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UK professor salaries lower than average

Some benchmarks pay up to \$10,000 more for teachers

By Mat Herron
Campus Editor

Conventional wisdom states that if you teach, don't expect to make money.

At other schools, there's a little more to go around. On average, full professors at UK earn about \$10,000 less than full professors at benchmark institutions.

Professors at the University of North Carolina at Chapel-Hill, made an average of \$85,500 last year, said Mike McFarland, who works at University News Services at UNC.

During the 1995-96 school year, Indiana University at Bloomington full professors made \$72,400, and N.C. State professors earned about \$71,100, according to *Academe*, the journal

published by the American Association of University Professors. Last year at the University of Missouri-Columbia, full professors' average pay totaled \$74,443, up 3 percent from 1995-96.

Faculty pay at MU comes from two-thirds of tuition and one-third state, said Pat Morton, chief planning and budget officer at MU.

There, lower-ranking professors get the most money. At UK it's the other way around.

As of last year, professors made \$69,594, \$30,000 more than what they made 10 years ago, according

to figures provided by the Office of Planning and Budget.

Faculty pay comes from tuition and state support. During the budget period, usually in January or February, there's always a discussion of faculty and staff salary increase, said Joan McCauley, associate vice president for the Planning and Budget Office.

The president, chancellors and vice presidents meet with deans to talk about potential for the pool. Raises are given on the basis of merit, she said, as a result a performance evaluation is done at the department's dean and chair level. The Board of Trustees has the

final say on all salary increases. "It's always one of the very highest priorities," McCauley said.

For this year, the board approved a 3 percent salary pool, or about \$3 million, for faculty salary increases, which includes associated benefits like retirement and social security.

Comparatively, the salary pool was 4 percent two years ago and 3.2 last year.

Do these salaries reflect the amount of research and teaching professors do?

"They're all low," mathematics professor Donald Coleman said.

"We do our work because we like it."

It's basically simple, and pretty much everybody knows the rules. "There's such a piddling amount to deal with. I know I'm not gonna get too much of raise, so I don't worry about it too much."

In Kentucky, though, disadvantages and advantages exist for working in academia.

The disadvantage: Kentucky isn't as wealthy as most states, said Dana D. Nelson, an associate professor in English. But the public interacts with the universities and

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A survivor's story



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STARTING OVER Arts administration senior Callie Ratterman who had a stroke six months ago, waits (above) for a production of 'Tommy' to start last night. Ratterman helps Melanie Sba-Onkst with a costume change during the production.

Student rediscovers life after near-fatal stroke

By Karrie Ralston
Contributing Writer

College students have enough to worry about — grades, a major, tuition payments, AIDS, the risk of having a stroke, the list goes on and on.

Which one of these doesn't quite fit? The stroke risk, right? Wrong.

Arts administration senior Callie Ratterman knows from personal experience that college students run the risk of having strokes.

"I remember being in the ambulance and hearing the technician call the hospital and say they were enroute with a 22-year-old female, possible stroke victim. I thought, 'This can't be a stroke, I am too young to have a stroke.'

Six months ago on April 9, Ratterman experienced a blood clot on the left side of her brain. Walking across campus, her right arm went numb. "It was no big deal. It had happened a few times before, but it always went away in about 15 minutes."

"This time it didn't go away. As she continued to walk, more and more of her right side became paralyzed, her right leg and finally the entire right side of her body.

She made it to her destination where she was meeting a friend. When she tried to tell him she needed help, Ratterman realized she couldn't talk either.

By writing with her left hand, she was able to communicate. She was in the emergency room within a half hour.

Chandler Medical Resident Neurosurgeon Dr. Thomas Anderson said strokes at Ratterman's age are "extremely rare, but it does happen."

Symptoms of an oncoming stroke include weakness, numbness on one side of the body or the other, slurred speech and facial drooping, he said.

"Over all, an altered mental status" shows a stroke

is taking place, Anderson said.

After the doctor's diagnosis of the stroke, Ratterman's reaction was sheer "disbelief and shock."

Then came "the general fear. Will I be able to speak again? Or walk?"

Her friends and family reacted the same way.

The stroke was attributed to the combination of smoking over a prolonged period of time and her birth control pills, which she had been taking for medical reasons for a while as well.

Sadly, her doctor, who had prescribed the pills, did not tell her of these possible side effects. The numbness she had experienced in her arm several times before were actually mini-strokes, she later discovered.

Those instances of numbness were "small warning signs. For unexplained instances like these, it is always a good idea to be checked out by a doctor," Anderson said.

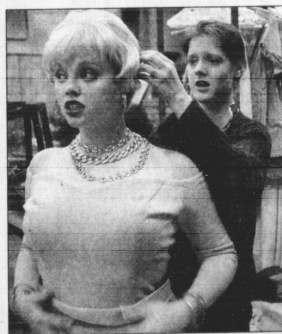
"I was never told that when I experienced numbness I should go to the emergency room," Ratterman said.

"If anyone experiences any symptoms like the ones she experienced ... they should see a doctor immediately," Anderson said.

As a result of the stroke, Ratterman has quit smoking and gone off the pill. She can never again take any type of hormone supplement. She has lost weight, exercises more and pays closer attention to what she eats, including monitoring her sodium intake and eating more fruits and vegetables.

"I feel a whole lot healthier physically," she said. As for prevention, "It's hard to predict in a young person," Anderson said. Family history can play a role, but some people are just born with blood vessel abnormalities that are nearly impossible to detect.

Instead of graduating in May, Ratterman will be forced to graduate in December because of the stroke. She is still going through occupational therapy



for her hand, but was discharged from her speech therapy just over a month ago. Her hand is still not at 100 percent which prevents her from practicing many of the activities she used to do on a regular basis.

Playing the piano, typing, and writing notes in class present a challenge for her. But she has made more progress than usual, which she does attribute to her young age. "Most people don't see a third of my recovery in a year."

Ratterman has returned to work at the Actors Guild and is still in rehabilitation. Besides her smoking habit, Ratterman was in good health. Her family history did not place her at risk; it includes her grandfather who suffered from several strokes, none of which were fatal.

"It's been a tragic experience, but it's been a learning experience. I've learned a whole lot about the strength I have in myself."

Support groups for stroke victims are offered by the UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. The Center and the Kentucky Neurosciences Institute will offer complimentary stroke screenings this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register, call the UK Health Connection at 606-257-1000.

Class survey: Most oppose campus arena

LCC class teaches strategies for effective random sampling

By James Ritchie
News Editor

Half of registered voters in Central Kentucky oppose construction of a new basketball arena on UK campus, according to a survey conducted by Lexington Community College students.

Thirty-six percent of respondents favored a new arena, and nearly 13 percent were undecided.

Political science professor Tim Cantrell has his students conduct a survey each semester. This semester 135 students, taking an American Government and Political Behavior course, telephoned 1,573 residents of Fayette and 10 nearby counties. They asked questions about local political issues.

The survey took place from Oct. 22-30. An alteration of the arena question might yield different results next semester, Cantrell said.

"If it had said the arena didn't involve tax money, I might have gotten a different result," he said. "No tax money has been mentioned, to my knowledge. A lot of people probably didn't know that."

Other findings from the survey:

Forty-two percent of the respondents rated President Clinton's performance as "good" or "outstanding." Cantrell said that's the highest rating Clinton has ever received in one of his polls.

Almost 35 percent of those polled rated Gov. Paul Patton's performance as "good" or "outstanding."

Of seven potential candidates in the next Lexington mayor's race, current Mayor Pam Miller received the most support with 28 percent saying they would vote for her.

Cantrell has had his students take surveys for the last 16 years.

He said he will continue to do so for at least the next three years, through the 2000 presidential election.

The main goal of the project is to teach students how a random poll works, he said. Students get names from the telephone book.

Another discovery students always make, Cantrell said, is "They realize that they're more informed than the general public. They end up feeling good about themselves."

And, he said, they never fail to come to class with a few stories about people they have called.

Throughout the years, these polls have accurately predicted winners of elections on all levels, Cantrell said.

He invites input from his students as to what the questions on the survey should be, but writes most of the questions himself. He also solicits ideas from people he knows, including lawmakers.

This semester, the survey included two questions suggested by one of Cantrell's former students. She is considering running for coroner.

The first question asked respondents whether they believe the county coroner should be a physician. Seventy-nine percent said yes.

The next asked whether they would consider voting for a forensic nurse with a degree in law enforcement, and 77 percent said they would.

"They don't really feel very intense about the fact that the coroner should be a physician," Cantrell said.

They realize they're more informed than the general public. They end up feeling good about themselves.

Tim Cantrell
political science professor

SPORTS

Cats coast to easy first round win, 2-0

Cats pull a trick out of Auburn's book with win

By Rob Herbst
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — There are times when UK goalkeeper Carrie Kuhnell is good. There are also times when Kuhnell struggles and lets up an occasional weak goal. Yesterday afternoon in the first round of the Southeastern Conference women's soccer tournament Kuhnell was magnificent in the Wildcats' 2-0 win over Auburn.

The Tigers took a whopping 27 shots and none of them ticked the mesh netting. "It was my best game all season," Kuhnell said. "I had a mid-season slump but I had to forget that slump because it's over."

Although the Tigers had a high shot total, UK had a number of opportunities to score as well. Unlike Auburn, the Wildcats capitalized on their chances.

UK started off the scoring at 31:19 when senior forward Kim LaBelle found fellow forward Jennifer McMaster nine yards out in front of the goal.

McMaster's shot crept just inside the right goalpost and gave the Cats a desperately needed goal. UK had been shutout in its last two games.

The Wildcats added their lead in the second half when junior forward Carrie Staber had a breakaway opportunity. She momentarily stumbled but recomposed to plant a shot in the lower right of the net.

"Sometimes those easy ones are types of plays that you choke on," Staber said.

"I've had a lot of those where I choked this year so it's good to finish that one." While the UK offense grabbed the lead, Kuhnell made sure not to leave Gainesville as a loser.

During the final 15 minutes of play, Kuhnell made three point-blank saves as well as two sprawling stops to her left.

"That was the best I've seen Carrie Kuhnell this season," said UK head coach Warren Lipka.

"Those were the types of big saves that we talk to our goalkeepers about making. You're not thinking about making those saves, you just make 'em and she made 'em."

Auburn head coach Bill Wilkins added, "Carrie came up very big today. She was in the right places at the right times. When she had to dive, she dove. When she had to jump, she jumped."

With the win, the Wildcats can forget about last year's SEC Tournament. UK hosted the tournament and the Wildcats were shocked in the first round of the tourney by the same Auburn squad.

"It was in the very back of my mind," Kuhnell said. "They beat us last year with only seven seconds left in the game. We deserved to win that game last year, so we had to make sure to win today."

Staber said, "It would have been a miserable weekend had we been stuck to watch the rest of the tournament and not play."

Now the Wildcats take on No. 23 Vanderbilt in the semifinals today at Percy Beard Stadium.

The Commodores hammered Arkansas 8-3 yesterday in the first round of play.

Two weeks ago Vanderbilt beat UK 3-1 in Nashville, clinching the SEC East crown with that win.

It's fair to say UK and Vandy aren't best friends. In their previous meeting, two Wildcats were ejected from the game.

"When we played (UK) at the end of the



TIGER WHIPPING Carrie Staber (above in front) scored one of the Cats' goals yesterday as UK dumped Auburn, 2-0.

season, it was a battle," said Vanderbilt forward Laura Koerner. "There were a lot of fouls and some cheap stuff going on. But they're a good team."

One possible advantage for the Wildcats? Vanderbilt may be overlooking UK, or so says Staber.

"It's revenge. I think they're overlooking us. They just take a look at our record (9-11-1). They're just looking to play Florida or whoever in the finals."

Goalie Kuhnell uses workout to regain confidence, efficiency

By Heath Tingle
Staff Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Carrie Kuhnell's workout session this past Monday seemed to have solved the mystery of the junior's up-and-down play this season.

Working with assistant UK women's soccer coach, Greg Cope, Kuhnell worked on her most glaring weakness — sloping shots over her head.

"It's something you gotta keep working on," added Kuhnell, about her 45-minute after practice session.

Overall, Kuhnell stopped 12 shots during the match. None were more important than some of the late stops in the match when Auburn began pressuring the net.

One outstanding save came in the 80th minute of the match, Auburn launched a shot to Kuhnell's left and she made a diving save to thwart the comeback.

"She has been a new person since she won the job back," said Lipka in reference to the step up in Kuhnell's play.

The improvement could be key for today's match with Vanderbilt, for it will be imperative for UK to get off to a good start.

"They need to understand that you've got to fight adversity on the field, and they're starting to learn

that."

UK this year is 7-0-1 when it scores first.

Arkansas backed into a Koerner

The SEC Women's Soccer Tournament so far has been Laura Koerner's world.

Koerner, a sophomore forward for Vanderbilt, got her tournament started off in stunning fashion, scoring four goals in an 8-3 win over Arkansas.

The match saw two records fall, the total number of goals in a match (11) and most goals in a half (6) by both teams.

Koerner's goal fest began early with a goal in the 3rd minute of play, and by the time the teams were headed to the locker room, Koerner had added two more.

For Koerner the performance could not have come at a better time. Last year in the first round at the SEC Tournament, Vanderbilt lost to Arkansas on penalty kicks.

"We've had it fresh on our minds for a long time," Koerner said about the loss.

All-SEC team announced

Forward Kim LaBelle and Defender Allison Peppers were named to the All-SEC team. LaBelle being named to the first team and Peppers garnering second team status.

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Men escape with 2-1 win despite flurry of penalties

By Jill Erwin
Senior Staff Writer

OXFORD, Ohio — The UK men's soccer team had lost three games in a row. One of its key leaders, Brian Baltzell, was ejected from the game shortly before half-time. Some in the crowd figured the match was over.

They forgot to tell the team.

In the first round of the Mid-American Conference Tournament, UK escaped with a 2-1 victory over the Western Michigan Broncos.

"Even with 10 men, we were, by far, the best team," UK head coach Ian Collins said. "It was a team effort, a very gutsy effort, and they deserved a win."

A sign of things to come happened when WMU's David Fernandez was given a yellow card just four minutes into the game.

It only got worse.

At the 41:50 mark, WMU's Scott Loewe was yellow carded after he and UK's Sean Mondelli became entangled. After a few shoves, the two were separated.

The peace wouldn't last. Exactly 30 seconds later,

Baltzell was red-carded and the Broncos' Steve Roth was yellow-carded for an altercation in front of the UK bench.

Baltzell was pushed from both sides and headbutted Roth to try and clear some room. Immediately, the card went up.

Baltzell was ejected, forcing the Cats to play a man down for the entire second half.

Not to worry.

Only 1:21 into the second half, UK got on the board. Matt Wilkerson took a shot from the left side, but WMU's Eric Pogue deflected it away. It went to the far side of the field, beat his defender, crossed the ball into the right post, putting UK ahead 1-0.

Western tied the game on a goal by Richard Lott at the 53:56 mark. The shot, from 12 yards out, rolled past UK goalkeeper Chris West.

UK then took things into its own hands.

In the 68th minute, UK's Chris Villamil brought the ball down the far side of the field, beat his defender, crossed the ball into the net and gave UK the lead.

"The guy kind of stepped on me, so I pushed it by him," Villamil said. "The keeper came out, and I put it in the post."

"The players were pleased with the effort after Baltzell's card — something which the players said could have been the last straw."

"Baltzell's one of our key players, and to have him out really hurt," Villamil said. "I imagine everyone got down for a second. We fought through it and won."

"They pulled it together and gave it everything they had," Baltzell said. "They picked it up and did what they had to do."

Even with the enthusiasm, Collins isn't about to let his team sit on its laurels.

"That's one down," Collins said. "We've got to make sure we stay focused and get going (for the next game)."

Note:

Mondelli and Baltzell were named to the first team All-MAC Team, while Lee Baker was named to the second team.

Collins was named MAC Coach of the Year.

Salary

Some colleges pay up to \$10,000 more

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is concerned about the quality of education.

Gender, Nelson said, plays a role as well.

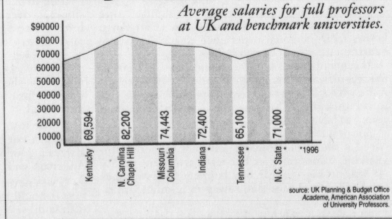
Despite the fact that women are getting slightly more than 50 percent of the jobs (two-thirds of the professors with doctoral degrees in Nelson's field are women), female professors still get average pay, and more men make it into tenure track positions faster, she said.

Historically, teaching "is a feminized profession. All the professions that are associated with caretaking, children and health ... have been conceptualized as women's work."

Figures from the March-April 1996 edition of *Academe* showed women faculty at all levels in public, private, independent and church-related colleges and universities were paid less than men in 1995-96.

The data, submitted by 2,179

Money talks



CHRIS ROSENTHAL, Kernel staff

institutions, broke down the schools into five categories: doctoral-level, comprehensive, general baccalaureate, two-year colleges with ranks and colleges without ranks. Male professors made more in every category.

Public opinion tends to denigrate the work professors do, Nelson said.

Whereas most think professors wouldn't know about burning the midnight oil, "I don't have any colleagues that I know who are working less than 60," Nelson said. "There are times in the semester where I'm working 70-80 hours a week."

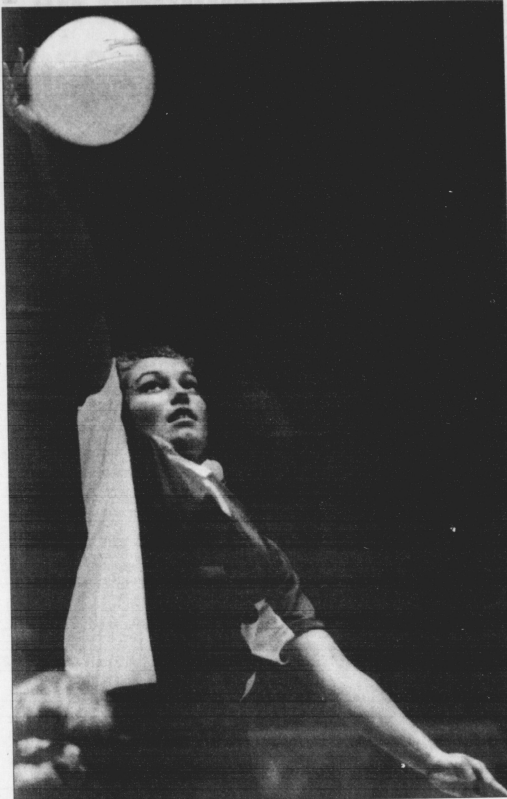
This type of dedication, and not the paycheck, makes the difference for students.

"Some of the lowest paid professors are the best teachers," said Chastity Royalty, an integrated strategic communications junior.

"Some teachers went into the profession to teach students," although money may motivate others, she said.

To Pam Hancock, a special education senior, "True educators really aren't motivated by money."

Volleyball holds own Midnight Madness



INSTANT OFFENSE Among those who will be called upon to help carry the load against Florida tonight are outside hitter Katie Eiserman (above) and middle blocker Tracy Thompson (right).

Lackluster effort prompts coaches to make changes

By Jay G. Tate
Sports Editor

It was midnight. It was mad. But there was no celebration in sight. Amid a torrential 1-7 slide over the past month, highlighted by a lackluster 0-3 loss to Louisville Tuesday night, UK head volleyball coach Fran Flory said it was time for the Cats to make a change.

"If they're not scared of the coaches, they're not going to be afraid of the opposition either," Flory said Tuesday. "We're going to work their butts off."

And that's exactly what the coaches did. After finishing the Louisville match around 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, the Cats turned around and practiced in Memorial Coliseum from midnight to around 2:30 a.m., UK assistant coach Tonya Johnson said.

"We wanted to make the statement that it's not acceptable to play like we did against Louisville," Johnson said. "You have to come out and accept the challenge and not back down to your opponent. (The coaches) had a kick-ass attitude during Wednesday morning's practice — we're going to make them compete."

UK outside hitter LaTanya Webb said the volleyball team's version of Midnight Madness was an eye-opening experience.

"It was a tough practice, but we were definitely deserving," Webb said.

"We have been slipping for a while now and I think we were in for a butt-whipping. It was their way of telling us that we have to come out and play hard."

Johnson said collegiate rules allow teams to practice a maximum of four hours per day, with matches counting for three hours.

She added that in order to compensate for Wednesday morning's practice, Wednesday's regular practice, which begins at 1 p.m., was abbreviated to comply with the regulations.



So, did the aversion therapy work?

"We've been really going after each other in scrimmages since then," Webb said yesterday. "Even though we're playing each other, I think we've really upped our intensity."

And if the Cats have any hope of conquering No. 4 Florida, the team's intensity level will need to be into the absurd. Against UK tonight, the Gators are attempting to tie a Southeastern Conference record for consecutive conference wins.

Florida last dropped a match to an SEC opponent in its final match of the regular season in 1994 — a streak of 48 conference matches.

Tonight could easily become the 49th if the Cats don't find a way to over-

come the fatigue and miscues which sunk Big Blue against Louisville.

"Florida is a great team and it takes a whole lot to beat them," Johnson said. "Our goal in that match is to get in a groove and find some consistency. We have nothing to lose against a team like Florida."

But things don't get any easier for the Cats on Sunday, as they take on South Carolina. Though UK beat the Gamecocks in Lexington last season, USG has won the teams' last two meetings in the series, including a 3-2 decision in Columbia earlier this year.

"In a way, the South Carolina game may be more challenging than Florida," Webb said.

"(USC's) team chemistry is unbelievable. They play together and they communicate so well."

"But the key this weekend will be on our side of the ball. If we can find some consistency, I think we'll be OK."



LOOKING AHEAD
The UK volleyball team faces No. 4 Florida tonight at 7:30 in Memorial Coliseum. They also host South Carolina Sunday at 2 p.m.

Mumme wants to keep talent home

Kentucky prep players getting renewed UK recruiting vigor

By Price Atkinson
Senior Staff Writer

Different faces. Different places.

Not in their usual backyard of Georgia, UK head coach Hal Mumme and crew have adjusted and re-strategized their recruiting efforts in the state of Kentucky.

He understands that home is where the heart is.

"We are gonna look hard in Kentucky first," Mumme said. "We want Kentucky kids first, that includes the Cincinnati area and that little part of Southern Ohio that connects with Northern Kentucky."

The Commonwealth does not have the talent pool like that in the Sunshine or Lone-Star State but has produced such players as current UK freshman and 1996 "Mr. Football" in Derek Homer and most notably, multi-national record holder Tim Couch.

raised their hands," Mumme said. "That's what we started doing, and we're going to continue doing that."

Bassett, the "cell-phonned man in a golf cart," is the one in charge of setting up visits throughout the year.

"We're allowed 56 visits," Bassett said. "But we banked six from last year."

Last year after the staff settled down here in Lexington, they opted not to use all 56 "official visits," so they saved six for this year.

When Mumme arrived in December, the Cats missed a step through the hiring process and didn't get the advantage of a full year on the recruiting trail.

To this point, UK has already filled 42 of the 62 spots.

One locale not forgotten is Mumme's former domicile located in South Georgia, an area he keeps in touch with regularly.

The Southern area of Georgia, where Mumme regularly plucked talent from, included that of Northern Florida in Jacksonville and Tallahassee, a fertile area for high school talent.

In the traveling band up from Valdosta came UK starting free safety, freshman Willie Gary and backup quarterback Dusty Bonner.

Gary and Bonner were teammates at Valdosta High School, a Class AAAA perennial power that finished 37-6 in its final three years and was the state runner-up with a 13-2 record last year.

"We want guys that understand how to win and have that expectation of winning," Mumme said of Gary and Bonner.

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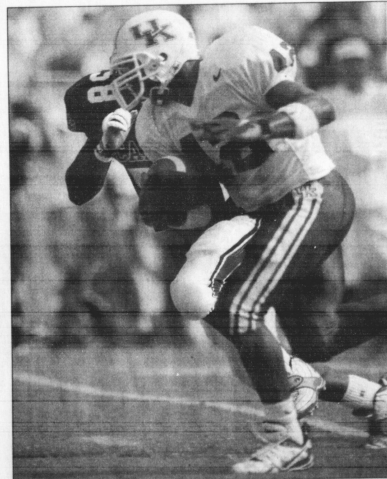
UK wide receiver Kio Sanford has accepted an invitation to play in the 49th annual Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., on January 17, 1998. The last Cat to play in the post-season all-star game was Melvin Johnson in 1994.



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Imagine that you're a senior at UK and spring registration is upon you. For years, you've crossed fingers, carried a rabbit's foot and searched for four-leaf clovers in hope that the classes you need will still be open.

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Well, not exactly. If you were among the many seniors who put off the oral communications requirement until the very last semester, then you are in for a shock this week.

It seems that at the end of the day Wednesday—the first full day for regular undergraduates to register—15 daytime sections of Basic Public Speaking were already closed and the lone exception had only one slot available.

No problem right? There's still the popular alternative Introduction to Interpersonal Communication. WRONG!

Again, the 11 daytime sections were nearly as bad.

So much for graduating in May. Of course, it's difficult to fault the College of Communications for the situation.

The college presently offers 69 sections of courses in the spring ranging from Com 101 Introduction to Communications to Com 591 Special Topics in Communications. Of those, 40 are from classes intended to fulfill the oral requirement.

That's more than half of the college's offerings, just to help students fulfill a University Studies Program (USP) requirement.

It makes one wonder if the college would even exist without the financial support it gets from non-communications students who are forced to take its classes.

Nevertheless, this situation supports a finding in the Student Satisfaction Report that students are disappointed with the availability of courses needed to complete their USP requirements.

Just think of pitiful freshmen, sophomores and juniors who try to get all their USP courses out of the way early. Their chances are practically nil.

Circle of Imani fits the bill for student government funds

To the editor:

Circle of Imani (COI) as an organization wishes to make our position public. As an organization, we have always been inclusive. Our goals and purposes are a representation of the University's commitment to inclusive learning. We feel that it is our responsibility to inform the campus community of the FACTS.

Circle of Imani, as an organization, has traditionally advertised all our meetings and activities in the Kernel.

If one were to contrast Circle of Imani's bill to Promise Keepers, the following differences would be observed. First, COI has been a registered and active organization for almost five years. We have organized such events as the Bone Marrow Drive to save a

READERS' forum

local child's life and co-sponsoring an event involving seven other organizations on campus. Where as Promise Keepers existed only days before presenting its bill. Secondly, COI's fund-raising efforts were continuous from late August to days before the march, where as Promise Keepers did not raise any funds.

Contrary to popular belief, Circle of Imani did not ask for a handout, but submitted a legally sound bill that was passed. It is our hope that in reviewing these facts our campus community will understand why our bill should stand on its own merit.

Crystal Spruill
Circle of Imani president

Circle includes everyone

To the editor:

On Oct. 25, I reached a state of consciousness that I didn't even know I had. The reason being I was privileged enough to make it to the Million Woman March. The

particular grotesque theme park. Unless Keeneland has installed water slides and skeeball, it probably has less to offer your average 6-year-old than Disney World.

Unless they want to gamble. And gamble they can. Admission is free to kids 12 and under, which is good considering how tough it is to make an allowance last at the track.

Then again, if they can't pay for the trifeats bets they lay down, they can always get jobs doping horses or showing sponges up the noses of favored thoroughbreds.

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speakers at the march not only lifting my spirits but lead me on the road to self-evaluation. I would like to tell all women of all races that they truly missed a blessing.

We as a people must become more culturally inclined or we're going to lose out on "the cause." Nevertheless, you didn't have to be apart of an organization to attend.

However, I would like to respond to Aaron Silletto, about his statement pertaining to Christians being discriminated against.

Well Aaron, I'm a Christian as well as African American and a woman. Put that together and the level of discrimination we have received over the years is off the scale. Yet it is truly unfortunate that you think it's unfair, the Circle of Imani was able to attend this wonderful event (with SGA's monetary help). I'm sure they're glad you were not on the voting committee.

Genelle Farley
material science engineering senior

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All material should be type-written and double-spaced, but hand-written will be accepted if it is legible.

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Student budgets get slammed by tuition increase

Governing body doesn't live up to its own guidelines

This past Monday in Frankfort was an interesting experience for me. It was my first experience actually dealing with state representatives here in Kentucky, and it took place before the Council on Postsecondary Education.

In case you haven't heard by now, the CPE voted to implement a 11.7 percent tuition hike for the 1998-99 school year, and another 10.4 percent rate for the 1999-2000 school year.

I was one of about 12 students from UK who showed up at the meeting and voiced my concerns to the CPE about how this tuition increase would impact students UK and U of L.

I had virtually no support from anybody. Do any of you care that you're about to be hosed for more money which you will never see towards the improvement of your education? Judging by the turnout at Monday's meeting, none of you do.

Not even my own University president, who sat in complete silence while students at his University went forward and took bullets for him, voicing their support for his plan of capping tuition increases and what does he do? Nothing.

So I am going to blatantly do everything I can to get students fired up and outraged at something that shouldn't take this much work to do. But patience is a virtue, so I'll do my best to be patient.

First of all, let me explain the reasons for this proposed increase. The CPE has a vision for both UK and Louisville, and that vision is to build them into Top 20 research institutions nationally. This magic number keeps floating around all statements of reasoning that the CPE seems to have for this proposal.

In order to do that, they need to have increased revenue from the state, and more specifically, UK and Louisville. The increased revenue is projected to be \$24 million for the first year of the increase. This money will be used to build better research facilities, which presumably would attract better students and faculty, all of whom would work together in peaceful harmony until someday UK and U of L will be recognized as Top 20 research institutions.

Since many of you seem to be waiting for a legitimate reason to fight against the tuition increase, I'll give you one. Actually, I'll give you more than one. I'll give you several reasons.

Let's start with the legality of the tuition increase. The Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) delegate the authority of raising tuition to the CPE, but with a few guidelines. Section 1-D of this states that the CPE shall establish tuition increases as to stabilize tuition rates (i.e. minimize fluctuations). It is right there in black

and white. So does raising tuition 14.7 percent one year as compared to a 2.9 percent increase the prior year constitute a minimal fluctuation? This is four times the increase from one year to the next.

What about the part of the KRS that states "tuition shall be comparable to that of benchmark institutions?" A list of similar institutions reveals that tuition, in fact, is not comparable.

One factor outlined in the KRS for the CPE to use is the PCPI (percent of per capita income), which compares a year's worth of in-state tuition at a state university with that state's per capita income.

Let's look at the University of Tennessee. Not an especially outstanding state university academically, but not too bad either.

The PCPI for tuition at Tennessee is 7.2 percent. Now, examine North Carolina, a Top-20 research institution and one of the most academically renowned state schools in the country. Their PCPI is 6.5 percent.

With the tuition increase, UK's PCPI will rise to nearly 13.3 percent next year.

In plain English: UT and UNC are located in states where the per capita income is higher than Kentucky, but their tuition is less! Does that seem comparable?

Let's also mention that the CPE received a recommendation from the heads of student body presidents of regional schools that was in favor of the tuition increase. This is because those schools will not face the same increases as UK and U of L. Their increases will be no more than that needed for inflation.

Considering that these regional institutions do not offer the graduate programs that UK and U of L do, they will not be benefiting from these capital improvements. But neither will the thousands of students who receive their undergraduate degrees from UK and U of L who decide not to go to graduate school.

So why do a select number of students in the Commonwealth (now isn't that word ironic?) have to get hosed while the rest of the state enjoys the fruits of our labor? Are the regional universities just glorified community colleges? And finally, how about the mindset of the CPE that boils down to "We want it Top 20 institution, and we want it right now, and if we build big buildings, then we will become one?"

The quality of education is not the overall size of financial facilities, should determine whether a research institute is successful. Judging by their personal profiles, not one of the CPE members who want this increase the most has recently struggled with a financially sound decision.

Do you really think they care more about the financial concerns of UK and Louisville students more than they care about flexing their own political biceps? Judging by their unwillingness to compromise, I doubt it.

Are you concerned yet?

Kernel Columnist Matt Ellison is a journalism sophomore.

Kids shouldn't be the target of Keeneland advertising

It's a magical place to take the family. And it's a lot closer than Orlando. So ran the ad in the Herald-Leader two Sundays ago.

And what mystical escape is so close to home? Where should we take the kids for a day of fun and education? The racetrack, of course.

The advertisement was an ad for Keeneland. Unless you live under a rock you know that Keeneland is Lexington's own thoroughbred track, not some enchanted wood for the kiddies to have a teddy bear picnic.

While gambling on horse racing is legal in Kentucky I cannot help but believe that there is something wrong with pushing the track as a great place to take children. Keeneland is a lot closer than Orlando, true. It is also slightly seedier than the

particularly grotesque theme park. Unless Keeneland has installed water slides and skeeball, it probably has less to offer your average 6-year-old than Disney World.

Unless they want to gamble. And gamble they can. Admission is free to kids 12 and under, which is good considering how tough it is to make an allowance last at the track.

Then again, if they can't pay for the trifeats bets they lay down, they can always get jobs doping horses or showing sponges up the noses of favored thoroughbreds.

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the rent check down the toilet on Sea Biscuit to win in the third. Or some of the colorful characters you can meet: "Here Tommy, pose by Joe the obsessive-compulsive for a picture."

Why discriminate with your voices: Be fair to all. I bet, with a little effort and a visit to the right neighborhood, the tykes could meet a real live prostitute. Or by asking your local police for directions, you could field trip to a nearby crack house. I assume they also have free admission for kids.

Or stop by the magical world of the mafia-front barber shop that you frequent for gambling loans and let them teach little Tina the price of missing a payment on the vig.

I admit that I am being slightly unfair

to Keeneland, but only slightly. Gambling is an entertainment that is responsibly enjoyed by thousands of Kentucky adults. Note the words adult and responsible: Children are, by definition, not adults and are rarely known for their responsibility.

Taking kids to gamble their money away (unless one expects them to stand around quietly for five hours while their parents gamble) is not a constructive activity.

Allow me to make a parallel argument. Alcohol consumption is, like gambling, a pleasant diversion for many adults. It also has a darker side of addiction which can

wreck a person or a family. Only a small percentage of drinkers are alcoholics but the damage can be so

severe that much care is taken to avoid introducing children to alcohol.

Like alcoholism, compulsive gambling affects only a small percentage of the general pool of users. But the harm it can cause is often just as ruinous to individuals and families. And extra caution should be taken when introducing children to gambling.

Yes, horse racing is an important part of Kentucky's economy and mystique. So is whiskey distilling, not any body who would suggest taxing children to the local bar to see the colorful joys of alcohol consumption would be condemned for such a reckless idea.

I have the same concerns about taking small children to the track. Keeneland, although fun for adults, is not a playground for kids and should not be treated as such.

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A Lost Childhood

Foreign film 'La Promesse' hits home

By Luke Saladin
Assistant Entertainment Editor

The Belgian film *La Promesse* reminds us that childhood is a privilege, not a right.

To many people, the mental gauze kept over our eyes during childhood dictated a time of care-free imagination. Gradually, when the gauze is unwrapped, we take a nostalgic look back and proclaim our childhoods as some of the best times in our lives.

The protagonist in *La Promesse*, Igor (Jeremie Renier), exists as a subtle reminder to appreciate those days. Forced by his environment to mature, so to speak, before his time, Igor lives in a circumstantial world in which he merely adapts without any moral remorse.

In the tradition of classics such as *The Bicycle Thief* and *The 400 Blows*, *La Promesse* has taken a young, relatively inexperienced

actor to play the lead. Renier, who has only appeared in one TV commercial, plays the part of Igor with a sense of realism that could easily be lost in a more experienced, polished actor.

In its simplest structure, *La Promesse* recalls a familiar story, although the elements have changed. A father and his son are suffering through, to put it lightly, tough economic times. The factories in the city are closing, and Roger is forced to transport illegal immigrants through Belgium with the help of his son.

Igor lives in a world absent of morality. Roger (Olivier Gourmet) has no concept of parenthood and gets defensive when he is so much as referred to by the name "dad." At the same time, Igor's father shows compassion for him in the mode of a buddy, taking him out with girls and buying him beers. It's a figure most any

male adolescent would have trouble dealing with. Igor's only outlet for absolute pleasure is mechanics. This too is often denied him by his father.

Then one day morality enters his life. He is torn between his friendship with an immigrant couple and his loyalty to his father in keeping a secret regarding the husband's well-being.

Showing the world that Belgium exports run deeper than waffles and Jean Claude Van Damme, Luc and Jean Pierre Dardenne bring their immense documentary film

resume to full-length feature films for the third time.

Their experience is evident. The cameras move with a certain omniscient quality, so much so that if you put up some labels and did some one-on-one interviews you might think you were watching a documentary on Belgian unemployment.

La Promesse moves at such an abrupt pace that it seems confusing on the surface. But if you take a deeper look, the movie is essentially about confusion. Igor doesn't hate his father, he doesn't love his father, nor does he feel apathy. Igor lacks the guidance to know how he should feel.

Unlike the many films which compel us to desire the romanticized version of life, *La Promesse* makes us feel content in our current situations.



RUNNING WILD Belgian film-makers Luc and Jean-Pierre Dardenne's adolescent drama 'La Promesse' opens Friday.



MOVIE review
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'La Promesse'
New Yorker

IWA brings extreme wrestling style

By O. Jason Stapleton
Entertainment Editor

"We're not family entertainers, we're hard-core killing machines." That is how wrestler/promoter Ian Rotten describes his IWA Mid-South wrestling league, which will be making its Lexington debut tonight at 8 in the Lexington National Guard Armory.

This wrestling event takes on a special twist because of the match between Rotten and "Dangerous" Doug Gilbert.

Former UK College Republicans President, Ben Rich, will be in the corner of Gilbert, because of an altercation that occurred between himself and Rotten at a card in Louisville two weeks ago.

"I had just lost a match," Rotten said. "And I had been cheated. This guy sitting in the front row just kept running his mouth."

The annoying fan in the front row was none other than Rich.

Rotten challenged Rich to come in the ring and do something about it if he didn't like what he was seeing.

"I guess he didn't think I would do anything to him," Rotten said. "But the dumbass crossed the rope and I kicked him, hooked him and gave him a double-arm DDT."

Rotten said he was getting ready to nail Rich with a chair, but he decided against it.

"He was down on his knees begging for mercy and crying and saying that I had broken his shoulder," Rotten said.

The match itself is a special "coward waives the flag match," in which the manager of either wrestler must wave a white flag for his/her wrestler to lose the match.

Woman, a former manager of WCW's the Four Horsemen, will be in Rotten's corner to act as his special manager for the match.

The other main event features

"Nature Boy" Buddy Landell taking on IWA Heavyweight Champion Bull Payne.

The IWA Lightweight Championship Belt will also be on the line as the champ Reckless Youth takes on Tyrin.

"That is a very special match because these two guys have been banned from wrestling each other in Louisville," Rotten said. "You never know what they are going to do. We got this 12-foot garage door where wrestle in Louisville, Reckless Youth came off it into a Frankenstein and he hit it."

Another great match should be Cashflo versus the IWA's self-proclaimed "Food-Stamp Champ," Rollin Hard.

The action should be fast and furious out at the national Guard Armory which is located at the corner of Airport and Parkers Mill roads.



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