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Court overturns murder conviction

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For almost a decade, Mike and Anne DiGiuro have visited their son's tombstone early Thanksgiving morning, "so he can be a part of our family dinner."

Trent DiGiuro — a former UK football player — was shot in the head and killed the night of July 17, 1994 at a party at his home on Woodland Avenue, three days shy of his 21st birthday.

But next week's visit to the St. Aloysius Catholic Cemetery in Pewee Valley, Ky., will have a different tone: The man convicted for murdering their son has been granted a new trial.

Shane Ragland, a UK alumnus, had been serving a 30-year sentence at the Kentucky State Reformatory in La Grange, Ky., for DiGiuro's murder.

In a 4-3 decision yesterday, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled that one of the attorneys for the DiGiuro family misspoke in his closing argument in the 2002 trial.

The majority opinion faulted First Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Mike Malone, ruling that he inten-



DiGIURO

tionally commented on Ragland's choice not to testify against himself — a constitutional right under the Fifth Amendment.

In reference to Ragland, Malone wrote, "The only person who knows where that shot was fired from exactly is the person sitting in that chair over there, and he hasn't seen fit to tell us."

"You can't do that," said Guthrie True, one of Ragland's attorneys.

In the majority opinion, Justice William Cooper said, "The prosecutor's comment on appellant's exercise of his Fifth Amendment right not to testify requires reversal for a new trial."

For True, this decision

has been six months in the making since he first filed an appeal in mid-May.

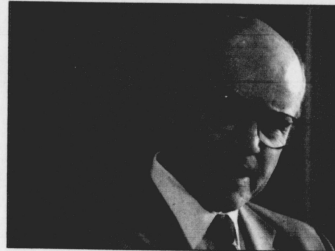
"I'm just getting my breath, really," True said yesterday. "I haven't even had time to finish reading the opinion yet."

"I'd felt good about the issues we raised on appeal all along," he said. "I was optimistic, but I'm just glad to get it in black and white."

True said he has spoken with Shane Ragland and his family, including his father, Jerry, and True said they felt many of the same emotions he did.

"They're very pleased, very relieved, very gratified

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Commonweath Attorney Ray Larson said he disagreed with the state Supreme Court's decision to overturn Shane Ragland's murder conviction. Ragland was convicted in 2002 for the murder of Trent DiGiuro.



Austin Jones, 15, hugs his mother Laura in their kitchen. Austin overcame adversity and became a mainstreamed freshman at Harrison County (Ky.) High School. UK students spent a weekend photographing life in Cynthiana, Ky. FOR MORE PHOTOS, SEE PAGES 4 AND 5.

Lexington to Cynthiana

By Emily Hagedorn
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For three days, the world of nine students revolved around what they saw through their cameras' lenses.

For one aspiring photographer, the green walls and antique faces in a hometown restaurant provided interesting conversation as well as camera angles.

Another looked for inspiration in the work of a baker with disfigured hands.

The photographers were part of the first-ever Picture Kentucky, UK's Rural Photojournalism Workshop in Cynthiana, Ky., which was produced by the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications and The Kernel.

The boot-camp style workshop, which lasted Nov. 11 through Sunday morning, will move to a different small town in Kentucky each year. Since this

is the workshop's first year, it will resume again next September in Cynthiana.

Each student was given a name or place and turned loose to capture his or her subject's personality and life in photos.

Every night the students returned to the windowless room in the town's Community Education Center to share their shots and be critiqued by three professional photographers: Dave LaBelle, photojournalism adviser for The Kernel; David Stephenson, staff photographer for the Lexington Herald-Leader; and Curt Chandler, editor for online innovation at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Many of the photo discussions would last well into the night, only hours before the young photographers would have to get up and prepare to shoot more pictures at the first sight of sunlight.

"Out of nowhere I had to ask someone if I could spend all day and evening

with them," said workshop participant Hilly Schiffer, a journalism sophomore and assistant photo editor at The Kernel. Schiffer profiled a 15-year-old high school student with Down syndrome.

Located about an hour up U.S. 27 from Lexington, the whistle-stop community used to house six tobacco warehouses — now it's down to one.

With a downtown area more lively than most, Main Street and its surrounding roads hold the Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum, Bianche's down-home-style restaurant and WCYN radio, which is housed in the oldest building in town — a log cabin.

"You kind of appreciate the peacefulness and the quietness in the town," said Laura Smith, a server at

Bianche's and a biology sophomore at Lexington Community College. "It's not loud. There's not a lot of traffic."

"It's real small. It's better."

The students' photos and interviews will eventually be published in a book and put on a Web site, which is set to be up next year, said Chris Poore, UK's student publications director.

"I'm sure that (the students) approached and crossed some boundaries that they haven't been faced with," said Stephenson, one of the students' professional mentors.

"The more we can teach this the better off our profession is going to be," he said.

"Pictures have a huge impact on how we see our world, how we see ourselves, how we see our community."

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Mad cow disease might be back

By Johanna Neuman
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — U.S. Department of Agriculture officials announced Thursday that they had discovered a possible new case of mad cow disease, but cautioned that the preliminary positive test was "inconclusive."

Final results should be available from the USDA lab in four to seven days, officials said.

After the first U.S. case was discovered last December in a cow in Wash-

ington state, the USDA instituted a rapid-screening test on cows considered at risk for the disease — older cattle, "downers" too ill to walk, cattle displaying symptoms of neurological ailments — as well as on 20,000 healthy cows.

So far, 113,000 animals have been tested, and none have been found to be carrying bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, the disease that if passed to humans through eating contaminated meat can cause a brain-wasting ailment called variant

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

The USDA provided no information on the suspect cow's origin, but did indicate it was in one of the "at-risk" groups.

Preliminary tests of two cows in the past 11 months have been positive, but subsequent tests proved they did not have the disease. And officials noted that the current animal's carcass did not enter either the food chain or the animal feed supply.

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UK asks for injunction in former coach's suit

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK Athletic Association has filed a motion to dismiss a \$50 million lawsuit from former football coach Claude Bassett.

Bassett, a former UK recruiting coordinator, claimed he was denied due process in the investigation of recruiting violations that led to UK's current probation.

In its motion to dismiss the lawsuit, UK said Bassett's claims had no merit, said UK spokeswoman Mary Margaret Collier.

The Southeastern Conference filed a motion to dismiss as well, said SEC associate commissioner Charles Bloom.

The NCAA and SEC also said Bassett's claims are erroneous.

The lawsuit, which was filed Sept. 17 in U.S. District Court in Covington, Ky., also claimed the organizations broke the Sherman Antitrust Act and the Clayton Act by banning Bassett from coaching college football.

UK asked for the case's dismissal because some of Bassett's claims were outlandish, Collier said.

One such claim involved using free hotel rooms, room service and UK apparel to entice recruits, according to the lawsuit.

"On those rare occasions when Coach Bassett helped a player with money, he used only his own funds," the lawsuit read. But that's still an NCAA violation.

Bassett resigned from his job Nov. 19, 2000. According to the NCAA's report on the recruiting violations, he then admitted to sending money orders to a Memphis, Tenn., high school football coach. Bassett from coaching for eight years, beginning on Jan. 30, 2002.

He is currently the athletic director and head football coach at Robstown High School in Robstown, Texas.

Phone messages to the NCAA and Bassett's attorney were not immediately returned.

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U.S. soldiers discover likely HQ of al-Zarqawi

By Jackie Spinner
THE WASHINGTON POST

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. soldiers discovered a house in southern Fallujah on Thursday believed by U.S. military officials to be a main headquarters for the network of Jordanian guerrilla leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, whose group has claimed responsibility for numerous bombings, kidnappings and beheadings across Iraq.

A black-and-white mural painted on a wall in the banners shown in videos that have depicted the beheading of foreign hostages, indicated that the house belonged to an "al-Qaida organization." Al-Zarqawi has declared his allegiance to al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, and his group initially called Monotheism and Jihad, recently adopted the name al-Qaida in Iraq.

In the house, the soldiers found documents that transcribed by al-Zarqawi to his lieutenants, medical supplies from the U.S. Agency for International Development and boxes of ammunition from the Chinese and Jordanian armies.

Controlled by insurgents from late April until this month, when American and

Iraqi forces mounted a massive offensive aimed at restoring government authority. Fallujah had become a hub for foreign guerrillas who joined al-Zarqawi's network, U.S. military officials have said.

Military officials said it was unclear when, if ever, al-Zarqawi had last been in the house discovered Thursday in Fallujah's southern neighborhood of Shuhada. A U.S. intelligence source said al-Zarqawi apparently did not use Fallujah as his base of operations, and none of the leaders of the principal insurgent groups based in Fallujah — al-Zarqawi, Abdullah Janabi and Omar Hadid — were known to have been apprehended during the U.S. offensive there. Janabi has said he and Hadid remain inside Fallujah, and U.S. military officials have suggested al-Zarqawi may be in the northern city of Mosul.

Fighting persisted Thursday in Mosul and a string of other towns stretching across the region north and west of Baghdad known as the Sunni Triangle.

Correspondent Anthony Shadid in Baghdad and staff writers Barton Gellman in New York and Thomas E. Ricks in Washington contributed to this report.

NEWS BRIEFS

Airport offers holiday shuttle

Students flying home for Thanksgiving can get a free ride to Blue Grass Airport.

The holiday shuttle to Blue Grass Airport is available to students next Monday through Wednesday.

Each day, the shuttle will offer seven campus departure times: 7 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m.

Students should plan to leave campus at least two hours prior to their flight's scheduled departure time.

To schedule a pickup, e-mail UK Parking Services at ukparking@lv.uky.edu at least 48 hours in advance of departure date with name, campus address, phone number and time and location of pickup.

UK Parking and Transportation Services will call to confirm a pickup time and convenient location.

Blood drive wraps up today

It's the last day for the Big Blue Crush blood drive, and Tennessee is currently beating UK in pints of blood donated.

Tennessee leads this year's drive by 107 pints, 1,483 to 1,386.

Donors can visit the mobile blood banks today at the Chandler Medical Center, Room H-133, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or at Lexington Community College from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations can also be made at the Central Kentucky Blood Center at 330 Waller Ave.

The two universities and two blood centers have competed since 1988 to help their respective area hospitals store enough blood to get through the holidays.

The Blood Center has set a goal of 3,000 pints during the drive.

Anyone who donates during Big Blue Crush will receive a free Crush T-shirt.

Library offers study help

UK is offering various programs to help students study effectively for finals.

Becoming a Master Student: Salvaging a Semester and The No-Cram Exam will be Saturday, November 20th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the W.T. Young Library Gallery. Advance registration is \$40 in The Study (5th floor Young Library). Registration at the door is \$50 (includes all materials). Group discounts available. Call Karin Lewis 257-1371 or e-mail kalewi2@uky.edu for details.

Monday afternoon guided study groups are held 3:30 to 5 p.m. in The Study. Small group assistance focuses study efforts to become more efficient while reviewing for finals.

See www.uky.edu/ugs/study for schedules.

Churchill Downs offers scholarships

Active college students enrolled full-time can win a \$1,000 scholarship Saturday, Nov. 20 at Churchill Downs in present the annual "Kentucky Thoroughbred Association College Scholarship Day."

A drawing to award one of the \$1,000 scholarships will be held after each of the day's first nine races. A special drawing will be conducted after the 10th race to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a student directly affiliated with the thoroughbred industry. Those eligible for the final scholarship include employees and family members at Churchill Downs and employees and family members of horsemen and others connected to the industry.

Students must register at Churchill Downs and must be present at the track to claim their scholarship. Admission to the track is free to all students with a valid full-time student ID.

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by the court's consideration of the case." True said, "They look forward to a new opportunity to plead this case in the upcoming months."

Jerry Ragland, a businessman in Frankfort, Ky., did not return phone calls to his home yesterday.

Commonwealth Attorney Ray Larson, who represented the DiGiuro family at the original trial, said in a news conference yesterday that the state strongly disagrees with the court's ruling.

"I'm sorry to see everyone here today," Larson said. "To say we are disappointed and dismayed by the court's decision to set aside the jury's verdict and order a new trial is truly an understatement."

Larson said he was "upset" by the court's characterization of Malone's statement. When asked if Malone would be removed from the second trial, Larson said, "Hell no."

"Anyone who knows Mike Malone knows better," Larson said. "It's 29 words out of a two-hour closing argument. We knew, as did Judge (Thomas) Clark, what the context was," he said, referring to the Fayette County Circuit Court judge who presided over the 2002 trial.

The three dissenting judges in the court's ruling agreed with Larson. In his opposing opinion, Justice

James Keller wrote, "The twenty-nine words in dispute ... had no effect upon the jury's verdict."

The dissent also claims that Ragland's attorney put a "spin" on Malone's words, and adds "any error committed in this case was harmless beyond a reasonable doubt."

Investigators did not get a break in the case for more than five years after DiGiuro's death, until Ragland's ex-girlfriend told investigators that he confessed to shooting DiGiuro in 1995.

She said Ragland shot DiGiuro because the football player had played a role in keeping Ragland out of UK's chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity.

Ragland was arrested in July 2000 but wasn't sentenced until April 2002, one month after a grand jury found him guilty of murdering DiGiuro.

For Anne DiGiuro — Trent's mother — the Kentucky Supreme Court's ruling for a new trial has done nothing to help heal the wounds of her son's death.

"There is no closure," DiGiuro said, crying, during a phone interview yesterday. "Closure is a word that people throw around."

"We figured we'd be fighting the Raglands the rest of our lives."

DiGiuro said she was "horrified" by yesterday's ruling, but she said she's ready to prove Ragland guilty a second time.

"We just say, 'bring it on,'" DiGiuro said. "We'll come back and get a better

conviction. "He'll get more years; he'll get life," she said. "He will not win, ever, against us."

True said the defense will request to move the new trial outside of Lexington or Fayette County, a motion denied in the first trial.

"I think we need to get the case outside of the influence of the Lexington media market," True said.

"I also think it's important for this case to be moved outside this area of Kentucky, where the University of Kentucky and the UK Athletic Association are so predominant."

Larson said he wants to keep the trial here.

"The litmus test to obtaining a jury is the jury selection process itself," Larson said. "I'm hopeful we'll try to select a jury right here in Lexington."

He added that he anticipates the defense will file a motion before the new trial begins to change the trial's venue.

"We intend to retry this case as soon as we can," Larson said. "But I'm guessing (the defense) think they can't get a fair trial anywhere."

"I suspect the defense will do whatever whining they will do to move the trial location."

Regardless of where the new trial will be, Anne DiGiuro said she and her husband will continue to visit their son's grave site.

"No matter what we do with Shane, there will never be Trent," DiGiuro said. "Trent is going to be gone — forever."

"There's that spot on your heart that will never go away."

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Mad Cow

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"USDA remains confident in the safety of the U.S. beef supply," said Andrea Morgan, a deputy in the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Still, news of a preliminary positive test rattled the markets. Prices for live cattle futures for December delivery were down on Chicago Mercantile Exchange, at times falling below the 3-cent per pound allowable trading limit.

Traders were worried less about domestic con-

sumption — Americans are still eating an average of about 200 pounds per person a year, according to the American Meat Institute — than about the promise of renewing beef exports.

Japan and other countries cut off all imports of American beef after the Washington state case was disclosed. U.S. beef exports to Japan alone in 2003 totaled about \$1.4 billion, an industry group said.

But industry analysts said exports to Japan are scheduled to resume next July if certain conditions are met. Among those is better identification of animals so that importers can purchase only

those certified as under 30 months of age and thus most likely to be free of the disease.

"Under our framework agreement with the Japanese, even if we have another case, it would not set us back," said Chandler Keys, vice president for government relations at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, a Denver-based industry trade group.

First diagnosed in Britain in 1986, BSE affected 178,000 British cattle and resulted in the eventual destruction of 3.7 million animals. A virtual worldwide ban on British beef cost farmers there billions of dollars.





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Adventures Abroad | Europe 101

Mountains not as high as language barrier

For those of you who were wondering, I finally made it to Besançon, with only as few complications as one would expect from, say, a nuclear-science experiment supervised by Wile E. Coyote.



Chris Schuhmann
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Even so, there's no need to break out the Buddy Holly early singing the praises of an early-departed genius. Well, not just yet.

After all is said and done, I'll let the reader determine how close I am to an untimely demise. But now it's time for my little anecdote that'll serve for nothing more than to bolster your own self-confidence. So here we go.

As my previous experience has confirmed, there's nothing that'll make you want to don your ruby slippers, click your heels together and repeat "There's no place like home" like making a fool of yourself in someone else's language.

Upon your first day it will start — the point in your language training where you make all those numbskull mistakes. You know, like the kind where you want to say, "Have a great time!" and instead you sputter "Your mother's slime."

Although language faux pas are sure to be a daily affair, I soon came to realize that they only make things interesting for people you speak to. So don't stress. It can even be cute. But be warned! There is a very thin line be-

tween "cute" and "gsez, this guy's an idiot!" A specific example comes to mind.

I was talking to two cute Italian girls as I was coming back from the bars one evening. At this point in my language training I (mistakenly) thought I had garnered enough vocabulary to mack on the ladies. Someone should have told me Don Juan was Spanish, not French.

Anyway the conversation turned to our impressions of France, and I smoothly tried to say, "I love all the small towns here in France. They're beautiful!"

But with lousy pronunciation, which tends to happen when I slur my speech, it came out like "I just looovee all the little girls here in France. They're sexy!"

Needless to say, the reaction I got was not the one I had expected, and I remain convinced that it was only my gorgeous smile that pulled me out of that potentially disastrous scenario.

But without a doubt, if you want to learn to speak and find adventure à la fois, you've got to join a club. This will certainly give you a few stories to tell back home.

I joined the French Alpine Club (this has nothing to do with pine trees, mind you), and I was, to use an English cliché, a fish out of water. I wandered in with a big, stupid grin on my face, thinking I was in a good spot to find adventure, and boy had I bitten off more than I could chew!

One French mountaineer after another waltzed in until I was completely surrounded by dozens of bona fide "I-could-take-your-puny-head-and-squash-it-between-my-little-toes" alpinists. All of them swaggered in with weath-

er-beaten hands and faces, toting their mountaineering equipment over their broad shoulders — how do you say "What the hell is that thing for?" — and sat themselves down with their maps to plan which mountain they were going to call their (insert expletive here) that weekend.

My grin disappeared. Terror stole my countenance. A book club started to sound like a much better idea.

You see, my incompetence in this scenario existed on several levels. Not only was I the youngest and undoubtedly the most inexperienced guy there, but I was also the only person who spoke any English. Yeah, try explaining that you ski like a three-legged rhino to somebody using only your hands and a few odd belching noises. You'll get the picture.

I felt something like the Little Bunny Foo Foo in a pack of ravenous wolves, except that I didn't really have the gonads to go around bopping people on the head. I wanted to be home, reading Adventure magazines in my warm bed and dreaming that I was a hardcore bad mutha' like these guys. Easier that way — I have a great imagination.

But that was before I met Jean, who was incredibly nice and excited to have me. He reminded me of the good ol' grandpa type who is always there to lend his sage advice to the young, horribly naive, young, red-headed — did I say young? — American idiot.

He happily showed me pictures of trips he had taken — excursions up and over glaciers, down into canyons, across mountain passes and straight up daunting waterfalls. After

each picture he'd smile, point his finger at me, then again at the photo as if to say, "This could be you, pal!"

Utilizing my great imagination, I thought about this, and my eyes flew open wide with excitement. I'd learn how to climb mountains in the French Alps!

However, I thought better after imagining another scenario and wondered how one might say, "Excuse me, I'm sorry to bother you, but it seems that I have clumsily stabbed myself through the thigh with my ice axe. Silly me! Would you mind helping me yank it out, please? Thanks, that'd be great! Croissant?"

I practically hollered "Je suis debutant!" in the poor old man's ear. I think he understood that I was a bumby-slope kind of guy and introduced me to the teachers of the beginning courses.

And there you go. I had my foot in the door for the adventure of a lifetime, and I got the opportunity to practice my French every time I fell into a crevasse — "Get me the hell out of here, Pierre!"

No really that only happened twice. Now, I know what you're thinking. Didn't this experience cure me of the pesky language barrier?

Heck no!
But the next time I made a fool of myself on the street, at least I could tie a figure-eight knot while I pleaded that a call to the police wasn't truly necessary.

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Spankers do it all themselves

By Ryan Ebelhar
KERNEL MUSIC COLUMNIST

They're not quite rock.
They're not quite country.
They're not quite punk.
They're not quite bluegrass.

In fact, they're not really a band that can be put into any definable genre.

Lead singer Wamomo lists some of his far-ranging influences — these are a few of about 150 — as Ella Fitzgerald, the Butthole Surfers and the Ohio Players.

Their odd name comes from the old jazz term "spanker," someone who plays an acoustic instrument with skill and vigor. This, combined with playing their first show on Asylum Street in Austin, Texas turned the band into the Asylum Street Spankers.

The band is composed of guitars, drums, accordions, bass, banjos, mandolins, fiddles, harmonicas and even a

clarinet on some songs. Truly distinctive in its delivery, the band does not use microphones onstage, preventing them from using anything other than raw talent to put on a show.

On their latest album, *Mercurial*, they recorded the entire show live in the studio with no overdubs.

Also unique is their choice of cover songs to perform. Since they don't really resonate a distinct sound, they also don't cover a distinct type of music.

On their latest album they cover songs by Taj Mahal, the Beastie Boys and Black Flag, giving each song its own flair.

Expect their upcoming show at the Dame to be a memorable concert. In short, and definitely don't expect it to be an ordinary rock show.

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Austin, Texas-based band The Asylum Street Spankers features (from left to right) an unidentified band member, PB Shane, Christina Marrs, Scott Marcus, Nevada Newman, Reese Gray, and Wamomo.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Week of November 15th-21st

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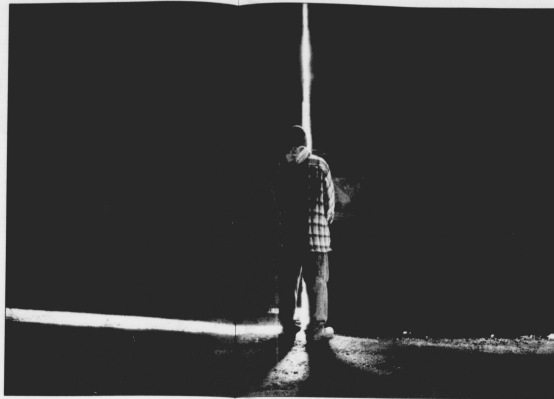
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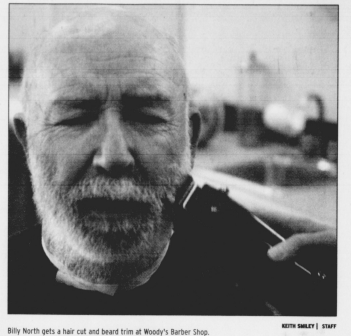
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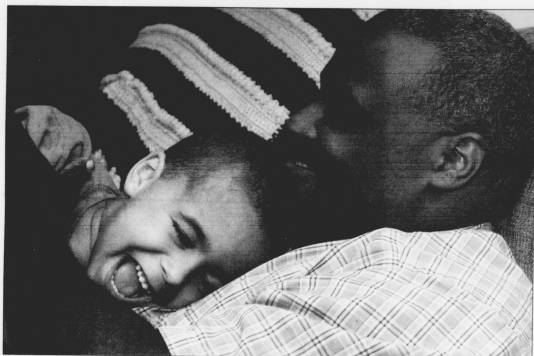
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IN OUR OPINION

Athletes' graduation rate disgraces UK

UK's most successful athletes excel in every area except one: graduation.

According to NCAA reports, only 46 percent of UK student-athletes receiving athletic aid graduated in the most recent years for which data is available.

All NCAA reports provide four-year averages when calculating graduation rates. That method allows a school to make up for a bad year or a few missteps.

But any way you cut the numbers, UK is failing its student athletes.

Since the NCAA allows student-athletes six years to graduate, the four most recent years in its 2004 report are the entering freshman classes of 1997-98, 1996-97, 1995-96 and 1994-95.

The report only includes students receiving athletic aid, which is defined by the NCAA as "a grant, scholarship, tuition waiver or other assistance from a college or university that is awarded on the basis of a student's athletics ability."

Although the data may seem outdated, consider that the average NCAA Division I graduation rate for student-athletes was 50 percent during the same time period. And 58 percent of UK's entering freshman population graduated within six years during that time period.

Compared with Southeastern Conference schools in this report, UK didn't perform well. Of the 12 schools in the conference, UK student-athletes ranked 11th in graduation rates in the latest four-year cycle. In football, UK ranked 11th. In men's basketball, UK ranked 11th.

Only Arkansas ranked lower. Must we continue to thank Arkansas?

By The Numbers

46 — percentage of student-athletes entering UK as freshmen from 1994-97, receiving athletic aid and graduating within six years.

58 — percentage of UK students entering as freshmen from 1994-97 and graduating within six years.

1 — number of UK men's basketball players entering as freshmen from 1994-97, receiving athletic aid and graduating within six years.

53 — percentage of female student-athletes entering UK as freshmen from 1994-97, receiving athletic aid and graduating within six years.

41 — percentage of male student-athletes entering UK as freshmen from 1994-97, receiving athletic aid and graduating within six years.

336 — total number of college degrees awarded to student-athletes entering as UK freshmen from 1994-97, receiving athletic aid and graduating within six years.

11th — UK's rank out of the 12 Southeastern Conference schools for graduation rates of student-athletes in the latest NCAA report.

Men's basketball is a black eye for college sports when it comes to graduation rates. During the latest four-year period for which data is available — three years under Rick Pitino and one year under Tubby Smith — only one basketball player receiving financial aid graduated.

Is it possible for student-athletes to be successful on the field and in the classroom?

The men's cross-country and track teams prove it is — 52 percent of those athletes receiving aid graduated in the latest four-year cycle.

It is not a mere coincidence that there is a correlation between poor graduation rates and the prominence of the sports teams.

Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart said at UK's self-study NCAA steering committee meeting earlier this month that he does not want to make the standards too strict.

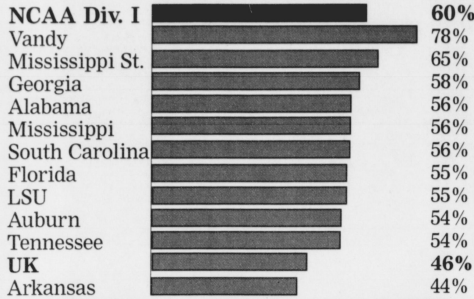
"Before we set this in concrete, I want to be sure this proposed graduation rate standard is one we can aim for," Barnhart said. "I'm not setting something up where we'll never be able to compete again."

While Barnhart was not the athletics director during the time period in the NCAA report, his statements are disconcerting. UK is an institution of learning. Its top priority should be to equip its students with the knowledge they need to obtain employment after graduation.

The committee is looking at ways to help student-athletes learn — without the complications of graduating with a major. It is considering a general degree program aimed at student-athletes who leave without a degree after their athletic eligibility expires.

This program would allow any student — not just athletes — to take a variety of courses

% of College Basketball graduates



EMILY THOMPSON | STAFF

Percentage of student-athletes entering as freshmen from 1994-97, receiving athletic aid and graduating within six years at SEC schools. Data accessible at www.ncaa.org/grad_rates/2004/d1/index.html.

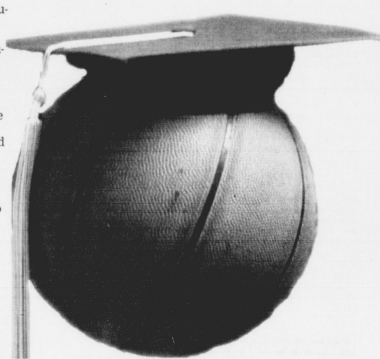
es for five or six years without having to choose one major, said Darrell Jennings, chair of the academic integrity subcommittee.

This program is not the solution to UK's poor student-athlete graduation rate. Athletes need to be encouraged to graduate with useful degrees. A general study program will not help them compete in today's job market.

Since only a tiny percentage of students will be able to play professionally, the rest will need college degrees to succeed.

We challenge Barnhart and UK Athletics to raise the standards for student-athletes. UK athletes cannot afford to remain at the bottom of the SEC in education and graduation under the misguided notion that win-loss records are more important.

UK has won plenty of athletic victories over the years. It's a shame to sully them by failing so miserably on graduation day, the ultimate championship of college education.



LETTERSTO THE EDITOR

Readers deserve columns without conservative spin

In response to Stephen Burnett's article, "Liberals undermine traditional family values," I want to clear up a "conservatively" misconstrued column.

First, he was correct in saying that "liberals" are upset about the outcome of the election. Why shouldn't they be? Most of them didn't vote for the guy who won.

Also, I've heard people proclaim they don't think Bush has a mandate.

I don't know what everyone thinks. But if the tables were turned and John Kerry won with the same margin that Bush did, would Kerry have a mandate?

Finally, I find it most amusing when people use the labels "conservative" and "liberal." Basically they do this to polarize their half of the spectrum into thinking that if something is "liberal" then it must be bad (The New York Times in Burnett's case), and vice versa.

The article "More Divorce in Red States" in Sunday's Herald-Leader was just a representation of fact. That's all. On Nov. 2, a majority of Kentuckians thought it necessary to "protect marriage," even though the state has the third-highest divorce

rate in the country. However, Massachusetts, one of the few states open to the idea of allowing two loving individuals the right to marry, has the lowest divorce rate.

Why is that? You decide. It's not up to Burnett, me, or The New York Times to tell you what you should think.

Why shouldn't we be allowed the facts without those pesky "conservatives" putting their spin on it?

CHARLES CALLIGAN
French language and international
economy junior

Conservatives fear science, legislate morality

An independent reply to Stephen Burnett and his Democrat opponents as expressed in "Liberals Undermine Traditional Family Values."

The problem as we see it is not whether Bush stole the election or Kerry was morally unsuitable to lead our nation. Instead, we recognize the failure of the democratic system that is the foundation of our great nation. In a democracy, it is unreasonable

to expect "every" vote to be counted? Is it our grapes to insist that those votes continue to be counted so that we can get a final tally?

Of course, Burnett moves quickly away from the real issue of democratic process to distraction issues like the poorly-defined "family values" and social morals.

We understand that you would like to legislate our personal lifestyles based upon your religious beliefs but insist that you first re-read the constitution and Bill of Rights to search for where this is considered to be a legal role for the government.

Are we not still fighting a war in Afghanistan against a political system that legislated religious morality?

Lastly, I would encourage everyone to honestly think about the significance of scientific research and its benefits to our society.

An example of the neoconservatives' outright contempt for science is exhibited in Burnett's comparison of the groundbreaking scientific research of Alfred Kinsey to the pornographic peddlers Hugh Hefner and Larry Flynt.

No wonder so many Nobel Prize-winning scientists lined up in opposition against President Bush in the last election. Burnett's position is symptomatic of the larger neoconservative "kill-or-be-killed desire to undermine public debate based on fact."

MICHAEL BENTON
English department instructor

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The left needs more than the Democratic Party

In 1964, conservatives suffered a humiliating loss when Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater got just 38 percent of the popular vote and lost all but five states.

So what did they do? They built a long-term grassroots movement based not on electing individual candidates but on pushing the conservative agenda as a whole.

With the force of the conservative movement behind it, the GOP won the presidency in 1968 and has taken all but three elections since.



Brenton Kenkel
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Although Goldwater lost because he appeared too far-right, Republican candidates since 1968 have not toned down their rhetoric or backed away from their true policy goals.

George W. Bush ran as a moderate in 2000, but he won by a much larger margin running as a conservative in 2004.

On issues like gay marriage, the USA Patriot Act and the war in Iraq, Bush took a very conservative stance. The strength, prevalence and unity of the conservative movement allowed him to do so.

But John Kerry was forced to ride the fence. Indeed, the conservative movement has set the terms of political discourse in this country.

The portrayal of John Kerry as a "flip-flopper" started as a GOP talking point and ended up as his defining characteristic — the phrase

appeared in the headlines of even the supposedly liberal New York Times.

But "draft-dodger" and "deserter" never did. Bush was rarely criticized in the mainstream press for repeatedly calling Kerry a "Massachusetts liberal." Had Kerry called Bush a "Texas conservative" derisively, pundits from both sides would have torn him apart.

To wrench electoral victories and political discourse out of the hands of the GOP, liberals should do just what conservatives have done: build a movement.

The left needs to act through organizations other than the ineffectual Democratic Party. The Republicans have many well-funded think tanks, talk radio hosts and outside organizations.

If groups like MoveOn.org keep pushing for change — while remaining independent

and willing to challenge party orthodoxy — the Democrats will benefit greatly.

The left must toss the Hollywood elite, the rock stars and George Soros out of the picture: Get real people involved and excited about issues important to the left.

Until liberals work hard to wrest the nature of political discourse out of the hands of the GOP, they won't be able to take advantage of popular consensus on the environment, health care, trade and other issues where the public is (in a vague sense) on their side.

But until Democrats start thinking in terms of decades instead of election cycles, none of this will happen — and the GOP will keep winning and winning.

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Tubby silences freshmen on eve of opener

By Ben Roberts
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

All of them have played in front of the raucous Rupp Arena fans. Three of them have experienced the hoopla of the McDonald's High School All-American game. And two of them have already broken in to Tubby Smith's starting lineup.

But not one of the freshmen in UK's No. 1 ranked recruiting class has played a college basketball game that mattered.

That will all change tomorrow when the Coppin State Eagles come to Lexington for the season opener at 4 p.m.

Center Randolph Morris and guard Rajon Rondo are expected to start for the Cats, as they did in the last exhibition game, and guards Joe Crawford and Ramel Bradley will be among the first bench players to enter the game.

But despite entrusting this year's freshmen with more playing time in the preseason than he has for any previous class, Smith thinks his newcomers are getting too much attention from the media and UK fans.

He went as far yesterday to say he was worried about the pressure being put on his freshmen.

"Who wouldn't be (worried)?" Smith said. "I expect my underclassmen to pay their dues. I want to make sure everybody understands we've been pretty competitive with the eight or 10 players we have returning."

Smith is so concerned with the attention his freshmen class is attracting that he has cut off all media interviews with the newcomers.

"Tubby has instructed our office to not make them available for the time being," said team spokesman Scott

Stricklin.

Stricklin said Smith approached him about the issue this week, even though the UK coach allowed the freshmen to speak to reporters at last month's media day and in post-game interviews following the exhibitions.

Stricklin gave no indication as to when or if the players would be made available to the media in the future.

Some UK players speculated that Smith asked for the ban so the freshmen would be free of distractions as they concentrated on preparing for their first regular season game.

Junior guard Ravi Moss said the commotion surrounding the recruits should have been expected.

"That's what happens when you get a class of McDonald's All-Americans in," Moss said. "Everybody wants to know about them, and they're excited about them. That's just what's going on right now."

Whatever distractions the UK freshmen are seeing off the court have not transferred to practices, according to the team's veterans.

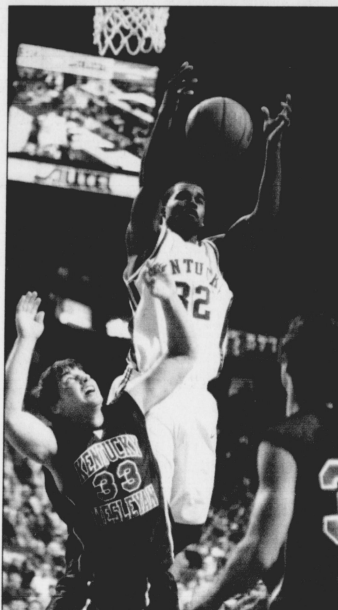
Senior guard Josh Carrier praised the younger players for their hard work in practice and their willingness to learn new things.

"We're a pretty close-knit team," Carrier said.

"If they have questions, they're quick to ask. And any time we have something to say they will listen. They want to learn, and Chuck (Hines) and I want to teach them."

Smith said he has been impressed with the progress all the freshmen are making so far and is anxious to see if their success in practice carries over to game situations.

And though the UK coach remains concerned over the amount of attention they're



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF
Freshman guard Joe Crawford (32) scored 12 points in UK's 79-54 exhibition win over Kentucky Wesleyan Nov. 9. Crawford will not start tomorrow.

getting, he isn't worried about whether his newcomers will be nervous for their first regular season game. In fact, he's hoping they are.

"I hope they're nervous," Smith said. "I think if you

ever play sports, you understand that nervousness is part of the game. But I think they'll play under control, and they'll play within the system."

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Familiarity a key for Cats with second-year coach

By Lindsey Keith
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

It took a while for Mickie DeMoss and the UK women's basketball team to get acquainted last season.

Tonight, DeMoss, the second-year head coach of the Cats, will lead a more comfortable team in its season-opener against Butler at 7 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

"Coming in last year, everyone was a stranger to me, and I was a stranger to them," DeMoss said. "They seem to have bought in quicker to things that we are trying to do."

The way sophomore point guard Angela Phillips sees it, the more familiar the Cats are with each other, the better off they'll be.

"Having a year under our belt, expectations are higher — and they should be," Phillips said. "We have a lot of talent, we have played together before and also had a year in the system."

The Cats open the season with a two-game home stand

before heading to the Virgin Islands for the Paradise Jam tournament.

"We are going to be very busy in the next week," DeMoss said. "But I am very excited to get my second season started here."

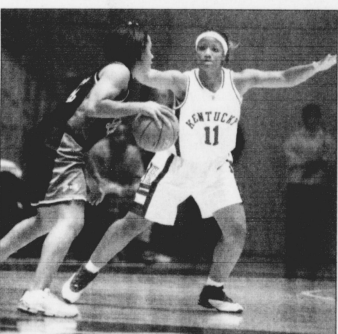
Her second season comes on the heels of an off-season wherein the Cats picked up one of the most lucrative recruiting classes in the nation. DeMoss said she believes the first few games will be grueling mentally and physically for her talented freshmen.

"Most days (are) pretty good, but you know freshmen at times, they just hit the wall," DeMoss said.

Ever since the Ohio Legends put up 62 points in UK's 76-62 exhibition win Nov. 4, DeMoss has stressed how critical defense is to her team.

"It is the most important thing for the success for the team," Phillips said. "And our defense starts our offense, and if we can keep teams down to a low scoring average, that will help us out even more and help us win ballgames."

"The intensity level was not there (in the first exhibition game) from everybody from the top to the bottom," DeMoss said. "We have emphasized transferring that intensity from the drills to a game situation."



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF
Freshman guard Samantha Mahoney (11) scored 13 points and had three steals in UK's 83-50 exhibition win over the West Coast All Stars Nov. 11.

The Bulldogs will test the Cats' defensive intensity with a much-improved squad that returns its second-leading scorer, Courtney Urquhart.

The Cats' newfound intensity has led to them exude more confidence from a team that finished 11-17 last season.

"I kind of smile, because it is going to be fun surprising people," Phillips said. "I

am confident in my teammates and my coaching staff, so I know we are going to do well."

Now the Cats are comfortable with each other and DeMoss' system.

"Philosophically, I have more people on board," DeMoss said. "And I think that is so important for laying a strong foundation."

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