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## Schools fired up about arsonists

By James Riltchle  
Senior Staff Writer

Recent arson pranks in residence halls may have shocked many in the University community, but UK is not the only school that has had problems with fires.

Since last summer, five fires have been set in public areas at Clemson University in South Carolina, resulting in the arrests of three students, said Verna Howell, executive director of housing at Clemson.

One of the individuals was responsible for three of the fires, and two other individuals were separately responsible for the two other blazes.

The five have been subject to both university and criminal discipline.

At West Virginia University, an intentionally set fire caused extensive damage to three faculty and staff offices in an academic building last month.

An unknown person used gasoline to ignite a pile of debris outside the building in the middle of the night, said Bob Roberts, director of public safety at WVU. He said he thinks the fire was connected to a series of trash bin fires that had been occurring recently in the city.

While no arrests have been made, a \$5,000 reward is being offered in the case, Roberts said; the standard \$1,000 from the state fire marshal, and \$4000 from the University.

Several years ago, WVU experienced a problem

similar to the one UK has been having with bulletin board fires in its dormitories, Roberts said.

As a result, many of the school's bulletin boards are now in centralized locations and are enclosed in glass or Plexiglas, making them difficult to set on fire. The key to preventing such fires, Roberts said, is for the community to refuse to tolerate them.

"The community sets the standard, not the police," he said. "Other universities report having had occasional incidents of arson, but not continually."

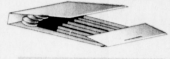
Lt. Jerry Minger of the Indiana University police department said he has seen "nothing out of the ordinary" in terms of fires this semester at IU. He estimated there may have been one or two isolated incidents of arson on campus this semester but no arrests have been made. Fires have not been much of a problem at the University of Tennessee either, said Detective Don Cook of the UT police department.

"We have been really lucky," Cook said. "UT has occasionally had problems with bulletin board fires, Cook said, but they have not been recurring. Perhaps no school has better reason to take fire prevention seriously than the University of North

### College fires

UK is not alone in cases of campus arson. Other universities have also reported similar instances.

Location	Date	Details
Clemson	Starting Summer 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 fires set in public areas</li> <li>3 arrests</li> </ul>
West Virginia U.	November 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire set outside of campus building</li> </ul>
U. of North Carolina	May 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulletin boards in dorms</li> <li>Fraternity house</li> <li>5 deaths</li> </ul>



RUSTY MANSEAU *Journal staff*

Carolina at Chapel Hill. Five students died when a fraternity house caught on fire in May, said Frederick Schroeder, dean of students. The official report attributed the blaze to discarded smoking materials, he said.

As a result of the fatal fire, Schroeder said, the campus has a heightened sensitivity toward fires and probably sees fewer pranks involving arson than other schools.

UK's history with arson fires began this semester. So far, two fires have been reported in Holmes Hall, one in Blanding Tower and three incidents in Kirwan Tower. To date, no suspects have been arrested.

UK Police Chief W.H. McComas said his department is pursuing some leads in the incidents and is trying to develop some suspects. He said a "Crime Stoppers" spot on TV is also in the works about Kirwan Tower incidents. "We're hoping to generate some response," McComas said.

## Wilder quits SGA for TV

By Gary Wulf  
Associate News Editor

Carrie Sterling Wilder is stepping out to take a step out.

Student Government Association's executive director for student services is resigning this evening at their final full Senate meeting of the semester.

Wilder received notice before Thanksgiving vacation that she had been awarded the WKYT (Channel 27) Fellowship.

She said she will be working 20 to 30 hours a week with the fellowship.

Though the fellowship will aid in her pursuit of a job in the communications field, Wilder said she had trouble deciding what to do.

"I was torn over it a lot. I talked with my family over Thanksgiving and actually before then," Wilder said.

After discussing it with family, friends and SGA members, she decided it was best to accept the fellowship.

"Everything is moving smoothly in SGA, and it (the fellowship) is one of those opportunities you can't give up," she said.

SGA President Alan Aja said he does not plan to fill the third executive director branch position.

"It was the beginning of the year, yes, we would... probably have to get a third," Aja said.

He said because a lot of the programs have already been established and the semester is ending, appointing a new executive director of student services is not necessary.

He said he will divide the responsibilities between the two other executive directors, Melanie Cruz and Wendy Hyland.

Aja said he did not think having three executive directors was necessary.

"We believe Wendy and Melanie can handle it, and they are ready to do it," Aja said.

Cruz, executive director of campus affairs, said she does not expect any problems with the resignation of Wilder.

"I don't think it will really affect us since I handled the majority of the programs handled by the student services last year," Cruz said.

"I'm extremely familiar with the process and whatever programs need to be implemented."

Cruz said Wilder's presence will be missed, though, since she was voted outstanding senator last year.

Before Wilder's term ends she will head the Memorial Walk this Friday.

The walk will honor those who have died while they were students at UK.

Aja said Wilder's biggest contribution in SGA has been setting the foundation for student legal mediation services.

This service, which should be available next year, will allow student volunteers from the College of Law to help the student legal adviser on cases that could not be settled in small claims court.



Wilder

## Jury indicts in 2 UK cases

By Kathy Reding  
News Editor

A Fayette County grand jury handed down two indictments last week in cases that began at UK.

Jay McCoy, former assistant dean of students and fraternity adviser, was indicted on 20 counts of criminal possession of a forging instrument, according to the circuit clerk's office.

McCoy is scheduled to be arraigned this Friday at 8:30 a.m. at the Lexington-Fayette County Courthouse before the circuit judge.

The indictments against McCoy stem from his use of an Interfraternity Council bank account.

A University audit states he misappropriated more than \$11,000 from the fund.

Testimony presented in a preliminary hearing in district court indicated McCoy admitted to forging the checks in question by the University.

Lt. Robert Abrams testified at the time that McCoy wrote \$14,993 in checks to himself from the IFC account.

In a second case relating to the University, Kelly McCalla, a soldier at the Fort Campbell, Ky., military base, was indicted on charges of second degree burglary and second degree rape, according to the circuit clerk's office.

He will be arraigned at the courthouse by the circuit judge at 1 p.m. Friday.

Charges against McCalla stem from an Oct. 5 incident at the Sigma Kappa social sorority house.

In a district court preliminary hearing Oct. 15, Joseph Monroe of UK Police testified McCalla was arrested in the house after being found in a member's room without having given permission to enter the house.

Members told police McCalla tried to leave the house when found so the boyfriend of a member was let in the house to restrain him.

McCalla told police in his statement that another sorority member had known he was in the room of the member who filed the rape complaint.

Monroe said no signs of forced entry to the house were found, and the house door has an automatic lock. In a statement, McCalla told police the door to the house was unlocked.



CHAD THOMAS *Journal contributor*

**SPIRIT AND SPIRITS** Students gather at BW-3s to watch UK as they defeated Purdue 101-87 as part of the DIRECTV Great Eight College Basketball Festival at the United Center in Chicago last night. See story, page 2.

## College relationships closely related to family

By Kathy Reding  
News Editor

Romantic relationships of college age people are closely related to their upbringing and anxieties they have in relation to their families.

Studies conducted through UK's College of Human Environmental Studies Center for Families and Children in conjunction with four other school have arrived at this conclusion and others relating to marriage, divorce, births and relationships.

Stephan Wilson, director of UK's center, said the family of origin impacts one's future relationship decisions.

"The dynamics of family relationships contribute to a general level of anxiety and that carries over," Wilson said. For example, he said, the study shows that young adults from dysfunctional families may have more anxiety about emotional closeness. He said behaviors such as "whether we jump into the first relationship that comes along" or whether someone goes through many relationships, unsatisfied with them originate through their family.

Wilson said the attitude that family influences young adult relationships is generally accepted, but the study, a cross-national survey of 1,500 undergraduates, shows the influence statistically.

Family also colors views on marriage. "It has a strong continuing effect," he said. "We have one model (of marriage) in our mind, and that's the one we know the best."

He said most young people's preparation for marriage is "pretty dismal," and that more than affection is necessary for a good marriage.

"There are a lot of things that go into whether this person that you like a lot is actually a good match," Wilson said. "We have high expectations about marriage."

These expectations, which often become too high, result in divorces, he said. Wilson said sometimes for undergraduates, relationships and preparations for marriages take a back seat to decisions about majors and careers, when further down the road in life they realize the relationship decisions were the ones that

really mattered. Young people have to be motivated early to establish constructive relationship habits.

"Most of us learn this too late in our life," Wilson said. "Maybe they (young adults) will say this (a relationship) is as important as a major, entry-level job or where they move to."

Other work done within the Research Center for Families and Children show marriage and parenthood are no longer linked, and that it has become more acceptable to postpone marriage and parenthood. He said many people think half of all U.S. marriages end in divorce, but actually, "The rate of divorce peaked in 1978 at about 40 percent and had been stable or actually declining ever since."

"The crude U.S. divorce rate per 1,000 population was 5.2 in about 1980, and now it's about 4.6 per

thousand," Wilson said. "However, both the marriage rates and divorce rates are much higher in Kentucky than they are for the U.S. as a whole."

He said many marriages that end in divorce do so within the first six years of the marriage; marriages that last to that point have a good chance of lasting permanently. "Satisfaction, interest and the centrality of marriage in each partner's life is cyclical."

Debunking another myth, Wilson said statistics also show Kentucky has a lower birth rate than the national average.

"That goes against the 'barefoot-and-pregnant' idea," he said.

Wilson said the studies and statistics show families, society and young adults themselves need to pay more attention to maintaining healthy relationships.

### NEWSbyte

#### CAMPUS Student finds element in Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Dennis Coskren has found things that no one knew existed.

The UK doctoral candidate has discovered three new minerals atop a rocky bluff in the Great Smoky Mountains.

"They're new for the world," said Robert Lauf, head of ceramic processing at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. "They've never been found anywhere else."

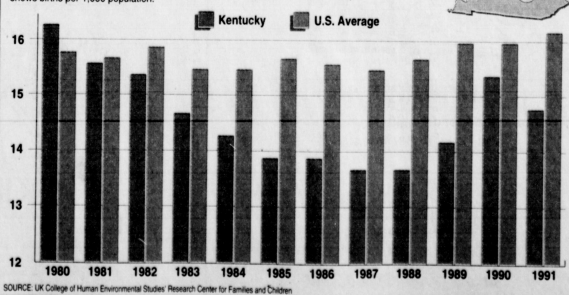
Coskren made his find while studying Alum Cave Bluff, a source of epsom salts for early settlers and saltpeter for gunpowder in the Civil War.

Coskren collected 26 distinct minerals, but three could not be identified despite chemical analysis, leading to the conclusion that they had never been discovered. The tiny crystals, which have yet to be named, have no known value.

Compiled from news reports.

#### Kentucky birth rates vs. the national average

Contrary to what many have said about the rate of births in Kentucky over the years, the state's rates have mostly been lower than the national average. The following shows births per 1,000 population.



SOURCE: UK College of Human Environmental Studies' Research Center for Families and Children

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## WCW's Nitro gives fans sleeper hold

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**W**orld Championship Wrestling's Monday Nitro is normally a high-quality wrestling product. When it came to Dayton's Hara Arena on Monday night, though, they let down the great wrestling fans of Ohio.

Mind you, I didn't expect much from Nitro this week, but when I made the trek from Lexington to Dayton, I expected to see some at least decent matches.

The night started off with a thud rather than a bang, with Glacier going up against Hardbody Harrison.

I'm sorry, but seeing a guy who thinks he's Sub-Zero (from Mortal Kombat) go up against a Coolio look-alike in hot pink wrestling trunks just doesn't do it for me. To beat it all, the match ended in about 20 seconds while some young punks were walking in front of me trying to find their seats.

Rob Parker himself. It was actually amusing to see Parker dressed up like a member of the Royal Canadian Armed Forces.

This match was totally useless because it featured two tag teams who have never won a match before. The French Canadians came out on top though, so maybe they are going to turn around their losing ways under Parker's direction.

That was pretty much the way the entire night went — one crappy match after another.

Usually WCW will have at least one match featuring two good cruiser weights like Rey Mysterio or The Ultimo Dragon. These high flyers always perform stunning high-risk maneuvers.

On Monday however, the cruiser weight match featured Dean Malenko and Billy Kidman. I don't want to take anything away from the champ, Malenko, but Kidman just wasn't up to par.

The entire night wasn't a total waste, however. A match that was a part of the tournament to crown a new national heavyweight champ pitted Chris "the Grappler" Benoit, a member of the Four Horsemen, against current TV champ, Lord Stephen Regal.

Any time two of the sport's greatest mat wrestlers hook up, it's bound to be a good match. Regal got a cut opened on his head early in the match which

probably kept him from performing up to his full potential.

Benoit won the match, but was confronted by his fellow Horsemen. It appears that there is some question concerning the loyalties of Benoit's manager, known only as Woman.

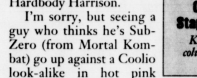
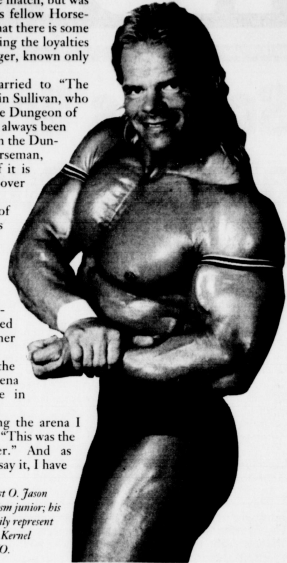
Woman is married to "The Taskmaster" Kevin Sullivan, who is the leader of the Dungeon of Doom. There has always been bad blood between the Dungeon and the Horseman, and it looks as if it is about to boil over again.

The climax of the night was when Rick Steiner called Sting out for a special challenge match. After exchanging a few blows, however, Sting turned his back on Steiner and left the arena.

This left all the fans in Hara Arena with a bad taste in their mouths.

As I was exiting the arena I heard one fan say, "This was the worst Nitro ever." And as much as I hate to say it, I have to agree.

Wrestling columnist O. Jason Stapleton is a journalism junior; his views do not necessarily represent the views of the Kernel or the NWO.



### WHAT'S your sign?

By Suzanne Raffield

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): A strange-looking man becomes fixated on you. You start fearing for your personal safety, but you soon realize that this strange-looking man is your father. Since you haven't been home for three years, his appearance has faded in your mind, and he was just coming back to remind you that he still exists.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): You give money to one of those people who ring little bells for money during the holiday season. But instead of gently telling you "thank you" or "God bless you," the man begins to shout obscenities at you. This does not offend you, but makes for a nice change from the usual relentless and nauseating holiday cheer.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): You decide to purchase a new jacket for the upcoming. However, you do not believe in shopping. You much prefer to barter with strangers, which also functions as a way for you to make new friends.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Being a doctor is your calling in life. But not being that bright, you do not have any chance to get into medical school. So, to further your education, you pick out people the world wouldn't really miss, and use them as cadavers.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): While playing whatever sport it is that you play, your opponent decides to take some anger out on you by replacing the ball with your head. At first your teammates try to help you, but when they realize how funny you look, they decide to sit back and watch.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): All the work that you have been putting off all semester catches up with you and puts you in a bad, bad mood. You lock yourself in your room and do not emerge until you have completed your mission, which is not to complete your work, but to alphabetize your CD collection.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You always seem to gravitate toward the weird. This week will be no

different: You encounter a group of religiously fanatic pirates who want to induct you into their group. You toy with the idea but end up declining politely.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have been having a wonderful academic semester. Unfortunately, you make the mistake of running over your professor's prize German shepherd. So, even though you have high test scores and wonderful papers, the professor decides to punish you with a failing grade.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your car decides that it is way too cold out, and that it does not want to move. You plead, you cajole, but your car just sits there in an angry stupor. So you ship the car off to Florida, so it can enjoy the warm weather. Although you are now sans transportation, you believe your car's happiness was the more important thing.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): After draining your financial resources, you decide to give away your bodily parts. But no one

seems to want anything you're giving away, so you decide to get a real job instead. However, you still try to earn some extra money on the side by selling your fingers.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your roommate's significant other has decided to move into your place of dwelling. This does not make you overly happy, because you do not like seeing this person's ugly face over your cornflakes. Not being a morning person to begin with, you are now driven over the edge, and you attack the person with your coffee spoon, which does release a considerable amount of your tension.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): You lose all of your semester notes and your textbooks in one day. This doesn't really faze you, however, because you weren't planning to pass any of your classes anyway. You, being the perennial optimist you are, conclude that it was a good thing to lose all your school supplies, because you now have less stuff to carry around.

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**SPORTS**

**UK chills Boilermakers in Great Eight defeat**

By Mike Nadel  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — If Kentucky's defense isn't good enough to win another national title, as coach Rick Pitino claims, it's plenty good enough to impress the Wildcats' opponents.

"They get after you," Purdue coach Gene Keady said Tuesday night after his team committed 28 turnovers against the Wildcats' full-court press in a 101-87 defeat.

"They are up on you, bumping you, forcing you into trouble. They do it so well and it's very hard to beat."

Pitino's team has scored 87, 104, 92 and 101 points in winning

four games since opening with an overtime loss to Clemson.

"Everybody is talking about offense, offense, offense. But what wins championships is defense," he said.

The sixth-ranked Wildcats (4-1) scored 31 points directly off Purdue turnovers and had 68 points from within the lane. Ron Mercer was especially effective, scoring a career-high 30 points on 13-of-16 shooting.

Mercer, the latest in a long line of Kentucky stars, was on the all-NCAA tournament team as a freshman last season and was picked as outstanding player last week as the Wildcats won the Great Alaska Shootout.

"Ron is a super sophomore

with great potential," Pitino said. "He is a special young man, and as his defense gets better ... he could have the best career of any Kentucky player."

Michael Robinson scored 20 points and Chad Austin 18 for the Boilermakers (2-2), who dropped their second straight game. Austin is the only returning starter for Purdue, which won its third consecutive Big Ten title last season. Robinson is one of several freshman who get significant playing time.

"We've got talent," Keady said, "but basketball savvy is going to take time. I think we're going to have some fun with our young kids."

The Boilermakers stayed in the

game by making outside shots, finishing 10-of-17 from 3-point range.

They hit their first four attempts in the second half to trail only 66-61 with 12 minutes to play.

But Mercer then scored six straight points and Jared Prickett added five during an 11-2 run that included five Purdue turnovers.

Purdue scored the next five points to make it 77-68 before Mercer jammed in a rebound and the Wildcats had double-digit leads the rest of the game.

Thanks to two 3-pointers each by David Lesmond and Brian Cardinal, Purdue overcame coach Gene Keady's technical foul and was behind by just 33-30 with 5

1/2 minutes left in the first half. But the Boilermakers gave away the ball on four consecutive possessions as Kentucky scored the next 11 points for a 44-30 lead.

Purdue outscored the Wildcats 13-2 the rest of the half to cut its deficit to 46-43.

Brad Miller finished the surge with a 15-foot jumper from the left baseline with two seconds left.

Miller fell to the floor after releasing the shot, bounded up as the ball swished through the net, and ran off the court pumping his fist and leaping for joy.

But Miller couldn't celebrate in the second half, fouling out at the 9:15 mark and watching his team struggle down the stretch.

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**Latest trek takes Cats to Columbus**

By Rob Herbst  
Assistant Sports Editor

Leg two of the UK women's basketball road show makes a stop in Columbus, Ohio, tonight as the Cats take on Ohio State.

The Cats should be used to the road, since this will be their fourth game away from the confines of Memorial Coliseum. They have played only one game in Lexington, in which they were slammed 76-38 by Michigan State.

UK has not been too successful at away games either. The Cats are 1-2 on the road including a 55-53 loss against Dayton on Saturday. Their lone win came against the ever-dangerous Western Michigan Broncos, 51-44.

Losing on the road is nothing new for the home-ick Cats. Last season UK won a total of two games away from the state of Kentucky.

**OSU outlook**

The Buckeyes (2-1) lead the overall series against UK 11-8 and have a four-game winning streak over the Cats. UK's last win against Ohio State came on Nov. 28, 1990, in Lexington.

This year OSU is led by sophomore forward Larecha Jones, who scored 20 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in a losing effort against San Francisco on Sunday in Columbus.

Overall Ohio State is a balanced team; they have four players averaging in double figures.

**Big Ten blues**

Tonight's game will be game three of four against Big Ten conference opponents for UK, and success has not been on the Cats' side.

Including a 68-54 loss to Michigan and the loss to Michigan State, UK has lost 11 straight games to Big Ten foes, dating back to 1990.

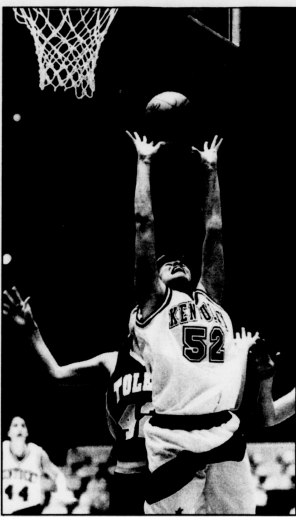
The Cats defeated Indiana 78-71 on Dec. 30 in the highly prestigious Nevada-Reno New Year's Classic.

Incidentally, the Hoosiers will be Big Ten opponent number four for the Cats when IU comes strolling into Lexington on Dec. 15.

**Getting some experience**

On a roster with only nine healthy players, virtually every Cat has stepped onto the floor for some solid minutes. And this is a team that includes three healthy freshman and a junior college transfer.

Every player is averaging almost 10 minutes per game with, freshman point guard Natalie Martinez leading the way at 37 minutes per game. On the other



File Photo

**REACH FOR THE SKY** After playing through a shoulder injury, UK center Kim Denkins is second on the team in scoring. Denkins and company battle Ohio State tonight.

end of the spectrum, Katie Vieth is averaging 9.8 minutes per game.

One problem for the Cats with only nine available players is consistency. UK head coach Bernadette Mattox has used a different starting lineup in every game this year. Only Martinez and center Kim Denkins have started every game thus far.

**Shooting bricks**

Basketball is a simple game: Make baskets, and your chances of winning are increased.

Maybe that's why UK has a 1-3 record.

In the Cats' four games, they have shot below 40 percent three times. Ironically, when they shot 45 percent against Dayton, they lost. In UK's lone win against Western Michigan the Cats shot 38 percent, while the Broncos shot a pitiful 27 percent from the field.

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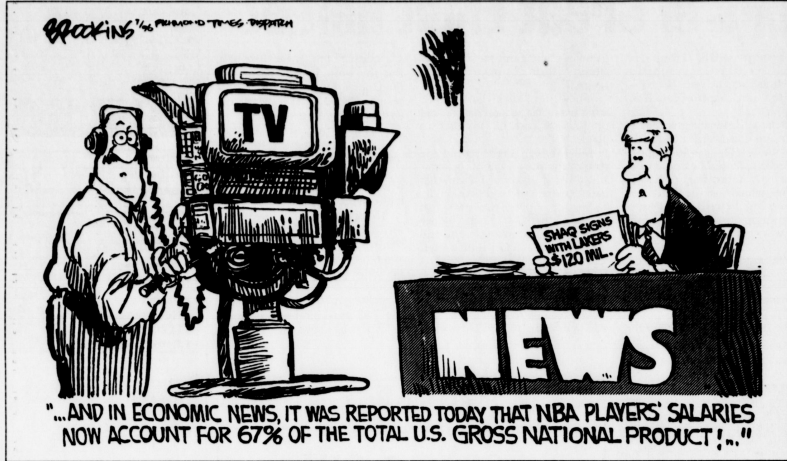
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# ViewPOINT

## Athletes are not University slaves or prostitutes



**B**arreling down the highways of central Indiana on my way to campus Sunday afternoon, my thoughts turned to this newspaper and more specifically, to what my next subject would be for this page.

After reviewing a couple of back issues of the Kernel and discussing the recent performance of the UK men's basketball team with the man <None>who was piloting the Honda Civic hatchback, it wasn't hard to come up with an idea. Despite the fact that my legs were numb due to the cramped conditions I was enduring, it hit me like an 18-wheeler.

Recently the pages of this newspaper have been filled with the debate of whether college athletes should be paid. The opinions have covered both sides of the issue. Some people feel that student athletes should not be paid, while others compare them to "slaves" or "prostitutes." Here's my take on the issue.

First of all, student athletes are not prostitutes or slaves. To make this comparison is completely ignorant of several things.

First of all, nobody forces a high school athlete into going to college.

If I remember my history books correctly, slaves were captured against their own will and made to work against their own will. The last time I checked, nobody went and abducted recruits and forced them to sign letters of intent.

Prostitutes degrade themselves in order to receive compensation. I don't feel that being part of a college athletic team qualifies as degrading one's self.

In fact, by participating in college athletics, they are learning the value of hard work, discipline, teamwork and camaraderie.

Many college athletes are in the position to be role models to the community. Remember when several members of the UK men's basketball team went to area high schools to speak out against drinking and driving? I would safely wager that no prostitute or slave would ever be in a position to have an impact on people in that way.

Slaves also do not receive any compensation for their work. Most student athletes receive a full-ride athletic scholarship, which can be worth anywhere from \$25,000 to \$50,000, depending on where you're from. It would be nice to have my college expenses paid for, especially since I have paid nearly \$3,000 this semester for my education.

This education is a primary purpose of receiving an athletic scholarship. As it has been correctly pointed out, most student athletes do not end up playing professionally.

So one important goal of any college program is to have its



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players earn degrees, so they will be ready to make contributions to society other than those of an athletic nature.

Of course, the athletic directors and the head coaches are making lots of money that these players don't see.

So what?

This sort of thing happens every day in any business. The most recent job I held was for a restaurant that could easily take in \$12,000 or so in business a night. I was helping that business to make a huge profit, but I knew that I would never see most of that money.

But this was not a problem to me. I didn't feel anger toward any manager who was making more money than me. I felt my reward (about \$3,000 at the end of the summer) was worth my effort. I didn't consider myself a slave or a prostitute for my work.

I also played high school basketball on my varsity team for three years. We would occasionally play in front of large crowds which meant that there was a significant amount of money being made off of my participation on the team.

Did I think that I deserved a part of that money that I never saw? Nope. Not ever.

Why shouldn't a free college education be a nice reward for your work as a student athlete? Yes, college athletics generate large sums of money for the administrators and the coaches. But as I said earlier, businesses operate much the same way.

So what is the answer? Simply feel that college athletes are being fairly compensated for what they are doing.

Maybe a small monthly stipend would be appropriate for student athletes, since they have no other time to earn spending money. Many athletic scholarships already have this benefit in them.

But athletes should not receive a large share of the money. Athletes benefit greatly from the services the coaches and the administrators already provide. And a college scholarship should be enough of a reward.

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**M**onday, Director of Athletics C.M. Newton announced that Hal Mumme would become the 33rd head coach of UK's football program.

On Oct. 21, the day Newton announced he would seek someone to fill Bill Curry's position next season, we lamented the loss of a thoughtful and ethical head coach.

Though we understood the need to replace Curry — his on-field success having fallen below acceptable Division I levels — we wanted to see the Athletics Board take the time to find a coach that fully sympathized with the University's desire for a football program that was both clean and successful. After all, UK is an academic institution and its goal should be to produce scholarly citizens across the board — a scope that includes varsity athletes.

In the world of high-dollar television contracts and athletic programs that seem to foster criminal activity rather than academic growth, Curry stood above the crowd.

He ran a program that didn't produce a lot of wins but instead provided a glimpse into what was right about college football — a program laden with academic achievement, citizenship and integrity.

Now, Mumme becomes the figurehead of a program that is in desperate need of on-field improvement. We are encouraged by Mumme's record of making things work in places they hadn't before.

The pressure to win at UK will certainly increase as a result of the high expectations placed on Mumme and his exciting offensive attack. And we look forward to the fulfillment of his pledge to make Kentucky football exciting once again.

But it is our hope that Mumme continues the Curry tradition of running a program the people of the Bluegrass can feel good about. We aren't willing to enjoy the sweets of victory if it produces an aftertaste of indiscretion and shame.

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**Engineering wants say**

To the editor:

This is regarding the survey on the plus-minus system done by the SGA which appeared in your article, "Survey shows most students opposed to plus/minus grading proposals" in the Dec. 2 issue.

I am afraid that the College of Engineering was not represented at all. I do not know about the other colleges, but grades are difficult to get in the College in Engineering.

Hence, I would prefer a B+ when I get a B or B- and not a B.

When grades are tough to get, you want them to reflect your achievements accurately rather than be classified under one wide umbrella.

I hope the next survey takes into account the College of Engineering too.

**Rich not educated**

Rajive Ganguli  
graduate student in mining engineering

To the editor:

After reading Mr. Rich's column on the plus/minus grading system, I felt a need to offer a little friendly advice to him. Mr. Rich: Before you begin to write your next article, do yourself a favor and educate yourself on your topic first. As far as plus/minus goes, let me state the facts.

Since the Aja-Guyer administration and the '96-'97 Senate took office, we have fought implementation of the plus/minus grading system tooth and nail. Perhaps if Mr. Rich would just take the time to read the paper for which he writes, he would know that the student senators played an instrumental role in defeating the proposals for the colleges of Social Work and Human and Environmental Sciences.

He would have also known that SGA has worked to ensure that we are accurately representing the views of the student body by sponsoring and funding a scientific poll of the student body on the issue. Further, he would have known that it was a motion by an SGA student senator that now makes it possible to repeal the system for the college proposals that were passed last Spring before we took office. He would also know that it is the University Senate that will be meeting to discuss the issue on December 9, not SGA.

As a result of the motion made by that student senator, the University Senate Council decided to hold an open forum for debate on the issue. All concerned students will have the chance to voice their concerns to the faculty members on the senate as well as the student senators. I agree with one assessment made by Mr. Rich: it is important that we as students unite, attend this meeting and make it clear that we will not stand for the plus/minus grading system. The meeting will be held in room 115 in the nursing building at 3:00 p.m.

**Joe Schuler**  
social work sophomore  
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Address your comments to "Letters to the Editor", Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor, 035 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building; UK, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042. Send e-mail to Kernel@pop.uky.edu.

Include your name and major classification (for publication), and telephone number for verification. We reserve the right to edit all material.

## Student Organization Assembly is back and ready to go

**A**ct up, get involved, take part in activities on campus, make your presence known!

Every year that call goes out to students, yet apathy is still present.

Despite the best intentions of the Student Activities Board and Student Government Association to hold numerous events and activities on campus to entertain students, and with committees on almost every aspect of campus life, apathy is still present.

Part of the reason for apathy is that most people only get involved with organizations that interest them, which is where student organizations enter the picture.

There are student organizations of every kind to appeal to the interests of the students.

The Snow Skiing Club, Latino Student Club, and UK Lambda cover a range of interests in and

between student organizations, and by acting as a true representative of the student body in passage of a Student Creed.

That is not all that the SOA could do.

In its initial forming stages, here are ten ideas that could decrease student apathy by helping student groups:

1. If the SOA gets financial backing, the main thing it could do is to help advertise student organization meetings. They could provide every student organization with a set number of free copies for flyers, and help them with classified advertising in the Kentucky Kernel (possibly by buying each student group a number of days of classified advertising in the Kernel).
2. SOA could produce group



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flyers every week that list meeting information for different student groups. Each group, plus members of SOA, could put the flyers in around campus.

3. SOA could produce a supplement in the Kernel twice a semester (once at the beginning, once at mid-term) giving a brief listing of each active student organization, what it is, what it does, and meeting information.
4. Act as a "umbrella" for planning events that different groups are involved with. SOA would be the bridge between both those groups and act as a liaison with SGA and SAB in coordinating these activities.
5. Sponsor a Campus Expo twice a semester with student groups staffing a table passing out group information (this is already done at the beginning of the semester, add another day during mid-term).
6. Coordinate with the Kernel a "Group Spotlight" on a different student group every week (much like the Campus Impressions this semester which focus on individuals).
7. Act as a representative of the student body to voice concerns and needs to SAB and SGA through the use of a poll to be given to student organizations to be answered by their members.
8. Act as a liaison between fraternities and sororities and other student organizations.
9. Set up a web page on the Internet with detailed listings of student organizations, and possible links to web pages that those student groups might have (SOA could help student groups set up web pages).
10. Provide resources to student leaders on how to run a student group in the form of discussions led by previous student lead-

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ers on what worked for them in their student group.

The goal is to get more students aware of organizations on campus, and to get them to take part in some of the organizations, namely the ones they have an interest in.

By giving student organizations more resources and ways to advertise themselves, these groups could reach a larger audience than they could on their own.

SOA is having its meeting tonight in room 206 of the Student Center at 5 p.m.

All are invited to attend and take part.

For more information, contact Wendy Hyland at SGA 257-3197. Using those famous words: "Act up, get involved, take part in activities on campus, make your presence known!"

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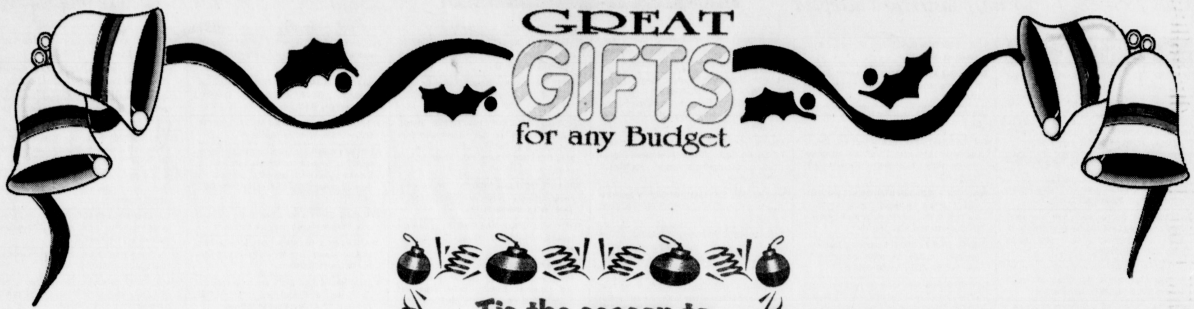
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