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LEAVING EARLY Cincinnati forward Danny Fortson announced he was leaving for the NBA yesterday. See Sports, page 2.



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Patton blasts Wethington for 'distorting' views



By Kathy Reding
News Editor

Gov. Paul Patton joined the UK Board of Trustees at its regular meeting yesterday to reaffirm his position on higher education reform.

Patton strengthened his commitment to follow through on the portion of the proposed legislation to remove the community college system from UK control, against the wishes of UK President Charles Wethington.

"I did not expect that debate to deteriorate to that of two politicians," Patton said.

He said UK, through its efforts to gain position support, has "begun to lose focus on the fact that its ultimate purpose is to serve the people of Kentucky, not itself."

He described Wethington's conduct as "distorting" and accused the UK president of providing the community colleges with "great stores of misinformation" regarding their departure from UK's governance — specifically that community college students would lose scholarships, library services and credit transfers.

"I have a problem with this university," Patton said. "I have a problem with the administration of this university."

Patton said he was "personally offended" by statements Wethington made last Monday regarding the governor's commitment to supply additional funding to the University in July. He said it was not Wethington's place to question whether the governor would follow through on the "good faith down payment."

Outside the meeting, Patton said Wethington's

opposing actions would factor into his later board approvals.

Before the governor's arrival, the Board unanimously passed a resolution in opposition of separating the community college system from UK and reaffirmed the Board's support of Wethington.

Board Chairman and former governor, Edward T. Breathitt said UK and its trustees support the remainder of Patton's plan and will "continue dialogue and work toward resolution of critical issues."

Student representative to the Board Alan Aja questioned how the entire reform would help students if a position for a student on the new state boards was not in the plans.

"This allows me to believe the students were not a focus," Aja said. "Let higher education reform to the needs of students, not to those needs of business of industry."

In his statement to the Board, Patton also questioned a letter from Wethington to himself that stated the costs of making UK a top-20 research institution would be more than \$700 million. Patton said he didn't have exact figures on the cost, but that it would be more than \$5 to 6 million Wethington said Patton set the price tag at.

He accused Wethington of distorting his position with inaccurate numbers.

"I have not done exact research as to what that would cost," Patton said. "I thought it was probably affordable for this Commonwealth. If (Wethington's letter) is accurate, then we may as well abandon that goal."

After the meeting Wethington denied Patton's charge that UK is spreading misinformation about

University presidents support plan

Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton's education plan gets boos from the University of Kentucky and its community colleges, but presidents of the other state universities like it fine.

They came to the Capitol yesterday to endorse the plan, which includes merging community colleges and state vocational-technical schools into a system unconnected to UK.

Patton also wants to change the way all universities are governed and funded.

He has promised a substantial increase in funding if the universities will exercise the self-discipline needed to raise the quality of their research and programs.

"This is a well-thought-out

PUT 'EM UP Gov. Patton attended a UK Board of Trustees meeting yesterday to clarify his proposals for community colleges.

Faithful fans flock to Rupp for runner-up celebration

Pitino sings praises of team

By Price Atkinson
Staff Writer

"Thanks for the season. Win or lose, we still love you."

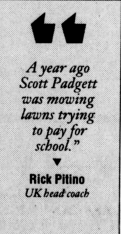
Signs bearing similar slogans could be seen and heard throughout Rupp Arena last night as 16,000 UK basketball fans paid tribute to the 1997 NCAA tournament runner-up.

Cat fans decked out in blue and white were on hand to greet and celebrate the UK basketball team after their season came to an end Monday night at the hands of Arizona.

Nancy McFarland, an Owensboro native, made a convenient stop in Lexington along with husband on their way home from Indianapolis.

"It's just like making a big triangle," McFarland said. "I think this is fantastic."

Before the celebration began at 7 p.m., the UK band played while UK cheerleaders and the Wildcat mascot led the crowd in "Blue-White" from



A year ago Scott Padgett was moving laws trying to pay for school.

Rick Pitino UK head coach

side to side and in the popular spelling cheer, "C-A-T-S."

When the lights went dim and the music played, the announcer said, "Introducing the NCAA runner-up, your Kentucky Wildcats." The crowd then let out a thunderous roar as they rose to their feet screaming for their beloved Cats.

Head coach Rick Pitino came out first. With his head high and a smile on his face, Pitino acknowledged the crowd by waving.

Then the players, each wearing T-shirts reading "The Unbelievable, 35-5," were introduced one by one as they walked across the blue carpet leading to the center of the arena floor where a circle of chairs surrounded the awards table and microphone.

Ron Mercer received the longest and loudest cheer, but that was before senior Derek Anderson emerged.

Anderson smiled as cameras from all over flashed and fans screamed, "We love you Derek."

When the lights came back on, UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton greeted everybody in attendance.

UK President Charles Wethington then thanked the team and the coaching staff saying, "Rick Pitino, an unbelievable job this season."

Without further delay, Pitino, in a hoarse voice, took over the duties as emcee.

Pitino went through each player describing his role on the team and the progress he has made this year.

The crowd and the team got a laugh from Pitino when he introduced sophomore Scott Padgett.

"A year ago Scott Padgett was mowing lawns trying to pay for school," Pitino said.

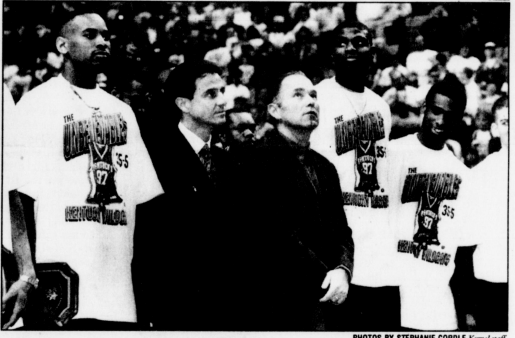
Pitino then compared junior guard Cameron Mills to a former UK basketball great.

"He lived up to Louie's (Dampier) expectation during the tournament," he said.

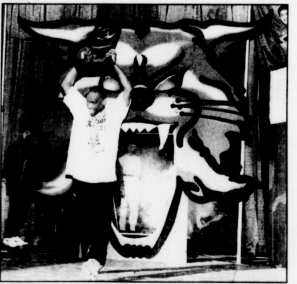
In the "to be continued" team awards handed out, Mills garnered two plaques: the Student Athlete award and the 3-Point award. The awards ceremony was postponed after UK's loss to South Carolina on Senior Day.

The coaching staff selected Prickett for the Outstanding Senior award, Epps for the Leadership award, and Padgett as Most Improved. Mercer picked up the Most Valuable Player award.

The unfurling of the "1997 Runner Up" banner from Rupp's rafters highlighted the evening's festivities.



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES Above, members of the team watch the 1997 NCAA Runner Up banner unfurl. Right, Anthony Epps displays the NCAA trophy.



Shane Melvin, an Ashland native attending UK, said this year is even more special than last year because of the fact that he wasn't expected to go that far, especially after losing four players," Melvin said. "The adversity they've overcome has been incredible."

Melvin added that seeing the audience react to the banner made the evening worthwhile.

"That was my favorite part," he said.

Representatives listen to community college discussion

By Chris Campbell
Assistant Editorial Editor

In a move to better serve the people of the Commonwealth, local legislators heard the opinions of the Lexington community and UK officials, student body and staff.

Sen. Ernesto Scorsone and Rep. Kathy Stein were the hosts, with Rep. Scotty Hoffman (D-Lexington) and Rep. Jesse Crenshaw (D-Lexington) also there in representation.

"We are here to listen to the ideas and comments that you have about higher education and the community college issue," Stein (R-Lexington) said.

With that, the words started to fly, and support for both Gov. Paul Patton and UK President Charles Wethington began. From the forum, clearly it looked as if Patton had support from the UK staff, while students from community colleges and UK Lexington campus held opposite positions.

"Nobody that I have heard is talking about eliminating the community colleges, about restricting access to them, about denying them funding, about requiring the students to commute some long distance from their homes," said Bob Fugate, director of graduate studies in mathematics. "It is obvious that all of the community colleges are in a mess as also the state."



TALK Representatives bear concerns from UK staff. Other professors from UK were backing this notion of Patton's proposal to strip the community colleges and how the system would be better off under another administrative board. Yet students from Lexington campus and community colleges had a different tale to tell.

"I feel very fortunate that there was a community college in my town," said Tracey Knight, a 1996 graduate of Henderson Community College and current UK student.

While some students supported the system remaining where it is now, one Lexington Community College student said he thought the system has boiled down to a name rather than a purpose. Moreover, the community colleges could do better without UK running them, but Knight was quick to comment that the UK name is important.

"There are a lot of students who do say that it means a lot to employers who are looking to hire, and they are proud and that it means something to have that University of Kentucky stamp on their diploma," she said.

Student Government Association President Alan Aja, coming off a statement from the Board of Trustees' meeting, showed up to speak against the governor's proposal to the legislators.

Other students also commented not only against stripping the community colleges, but the specific groups that the governor's plan wants to create.

"The SCOPE committee looks like an effort to micro-manage higher education from Frankfort and I think that's a bad idea," said Merrie Winfrey, a UK graduate student. "All the good intentions in the world are not going to help."

NEWSbyte

CAMPUS Police arrest 32 people after game

The estimated 6,000 fans who took to the intersection of Woodland and Euclid avenues Monday night caused relatively few problems for the more than 300 police officers in the area.

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police Department spokeswoman Christine Taylor said the department arrested 26 people Monday night.

Most of the arrests were for alcoholic intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Most also were made in the Woodland and Euclid area.

Taylor said no reports of injuries requiring emergency medical personnel on the scene occurred. Numerous people sustained minor injuries such as cuts.

UK Police arrested two people were arrested at the Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons for alcoholic intoxication and disorderly conduct. Three arrests were made for similar reasons at the Woodland and Euclid intersection and police arrested one person for driving under the influence on Limestone Street.

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SPORTS

Cincy's Fortson headed to NBA

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — All-America power forward Danny Fortson said yesterday he will pass up his final year of eligibility at Cincinnati to enter the NBA draft.

In his three college seasons, Fortson became the school's No. 2 all-time scorer, trailing only Oscar Robertson, and one of the country's most dominant frontline players.

The only thing he failed to do was lead the Bearcats to the Final Four. He scored only 16 points in a 67-66 loss to Iowa State in the second round of the NCAA tournament last month.

Although Fortson strongly hinted during the season that he was headed for the NBA draft, he said yesterday that he did not definitely decide until the last few days.

He had held off on the announcement so it wouldn't become a distraction during the tournament.

"It's basically a business decision," Fortson said at a news conference. "I've thought about working on my dream. My dream is to play in the NBA."

"I think I can play. There's no doubt in my mind. I'm ready."

Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins, who appeared with Fortson at the news conference, said he advised Fortson to do what is best for him. Huggins said that Fortson felt a certain responsibility to stay and help the Bearcats chase a national

title.

"I had to explain to him that we won before he got here, and we're probably going to win after he leaves," Huggins said.

"That's not part of the equation."

Fortson considered leaving after his sophomore season, but decided to stay for one more year to develop his game and make a run at a national title.

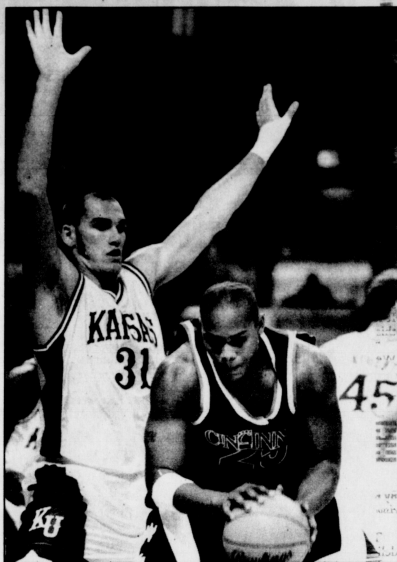
The 6-foot-7, 260-pound forward from Pittsburgh, Pa., was the main reason Cincinnati was ranked No. 1 in the preseason. Fortson was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated's basketball preview issue, which suggested that the road to the Final Four went through Cincinnati.

Although Fortson had a spectacular season, he couldn't carry the team any farther than the Conference USA regular-season championship. The Bearcats lost in the conference tournament and in the NCAA tournament.

Part of it was the lack of a point guard to get him the ball. Part of it was the backcourt's inability to take the pressure off of him by hitting from the perimeter. And part of it was Fortson's stormy relationship with officials.

He fouled out of five games and got a half-dozen technical fouls. Fortson spent much of his time fighting through zone defenses that turned him into a pinball.

After a victory over Southern Miss on Feb. 26, Fortson said the officiating would be the main consideration in his decision about the



LEAVIN' Danny Fortson, a preseason All-American for Cincinnati, will not be back for his senior year.

NBA draft.

"I guess they're trying to give me a sign: 'Get the hell out of here.' That's what the message is," Fortson fumed at the time.

Fortson also clashed with Huggins, who benched him for a game against DePaul.

Huggins suggested that Fortson — who was urging teammates

to get him the ball more often — wasn't on the same page with the head coach.

Fortson leaves Cincinnati with 1,881 career points. He had three of the top five games in school history for shooting percentage, including a school-record 93.3 percentage (14-of-15) against Eastern Michigan last Dec. 19.

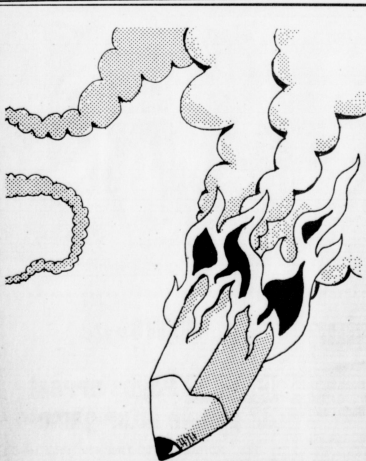
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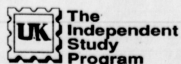
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Reds bomb Rockies on Opening Day

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Colorado Rockies wanted to get off to a good start on the road this season. They couldn't have done much worse.

Deion Sanders returned to baseball with a big game and the Rockies — one of baseball's worst road teams last year — fumbled around in the field, helping the Cincinnati Reds pull away to an 11-4 victory yesterday afternoon.

Sanders opened a four-run first inning with a double. He later singled, stole a pair of bases and scored on one of the Rockies' two errors.

Colorado was equally inept in the field. Left fielder Dante Bichette misplayed Sanders' fly ball into a double to start the Reds' big first inning and misplayed a hit by Reggie Sanders into a triple in the same inning.

Hal Morris had a pair of run-scoring singles

and an RBI double, giving him a hit in each of his last 30 games. He ended last season by hitting safely in 29 games, but streaks don't carry over to a new season.

A crowd of 54,820 — the ninth-largest in stadium history — stood for a moment of silence before the game to commemorate the one-year anniversary of umpire John McSherry's death.

There were no disagreements with the umpires, who have adopted a no-tolerance policy toward arguments this season. Umpires union chief Richie Phillips watched the game from the stands.

Rockies manager Don Baylor watched his team self-destruct in the first inning, when loser Kevin Ritz gave up a walk, single, double, triple and homer to the Reds' first five batters.

The Rockies, who were 28-53 away from Coors Field last season, rallied against winner John Smiley to tie it in the fourth. Vinny

Castilla and Ellis Burks homered in the comeback.

But Ritz gave up a go-ahead double to Smiley in the fourth, and the Reds batted around and put the game away with four runs in a sixth inning that featured two Rockies errors.

The 11 runs tied Cincinnati's record for opening day. It was the fourth time in franchise history and the first since 1987 that Cincinnati scored 11 times in its opener.

Ritz, who won a club-record 17 games last season, gave up eight hits, four walks and five runs in five innings. Smiley allowed six hits and four runs over six innings in his first opening-day start.

Kevin Jarvis got the save by pitching the final three innings.

Deion Sanders, who took last season off to become a two-way player with the Dallas Cowboys, went 2-for-4 with an RBI, a pair of stolen bases and two runs scored to jump-start an offense that generated 15 hits.

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Cats defeat third Top 25 team

By Dave Gorman
Staff Writer

After all the grunts and sunburns, the UK women's tennis team came out on top over No. 12 Notre Dame at home yesterday. The victory marked the Cats' third straight win against Top 25 teams, including No. 25 Arkansas and No. 24 Indiana besides the visiting Irish.

Pulling out the victory in the end was Massachusetts' Emami and Courtney Allen in doubles beating Tiffany Gates and Jennifer Hall of Notre Dame 8-2.

"Emami credits the win to the team's hard work."

"It's really awesome because no one expects us to do anything great," she said. "I think we showed people that we're a damn good team. It feels good because we're the underdog, and this should definitely help our ranking."

"We worked our asses off, that's all it took. We just worked that much harder than they

did."

Emami lost her singles match to Hall 7-5, 6-1.

Her doubles partner Allen seemed to think the same.

"We have been playing good in doubles," she said. "Our team has been on a good run, and now we are looking good going into the (Southeastern Conference meet)."

Despite solid doubles play, Allen lost her singles match to Darcie Scaringle 6-2, 7-5.

Stepping up early for UK was Kelly Brown who dismissed Marisa Veloso 6-3, 6-2.

"This feels great, we have been working so hard," Brown said. "I'm glad to contribute to the win."

Brown and Christy Sigurski finished off Valeso and Kelly Zalinski 8-5 to cap off another doubles victory for the Cats.

"We went in really confident, no one was really tentative," Sigurski said. "I think our victory really brought them down and gave Courtney and Massoumeh the momentum to

win. I'm really glad we came through. We should go up around 10 to 15 spots when the new rankings come out."

In one-on-one competition, Sigurski lost her match to Zalinski 6-4, 6-4.

Caroline Kirk kept the hard-working mentality going as she played through tendinitis pain in her shoulder. Kirk topped Olson 6-2, 7-5 in a tough singles match.

"We had a strong weekend, but it meant more to beat Notre Dame," Kirk said. "We really fought hard to beat them. I had a tough time playing through the injuries, but it felt good to beat them."

Kathy Herring finished off Tiffany Gates 6-3, 6-4 in a tight match, helping UK gain the advantage in singles.

"This is a really good feeling, especially when you win a tight match like this one," Herring said.

Coach Mark Guilbeau enjoyed the win but is still encouraging the team to maintain its hard-working ethic.

Belle tolls against Jays in 5-4 win

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

TORONTO — Albert Belle delivered, as advertised.

Making his debut for the Chicago White Sox, baseball's \$55 million man doubled home the first run of the 1997 major league season and later launched a two-run homer yesterday.

Belle even talked about his exploits after a 6-5 win in 10 innings over the Toronto Blue Jays, following through on his pledge to be more cooperative with the media this season.

"I'm happy to come over and be productive in the first game," Belle said. "There was pressure coming over, hitting with a guy like Frank Thomas and our tremendous lineup."

While Belle and Thomas — the game's new Dynamic Duo — each got two hits, Norberto Martin and Ray Durham won the sea-

son opener for the White Sox.

Martin tied it with a pinch-hit home run in the ninth inning and Durham streaked home from first base on what should have been an infield hit in the 10th.

A SkyDome crowd of 40,299, more than 10,000 short of a sell-out, saw Thomas and Belle give Chicago an early lead. Solo home runs by Carlos Delgado and Alex Gonzalez, though, helped put the Blue Jays ahead 5-2 entering the eighth.

But Thomas opened the eighth with a single and Belle followed with a drive into the left-field stands off AL Cy Young winner Pat Hentgen. It was Belle's first homer since leaving Cleveland for a five-year deal in Chicago — he did not connect in 67 at-bats in exhibition play.

"I looked terrible in spring training," Belle said. "Everybody was wondering when I was going to hit a home run. Once the sea-

son starts, everything is for keeps. These are the statistics that count. The main thing is that we started the season out 1-0."

Martin made it 5-1 when, batting for Ron Karkovic, he hit closer Mike Timlin's first pitch over the left field wall. With two outs, Thomas drew a walk that put two runners on for Belle, who popped out.

Durham drew a two-out walk from loser Dan Plesac in the 10th and Tony Pena bounced a grounder into the hole for a single.

Gonzalez ranged to deep shortstop and reached down, but the ball rolled under his glove for an error and Durham never stopped running.

Durham hustled home and barely beat left fielder Shawn Green's one-hop throw for the go-ahead run.

"I was just trying to get to the ball, I didn't take a peek at the

runner," Gonzalez said. "When I got to it, it went off the tip of my glove. I did everything I could to stop it."

Roberto Hernandez pitched the 10th for a save, preserving the win for Tony Castillo.

Thomas, batting third, went 2-for-4 with a walk and Belle, hitting cleanup, was 2-for-5.

Belle provided a quick dividend for his new team. After Tony Phillips led off the game with a single and Thomas singled with one out, Belle lined an opposite-field, RBI double to right.

Belle, as usual, caused a stir among the fans. They booed him when he threw a foul to a ballboy, rather than tossing it into the stands, and threw his home-run ball back onto the field.

"They weren't rooting for me, I know that," Belle said. "I take it as a compliment that they're aware of my accomplishments."

SPORTSbytes

Tennessee names new head coach

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Oregon basketball coach Jerry Green was introduced yesterday as the new head coach at Tennessee.

"If it is a surprise to you for me being here, it is also a surprise for me," he told a news conference.

Green, 53, suggested he wasn't really looking for a new job, but, "This was kind of special, coming back to Tennessee, close to where I grew up."

Green, who holds a master's degree from East Tennessee State University, succeeds Kevin O'Neill, who quit the Vols March 11 to become coach at Northwest-

ern.

The Volunteers went 36-46 in O'Neill's three rebuilding seasons and have apparently reached a turning point in the program.

"We rebuild, have rebuilt everywhere we have ever been," Green said. "The only two things I have ever promised anybody in a job is that we are going to play unbelievably hard and we are going to play unbelievably unselfish."

"We are going to graduate our players and we are going to have a great attitude doing it. Our team is going to come together and we are going to represent this campus community in a very, very positive way."

Green's Oregon team was ranked as high as 17th this past

Jackson leaving Temple

PHILADELPHIA — Temple center Marc Jackson will give up his final year of college eligibility to enter the NBA draft, sources told the Associated Press.

Jackson scheduled a news conference at the school yesterday to make the announcement.

The Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, Jackson, a 6-foot-10, 270-pound junior, was the Owls' leading scorer and rebounder the past two seasons, averaging 16 points and nine rebounds last season.

He will be only the second Temple player to leave school early. Junior Donald Hodge was drafted by Dallas in 1991.

Jackson could declare himself

eligible for the draft and go back to TU for his senior year, whether he's drafted or not, as long as he doesn't sign with an agent.

"We've sat down and talked about his options for some time," Temple coach John Chaney told the Philadelphia Daily News. "He has to make his judgment based on what's the worst that could happen to him."

Most draft evaluators don't see Jackson as a first-round choice. Don Leventhal, in his most recent rankings, had Jackson rated as the sixth pick in the second round.

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DivERSIONS

Toledo group offers escape

By Mat Harron
Features Editor

Toledo, Ohio is a little city, making big waves. Or earthquakes, if you factor in Doghouse Records.

An independent label owned by Omaha guitarist/vocalist Dirk Hemsath, Doghouse has promoted and released music by acts from around the country since the late '80s, including some groups from that other Kentucky city west of here that also didn't win the NCAA championship.

One such release is Threadbare's *Escapist*, a tortuous seven-song album by a group that California's *Heart Attack* fanzine calls "one of the best bands in existence."

From the outset of "Error,"

which combines tribal drumming by Mike Paradise and Mike Lovro's sandpaper screaming, to the new school, Fugazi-influenced guitar work by Carl Skildum and Chad Dziewior on "In Effigy," *Escapist* rips.

Innovation in hardcore is rare, primarily because the genre has splintered into so many styles. Some lean toward the acoustic; some prefer the speedy sixteenth-notes; some emphasize deep melodies. Threadbare incorporates all these qualities and bucks the traditional rock formula with lo-fi jambox snippets ("Thirds") and enhanced reverb, feedback and introspective conversation ("Lesser Evils").



"Weatherman," originally released on *Anti-Matter* magazine's compilation in December 1996, boasts one of the most blood-curdling screams by a hardcore singer since Hare Krishna devotees 108 kicked out the jams. Threadbare's palm-muting sounds a tad sloppy, but once the octave chords break into the chorus, the tune blows up.

Two flops in *Escapist* would undoubtedly be "Mommy Can I Go Out and Kill Tonight," a Misfits' cover, and "Twenty-One," a lazy, drop-tempo ballad, if you will, that sounds like Radiohead on steroids.

As to whether one should purchase the record, I'll close with a quote from Texas is the Reason guitarist Norm Arenas: "Threadbare may very well become one of the most severely underrated hardcore bands from this era. If they fade into obscurity, it would be your loss."

★★★★ (out of five)
'Escapist' Threadbare (Doghouse)

The tour de force? A four-measure stint in "Lesser Evils," when Lovro's vocal tracks are layered beneath Paradise's swirling drums and wah-wah noise before Lovro quietly ends, "I knew then that I would never be the same."

WHAT'S your sign?

By Suzanne Raffold

Aries (March 21-April 19): In a fit of artistic inspiration, you cut out heads from various magazines and attempt to do something useful with them. You proceed to try and put those paper heads onto ugly human beings, who are not real happy with this.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): While taking out your contacts, you manage to remove your eye in the process. Unfortunately, your contact case is too small for your eyeball, so you try to force it back into its socket. But you apply too much force, pushing it out the back of your skull. Contact solution was much easier to clean up.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You designate yourself the official "time teller" for your classes. At five minutes before class is to end, you stand up and proclaim, "It's time to go!" and sprint out of the classroom. This alerts your classmates that time is almost up, and allows you to get out early, although you look like a moron.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): While playing with one of your loose teeth, you happen to pull all of them out in one foul, bloody mess. While you're scrambling on the floor to pick them up, you run

smack into a wall, causing another part of your face to bleed profusely. Your roommate, the neat freak, has heart palpitations when she finds the mess, leaving the internal structure of your household in ruins.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): While putting on a necklace, you manage to choke yourself into unconsciousness. You weren't trying for any kind of weird sexual stunt. Overcome by anger, you just happened to be the only person around to take it out on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): While waxing your eyebrows, you grab too much hair and rip out your already receding hairline. You weren't that great looking to begin with and your loss of hair doesn't do much to improve your appearance.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): While trying to register for classes, the recording tells you that you are obsolete. You run down to the registrar's office to register your existence and are denied because you didn't pay your tuition on time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You like a planned schedule. Unfortunately, inept and unprepared people often stand in the way of your regimen. You become

fed up. And when things don't go your way, you get violent and proceed to strangle the last living breath out of the unfortunate person who screws things up for you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You get out of work early, the exam that you didn't study for is a piece of cake, and to top it all off, someone tells you that you're cute. You're special, Sagittarius!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have time management skills that are above and beyond any other human beings'. This often causes you a mass amount of frustration that overloads your poor circulatory system. You have a dream in which you slay all the people that can't get their acts together in a final bloody, apocalyptic scene. You wake up refreshed and happy, and ready to take on the day.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You encounter stupid people like white on rice. And they all want to be your friend. Because you are a generally nice person, you often extend them your friendship. So now you have a bunch of stupid friends. But they are nothing if not loyal.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Refer to Aquarius. You are the friend.

DIVERSIONSbytes

Classical musical comes to town

The Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *The Sound of Music* will come to Lexington's Opera House Theatre for two showings next week.

The 28-week national tour hits Lexington on Monday, April 7 at 8 p.m. and Tuesday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$18 to

\$42.50 depending on seat selection and can be purchased at the Lexington Center Ticket Office at (606) 233-3535 and all TicketMaster outlets. Students and seniors can purchase tickets 15 minutes before showtime for half price.

DiFranco comes to Louisville
Ani DiFranco performs in Louisville Friday at 8 p.m. DiFranco and drummer Andy will

be joined on this tour by renowned bass player Sara Lee, who has played with Indigo Girls and B-52s. She's on tour to help promote her new album due out April 22.

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CAMPUS

UK Hospital to offer retirement

By Kathy Reding
News Editor

In addition to the resolution in support of President Charles Wetthington and maintenance of community college governance of UK, the Board of Trustees also took other actions. The Board passed a recommendation from the UK Hospital to offer a one-time early retirement plan to be offered to regular full-time staff at the hospital as part of an effort to "streamline" hospital operations, reducing operating expenses by 5 percent over a two-year time span.

"We're about the last hospital in the city to move to restructuring," said Dr. James Holsinger, Chandler Medical Center chancellor. Holsinger said the overall plan calls for not restaffing positions that turnover. These will total 400-500 positions over the next two and half years. He said hospital operations will also be reorganized, for a total savings of \$12 million and a staff reduction back to the 1991 level of 2,500 employees. He said if all 230 employees eligible for the early retirement incentive took it, the hospital would save \$8 to 9 million in

salaries. In other hospitals that have offered similar retirement options, Holsinger said 40 to 60 percent opt to take it. The need for fewer hospital employees comes from the decrease of patients who stay in the hospital, decrease in length of stays and increase of outpatient services, Holsinger said. Even with the decline in staff, patient care will remain constant, he said. "Part of this is due to the changes in managed care," said Frank Butler, hospital director. "While all these changes have been going on we have stayed the same."

Colleges

Presidents warn not to lose sight of plan

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Patton said in a news conference with the regional university presidents arrayed behind him. "I did not propose a smorgasbord of ideas from which people could pick and choose."

The presidents agreed. "Don't lose sight of the total plan," cautioned Hanly Funderburk of Eastern Kentucky University.

Added Kern Alexander of Murray State: "No piece, in my judgment, should be left out." In a joint statement, the presidents praised Patton for making postsecondary education "a defining priority of his administration."

"It is a rare moment indeed when educators, political leaders and the leaders of business and industry agree that postsecondary education represents an opportunity for investment rather than a cost to be absorbed and endured," the statement said.

The presidents disavowed any notion that their campuses would benefit if UK loses its community colleges.

But they said UK's interest should not be paramount.

Patton

Wetthington defends his views, finds support of UK governance

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the separation among the community colleges. "There's no way I can speculate on what's going to happen," Wetthington said.

Wetthington said he and Patton have talked about possibilities for other solutions, but that the governor has not made any other proposals.

"I am not aware of any other proposals the governor has made," Wetthington said.

Wetthington defended his defense of the current

UK/community college structure as representing the interests of UK. "That's all the Board and I are doing," Wetthington said.

Deborah Floyd, president of Prestonsburg Community College who attended the meeting with other community college presidents, said her college supports UK.

"We have an awful lot of questions (about the governor's plan)," Floyd said, among them are the future of financial aid, student health services and library services.

"The issue of governance may distract us from many of the aspects of the governor's plan," Floyd said. "The total bottom line is the students."

Following Patton's chastisement of Wetthington, Breathitt again reaffirmed the Board's support of his president and his position. All members joined him

Former SGA president reflects on his term

By Gary Wolf
Associate News Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first part of a two-part series focusing on the outgoing and incoming Student Government Association presidents. Thursday will focus on new SGA President Alan Aja.



Alan Aja has faced a number of issues this year. From computer printing fees to Gov. Paul Patton's plan to separate the community colleges from UK, Aja has made his views known to both the student body and administrators. In an interview on Monday, Aja discussed his successes and failures as president and expectations for the new president.

Gary Wolf: How do you think SGA has prepared you for life?

Alan Aja: SGA has made me realize what different avenues that I can take for my personal future. I don't know if I really want to be in politics. I may change my mind. I have become very skeptical of the way our society operates. Now, I'm not being critical of the University at all. I think the University does a lot of good. I just think that change internally is necessary.

I believe that whether or not people intend for this sometimes there are structures within the University — whether or not they

are purposely put there or they're unintentionally put there.

I think there are ways the SGA president, faculty and administrators can work through that to realize what's going on. I don't mean to pick on athletics, but I'm just using it as an example.

I've learned that the student is the most powerful aspect on this university. Those of you who believe in power, that's where the power actually lies.

GW: What advice would you give to Melanie?

AA: My advice to her is to prioritize — to balance her academics with the job. It's hard, but it can be done. To not fold — sometimes you're going to receive some pressures and things of value and you're going to be like 'Wow, I get this as president and so forth' — I think Melanie's strong enough not to (fold).

Be honest — actually be honest with administrators and tell them what your concerns are.

Fight the fight — with athletics, I fought the fight and lost in terms of the ticket issue.

With computing, I fought, and I lost, and I won. We didn't get the 10 cents retracted, but I won because there will be a proposal in front of the Board of Trustees for a student advisory committee that will help make decisions from now on about computer lab policies.

But my main advice really isn't about winning or losing, it's actually about addressing the concerns that need to be addressed.

The students are underrepresented. We feel the state and University are not meeting their needs.

GW: If you could give yourself a grade on your performance as SGA president, what grade would you give?

AA: B+.

GW: Why?

AA: I don't think I could give myself an A. I don't think any SGA president could.

There were times this year when I could have done more. The reason I didn't was basically my fault. I didn't look at the angles of where I could have made some changes or where I could have stood up for something. I think I did a fair job of doing as much as I can. To be honest, we had way too many goals on our platform, which is good because it kept us busy and kept us going.

But we nearly accomplished almost everything. If it hasn't been accomplished, Melanie has vowed to finish it.

GW: You said there were times when other things could've been done. When are some of those times you may have failed that you wish you could go back and change?

AA: When the Board (of Trustees) voted to set back the policy to four-weeks when you can get a refund.

I voted against it. I was adamantly against it. I could have lobbied for it. I could have called the trustees and told them my concern. I talked to some of them on the phone, but with my schedule and my class work — I'll make an excuse — but I really couldn't do it. Now I look at it and I say it was a fight worth fighting.

I could've set my homework aside for one night — maybe my grades would have suffered — but maybe it was a fight worth fighting? I was willing to compromise for it.

GW: What would you have liked to accomplish as SGA president?

AA: If I could accomplish anything, and I think I did a good job of doing it, I would like to be more available to different populations of the student body ... I tried, I really did, but sometimes I was exhausted and was resting.

GW: What kind of job should students expect from Melanie?

AA: You will see a lot of accomplishments. You will see a lot of programs from her, definitely.

That's one thing I can say about her. I think she's proved that.

She's the most consistent person I have ever met. She's got the knowledge. She's got the insight. I think Melanie is a reason for many minority students and international students to get involved.

She's already got strong ties with them and Greeks. I think you're going to see an even more diverse SGA.

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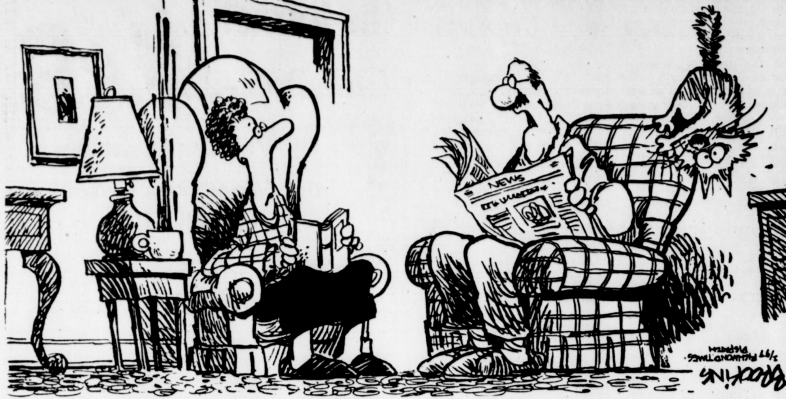
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Tobacco is addictive; no matter what its manufacturers say

Something positive happened in the world over Spring Break. And since most of you were probably on the beach busy displaying your fine-tuned body for all to see, I'll tell you about it. Bennett LeBow, owner of the Liggett Group, a cigarette manufacturing company, agreed to a landmark settlement of the thousands of lawsuits against his company.

Tobacco giants would have me believe, was not at all brought about or accelerated by his smoking habit. I've seen people at work who can't go without a smoke break for more than 15 minutes at a time. So try and tell me that smoking is not addictive, and I'm not very likely to believe it. I am not against smoking. I have puffed on an occasional cigarette or cigar, and I know many friends who do the same thing.

The company agreed to pay 25 percent of its profits over the next 25 years to aid legal action against the tobacco industry. Liggett also agreed to put warning labels on all its cigarette packs that say smoking is addictive. For his work, LeBow was rewarded with criticism from the other major U.S. tobacco producers. Among other things less suitable to print, LeBow was called unpredictable, irresponsible and a traitor. They immediately responded that LeBow was merely trying to get some money out of the deal by buying out his struggling tobacco company. That seems like an interesting claim to me. A man decides to expose and damage the tobacco industry by stating what millions of people have known for many years. And he's doing this for financial gain?

If you choose to smoke, I have no problem with that. But you should be aware that in a matter of time you will become addicted. Maybe if the cigarette packets had warning labels on them saying that smoking was less likely to start. But of course, that can't happen until the manufacturers themselves admit to a fact that common sense seems to reveal. But that won't happen, at least in the near future. Cigarette manufacturers are so concerned about turning a fast buck that they won't dare admit to something that might lead to a decline in sales. Because they have become so obstinately wealthy by living in the past, tobacco giants have the financial power to shut people up — just like some of them claimed Bennett LeBow was trying to bait them into doing.



Matt Ellison
Kernel Columnist

Sure makes a lot of sense, doesn't it? It's a shame that the tobacco industry has become such a cash cow that people are afraid to brand cigarette manufacturers what they deserve to be called. Liars. Explain how the major cigarette manufacturers could sit before a House subcommittee and all swear under oath that smoking is not addictive. There's only one answer and that answer is money. Tobacco isn't addictive? It's not if you're trying to make money from selling it. The tobacco industry has grown to a \$45 billion industry in this country, and heaven forbid if something like the truth were to take away from this figure. I guess it is just random chance that people who smoke gradually become hooked on cigarettes. They aren't becoming addicted to nicotine, they just really like the flavor or the feeling that smoking gives them. I'm sorry, but I've seen people attempt to quit smoking and fail. I've seen my grandmother fight her addiction for years only to be recently cured with one of the many remedies.

Under different circumstances, the pending lawsuits against tobacco giants in 22 different states would be considered frivolous. But these companies think they can play by a different set of rules, by lying to the general public about the addictive nature of cigarettes. Part of LeBow's settlement was to turn over documents from an independent study passed through the tobacco industry that will prove the manufacturers to be liars. And mark this down: within the next few years, these documents will show what millions of people have known all along. And all for making money. What a bunch of money-grubbing liars. I don't like name-calling, but if the shoe fits...

Cigarette manufacturers are so concerned about turning a fast buck that they won't dare admit to something that might lead to a decline in sales.

Build it

It looks like it's done deal. Even though UK has not finished the feasibility study for the proposed 27,000-seat on-campus men's basketball arena, the site selection over Spring Break gives strong indication that the Cats will relocate.

higher, off-the-bench seats for corporate executives and elder statesmen. Courtside seats connect students more with the action and the players than nosebleed spots requiring binoculars.

Why not break the contract signed by former UK President Otis A. Singletary and the Lexington Center's Board of Directors that causes UK athletic officials and students so much trauma to see some roundball? Why not say, "c-ya" to \$5 charges for student parking and \$1.2 million in rental fees paid by the athletic department?

Alas, the tragedy of a new arena will be the strained relationship between UK and the city, which just shelved out bonds to aid the construction of the William T. Young Library. The city will also contend with millions of dollars in bond fees to pay off Rupp.

Why not give a hearty "sayonara" to the scheduling that forces UK to play its games around conventions that yield little financial benefit for UK?

For starters, Civic Center shops may lose \$2 million flat, and employee layoffs could become a reality. The Thoroughbreds, even if they are a farm team for the San Jose Sharks, won't pull in the revenue, and college rock will gravitate toward the new complex because that's where the students are — dude.

Adolph Rupp was correct about the negatives of UK playing downtown, and coach Rick Pitino has reportedly pushed for a campus venue since he took his job.

The notion that all this hype is just a ploy by UK to renegotiate its contract with the city and possibly buy Rupp doesn't hold water when one considers the seriousness of Wildcat fans when the subject is hoops.

But as an on-campus arena would be great — on one condition: priority seating down by the court for students, with luxury boxes and

Regardless of the negatives for the city, UK needs to look out for itself.

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READERS' forum

Woodland debauchery disgraceful to University

To the editor:
I am writing this letter to express my disappointment toward a portion of our student body. Monday night's "anti-celebration" was a disgusting display of drunkenness and a pathetic excuse for a party. By taking to the streets, last year's championship was essentially invalidated and the accomplishments of this year's team were cheapened. Please do not tell me what happened Monday night was in support of the team. Support is meeting them at the airport or congratulating them for a terrific season.

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For SGA to be effective next year a few issues need addressing

I thank the candidates, especially those for Student Government Association president and vice president, for running a clean campaign. Past years have seen elections sink to mudslinging, which turns students off and creates cynicism about student government. What else creates cynicism about student government? I cite three factors: inaction of the Student Government Association, bills SGA passes and the inability of SGA to ensure students' rights and privileges when dealing with campus administrators. There is the belief that SGA doesn't do anything. This is part true, part false. SGA has programs such as tutoring, free tax service and legal aid, and the escort service, which are all used, and in some cases have more people requesting the service than SGA can provide for (example: tutoring).

After attending senate meetings this past semester, it became obvious that some senators did not actively work toward solving problems or creating programs that benefit the student body. They would sit back, wait for students to come to them with requests for funding, pass the bills, then say "we did stuff." Sitting back and waiting is not the type of leadership people look for in their elected officials. People want leaders who will actively work for their constituents (in this case students). The bills that SGA passes create cynicism, specifically in the funding of conference trips. From speaking with students, most feel that they don't see any benefit in sending 12 students to Los Angeles for a conference. Because student tickets have

been eliminated and ticket prices raised, plus/minus system has been enacted and the computer printing fee has been installed, SGA is seen as having little influence with the UK administration. SGA's inability to get beneficial results for students in these matters can partly be blamed on the students. SGA cannot represent students when students aren't an active, voting body. Please follow: only 2,100 students voted, which is less than 10 percent of the total student body. Of that, the president received just more than 50 percent of the votes. This number is less than 5 percent of the total student body. If voter turnout was 50 percent (12,000 votes), SGA would represent students who would be an

active entity on campus. It's a Catch-22: students don't vote because they're cynical about student government being unable to affect matters relating to campus, but for student government to have power in matters relating to campus, more people have to vote. What can be done to change this? Create programs that benefit the most students and that solve problems on campus (or move closer toward that problem being solved). Look at every bill and question how many students it benefits. Don't vote for it because the senate has the money and the group coming to you needs the

money. Be discriminate with spending. Don't vote for conference-trip bills. Miss President: you have a veto, use it. Don't sign everything because of tradition or just because the senate approves it. Advertise the elections better. Many students didn't know about the elections (not all students read the Kentucky Kernel). Create banners to be placed at all polling sites a week before the election stating "SGA Elections Wednesday and Thursday." Support initiatives that increase student representation in SGA. Graduate students are one-fourth the total student body but

have only one senator. Arts & Sciences is the largest college and has only one senator. More college senators increases representation in the University Senate, where plus/minus is decided. It's amazing that one of the largest and most active student organizations on campus is in need of better public relations. What SGA needs is a Kernel columnist who is a decent writer, has experience in increasing campus knowledge about a student organization, and is capable of standing up for the organization against UK administrators and other students who might be against that organization or members of that group. Now where would we find such a person? Matt Solberry is a political science senior, president of UK Athletics, and a SGA senator-at-large-elect, but views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.



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Despite crash, elevators ruled safe

By Brandy Carter
Staff Writer

After the breakdown of an elevator in Patterson Office Tower before Spring Break, students and faculty have been concerned with the safety of the elevators.

The cause of the breakdown on the 13th floor was because of a counterweight on the elevator falling on top of the elevator car.

Late last week, state inspectors checked the counterweights in all the POT elevators and made their yearly elevator inspection.

"All the elevators in POT passed inspection last week except for the one that broke down, which is still being repaired," said Jack Applegate, director of the Physical Plant Division.

A counterweight hangs off a pulley at the top of the elevator shaft.

As the elevator car rises, the counterweight moves down to offset the weight. The counterweight travels along a track and when it is off the track a loud screeching sound can be heard like the one heard before the breakdown.

Safety features built into the elevator cause

it to stop when the car is in danger of crashing, such as when a cable breaks or the counterweight leaves its track.

Then the breaks underneath the elevator car force it into an emergency stop.

"The elevators in POT are 26 years old and they are in need of an overhaul in the controls," Applegate said. "To maintain safety the elevators are state-inspected yearly and they are under continual maintenance by Murphy Elevator Company."

"The University does not have the money to repair the elevators. Plans for renovations have been included in the Capital Plan for 1988-2002," he said, "so hopefully the University will set aside money to make the repairs."

The elevators run at high speed to better accommodate students and staff members. Leveling problems when the elevator doors open and the elevator car is not level with the floor occur often.

Stacey Powell, a teaching assistant in the department of Spanish and Italian, was riding in the elevator when it broke down the last time.

"I was told the counterweights falling on top

of the car were the cause of the loud noises," she said. "I rode from the Intermezzo to the 11th floor and got off the elevator then went up to the 13th floor and it broke down."

"I feel very lucky I wasn't hurt," Powell said. "The weights could have crashed through the ceiling of the elevator car."

Powell said she wants to dispel any rumors surrounding the breakdown.

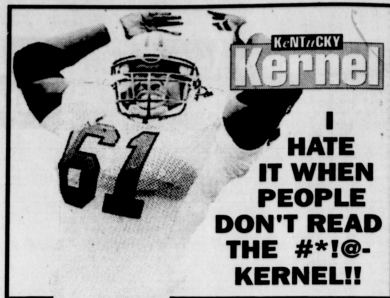
"I just want everyone to know the car didn't fall," Powell said, "but there was a problem and I hope the Physical Plant Division takes it seriously and tries to do something about it."

Staff members in POT are also concerned with the safety of the elevator.

"I don't feel the elevators are safe because they jump and miss floors," said staff assistant Moni Shields.

Some said the repairs to the elevators in past weeks have improved their safety.

"I think the elevators are safe most of the time," said David Wilson, another staff assistant. "They've been working on them for the past couple of weeks, and I think they are at least improved."



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Cha-ching! Stores rake in money off Final Four

By Allison Marsh
Senior Staff Writer

A spending spree has campus and UK fans are buying Wildcat-everything like its going out of style.

None are shy about spending \$15 dollars for a T-shirt. Mugs, baseball caps, striped Dr. Seuss hats, pins, posters, magazines, boxers, shoes, coats, pull-overs, programs, sweatshirts, shakers, party supplies, flags and more are sucking fan dollars at great speeds.

Although Carol Behr, general manager of Kennedy's Book Store, said sales are not quite what they were last year, her store is doing well.

"It's a neater feeling," Behr said. "It's like Kentucky rules. It's just not a one-time thing."

Last Tuesday morning Behr

said fans from Japan and Australia were calling to purchase Final Four memorabilia.

The UK Bookstore is offering an enticing deal. When you buy a 1997 item, you can pick a free 1997 hat, shirt, mug or poster.

David Mulberger, the store director, said the official program that is being sold at the RCA Dome is popular. Another big draw for the store was the presence of 2-103 FM and a contest to win two floor seats to the Minnesota and Arizona games.

Off-campus tents are also pulling in the big bucks. Connie Phillips, a temporary salesperson, was up from Tennessee to sell NCAA items in a blue plastic tent on Tates Creek Road. Her merchandise is from a distributor on consignment.

Phillips sold T-shirts in 30-

degree below zero Green Bay weather during the Super Bowl. But she said there is something special about college fans in the Bluegrass.

"Any college would have to go a long way to outdo Kentucky fans," Phillips said.

In her 10 to 12 hours a day in the tent she said the fans she talks to are well informed about UK basketball history and statistics. They come in all ages. Phillips said one man came in to buy a shirt for his 73-year-old mother, who idolizes coach Rick Pitino. The woman refers to Pitino as her "banty rooster" — a small, cocky fighter, she said.

Curtis Pack, a life-long Kentuckian, pulled up to the tent looking for a K-flag. From his rearview mirror dangles a "True Blue" pin with an "I Love Jesus" card behind

it. "Jesus is behind the Cats," Pack said.

Another Kentucky couple cashed in on Wildcat temporary tattoos. Don and Kathy Bolton of Lexington sell paw prints and UK logos that will last on the skin for three to four days.

The actual tattoo costs 35 cents, and the Boltons sell them for \$1. Don said fans are a lot more serious this year.

"This particular facet of it has not been as good as last year," he said. "It's faddish. This year things have not been as jovial, because we're on the ropes."

While his wife was in Indianapolis at a booth in the Hyatt across from the RCA Dome, Don carried his supplies to local bars and restaurants.

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