	Field Goal Percentage	.393
.694	Free-Throw Percentage	.654
.358	Three-Point Percentage	.317
83.9	Points Per Game	60.9
40.6	Rebounds Per Game	33.6
15.5	Off. Rebounds Per Game	12.6
19.9	Assists Per Game	12.2
15.2	Turnovers Per Game	23.4
5.3	Blocks Per Game	2.6
12.4	Steals Per Game	6.8
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rew Maddux scored 13 points in Vandy's 86-80 win over Georgia on Wednesday, Juding two-of-five from three-point range. In the first meeting of the year tween Vandy and UK, Allen Edwards scored a team-high 16 points and grabbed



This is the second of a three-game road swing for the Wildcats, who face Tennessee on Tuesday night in Knoxville. In their last game at Memorial Gymnasium, Uk budgeened the Commodores 120-81. Vandy scored the first two points, but the Cats ripped off the next 19 points and never looked back.



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Team statistics

U		Opponents
142	Field Goal Percentage	.425
10	Free-Throw Percentage	.645
352	Three-Point Percentage	.309
9.7	Points Per Game	63.6
2.9	Rebounds Per Game	33.6
9.2	Off. Rebounds Per Game	12.8
4.3	Assists Per Game	12.8
5.3	Turnovers Per Game	17.7
2.0	Blocks Per Game	3.0
9.9	Steals Per Game	6.7

Wildcats face South Carolina tomorrow

By Rob Herbst Weekend Sports Editor

The irresistible force meets the immovable object s UK, 1-10 in the Southeastern Conference meets 1-South Carolina in a women's basketball clash. This will be a rematch between the two heavy-eights. Back on Jan. 29, South Carolina got the better of the Cats, 68-59 in Columbia.

Game one between the Cats and Gamecocks is a ame UK head coach Bernadette Mattox would like

to forget.

"We didn't play well at all out there," Mattox said.
"I watched the tape and I almost had to cut it off because it was so bad."

Although the Cats (7-18 overall) have lost 5-of-ogmens since the loss to the Gamecocks, Mattox said the Cats have improved.
"That didn't look like us out there against South Carolina," Mattox said. "That's not how we normally layed and we're a much better basketball team since that game."

No. 1 Stanford takes the fall to Cats in Louisville

The UK men's tennis team scored perhaps the biggest win in the program's history last night by defeating No. 1 Stanford in Louisville, 4-3.

The teams split the early matches and the Cats' hopes hinged on freshman Carlos Drada. The former Davis Cup team member from Colombia edged Stanford's Mike Bryan, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5) in course the unset victory.

to secure the upset victory.
"I knew I could win the match," Drada said.



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Kernel explains cuts better than officials

I am immensely grateful for your article on the impending budget cuts, for it explained what is going on for more sensibly than anything official, which has to date come out of the Administration Building.

The choice before us is now clear. On one hand, the faculty can have a 3 percent raise, fewer new faculty hires, 20 percent fewer TAs, and more technology, which will, as Chancellor Zinser explained, "make possible for our researchers to communicate with researchers at other universities."

Tracie Purdon, design editor

students here so the campus would have more money from tuition?

What about trade-offs between increased costs for technology and graduate student teaching assistants or the hiring of new faculty? People are more important than technology. If

The Lexington campus is in for some fund reallocation this coming year, which is basically a nice administrative way of saying "Hey, we're short on money and you're going to have to cut your budget."

How short on funds is the Lexington campus running? That depends.

If they give faculty a greater raise than state appropriations allow for, then we're looking at having about a million and a half less for academic programs. UK may be a bit behind its benchmarks on pay, but if the rest of the state is happy with 2.4 percent increase for cost of living why can't we'be?

The amount also depends on how many students leave UK without graduating. Lately, UK hasn't quite had the retention it would like to have or the retention it should have.

Should we spend more on programs to keep called reallocation process because that process will only hurt the University more in the long

advances in technology and well-paid faculty, but if it cuts back in daily, yet vital services to students, wait until the money is there.

If you don't like this column, don't just get mad ... sue me

oday is a wonderful day. Empire Strikes Back hits theaters in Lexington. The weekend appears to be a relaxing one. And it is so nice to follow a Ben Rich column and not to have my column pre-emptied for the onslaught of Mr. Rich's "love letters."

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Yes, my friends. Ms. Wilder

was going to pursue a legal battle over a Homecoming Queen race. And yet, we should cheer for her, correct?

Unhappy Americans have found the real justice in society. If somebody pisses you off, then you can get them where it hurts: in the

can get them where it hurts: in the wallet.

Where have we gained this sue-happy status from?

I believe that this new American way of life was brought forth by bold and angry losers who found out how the legal system can work for them. Every day we can view these losers on "The People's Court."

Ah, yes, that ancient show with Judge Wapner presiding over a court of television law. Sometimes the lawsuits would be practical. One time a woman sued a dressmaker for delivering the wrong style of dress for a wedding and only asked for redemption of the payment.

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However, I distinctly remember one guy who sued another person for allowing the person's dog to chase the guy's cat. The damages awarded to the cat owner were in the thousands of dollars.

As we watched these lawsuits happen on the television, some people learned on how easily it to get millions of dollars over stupid lawsuits. And, as time passes, these people are risen to the heights of heroes because of their big cash rewards.

I think the main reason for our suc-happy America is greed, pure

is sucking wealth from those who have it.

I understand that when something bad happens, there should be some compensation for that injury, but only in certain cases, where there is physical injury. Several million dollars, no matter what people say, cannot clear somebody's conscience from a bad dring.

The money will buy them just a new speed boat, not a new life.

Still, things are looking up for the social status of America. The Motley Crue trial mentioned above was thrown out of court by the judge Wednesday.

The judge said Mr. Goldberg had previous knowledge about how loud the concert would be. One less money-grubber to worry about.

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The American legal system is a

The American legal system is a tool used to seek justice in an unperfect world.

But, several scoundrels try to exploit the system for greedy personal gain. These scoundrels are merely zits on the face of American society.

can society.

I think its time to pop'em.

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READERS' forum

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Should we spend more on programs to keep students here so the campus would have more more programs to keep students here so the campus would have more programs.

same number of TAs and the same technological set-up we have now. This really is a no-brainer, Job One for the University should not be simply to move students through the programs, nor is it to make it easier for profs to talk to other profs. Rather it is to give the students the best possible education.

instruction completely mindboggling is the admission that a fall in undergraduate enrollments is having serious financial repercussions for the University. How in the name of President Patterson, Adolph Rupp, and all that is holy at UK can we even think about halting, much less reversing, the decline in numbers by offering the students a rawer deal?

In short, I plump loudly and vigorously for 2.4 percent, more profs and the same number of TAs. Technology is all well and good, but getting faculty on the ethernet this year is not worth gutting graduate programs and further irritating already aggrieved undergrads.

Thomas Cogswell associate professor of bisury

students the best possible educa-tion. It does not take the proverbial rocket scientist to figure out that we simply cannot do that with fewer profs and TAs. Without them, classes can only be larger and much harder to get into. Without them, the student life at UK will come to resemble a paraphrase of Thomas Hobbes—nasty, brutish and very long. What makes the administration's decision to go with more technology at the expense of

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Dennis should not show his bad-ass ways for kids

hat has red and green hair and is brown all over?
A professional athlete should be able to refrain from getting into fights and losing their

Rodman.
The multi-hair colored "Bad Boy" of the NBA is and has been a major problem in the NBA.
Ranging from head-butting a referee, to pushing Scottle Pippen into a camera, to kicking a defenseless cameraman, Rodman's "Bad Boy" ethics are not fit for the NBA.

"Bad Boy" ethics are not fit for the NBA.

We can only hope he doesplay a game in the nude like he said he will in his bestseller book, At Bad at I Wanna Be.

Dennis Rodman simply plays with bad sportsmanship for the most part. His hard-head attitude gets himself into trouble with the league frequently.

Rodman treats authority with or respect and continually breaks the unwritten code of basketball

Good competitors show respect for the officials and coaches also. If teenagers see players like Rodman not being able to walk away from fights, then what do you think they will do when they come across an opportunity to factors.

they come across an opportunity to fight?
Will they have the courage to walk away, or will they follow the example put forth by Rodman?

Rodman fails to show us he is an upstanding sportsman because he from throws temper tantrums like a spoiled child when he doesn't get his way.

He might knock over a Gatorade cooler or go to the end of the bench and take off his shoes and relax. He used to not even join the team huddles when he was with San Antonio, but now he has Michael Jordan in Chicago to babysit him. Recently he groveled his way back to playing in the league again after being suspended for 11 games for the quald-trillionare! This all looks good on paper for the public, but when you look deeper the fact of the matter person.

I'm not suggesting that he go on a mission overseas, or kernel Cohammin to the able to get out of it."

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Rodman does not reach and the colored hair is all fine and dandy.

He is just being himself and trying himself and trying himself and trying himself and trying to express his opinions.

He is a na nutshell saying that if you have money, you can always use it to fix your problems.

Gorman

and has been on the all-defensive team for the past three years. He also has three NBA championship rings to go with his great hair.

But my beef with Rodman is how he can't seem to control his emotions and actions.

The game of basketball is very competitive and when the game is tight and emotions are running high Rodman needs to be able to keep his composure.

Pretty soon he will do something so drastic that he will not be able to get out of it.

Hopefully in the near future he will figure out what class and charisma are and display a little on the court.

My advice to him is, Rodman don't be a menace to the NBA while kicking a cameraman in the groin and drinking your Gatorade on the bench.

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Happy Anniversary

ter Grundy, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, blows out the cake's candles in a reception celebrating the center's 10th anniversary of diding cultural programs to all students on the UK campus. For the anniversary celebration, a documentary by Joan Brannon entitled "A Campus Treasure" also sbown. The short film chronicel det center's bistory and contributions to campus.

Student learns diplomacy

By Molly Mize Staff Writer

The summer of 1996 was definitely a time Travis

The summer of 1996 was definitely a time Travis Thompson, a political science junior, will remember for the rest of his life.

Thompson and 84 other students from around the world attended a symposium sponsored by the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution at the Hague in the Netherlands.

The conference is an opportunity for college students form around the world to come together and learn about international trade, foreign diplomacy, and the making of treaties.

To apply Thompson had to have a 3.0 grade point average, be at least a sophomore, write an essay about why he should be chosen and his career goals.

The conference took place from July 8 to Aug. 2.

The Washington, D.C.-based organization was created to teach mediation skills to a "new generation" of world leaders, according to a brochure put out by the organization.

The institute helps with the delineation of models and methods of mediation and conflict resolution that have been developed in the political science field over the last decade.

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The Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution was founded by teachers, journalists, writers and international mediation experts. While there Thompson listende to lectures on trade and business negotiation, international relations, and world environmental issues.

Thompson said that a typical day consisted of "introduction from 9 a.m.-9.45 a.m., lectures from 10 a.m.-12, lunch and more lectures."

One of the guest lectures, who Thompson was

most impressed with was David Owen, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs for Great Britain, who now serves as the chief negotiator for the Bosnian Peace talks in Dayton, Ohio.

"In my letter of recommendation, I had to talk about his work habits, reliability and people skills," said Carol Behr, the general manager of Kennedy Book Store.

Thompson said the most of the language spoken at the conference was English.

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Students came from France, Japan, Germany, Singapore, Italy, Kenya, the United Kingdom, Australia, Norway and Argentina.

Domestic universities represented included Duke University, the University of Virginia, Stanford University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Northwestern University, the University of Oregon, Columbia University, Amherst College and Princeton University.

"Stanford and the University of Oregon had the largest representation," Thompson said, "with Stanford sending six students."

Students also took field trips.
One trip included going to see the international court in the Hague.

Another field trip was to see trials in session about the Bosnian War Crimes.
One day the group went to see NATO Headquarters.

ters.
Overall Thompson said his experience at the con-

"I learned a lot from the speakers, but met people interested in the same stuff I am. I made a lot of international contacts for my future."

New microlab holds grand opening to showcase available software

Staff Report

Although it has been in use since the fall, the microlab in Erikson Hall will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house today from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

The lab is located in Room 307.

Dan Beert, assistant professor of interior design said the lab includes not only the standard word processing software, but also programs specific to nutrition and food science, family studies, interior design and hospitality management, all majors offered in the college.

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"The software was selected with the College of Human Envi-ronmental Sciences in mind," Beert said.

Even though some of the pro-

grams that have been installed are specific to the college's majors any students can use the lab. Beert said the computers also been the latest version of Auto-CAD, a computer-aided drafting software often used by students in engineering, architecture and landscape architecture.

The new microlab has 20 multimedia PC's equipped with CD-ROM.

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Beert said the dedicated teacher station has a PC hooked up to a data projector. Teachers can use the 8-foot screen for software demonstrations and videos.

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Participating in the ceremony will be Retia Scott Walker, dean of the college and UK Computing Center personnel. Faculty will also be on had to answer questions.







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Latinos denied scholarships at UK

By Matt Ellison

UK awards more than \$3.3 million in scholarship

UK awards more than \$3.3 million in scholarship money every year.

None of those dollars specifically go toward minority scholarships for Latino students.

The reason? Latinos are not officially recognized as a minority in the Kentucky.

Neither are Asian Americans, Native Americans or Indian Americans.

For an ethnic group to be officially recognized as a minority by the state, it must achieve a certain minimum percentage of the total state population. And with less than 20,000 Latinos residing in Kentucky, according to the 1990 census, Latinos are not considered a large enough minority to be officially recognized, composing less than one percent of the state stotal population.

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Latino students such as Student Government Association President Alan Aja are not eligible for state-funded minority scholarships, which made receiving financial aid difficult for Aja and his par-

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"When my parents looked into it, they were told
that there were no scholarships available through the
university for Latinos," said Aja, whose parents are
from Cuba.

Melanie Cruz, executive director of student affairs,
also found out that there were no minority scholarships for Latinos at UK.

She discovered that while other schools provided
such scholarships through the funding of Latino
organizations, UK had no such partnership.

Instead, Aja and Cruz relied on other Latino organizations who did provide scholarship funds. Many
Latinos in other states face the same dilemma,
because Kentucky is one of many states which does

not officially recognize Latinos as a minority.

But Michael Conuel, president of the Latino Student Organization, found no such trouble in his home state.

Conuel, who attended undergraduate school in Massachusetts, was eligible to receive minority-based financial aid since Massachusetts officially recognizes Latinos as a minority.

Conuel, who has served as president of LSA this semester, thinks Latinos are not recognized in this state because they are misrpresented.

According to Conuel, many Latinos are not registered citizens of this state because they are misrpart workers who are employed by farmers in Kentucky, especially tobacco farmers.

"Because they aren't registered as citizens of Kentucky, the Latino population isn't always represented," Conuel said.

One way Conuel and other Latino students on campus are responding is by becoming involved in LSA, which is in only its sixth semester on campus. Conuel said many Latino students might not be aware there is a group for them on campus.

"Orbivously, the first step is to gain recognition as a minority," Conuel said. The LSA hopes to do so by becoming better organized and recognized as a group on campus. By uniting with other local Latino support groups, Conuel said they can become more active in the efforts to become recognized by the state.

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Bringing more Latino students would benefit all involved, Aja said.

Not only would more Latinos receive a college education, but also the rest of the students on campus would benefit from different cultures.

"What are students going to do when they encounter Latinos in the workplace?" Aja said.