

Campus history marred by inequities

University working to dispel perceptions of social climate

By Brian Bennett
Special Projects Editor

The history of race and gender relations at UK is not exactly a history of happiness.

Everyone knows the landmark incidents. In the 1940s, crosses were burned in front of the Administration Building to discourage Lyman T. Johnson from becoming the first black person to enter UK.

In the 1960s, Adolph Rupp continued to resist integrating his basketball team — until his Cats lost the national title to a predominantly black Texas Western squad in 1966.

And, of course, there was former Gov. A. B. "Happy" Chandler making minorities feel anything but his nickname when he used a derogatory term for blacks at a Board of Trustees meeting in the 1980s.

But perhaps more lasting and painful was the subtle, everyday discrimination, the kind that Chester Grundy faced when he was a UK student in the mid-1960s.

"It was rough," said Grundy, now director of the Office of African-

American Student Affairs. "Going to school everyday for me was a challenge. I had to psychologically prepare myself before I walked out my door. At best the attitude was indifferent, and at worst it was hostile."

"It was a 24-hour a day kind of experience. There was nowhere you could go without always being fully conscious of being black, from the classroom to the cafeteria to the residence hall. It was like always being on guard."

The situation has not been much better for women, who have had to suffer through discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace, according to a 1990 University Senate Council committee report on the status of women.

All of which have combined to create a less-than-ideal image of UK and Lexington in the eyes of minorities and women.

But times have changed. And slowly, too, have attitudes and realities changed, though the image may still need some polishing.

"The images outline the sub-

stance," Grundy said. "People in the state are still skeptical."

"(But) an African-American can have a quality experience here. We have enough of a good track record and enough African-American students coming here having a good experience."

Many say that the University's racial climate has a much better forecast today. One of those people

is Frank X. Walker, who last semester resigned as director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center after 13 years at UK.

"I think at one point every decision made was made by a group of white males," Walker said. "But from how things were in 1979 to now, there have been some significant changes."

Some of those changes have included the addition of black admin-

istrators, the creation of the Office of African-American Student Affairs, the Lexington Campus Initiative of hiring 10 new black faculty each year and the installation of the cultural center in 1987.

More importantly, however, those who work in the climate everyday say the situation is a good one.

"I've had an excellent working

environment," said Victor Hazard, associate dean of students. "White faculty and white staff have bent over backwards and gone that extra mile to make me feel at home and comfortable. My experience has been a very, very positive one or else I wouldn't have stayed here for five years."

"UK is probably on par with most land-grant schools of its type," Grundy said. "At this point UK

stacks up pretty well in terms of opportunities to teach or do research or contribute."

"(But) we're not there. We're far from being in a situation to be able to say, 'That's all we need to do.' For women, the progress is still creeping. Although females have been added to the upper echelon of the administration, campus women leaders say UK has a long road ahead."

Of particular concern is the continued problem of sexual harassment, said Carolyn Bratt, who presided over the 1990 Senate Council women's report committee.

"The problems are still as deep and pervasive as they were four years ago," said Bratt, a professor in the College of Law and a former faculty trustee.

"Someone once told me that each incident of sexual harassment is like the weather. All of those instances together are the climate. You have to change the weather every day in order to ultimately change the climate."

"I'm at least as concerned about the environment as I am about numbers," Wethington said.

"To make this an even better University, we've got to become more diverse. The University needs to become a place where students

of all races and creeds feel at home."

Only then will UK live up to its true potential, said Deborah Powell, chairwoman of the pathology department and a faculty trustee.

"The more diverse we are here in the student body, faculty and administration, this will become a more productive place because people will feel comfortable," Powell said.

"When people feel more comfortable, you generally see more productivity."

"So, despite a history spiced with inequality and tension, most at the University are optimistic about the future."

"Obviously, an institution cannot ignore its history," Wethington said. "The incidents and events that happened at this University certainly have not helped our image."

"But I don't believe our problems are unique. Any university, whether in the South, mid-South or Northeast, is having or has had these incidents."

"Clearly, I am not someone who wants to ignore history, but I want to focus on what the University of Kentucky is today. I'm convinced that this University is a very good place today for women and minorities to be."

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Quotas not seen as viable solution

By Brian Bennett
Special Projects Editor

It's only a word, just five letters, only two syllables. Yet employers and politicians distance themselves from it as if it were seeping radioactive waste.

The word is "quota." And it provides ammunition for the controversy of fair hiring versus special privileges for minorities.

It has taken on the same connotation as "scab" does for striking workers or "carpetbagger" did to Southerners during Reconstruction.

At UK, things are no different.

As the University struggles to diversify its administration, it also struggles with the equal opportunity/unfair advantage conflict.

University administrators say they are against hiring women and minorities just to raise numbers and meet requirements.

"It's a tricky situation," said UK President Charles Wethington. "Quotas are clearly not what an institution is all about. Goals are what we are all about."

What administrators say they are for is equal chances for all groups and then selecting the most qualified candidate.

"I believe we always want the best possible person for the job," said Robert Hemenway, chancellor for the Lexington Campus. "If women and minorities get a fair shake, they'll come out on top. But not every time."

"I like to say that the issue is not

diversity. The issue is democracy."

Even minority leaders say that quota-filling is not what they are after.

"I think it's a misnomer when one looks for minorities for minorities' sake," said Victor Hazard, associate dean of students. "We need to look for qualified people."

"What I am concerned about is having very good people in the chosen jobs," said Juanita Fleming, special assistant to the president. "If we look for quality people, we'll find them. And we'll find women and minorities."

"I don't think all blacks are talented or all whites are talented. We can't afford not to use our talented people in this country."

Lyman T. Johnson, who became the first black to attend UK in 1949, said his goal is to see the day when people look not at employees' skin color or sex, but at their skills.

leges to hire blacks, Wethington's office pays the first-year salary of minority faculty.

As a result, there are more than 50 black faculty now working on campus.

Wethington said there has been no talk of implementing a similar idea for minority administrators. But he said, "I would certainly not be opposed to doing that."

However, some say that administrators shouldn't be placed with the entire burden of change. It has to begin with students, faculty and staff, they claim.

"We need to be more active than we are," said Deborah Powell, chairwoman of the pathology department and faculty member of the UK Board of Trustees. "We need to try all the various routes to getting various women promoted."

"And women on search committees have to speak out and not be quiet."

"We have to make sure we are introducing these kinds of career

paths to students," Grundy said. "African-American students have to see that this is an attractive career path."

The path toward administrative diversity is not easily traveled. Even as it appeared the only black was about to be hired as a department chairman last spring, the road was unexpectedly closed.

The leading candidate for director of the School of Journalism, the University of North Carolina's Chuck Stone, pulled out of the race for personal reasons. The search has since been reopened.

Yet administrators say they're determined to stay behind the wheel. The University's Strategic Plan, adopted last spring, includes a goal to increase women and minority administrators 10 percent by 1996.

"The question is our resolve," Hemenway said. "Are we resolved to continue the progress and accelerate the progress?"

"If we have that resolve, then there's no question in my mind that the University of Kentucky will be looked upon nationally as a special success story in making our campus an open and welcome environment for minorities and women."

"It will take every inch of our resolve to accomplish that."

Outlook

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of Education.

"If we want a good defensive coordinator for the football team, I'm sure there would be no limits on what it would take to attract that person," Grundy said.

Black tenure-track faculty have been heavily recruited in the last few years. As an incentive for col-

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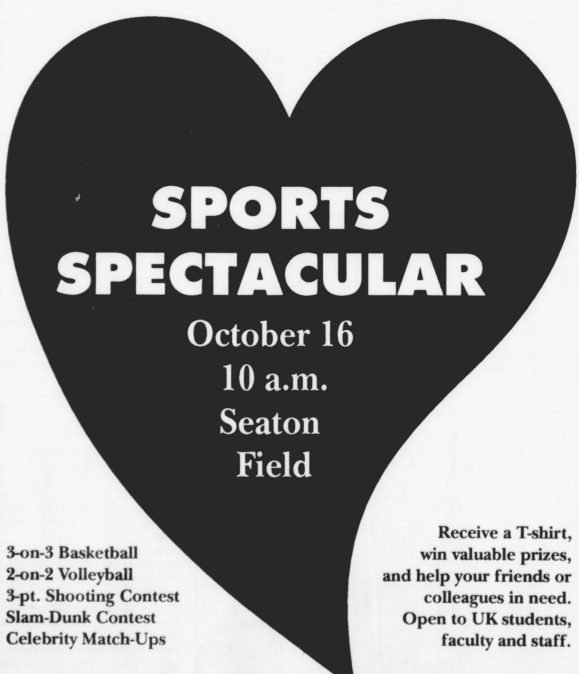
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SPORTS

Wyatt willing to change for UK

By Doc Purcell
Staff Writer

When you think of the collegiate football career of UK tailback Randy Wyatt, one word usually comes to mind.

Change.

Wyatt, a 5-foot 10-inch, 170-pound junior has undergone about as much change as any college athlete around.

After a brilliant prep career at Paducah Tilghman High School, in which he snared 11 state track titles, as well as impressed football recruiters around the state, Wyatt headed to the state of the University of Louisville.

Despite starting at wide out and playing a vital role in the Cardinal offense throughout his sophomore campaign, Wyatt wasn't pleased with his athletic surroundings.

"It just wasn't my type of program," he said of his two years at U of L.

Wyatt's displeasure brought thoughts of a transfer, and when he

began searching for his new college home, he didn't have to look far.

With Coach Bill Curry at the helm, Wyatt knew the Wildcat program was the place for him.

"Coach Curry is what attracted me to UK," he said. "He's not only a great coach but a great person to play for, a player's coach, and that's what I was looking for."

After a year of enhancing his game on the UK scout team because of NCAA rules regarding transfers, Wyatt has begun his first competitive season in Lexington on a roller coaster of change.

While receiver is his customary position, Wyatt's versatility prompted the UK coaching staff to line him up as a tailback for the Cats' first five contests.

Still, the move hasn't bothered Wyatt as he burst onto the Southeastern Conference football scene with a game breaking 64-yard touchdown scamper to upset South Carolina in a nationally televised matchup.

Certainly, Wyatt's run against

the Gamecocks has been the highlight of his short Wildcat career, bringing him nationwide recognition.

But in the strange world that is college football, success can come and go in a matter of days.

For Wyatt, this scenario is a fitting one. With the ominous presence of freshman star Moe Williams in the Wildcat back field, Wyatt's playing time has been shrinking, but he insists this isn't a problem and that he knows his role in the offensive coordinator Daryl Dickey's game plan.

"Moe Williams is a true running back, and I'm a receiver playing running back. I go in on situations where we are going to throw the ball most of the time. I run better routes than Moe Williams, and Moe Williams runs the ball better than I do up the middle," he said.

Although he has no qualms with the tailback spot, Wyatt is certain he will return to wide out in his final collegiate season next fall, adding a little more change to his ca-

reer.

"I know my position is receiver. I have one more year here, and I feel like next year I'll move back to wide out," he said.

Despite a change in surroundings and a new position, Wyatt's has immeasurable collegiate experience, and he was happy to take on a mentor's role with a host of young Wildcat talent.

"When Moe and (running back) Donnell (Gordon) came in, I was there to help them out no matter what," he said.

With his career finally taking shape, Wyatt is confident he and his Wildcat teammates can add one more change this season — a New Year's Day spent playing football.

"If we keep playing like we are playing now, we'll be in a bowl on January 1st."

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Cats hope for turnaround

By Brett Dawson
Staff Writer

When your team is looking to improve on a poor record, tournaments are often just what the doctor ordered.

A tournament gives the opportunity to put together back-to-back wins and get your season rolling.

For the UK men's soccer team, though, "missed opportunities" has been the catchphrase this season.

The Wildcats went 1-1 in last weekend's UK Invitational Tournament, leaving them with a 4-5-2 record, no better than the mark they began the weekend with.

That 1-1 finish has UK head coach Sam Wooten in the same state of mind he was in before the UKIT began.

Wooten still has faith in his team's ability to improve its record before the season ends, and he hopes that turnaround will begin tonight when his team takes to the road to face Evansville.

"Obviously, we aren't in any different shape than we were last week," Wooten said yesterday. "Going 1-1 and finishing second in our tournament was not a motivating factor or anything to set us back."

As he often has this season, Wooten stressed the need for UK to start capitalizing on its opportunities.

"We just have to finish," he said. "We absolutely have to start putting the ball in the back of the net and score some goals."

After settling into a pattern of playing a streak of home games, Wooten's squad will take on the Purple Aces on the road tonight, but Wooten doesn't expect that to make any difference.

"In the past, playing some home games had a good effect on us," he said.

"This year it hasn't made a difference, so I don't think going on the road is going to be a factor."

"We had hoped for the home games to help turn us around, but that just didn't happen, so we don't

mind playing some road games again."

The Purple Aces are a once-mighty program that has fallen on hard times in recent years.

After going undefeated in the regular season in 1990 and spending most of that season No. 1 in the soccer polls, Evansville has shown a steady decline, and this year's team stands at just 2-10 going into tonight's game.

Still, Wooten says his team can't afford to be overconfident in taking on Evansville tonight.

"They are just having a miserable season," he said.

"But they have had a strong program in the past, so they know how to win, and we can go up there expecting a battle."

Besides finishing near the goal, Wooten would like to see his team move the ball and attack the defense more aggressively, an offense similar to the one employed by Alabama A&M, the team that knocked

off the Cats in the UKIT championship game.

"We aren't changing our point of attack frequently enough," Wooten said.

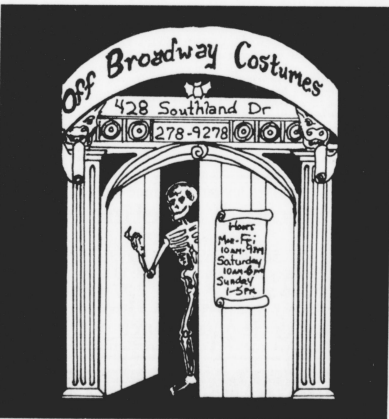
"One thing we learned playing Alabama A&M was that our people want to dribble the ball too much, and that's closing up our lanes."

"We are going to try to be very disciplined. We aren't going to give the guys freedom to hold the ball, and that's going to force us to play more as a team."

Wooten is still confident that his team can post a hot finish, partly because the Cats still believe in themselves.

"Our guys are still very confident, and I think that's important," he said. "We had a great practice yesterday."

"We are still in a position to do well and finish like we did last year, but to do that we're going to have to win the rest of our games, and that's our goal now."



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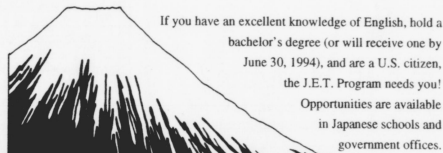
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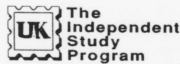
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DIVERSIONS
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By Nina Davidson
 Arts Editor

Editor's note: This is the third in a five-part series on WRFL-FM.

**The Face
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Every Sunday, the exotic sounds of Argentina, Ghana and India waft through Lexington's airwaves.

While Lexington is not the most cosmopolitan town in the world, UK radio station WRFL-FM, 88.1, boasts a cultural mecca of music with the international music show "World Sounds," which airs from 6 to 9 p.m. Sundays.

Bill Cheeves, disc jockey of "World Sounds," does not speak any foreign languages but enjoys listening to international music.

"Probably three quarters of what I buy anymore, I don't have the slightest idea of what they mean because of the language," Cheeves said. "But it's just the music in itself — the instruments, the rhythm, the way the voices and everything blend together."

"The context of the words aren't that important."

Cheeves' interest in international music began when he was drafted



WRFL disc jockey Bill Cheeves relaxes before his international music show "World Sounds," which airs Sunday afternoons.

into the Army during the Vietnam War. He was stationed in Germany for two and a half years and traveled throughout Europe during his tour of duty.

Now Cheeves drafts friends and co-workers to help him add to his eclectic collection of music.

"Anytime anybody goes anywhere — if they're in any kind of city of any consequence — I give them a list of music to look for in a record store," he said.

"Either everybody tries to come

to me before they go to get their list or they try to sneak out and get where they're going before I see them."

Mail-order catalogues also provide Cheeves with hard-to-find music, and he haunts used record stores for bargains.

His favorite part of his job is providing the international community in Lexington with an echo of their homelands. "Everybody's very proud of the music that came from the places they came from," he said. He often receives records from

foreign friends who request that he play them on his show. In return, he asks them to translate unfamiliar lyrics.

He took a Russian recording he found to the owner of Natasha's Café, who recently emigrated from Russia to Lexington.

"It turned out it was a rock band from Russia in the '70s, and one that she was very familiar with and liked quite a bit," he said. "She translated the feel of some of the songs for me."

Cheeves, who graduated from Carson Newman College in Tennessee in 1970 with a degree in business, was not involved with radio during his college years because Carson Newman lacked a radio station.

"Until WRFL got going, I had never even thought about getting into radio," he said, "mainly because there weren't any places people could do it on a hobby basis."

A computer systems analyst for Kentucky Utilities during the week, Cheeves appreciates the change of pace as a weekend DJ.

"One thing I really like to do is to play music and listen to it," he said. "This way, I can do it for three hours solid and have a genuine, legitimate reason for doing it."

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Blues artist plays tonight

By Matthew DeFoor
 Contributing Writer

Trapped within the human spirit is a simple thread — an element that is woven into every fiber and expressed by those only with the courage to devote their lives to its expression and development.

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On the phone, in a husky, road-weary voice Hammond humbly denied the increasing popularity of country blues.

Defending the raw passion of the blues as folk art, Hammond indicated that because the problems of life rarely change, the form is as relevant today as 100 years ago.

"(Blues) is definitely an American folk art," he said, "uniquely American. It has survived only because it can be seen on any level."

Hammond attributes country blues' slight popularity to its overpowering emotion and to the historical indications that it is the root of all modern blues and R&B.

"Even though it is not at the top of the pops or anything, it is the underlying backbone," he said.

With a love and fondness for his craft, Hammond said, "The music is profound. It's simple music."

That simplicity is a contradiction because the blues offers a universe of complex possibilities. Looking at life as brutally real, the blues presents a picture of life as honest and unadulterated.

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Town meetings should have more narrow focus to increase attendance

EDITORIAL

Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway deserves a hand. Actually, he deserves several thousand of them.

Last week, he began a series of campus "town meetings" that were designed to give members of the University community a look at UK's mission and a chance to discuss what was on their minds. Last Thursday, Hemenway invited students to participate. Fewer than 20 showed up for the late afternoon session. What would it take to get students interested in campus affairs? Live nude dancers? A keg? The chancellor's rendition of "Cabaret"? Opportunities to let campus administrators know how you feel are seldom at UK. It is important that everyone takes advantage of them.

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Student believes Kernel excludes black groups

To the editor,

I have some questions that need to be answered.

First, I would like to know what happened to the letter Shell Freeland wrote to the Kentucky Kernel on Sept. 16 about the newspaper's failure to cover Fall Fest. To this day, it hasn't been published.

Freeland told Editorial Editor Chris McDavid that Fall Fest was Sept. 10 at 4 p.m., but there was no representative from the newspaper at Fall Fest.

UK promotes diversity among the different ethnic groups on campus. We can always talk a good game, but now it is time to put up or shut up.

Black students are sick and tired of getting put off to the side or pushed under the rug.

Secondly, I would like to know why the newspaper has a representative at several of the functions for the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Board, but not one Kentucky Kernel representative attends any Black Student Union meetings.

BSU is one of the largest organizations on this campus and receives no recognition whatsoever from the newspaper. It is time to give credit where credit is due.

I would like to know also why there wasn't a newspaper representative at the Mr. and Ms. Black UK Pageant.

Yes, last year the newspaper staff put in a little paragraph and one picture, but this year there was not one line or picture.

All we want is equal coverage like every other organization on

this campus.

I would like to get one more thing off my chest.

The eight black greek-letter organizations are not social fraternities and sororities.

We are different from the white social fraternities and sororities. We were founded for two purposes, to help the communities around us and to show brotherhood and sisterhood with one another.

I would like representatives from the newspaper to come out and see what different community service projects black organizations are doing around Lexington.

If the newspaper's staff can print an article on a 30-year old man pledging a white fraternity, then I hope that staff has the guts to come out and see what black students do on this campus.

I would like to challenge the editor, the newspaper staff and the administration about the news coverage problem for black organizations.

Eddie Atchley
Political science and marketing junior

Editor's note: The Kentucky Kernel is not controlled by the University, as this letter implies. This newspaper is student-run and is completely independent of UK.

Because of space limitations, the Kentucky Kernel is unable to print all letters received. Also, groups that want coverage in the Kentucky Kernel should contact the news editor, who coordinates news coverage, not the editorial editor, who is responsible for the Viewpoint page.

Traditionally black social fraternities and sororities are called such because they are registered with the Student Organizations Assembly as social groups.



Republicans taint image with Sen. Helms

Jeff Jones
Kernel Columnist

I will begin by stating that I'm a registered Democrat with a definite progressive flavor to my politics. Yet, as the old cliché goes, I have friends who are ... yes ... Republicans.

Several weeks ago, I was reading the Kentucky Kernel and came across a classified advertisement for the first meeting of the College Republicans: "Defend Jesse Helms That Is." I was really shocked.

Is it the intention of the College Republicans to model themselves after a man who is a self-identified "bigot"?

Being from North Carolina, Jesse Helms is enough of an embarrassment to many North Carolinians to produce a noticeable cringe at his name.

In election after election, Helms has lost in three areas of the state: the cities, rural areas with large universities and areas with major minority populations.

The traditionally Republican mountain counties, the tobacco farmers and areas of low pay, low skill, largely non-unionized factory workers are the people and areas that re-elect Helms and his misleading message of protectionism from foreign competition and change.

Helms consistently has shown himself to be no friend to people of color, women, gay people, artists, teachers or organized labor.

The various teachers' associations in North Carolina oppose him.

Whether it is calling openly lesbian Housing and Urban Development appointee Roberta Achenberg a "damn lesbian" or tormenting Sen. Carol Mosley-Braun, the first black woman in the Senate, with the tune from "Dixie" to remind her that her ancestors were slaves and that she should watch out for this old, white Southern guy, Helms is certainly not a Republican that any

Christian supremacist tone of hate at the 1992 Republican convention, it is not so surprising that one comedian calls Republicans "the other white meat."

Is the Republican party, the party of Abraham Lincoln, becoming a bastion of conservative white men feeling lost in our pluralistic society and backsliding at the new voices in our political sphere?

Why glorify bigots and presidents who, in 12 years, took the United States from the world's largest money lender to the world's largest debtor nation?

Robertson and fellow right-wing extremists have made a concerted and largely successful attempt to invade and take over the Republican Party and its ideology.

Increasingly, the ideal of free individualism is being replaced with a narrow theocratic dogma seeking to conform by law every aspect of Americans lives from our art to what we read and watch on TV to even who we allow in our country.

There is no vitality in this message, only fear of the future and of a quickly changing world.

Rather than appealing to an image of a hate-filled old North Carolinian senator, why cannot the College Republicans reach back to traditional Republican ideals and create a new ideology of regard for the rights of individuals free from the impositions of the state or church?

Having watched the intolerant and seemingly white, conservative Christian supremacist tone of hate at the 1992 Republican convention, it is not so surprising that one comedian calls Republicans "the other white meat."

of my friends admire.

One key to his successful re-elections to the Senate is the large amount of funding he brings in from big business: RJ Reynolds, Philip Morris, etc.

All the while, he portrays himself as a cantankerous yet honest man of the little people.

Talk about slick media campaigns. This man is pure sleaze.

So, why do the UK College Republicans look up to this man and advertise their group with his name?

Having watched the intolerant and seemingly white, conservative

Rather than invoking Helms' hatred, intolerance and manipulation of fear, I hope the College Republicans can become a voice of leadership and new ideas, instead of the pitiful, conservative whines of an oligarchy using its dominance.

The slaves are gone. The sweatshops are gone. Women are no longer the chattel of their fathers/husbands.

It is time to dump the plantation mentality and its last, sad remnants like Helms.

UK Lambda President Jeff Jones is a geography graduate student and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

Modern liberals are easily lumped together

Brian Privett
Contributing Columnist

Modern liberalism is a disease, a sickness that runs all too rampant in the hearts of normal, everyday America.

It is not a sickness of the body, but of the spirit and mind. It deadens feelings of right and wrong, of revolution and independence.

Today's liberalism eats away at the brain, leaving only remnants of reason and faint shades of reality.

Yet the disease itself has a sickness that spreads lesions throughout its aging body and threatens to destroy all that is remaining of the liberal left.

For the past 25 years, liberalism has suffered from a false sense of humanity, a lack of reason in its policies and weak leadership.

Before you conservatives start feeling superior, puffing up and shaking that long, crooked finger down at your wayward liberal brothers and sisters, because one of your own has again gained a voice, I have to say that I am by no means a member of Limbaugh's Legion.

In fact, I agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson, who wrote "conservatism makes no poetry, breathes no prayer, has no invention; it is all memory."

I am, if labels are necessary, a true liberal, someone who tries to look at everything through reason and how it might better society as a whole, not someone who latches on to the cause of the day or building clichés.

The reason that Rush Limbaugh and his fellow ultra-conservatives can stereotype liberals so easily is

because liberals in America do seem to act as a collective group. They are stereotypes. If someone claims himself a liberal, he is pro-choice, anti-capital punishment, pro-environment and supports gays and lesbians in their quest for equal rights.

They are anti-Rush and think the model of fascism in the modern world is the Los Angeles Police Department.

They all seem to like Barbara Streisand because she really has some good causes and her voice is like butter.

Today's liberals are nothing more than old hippies trying to regain a little of that '60s glory in their old age.

It's a collective mid-life crisis. All the baby boomers actually accomplished was a few years of talking about change and taking drugs. Then they elected Nixon, which had to be a byproduct of bad acid flashbacks.

The boomers then created disco. To top it all off, they sold their souls to become rich in the '80s and elected Reagan.

These are the people who are running our country and fighting against the ills of society, racism, poverty and illiteracy.

Hell, they believe that giving a black person an equal chance is giving him the opportunity to buy a Volvo.

The modern liberal movement thinks that everyone will be equal

if liberals can only control the way people speak. They don't seem to realize that words don't come from the mouth, but from the mind.

To have a humane existence, people must be able to speak what they think and not be afraid of the Inquisitionary posture of the establishment, whether at school or work.

A Ku Klux Klan member cannot somehow see the error of his ways if the right to free speech is controlled.

The way to change things is to start with the children and educate them, break the foundations of racism and prejudice and build on top of them ideas of a true brotherhood of man.

That way, speech patrols don't have to be organized to vanquish the enemies of humanity.

People must remind themselves that not everyone thinks alike, and others' beliefs are just as real or true to them as our own beliefs are to us.

By examining others' words, we may gain insight into our own shortcomings. It is painful to find something truly prejudiced in ourselves, but only those who say they aren't prejudiced always will remain so.

Liberals lack a strong leader who is willing to be a voice for their beliefs, someone to rally around. Conservatives can have their pick, for their beliefs have changed little in the past 204 years.

They think we should return to the old ways, the ones that made this country great, because look at all those white people who got rich.

The last great liberal leader died on June 6, 1968 — Robert F. Kennedy. He was a perfect blend of true humanity, intelligence, justice and firmness.

RFK was a man who knew when he had made a mistake. A proponent of the McCarthy trials, he later changed his mind when he saw how much damage it was doing to people's lives.

Bobby Kennedy was tough when he needed to be.

When giving a speech to the University of Mississippi in 1966, just years after the South was rocked by desegregation, Kennedy told an almost completely white audience that, "... we must create a society in which Negroes will be as free as other Americans ... we know we must make progress ... because it is right."

How does Clinton's straddling of all fences possible compare to the strength and conviction of RFK's beliefs?

The spirit of Bobby Kennedy did not die with him. In fact, it isn't unique to Kennedy.

He had the spirit that all great reformers had, the ability to see something wrong with the way things were.

They had a spirit of true liberalism based on reason, feeling and insight, not by following the pet issues of their contemporaries.

A spirit that I know is not dead, just hiding beneath the rhetoric of politics.

Brian Privett is a psychology sophomore and a Kentucky Kernel contributing columnist.

Jackson to blame for Frankfort visit

Guest Opinion

Prior to the Rev. Jesse Jackson's arrival in the Bluegrass region, I found myself inundated with information regarding his upcoming speech.

I could not pick up a paper without reading that "good seats were still available" for the speaking engagement.

Well, Jackson finally did appear (albeit in a limited fashion that seems to have pleased some of those who footed the bill for his transportation, accommodations and fee).

I now find myself in the unpleasant position of hearing student government types whine that he did not spend enough time doing the events they planned for him.

I have a few tidbits for the folks who hired him to speak, and then I shall say no more.

First, why on earth are you sur-

prised that when you hire a politician/entertainer to come that he has other plans regarding his own time when he is not obligated to perform?

Jackson has many fish to fry, and few of them live in Lexington. He is a national figure who stays that way through maintaining a power-base, a profile and a set of contacts.

If you all cannot reason why he would rather go to Frankfort and hob-nob with big-time donors and hot shots in the Kentucky Democratic party, then you are massively unaware of what you bought.

Jackson needs to become more mainstream to make the jump he desires from fringe to the center, and he will not accomplish that by hanging out with UK students, unless it is for a photo opportunity.

Second, did you all have a contract? You know, one of those documents that you sign and stuff.

I hope so because when you are

handing over the amount of money Jackson commands, you are truly a band of fools if you do not spell out in detail what you are paying him to do and when he is to do it. If you were not simpltons and did get a contract, then get a lawyer to call his lawyer and get some cash or get him back here.

Third, why are you picking on the state Democrats? Although I am new to Kentucky (The Good Government State), it would appear to me that most folks who do time in Frankfort are going to do some more time in jail.

All they did was invite him, they did not kidnap him (or if they did it is probably a crime).

Jackson is an adult of sound mind and body, and he is responsible for his own actions, so if you feel the need to get some justice, get it from him.

He, not the Kentucky Democratic Party, reamed you all. They just

gave him the device with which to ream you.

Fourth and finally, I hope that you all learned something from this experience, but I must say I seriously doubt it.

Next time, get it in writing. It is no big deal to do, and all you have to do is fax it to his agent. (Believe me, Jackson has an agent.)

On a side note, if you want Mother Teresa, get her, and she will spend time with the students. But if you get some opportunistic/political (it really is the same word guys) like Jackson, President Clinton, Mr. Quayle, Mr. Duke (remember him?), Mr. North or someone of their ilk, you damn well know what to expect, so defend against it.

Instead, why not get someone nice whom you do not need to worry about — like Mr. Ed?

Mark Gilgor is a student in the College of Law.

Guest columnist, not Rev. Jackson, has wrong facts

To the editor,

Every day I rush to get a Kentucky Kernel to see what is going on around campus, and also around the world.

Some days I enjoy it, and other days I don't.

Lately, I believe that what I have been reading about the Rev. Jesse Jackson was absurd, and while reading the Oct. 6 issue of the Kentucky Kernel, I knew it was time for me to take a stand and defend someone who is not here to defend himself.

I also went to see Jackson when he took time out of his busy schedule to tell us what was on his mind.

I agreed with everything he said, but as I read the Kentucky Kernel, I see there are a lot of people that felt offended and are upset because of the things he was saying.

He supposedly did not have his facts right, as sophomore Angela Gambel said. But it is Gambel who does not have her facts right.

Maybe she, along with a lot of other people, do not want to know the truth.

Oh, yes, Jackson did have his facts right. Blacks could not vote until 30 years ago.

Many people think that the Fifteenth Amendment gave black people the same rights as everyone else. That was the essential idea, but black codes stopped that idea.

Not only was it black codes, but also the Grandfather Clause and literacy tests.

Now, tell me how many blacks knew how to read back then?

Not many because while they were in bondage by their Caucasian "masters," they were forbidden to learn to read or write.

Check your history books. Maybe there is a sentence or two, or maybe a whole paragraph, on the subject.

Jackson also touched on the government, and how it spent taxpayers' money. I know I would rather spend my money on the United States than some nation in the East anytime.

Also, I don't think that some people heard Jackson correctly, perhaps because they had closed their minds and their ears.

He specifically said there is too much money spent on criminals and penitentiaries, rather than schools. I don't think Jackson has any sympathy for criminals.

If I were Jackson and were reading the Kentucky Kernel, I would feel offended, as well as unappreciated.

I commend the Student Activities Board and the Student Government Association for giving him the opportunity to come. I think it was money well spent.

I do not, however, think that the Democratic Party owes this University anything.

I also think it was as equal representation for Jackson to come — because how many times out of the year will an black male be asked to speak to college students?

I think many people came to listen to Jackson with open

minds, but before he could finish his first sentence, many of those minds were closed.

If they had kept them open just a little longer and finally listened to the truth, maybe everyone could unite.

But until this day comes, we will always be against each other.

Everyone needs to give a little and then take a little, and that is what Jackson did when he visited UK.

Adonis J. Morris
Marketing freshman

Country founded on institution of slavery, classism

To the editor,

I would like to respond briefly to the outrageous guest opinion that appeared in the Oct. 6 edition of the Kentucky Kernel regarding the Rev. Jesse Jackson's speech.

Of course, we are all entitled to our opinions, but the dangerous ideas of Angela Gambel, when put in print, must be attacked.

Gambel refutes Jackson's claim that this country was founded on racism, sexism and classism. However, while doing so, she immediately contradicts herself in granting that no one but white landowners had any rights.

She does not acknowledge the institution of slavery, but of course we all know it was a fundamental part of our early nation. Gambel, what part of racism, sexism and classism does Jackson not understand?

Gambel also refutes Jackson's assertion that blacks "only earned the right to vote 30 years ago" by slyly pointing to the 15th Amendment.

The 15th Amendment did not prevent poll taxes, literacy requirements and violent whites from keeping blacks from the polls until much, much later in our history.

As far as Gambel's annoyance with portrayals of America as an evil country, studying American history through rose-colored glasses serves no useful purpose.

Jackson's assertion that the University has a racially unbalanced athletic staff is right on target. Of course, there is no racial quota system for hiring at the University, but such a lopsided proportion of black athletes to white administrators should send off alarms to any thinking individual.

The most frightening portion of Gambel's piece is her call for the University to censor such speakers in the future.

She claims that because she and other students were offended by Jackson, the University should not use their tuition for "paying for speakers of his caliber." Gambel states that the University should hire speakers who "represent the interests of all the students."

How can you possibly learn if you don't want anyone's ideas challenged? What is the point of attending a University that conforms to standard beliefs?

No matter if they agree with Jackson, thinking individuals must stand up against attempts to censor his point of view.

James Nourse
History graduate student

Jesse Jackson's behavior typical of all politicians

To the editor,

As a republican, I would be the last to defend a big-wig, Democratic "reception" in Frankfort. As a UK student, though, I have the knowledge to see where blame is to be placed.

Whether an invitation beckoned him to a reception, fund raiser or a "Welcome to Kentucky, J.J.!!" parade, Jesse Jackson rudely ignored UK and took advantage of our financial friendliness.

Jackson must have seen his visit to UK as a way to degrade our Kentucky rednecks and our black-slavery basketball team.

I hope the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Board learned a lesson from Jackson's incompetence.

So stop whining, SGA President Lance Dowdy and SAB President Wes Butler. You made a mistake inviting him here, but you make UK students look like a bunch of kids when you go blaming Frankfort for the way Jackson behaved.

If you really wanted a respected, admired, black leader, did you ever think to ask someone like Colin Powell?

My only hope is in the SGA's recent announcement of a conservative speaker for the spring semester.

Thomas A. Aberli
Electrical engineering freshman

Jackson's actions speaking louder than his words

As a student, I was surprised to hear that the Rev. Jesse Jackson was coming to UK's campus. I had some interest as to what Jackson would say during his visit.

It was also a surprise when I read about his visit to Frankfort. I immediately knew an issue would evolve.

During his visit, Jackson taught

many off guard with his comments. Some in administrative positions stepped lightly in response to the comments. A resounding hush seemed to fall over the campus following this.

Then the visit to Frankfort hit. Today the issue is at a climactic or even a post-climactic stage with no resolve.

Frankfort won't take credit, but then could it possibly?

I dare say that no one will actually want to consider this, but could Jackson be responsible?

Could that decision that has made our student leaders look bad as they direct their ire at Frankfort have been Jackson's? I'd honestly hate to think this, yet it cannot be ruled out.

So what will the members of the committee do if this possibility holds true?

Folks, I don't expect this situation will be resolved, especially because no one wishes to place the blame on Frankfort will have the guts to do the unthinkable.

Jackson was billed as one of the great communicators of our time. I think his actions have spoken louder than words.

D. A. Carroll
Telecommunications junior

Stirring the issue is on agenda for student presidents

To the editor,

It appears to me that Student Government Association President Lance Dowdy and Student Activities Board President Wes Butler are poised to become the political leaders of tomorrow.

They already have learned that to be good politicians it is necessary to attack symptoms and never get close to a problem.

Instead of demanding an apology of the Democratic Party, they ought to be requesting a refund from the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Tim Knauer
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JACKSON



REACTION

Guest columnist has sheltered view

Guest Opinion

This is regarding Angela Gambel's guest opinion on Oct. 6 about the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

I, too, attended Jackson's speech, and I was not the least bit startled by any comment that was made.

The very fact that Gambel was offended proves she is a sheltered individual who is blind to the true mechanisms of our society.

She insisted that the Rev. Jackson's comment about our country being founded on racist, sexist and classist principles was not correct.

I am very surprised that she is "sick and tired of people trying to alter history and make the United States look like an evil country." Trust me, there is no need to alter history at all.

Just as the Rev. Jackson said, this country was founded on these principles. Our country justified its oppression of certain groups of minorities by endorsing a racist ideology.

The imprisonment and mistreatment of thousands of slaves and the degrading working conditions

forced on immigrant workers were the ways in which our fields were farmed and our railroads were built.

The very fact that such things as the Tuskegee Syphilis study and the widespread lynching of blacks ever took place is evidence enough that racism is significant in our culture.

Sexism was, and is, also an integral part of our society that prohibited women from enjoying the same benefits that men found to be inalienable rights.

We were kept from owning land and voting, and were only allowed to enter the work force in large numbers when needed after World War II.

Furthermore, our endorsement of the Protestant work ethic, meritocratic beliefs, survival of the fittest and capitalism all helped to perpetuate inequality and classism.

Gambel also commented on the right to vote that was given to blacks (black men, that is) in 1870.

Hasn't she heard of the Grandfather Clause, and doesn't she realize this "right" existed on paper only?

She also stated that "the taxpayers of this nation have no sympathy for

the criminals in jail" and that "we didn't force them to commit the crimes."

I would have to disagree and say that by enforcing tracking and discrimination at schools in lower income areas, we are only continuing a cycle of poverty and classism.

People who receive educations at these schools will receive lower-paying jobs than individuals who go to upper-class schools, and thus will only be able to afford to live in lower-income neighborhoods where their children will then repeat the cycle.

And thus, we have an increase in the crime rate in these areas because individuals are justifiably dissatisfied with their jobs, or lack thereof, and then turn to crime as a way out.

Jackson was not complaining about past injustices. The very abundance of derogatory terms for minorities in our language, the stereotypes that exist and are accepted and direct wage discrimination are only a few of the reminders that racism, classism and sexism are still major problems in our society.

Does Gambel not know that

groups like the Ku Klux Klan and the skinheads still exist?

Does she not realize that as a female in this society, her life chances are limited by the sex-typing of jobs, and by the fact that because she is female, she is seen as weak?

Does she not see that ageism, discrimination against homosexuals and against the disabled also exist? Or does she not care?

It is true that no country on earth is perfect, and yet we have a chance to improve ours for the generations that will follow.

But this can only happen when people are willing to admit inequality exists in many forms and that we all play a part in perpetuating it.

Members of the majority groups need to realize that we are the ones to benefit from the privileges, and we need to be more understanding of the injustices minorities suffer.

I find it a shame that Gambel wasted precious time writing her guest opinion, instead of educating herself about the evils of our society.

Kelly Meget is an undeclared sophomore.

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United

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A night on the town, including dinner for two, passes to Comedy on Broadway and a room at the Hyatt Regency, also will be auctioned off.

Robertson said the festival raised almost \$2,000 last year.

"This year, I don't really know," he said. "I would just like to do about the same."

Michele Ripley, publicity chairwoman for UK's United Way campaign, said the festivals were designed not only to create enthusiasm and generate money, but also for people to enjoy themselves.

The idea of the auction, she said, is for people to have fun bidding on the various items being offered.

Robertson said auctioneer Jim Ripley gave a big boost to the auction at the Student Center last year.

UK's fund-raising goal for 1993-94 is \$395,000, Ripley said. As of yesterday, 70 percent of the goal, or \$273,552, had been raised.

The campaign officially ends Friday.

Haiti

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The Harlan County, carrying 472 servicemen from the United States and Canada, had floated 800 yards offshore since Monday, when military-backed port authorities, in a direct challenge to the U.N. mission, refused it a berth.

The troop deployment by 194 U.S. soldiers marked the beginning in earnest of the U.N. mission. About 100 U.N. personnel, including 46 Americans, arrived earlier as an advance operation.

The withdrawal followed anti-U.N. demonstrations, rampages by a small mob of army-backed gunmen threatening to create another Somalia if the United States helped

Aristide return.

U.S. Sen. Bob Graham said Cedras, in a meeting, refused to guarantee the safety of the troops aboard the Harlan County.

Cedras also refused to resign by Friday, despite insistence by U.N. officials that he had earlier agreed to do so.

Graham, D-Fla., told reporters that Haitian resistance has put the U.N. plan "into doubt."

The port incident Monday was the first indication of serious resistance to the U.N. mission, a spokesman for the U.N. force, Army Maj. Jim Hinnant, told The Associated Press.

Since then, "everything has come to a severe slowdown," Hinnant said from a suburban Petionville hotel. "Certain doors are not being opened. Calls are not being responded to."

The U.S. team that was supposed to grow to include 700 U.S. troops by month's end. That appears unlikely now.

Less than 24 hours before the USS Fairfax County was scheduled to leave for Haiti today, the Pentagon canceled the trip. The Pentagon said Hinnant's advance mission itself may leave Haiti by Monday if progress is not made.

Also yesterday, a television crew from WSVN-TV in Miami was arrested and threatened with execution before being ordered out of the country, a station representative told The Associated Press.

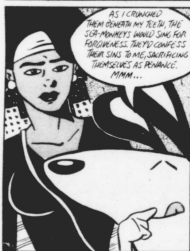
Reporter Shepard Smith, cameraman Cesar Aldama and engineer Moreau Dugas had accompanied U.S. Sen. Bob Graham and U.S. Rep Alcee Hastings to Haiti. WSVN spokeswoman Peggy Phillip said.

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