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Brown nabs crown, again

Second election, similar outcome

By Jed Leano
Staff Writer

A writer couldn't have scripted it any better. After what many called the second unwanted round of Student Government Association elections, a crowd of nearly 60 students gathered in the Free Speech Area of the Student Center to see Nate Brown and Ernesto Mansilla win the race for SGA president and vice president.

Just after the results were announced, the crowd let out an enormous roar that lasted over a minute, then later evolved into the unison cheer of "NATE! NATE! NATE!"

The new SGA president-elect made his way through the mob of people around him, mounted a ledge with vice president-elect Mansilla and said the thanks he said he had been wanting to give for over three weeks.

"I just want to thank you all for coming out and voting," Brown said. "The turnout was better than last time even though people had papers to write and exams to study for, and the enthusiasm here tonight is awesome."

The crowd that seemed to be as loud as it could be grew to its peak when Brown finished his remarks.

"I need your all's help for next year," Brown said. "UK is great. Let's make it greater."

After making his remarks, Brown said the final results brought closure to what seemed to be a never-ending process.

"I really didn't know if we were going to win again," Brown said. "I'm just glad I got the opportunity I did."

But going into this second round of elections, Brown said fate carried him through it all.

"I just told myself that if it was meant to happen, then it would happen again," Brown said.

Mansilla said the second round of elections was an opportunity more than anything else. He was more excited about this election than the first one, and he also had a great chance to better prepare for the job, he said.

Brown and Mansilla said the first thing on their list of priorities is to get students excited about SGA.

Brown said he will be working summer advising conferences and will have the chance to talk to freshmen about SGA.

Mansilla said he would like to get together with the Residence Hall Association and plan a party next year for freshmen when school begins.

Also on Brown's primary agenda is setting up the international student partnership, which he said he hopes to get started by next fall.

But Brown and Mansilla said the turnout is what truly made them feel great.

"I was pleasantly surprised with the number of people who voted in this election," Brown said. "It shows that SGA is already off to a good start. From here, the enthusiasm can only grow."

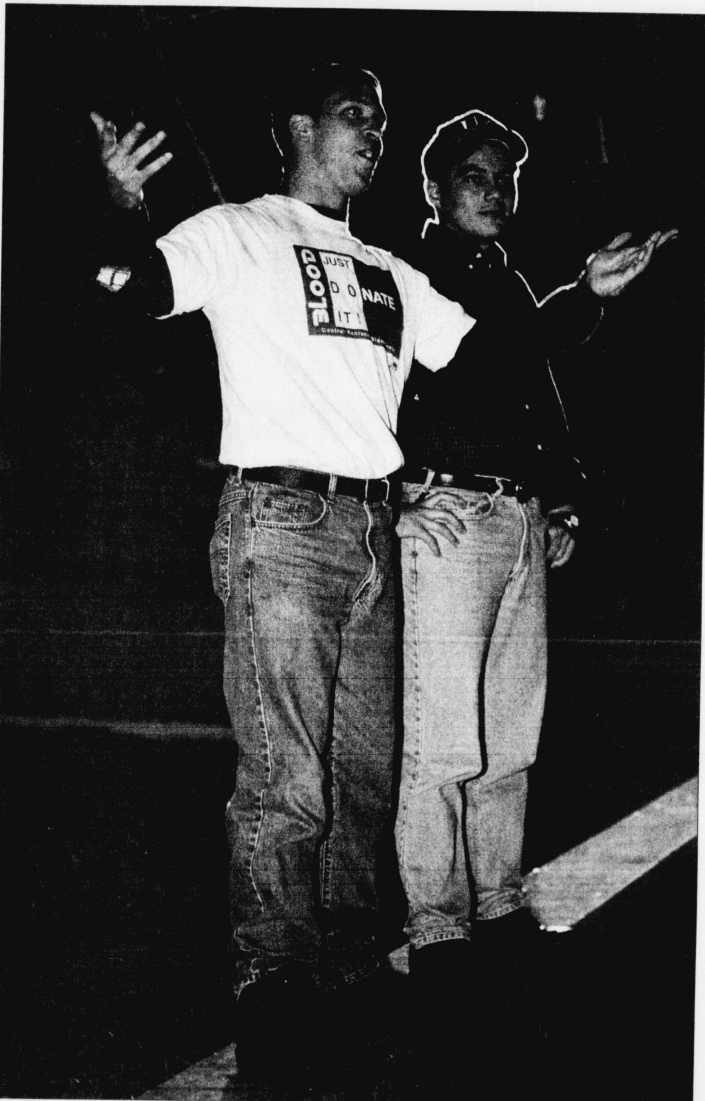
Now that the unofficial results have been announced, the two winners said they feel closure.

With less posters, less volunteers, and less money for the second election, Brown said the process of running again took a definite toll on him.

"It's been a rough road, and at many times I didn't know what exactly was going to happen," Brown said.

Mansilla reasserted the sentiment by saying the campaign trail was a great experience, but extremely difficult to say the least.

When asked the feeling of winning again, Mansilla simply said, "Blessed."



TWO-TIMER SGA President-elect Nate Brown addressed the students at the Free Speech Area after he won the election by 76 votes.



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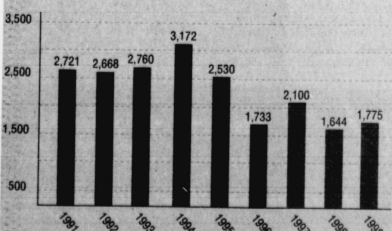
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Voter turnout higher than original election

Apathy? What apathy?



election thrown out

ERIC SCHOENBORN Kernel staff

By Aaron Sanderford
Campus Editor

The smile said more than Kerrie Voelker could with words.

Minutes after reading the results from her second election as chairwoman of the Student Government Association Elections Board of Supervision, Voelker sat at her desk and laughed from relief.

Despite weeks of dire predictions from the community at large, Voelker's team put together a re-election two weeks before finals and came away with better results. Voter turnout was 131 students higher the second time.

"Seeing the Kernel cartoon about cobwebs at the polls and hearing everyone talk about how no one was going to show up for this election and then seeing this results, it's vindication,"

Voelker said.

A total of 1,775 students voted in the second election, a number that not only surpassed the 1,644 in the first election of 1998, it was 42 votes higher than the 1996 election.

Higher turnout wasn't the only success for Voelker, the third person to run a second election in one semester at UK.

Voelker oversaw the first SGA election March 25-26, just a month and a half after being appointed to her post. She ran into pitfalls her inexperience couldn't overcome.

Undermanned or without working phone lines, booths at Blazer Hall, the Chandler Medical Center and the College of Education were closed for parts of the first election. And the College of Law booth never opened. In March, 45 votes were cast at the

four sites.

But this time, there was redemption. With just three of the four sites slated for the second election, a total of 263 votes was gathered. The College of Education did not get a site for the second election.

In addition, all nine campus polling places were open for the full, scheduled times, Voelker said. No site was forced to close early, and each was adequately staffed, she said.

"That felt great," Voelker said.

Josh Robinson, the student who filed the claim that resulted in a second election, was elected senator at large in the re-run. Robinson was all smiles after he learned of his double victory.

Not only did a second election net Robinson a seat on Senate, it proved his claim against the first election valid. One of the things

Robinson's claim cited was the lowest voter turnout in a decade.

He speculated that a second election, held at a constitutional time, would get better results.

"I was sweating it for a while," Robinson said. "But it's a greater victory for the students than it was for me."

Nate Brown won the SGA presidential race for the second straight time, but even the man who had the most to lose in a second election found hope in the numbers.

"I think it's great," he said.

Outgoing SGA President Melanie Cruz said there was a message for the SGA Senate in the results of the second election. "Things run smoother if you hold a valid election, Cruz said.

"If we have a third election, turnout will probably be higher," Brown said sarcastically.

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birthday Bash

By Brian R. Gilbert
 Senior Staff Writer

Celebrating its 10th year of manipulating Lexington airwaves, UK's student-run radio station, WRFL, has planned a birthday bash for all students and faculty.

The event is today from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Student Center Lawn across from Kennedy's Bookstore. Kicking off a year-long commemoration, the party will feature live sets as the ska band Slapstick, but have since diversified their sound in forming two refreshing different styled punk bands.

The bands have both recently released albums on the independent music label Asian Man Records and both hail from Chicago. The members of the two bands formerly existed as the ska band Slapstick, but have since diversified their sound in forming two refreshing different styled punk bands.

Tuesday, a four-piece post-punk outfit, combines the emotion and intelligence of indie rock with the catchy and lovable energy of pop-punk. The band's first album, *Freeze/Deflect*, has made waves throughout national college radio and is a favorite of many WRFL disc jockeys.

The album effectively showcases the diverse talents of the band while remaining tight and

Diversions



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CELEBRATIONS DON'T HAPPEN DURING COMMERCIAL BREAKS Chicago's Tuesday is one of the bands that will be helping WRFL celebrate its 10th year of commercial-free radio.

solid throughout. From the super-melodic, mid-tempo "Another Disco Party," to the lively, upbeat punk number "So Awake," Tuesday varies emotion and speed for a delightfully entertaining mix.

Similarly, The Broadways have also released its first album and received high acclaim. "Police Song" can be heard daily on WRFL. The album, *Broken Star*, offers 15 tracks of full-force political punk-rock. The band takes a stand against social institutions, the government and capitalism while providing powerful guitar-driven melodies that vary in speed and intensity.

The combination of two gritty and angry vocalists only serves to prove the band's sincerity even more. The station's 10th birthday.



LOOKING ahead

WRFL's Birthday Celebration is from 4-7 p.m. on the Student Center Lawn.

Broadways offer engaging music with a message that forces one to think about various important social issues.

WRFL also has other fun attractions planned for the event. The station will provide food and a slice of birthday cake from Magec's Bakery and tours of the facility will also be available during the party. Other incentives to attend the affair include free CDs, concert ticket giveaways and free WRFL merchandise.

It has been a long 10 years for the little station that could, and today's celebration is WRFL's gift to all the loyal supporters it has gained over the decade. Future events similar to today's are in the works for a year-long celebration of the station's 10th birthday.

Semisonic only semi-bearable

By O. Jason Stapleton
 Entertainment Editor

On this, the celebration of WRFL's 10th birthday, it only seems right and proper to take a bite out of corporate rock.

This is not to say that all corporate rock is bad, but there is nothing worse than when a crappy band gets the push of big business behind it and "makes it big" despite having an obvious lack of talent and/or originality.

Semisonic is the latest band to fit that bill. MCA Records has put the bulk of their massive influence behind their first single, "Closing Time," and has gotten it into the *Billboard's* Top 10 Modern Rock Singles list.

The song sounds like Semisonic did its best to make a simple, catchy song that would line the

band's pockets without any pretense of musical integrity.

Dan Wilson (not the catcher for the Seattle Mariners) supplies the whiny vocals and simplistic guitars while John Munson

and Jacob Slichter play bass and drums, respectively.

The song appeals to the average cow-teenager by taking on the whole unattainable love theme.

Bart Simpson said it best when he said, "Making teenagers depressed is like shooting fish in a barrel." That couldn't be more true than it is for "Closing Time."

As weak as "Closing Time" is, it is a pretty sad fact that it is the best song on *Feeling Strangely Fine*. At least it is fairly catchy, while the rest of the album is remarkably bad.

No other song on *Feeling Strangely Fine* stands out in the least. They all just sort of blend together into one big amorphous pile of human excrement.

"Never You Mind" attempts to break the whining drone by starting out fairly upbeat with a nice piano piece (almost like a rip-off from Ben Folds Five) at the very beginning, but it soon regresses into a boring melodic pattern which leaves the listener totally uninterested.

The lyrics are semi-amusing with numerous pop-culture references to things like the *Etch-a-Sketch* and a line that directly refers to an episode of "Star Trek." "Switch on the box Mr. Spock is on the table/Dr. McCoy is unable to connect his brain."

Feeling Strangely Fine is its complete lack of any real talent. The bass lines are flat and lack any groove at all, the drums keep the beat (barely) and don't add any extra flavor to the music at all, and Wilson's voice is better suited for the whiny lyrics, but that unfortunately is not a good thing.



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CORPORATE CRAP Semisonic's *Feeling Strangely Fine* has no makings of a memorable album.

Rosellini takes on varied roles

Associated Press

Isabella Rossellini pulls at her wig, takes off her Wellington boots and ponders a career that finds her this autumn day wading through mud and muck struggling to keep warm.

Is this how you treat the L'ancome cosmetics beauty of 14 years?

Daughter of legendary Ingrid Bergman and Italian director Roberto Rossellini, and former wife of filmmaker Martin Scorsese? And on Thanksgiving, no less?

Rosellini laughs, just pleased to be hired for roles suggesting she can act.

"Sometimes, when I read the press, they say, 'actress Isabella Rossellini,' and I say 'oh' — delight evident in her voice — 'not 'the model trying to act.'"

"It took me a long time to be accepted as an actress, I think, because of the modeling and because of my mother," she says. "Now, I think it's all right."

Still, few 45-year-old former models find themselves in sackcloth on location for a four-hour television movie. This one, a Hallmark Entertainment Production called *Merlin* costing upwards of \$25 million, will be broadcast on NBC at 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

Sam Neill has the title role as the wizardly Merlin, and Rossellini plays his adoring Nimue, whose love works its own magic on him.

"I didn't think I was going to be an actress," she says, chatting in her trailer on the Pinewood Studios set. "Everybody in my family was in films and they succeeded so much, I thought, 'It's

better for me to do something else,' and they agreed."

Besides, she recalls, an American agent was put off by what he heard. "He said, 'You can't work here because of your accent. You'll never be able to work in America — ever.'"

Instead, at 28, she was sent to photographer Richard Avedon's studio, and a modeling career was launched.

Her next move was, in fact, acting — at home and abroad. Her screen debut took place in *Il Prato (The Meadow)*, a little-seen Italian film by brothers Paolo and Vittorio Taviani. Their *Padre Padrone* had been championed by Rossellini's father at Cannes Film Festival.

Her appearance in "Blue Velvet" truly launched Rossellini's career, while simultaneously introducing her to director

David Lynch, with whom she would become romantically involved.

Of late, Rossellini is redefining herself yet again, writing a memoir of sorts called "Some of Me" and flirting with a new career as a stage actress.

She auditioned as Quentin Tarantino's co-star in an upcoming Broadway revival of the thriller "Wait Until Dark." Though she had hoped to inherit Audrey Hepburn's screen role as the terrorized blind woman, the part went to Marisa Tomei, a regular Off Broadway who won an Oscar.

"Theater actress is another level of acceptance," Rossellini says, "and I don't know if I want to go through another 10 years of insults in the press. Part of me says, 'Do I have the strength to withstand that?'"

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Senators dig deep for second round

Carter top vote getter once again

By Mat Herron
News Editor

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The second SGA elections proved to be extra extra difficult for most senator at large and senator candidates, mainly because of the proximity to dead week and mustering up enough juice for a second campaign, re-hanging campaign signs all over Central Campus, rereading familiar ground and re-familiarizing themselves with the student body.

"Financially the second election was kind of tough, since I was running unopposed," said agricultural economics junior Vincent Fields, the agriculture senator for next school year. "But I know a lot of the other candidates really had to spend money. I think the elections pretty much turned out the way I thought they would. (The senators have) got a lot of work ahead of us to get SGA back to the stature that it needs to be in."

Fields said he spent about 10 percent of what he spent the first election, but would not disclose the exact amount.

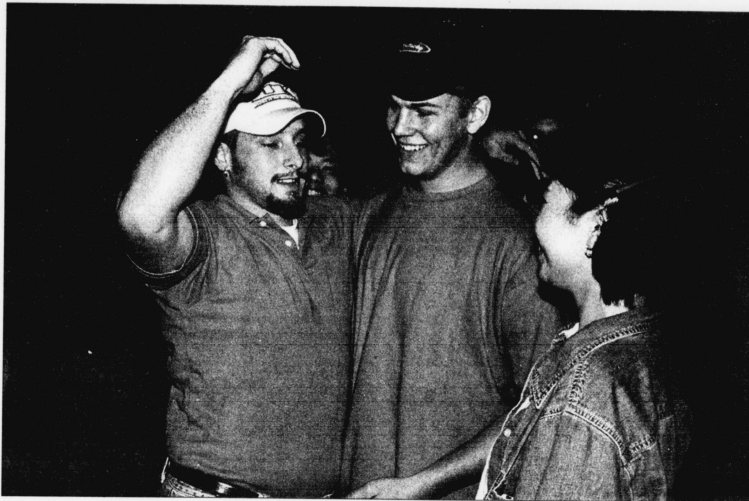
In yet another case of déjà vu for students' election-tinged ears was Jimmy Carter. Still the highest vote-getter in the senator at large re-run, still finishing more votes than winning presidential candidate Nate Brown: 854 votes to Nate's 705. Carter could not be reached for comment.

"Despite some students' misgivings about the reelection, the winning senators said it did draw a lot of much-needed publicity, to an election that, the first time, had the lowest voter turnout in a decade.

To Senator at Large Carrie Feigel, an incumbent who will keep her position another year, controversy about the campaign violations bred interest, and interest bred voters.

"It just kind of made people more aware of SGA because there was some hot news that ... encouraged them to go vote, so there wouldn't be a problem the second time," said Feigel, one of four senators returning to the fold.

Feigel, who first sponsored the bill to



MATT BARTON Kernel staff

SECOND TIME AROUND Noah Stevens (left) celebrated with his friends last night after his win. He won in the second election, but not in the first.

kickstart Rock the Foundation, said she will push for more events that foster campus unity, a familiar statement echoed by many of the winning senators.

"That's one thing that we're definitely going to work on," she said, "get to where everyone's interests are somewhat met; watching the tuition increase."

Jimmy Glenn, a civil engineering freshman who came in second in total votes, said he will work with fellow senators to help redefine and revamp SGAs role as a liaison between the students and the administra-

tion by pushing more student issues.

"I'm glad the students got a chance to go out and vote," said Glenn, brother of SGA presidential candidate Kim Glenn. "This election shows that students are somewhat unhappy with the things that are happening. There will be a lot of turnover next year, and it will be (the older senators') responsibility to help new senators along."

While some senators had more of a concrete idea of what issues they would tackle or aspects of SGA they would change, Jason Miller was getting used to the smell of victory.

"I really haven't even thought about it that much," said Miller, a first-year dentistry student who was involved in student government two years ago at Kansas State University. "Now that I've been elected, I'll discuss with some of my colleagues what they want to achieve, and help implement it through SGA."

Some upsets did occur, particularly on the Keisha Carter-Anthony Jones ticket. Carter, a political science and history freshman, said she was excited about her win but called Jones' defeat "a loss I think we'll all feel in the Senate."

Losers make plans in election's aftermath

By Jill Erwin
Senior Staff Writer

At T-minus four minutes and counting, Carrie Sparrow stood close to the Student Center, waiting for the results.

Her runningmate, Student Government Association presidential candidate Joe Schuler, showed up one minute later.

Kim Glenn and Joe Schleggenburger made their way to the small gathering in the Free Speech Area, but none seemed to be overly excited.

Perhaps they, too, felt the déjà vu.

Once again, Nate Brown and Ernesto Mansillo were draped into the offices of SGA president and vice president. Glenn and Schleggenburger received 629 votes, while Schuler and Sparrow got 317.

Glenn rushed away immediately after the announcement with her family in tow.

Schleggenburger sat in a chair 30 feet from where the announcement was made. He was counting his change, talking about how next year there might be another Schleggenburger-Glenn ticket. Only this time, it would be Jimmy Glenn, Kim's brother and the second-largest vote-getter on the

senator at large ballot.

He said the decision to run again was a no-brainer, and he and Kim Glenn did all they could to try to reach the students.

"We were going to run again, no matter what," Schleggenburger said. "We particularly attacked the parts of campus where other candidates were not involved."

When he visited the Medical Center, the Law School and Lexington Community College, he said he and Kim were the only ones campaigning there.

"We were trying to get those that were not involved, involved," Schleggenburger said. "It must not have been enough."

Schleggenburger plans to focus his energies in other areas next year. He is interested in working with the women's club volleyball team, possibly joining the men's club volleyball team and becoming involved with the UK Fellows' donors group.

"There's a 20-member group that organizes the Fellows Dinner," he said. "That's very important, because that's money that's coming into this University."

Schleggenburger also said he has had ideas about forming an improvisational comedy troupe on campus. He said they could perform on campus on warm fall and spring afternoons to entertain students.

"That way, students could take a load off during the day," Schleggenburger said. "I'm definitely going to work on that."

Meanwhile, Schuler and Sparrow were leaving as well. Sparrow was on her way to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, and Schuler was on his way home.

They, too, said there was no doubt they were in for the long haul. "I always believed we were the best candidates, so we gave our best effort, and gave it another shot," Schuler said.

"We spent a lot of time this time contacting students directly," he said. "We went to a lot of organizational meetings. All day long (yesterday), we were out there."

Schuler said they went to their petition and sent out 150 personal e-mails to some of the people on the list.

Next year is still up in the air.

"I'll still be involved (in SGA) in one way or another," Schuler said. "I have to wait and weigh my options."

While Schuler was thinking of the future, Sparrow had only one thing on her mind.

"I'm glad it's over," she said.

Sparrow said she and her fiancé, Jimmy Carter, might consider running in the future. Carter received the most votes in the election in running for senator at



JOHNNY FARRIS Kernel staff

ALONE IN DEFEAT Third-place vote getter Joe Schuler watched as Nate Brown was congratulated in the Free Speech Area last night.

large. "Without campaigning," Sparrow said of Carter's victory. "He had no signs up."

Next year, Sparrow takes over as president of honor society Omicron Delta Kappa, and said that will take up most of her time.

She also said, however, that any projects Carter becomes involved with, she will be involved with, too.

"We come as a pair," Sparrow said. "Any activities Jimmy decides to take part in, I'll be right along with him."

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SPORTS

New NCAA rule could help UK athletes

By Jay G. Tate
Sports Editor

Money. Its role in the world of amateur athletics — specifically collegiate athletics — has been in dispute for years. But a Wednesday ruling by the NCAA's Board of Directors has cleared the way for NCAA Division I athletes to get it if they want it.

In an unprecedented move, the NCAA, beginning in August, will allow all Division I student-athletes to work wage-earning jobs and earn as much as \$2,000 during the school year. In addition, student-athletes may be assisted by coaches and athletic boosters in their search for employment

and may even be hired by those same boosters.

The proposal, approved at the NCAA Board of Directors' meeting in Indianapolis, has sent a shockwave of response throughout the UK community.

"I think, in general, it's a good thing," UK Associate Athletics Director Kathy DeBoer said. "But it could be problematic. Just like with anything, there is the potential for abuse. But we're going to be vigilant so this doesn't become a problem."

"If a student-athlete needs money to live on, then it's a good thing," UK head softball coach Beth Kirchner said. "There are some kids that are going to benefit from this. But it's going to be

an administrative nightmare." No one visualizes that nightmare more clearly than John Butler. As UK's compliance coordinator, Butler must now keep tabs on where UK student-athletes work, how much money he or she is earning and if that work and pay is commensurate with the student-athlete's co-workers.

"It could become a nightmare if all 500 UK student-athletes want to have jobs," Butler said. "That would put a tremendous strain on our office. But if that number is more like 100, then we'll be prepared to deal with that. We're hopeful we'll get the extra personnel if we need it."

DeBoer, who coached UK's volleyball team for eight seasons prior to her tenure within the athletics department, believes few student-athletes will actually take advantage of the opportunity.

"There were kids I coached that could have used an extra \$25 or \$50 a week, but I've also had kids who had plenty of money and couldn't manage it," DeBoer said.

"They're just like any other student in that respect. I've never looked at a kid and thought, 'She has too much time on her hands.' Very few student-athletes can handle more responsibilities than they already have."

UK gymnastics head coach Leah Little agreed.

"There's just so much for (student-athletes) to do in a day anyway," Little said, citing her student-athletes' class, practice, conditioning and study requirements. "I'll treat it just the way I do with sororities — if the kids understand all their responsibilities and they uphold them, I don't have a problem with it."

Though she contests few, if any, of her gymnasts will actually pursue a job during the school

year, Little is nonetheless a proponent of NCAA work-for-pay proposals, believing that full scholarships — which include tuition, fees, room, board and books — simply don't cover everything a student-athlete needs to survive.

"There's too many things a student needs in addition to tuition," Little said. "Just the everyday things like toothpaste cost money. Some of the student-athletes have to find a way to pay for that. And a job might be the answer."

money. It sent a loud message to the entire collegiate community.

Be cautious with boosters.

"That's where the greatest potential for abuse lies," DeBoer said of boosters. "But the \$2,000 cap on earnings means you can't get terribly abusive with it. Nonetheless, the entire community — coaches, players and administrators — will have to be vigilant in the fight against those kids of abuses."

"I'm not worried that we'll succumb to that kind of temptation at all."



DeBoer



Little

Money for something

The new regulations call for universities to carefully monitor the employment of each of its student-athletes.

But monitoring student-athletes is nothing new to UK's compliance office.

For years, the NCAA has allowed student-athletes to work during the summer and winter breaks to earn money. As part of its function, UK's compliance office makes unannounced visits to the student-athletes' places of work.

"We just check to make sure the student-athletes are working and are getting the same kind of money their co-workers get," Butler said.

It's the potential emergence of athletic boosters which could make that policing more important. Boosters, and the dangers associated with them, seized the national spotlight in 1985 when Southern Methodist University's football program received the NCAA's so-called "death penalty." The NCAA found that several SMU players had received wage money from boosters without having worked to earn the

The hidden cost

Wednesday's ruling was more than a year in the making.

At its 1997 meeting, the NCAA Board of Directors supported the new rule for one year, asserting the proposal needed some philosophical alterations. The new proposal was without one key directive, which had been a hot source of contention throughout Division I.

In the earlier proposal, each university's financial aid office would have been allowed to decide exactly how much it actually cost each student to live in that area, or the "cost of attendance." The difference between the value of a full scholarship and the cost of attendance would have acted as the wage-earning cap — or the maximum amount of money a student-athlete could earn.

However, schools located in urban areas with traditionally higher costs-of-living could have set the cost of attendance much higher than their rural counterparts. In turn, student-athletes attending these urban schools

could earn more dollars than if he had attended a school in an area with a lower cost-of-living.

"That could have become a major recruiting tool which may have favored schools in higher-priced areas."

"The NCAA acknowledged that and came up with the \$2,000 cap to make things more equitable," Butler said.

"We asked that once the legislative proposal had come about that there be a cap put on what the students can make," DeBoer said. "That's something that I think makes it fair and less susceptible to abuses."

But the \$2,000 cap, which was included in the proposal that won approval Wednesday, may instead benefit schools located in areas with lower costs-of-living. In those areas, where basic supplies are less expensive, a dollar could actually be worth more in buying power than a dollar in an expensive community.

"That argument could be made," Butler said.

No interest?

Kirchner is among those who believe few student-athletes will be able to add a job to an already crowded slate of responsibilities.


But the reasoning for her stance is unique in that many of UK's softball players are on "split scholarships" — scholarships of less than full value.

Butler said those student-athletes have long been permitted by the NCAA to hold down wage-earning jobs.

Those student-athletes are allowed to earn the difference between the worth of their split scholarship and the value of a full scholarship.

So how many softball players take advantage of that wage-earning opportunity?

"None ... not one," Kirchner said.



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Cats confident again

By Matthew May
Assistant Sports Editor

Could it be that the UK baseball team is using its unlimited potential to make a serious run at the Southeastern Conference's upper-echelon teams?

Yes, that is exactly what this gutsy team is doing at the end of this season.

The Cats have picked the perfect time to put everything together and springing upsets on unsuspecting teams, as evidenced by their back-to-back SEC weekend series victories on the road at Mississippi State and Georgia, both of whom have better conference records than UK.

Senior David Cheate feels those victories boosted more than just their win column.

"The team is really confident," Cheate said. "The pitching staff has been great and the bats have been great."

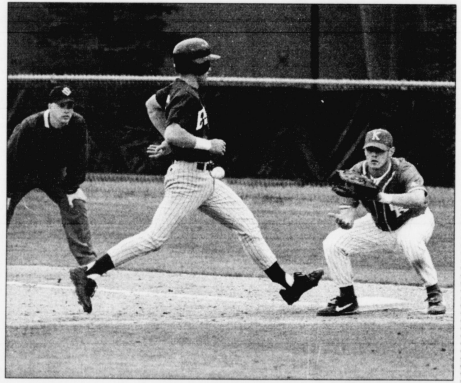
With the recent run of wins, UK (19-24, 7-14) has catapulted itself back into contention for the final SEC Tournament spot, which they would assure with a fourth place finish in the Eastern Division.

Going into this weekend, the Cats stand only one game behind Georgia and Tennessee, and with another series victory over Arkansas, they could pass the Volunteers, who must face top 10-Auburn.

Beating No. 23-ranked Arkansas will not be easy for UK, as the Razorbacks are on a very similar roll.

UK is currently riding a four-game winning streak and the Razorbacks a five-game streak. Both teams have posted two non-conference victories this week and will be looking to continue their current hot streaks.

The three games will be the first SEC series the Cats have had at



JOHNATHAN RODGERS Kernel Staff

NO STEAL FOR YOU Sophomore Aaron McGlone and the Cats will try to keep No. 23 ranked Arkansas off the base paths. The Hogs are just 3-4 on the road in SEC games.

home since their bitterly disappointing showing against Florida the first weekend of April. Since then, UK has posted a 7-4 record, with non-conference wins over three in-state rivals (Morehead State, Murray State and Eastern Kentucky).

During their four-game streak, the Cats have brought the bats to life, scoring eight or more runs in each of the games, and placing a 20-run tattoo on Murray State.

The recent UK hitting attack has been a team effort, with several players coming alive at the right time.

Sophomore Aaron McGlone has broken out of his season-long slump to rip opposing pitchers for a .471 batting average in his last five games.

During the run, McGlone has ripped three doubles, two home

runs and driven in nine runs, raising his season totals to a .322 average with five homers and 37 runs batted in.

Also hitting the ball well is junior Josh Loggins, senior Jason Pasero and senior Justin Bunch. Loggins has continued his season-long hot streak and now boasts a .377 average, 10 long balls, 15 doubles, three triples and a team-high .45 RBI.

Pasero, who has started only 15 games this season, has raised his batting average from .264 to .322 in the last three games. In those games, Pasero has had a double, a home run, and driven in four runs.

Bunch has come off the bench twice recently, giving him five total on the season.

"I really feel we're playing good baseball," Cheate said. "We're

playing more as a team. We really understand how important each series is."

Arkansas (29-13, 9-9) brings a formidable middle of the lineup to Lexington for UK starters Matt Borne, Brandon Webb and Jason Chaney to deal with.

Catcher Brent Caldwell is hitting a team-high .381 and has 42 RBI. Cleanup hitter Rodney Nye is terrorizing pitchers to the tune of a .369 average, 10 home runs and 51 RBI and is surrounded by Ryan Lundquist (.338, 13 HR, 52 RBI) and Eric Hinkle (.367, 4 HR, 45 RBI) in the order.

Arkansas's number-two through number-seven hitters have combined 44 home runs and 258 RBI.

UK will also be looking to avenge last year's series loss at Arkansas.

The Cats won the first game 11-5, but dropped the next two 9-8 in 10 innings and 11-4.

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Cats take to air

Staff report
The UK football team will hold its annual Blue/White game tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Commonwealth Stadium.
UK head coach Hal Mumme said before the beginning of spring practice that the team's two biggest goals were improving team depth and fine tuning both the offensive and defensive systems.
Now is the chance to showcase his team's improvements.
"We've been able to develop our offensive system more deeply this spring," Mumme said.
"We're also a lot quicker this year."



A HUDDLED MASS UK head coach Hal Mumme has praised his defense's improvements throughout the spring practice season. Mumme credits quicker personnel and a heightened level of comfort with the system for the success.

Abbott bides his time with Sox

By Chris Easterling
Senior Staff Writer
CLEVELAND — It's never easy making it to the big leagues. And even tougher than that is finding a way to get significant playing time once you get to "the Show."
Just ask former UK standout Jeff Abbott.
As a fourth-round selection of the Chicago White Sox in the 1994 amateur draft, Abbott came into the professional ranks with a reputation of being an outstanding hitter as well as a fairly good outfielder.
After all, in his junior — and final — year with the Cats, he batted .445 with 23 home runs and an .882 slugging percentage in being selected as a second-team All-American by *Baseball America*.
Once signed with Chicago, he rapidly ascended the ladder that is the minor leagues. By his second full year in the pros — he was only with the organization in 1994 for half a season — he was scalding the ball for Triple-A Nashville at a clip of .325, which was good enough for second in the American Association.

He continued to swing the hot bat last year at Nashville, batting .327 with 11 homers, 68 RBI and a league-leading 88 runs. He was even given a few at-bats with the big-league club, going 10-for-19 (.263) with a homer and a run batted in.
As time came for the White Sox to break training camp this year, it was little surprise that Abbott was on the team's roster. But his dream has been somewhat dampened by the fact that he has seen very little playing time because of another rookie phenom — Magglio Ordonez — who also plays right field.
So when push came to shove, Ordonez was given the nod to play right, and Abbott became a well-paid cheerleader from the White Sox dugout.
The White Sox threw yet another strike against him on Wednesday night when they recalled veteran infielder Wil Cordero — who also pleaded guilty to beating his wife — from Double-A Birmingham. Cordero and Abbott don't share positions, but the addition will reduce his at-bats even more.

"I really haven't gotten accustomed to it, because I've never really come off the bench before," Abbott said while in for a three-game series with the Cleveland Indians at Jacobs Field.
"I'm still learning that process," he said. "It's a long road, and to be honest with you, I don't plan on coming off the bench for too long."
When he has gotten the opportunity to play, mostly as a pinch-hitter, he has continued to show the pop in the bat that made him such a prized prospect. In 16 at-bats, he has connected for five hits, including three home runs.
In his first start of the season on April 16 against Baltimore at Camden Yards, Abbott put together without question his best performance of his brief major league career. Facing Orioles' ace Mike Mussina, he connected for a pair of homers and drove in a career-high three runs.
"I finally got a chance to play," he said. "I was fired up just to get into that lineup. I figured I'd play for a little while longer, but I guess that's the way this business works."

White Sox manager Jerry Manuel is very impressed with his young outfielder, but knows there just isn't enough at-bats for him right now.
"He has a great attitude," Manuel said. "He's a guy that, probably when given an opportunity to play on an everyday basis, will be able to hit at the major-league level."
Abbott figures the opportunity to play will come soon, as his contract with Chicago runs out the end of this season. He has hinted that he would like to go somewhere else where he could become an everyday player.
"It doesn't look like I'll get a chance (to play) here," he said. "There's teams out there that have asked, but I don't know what's going to happen."
Even with everything seemingly going against him, Abbott is still enjoying the good life that is being a major league baseball player.
"I'm having fun with all the travel and going to the different cities," Abbott said. "It's a great time. I've gotten used to it now. I'm more comfortable now than I was last year."

Bulls on verge of ecstasy or collapse

By Rick Gano
Associated Press
DEERFIELD, Ill. — Will he be back? Michael Jordan swore again yesterday that he doesn't know.
Are the Bulls breaking up? Maybe, but Jordan claims there's no guarantee they won't all be back, either.
Jordan insisted he's sticking with his season-long pledge to play next year only if Phil Jackson returns as coach.
But then, with some introspection and a bit of contradiction, he added he still holds the option of playing for a new guy, should Jackson leave.
"I can choose to take a step back and say: 'Hey if I want to play for whoever they want to come in, if I really want to play, I can play for whoever.' So I can choose to do that," Jordan said, standing before a battery of cameras and microphones on the day before the Bulls open the playoffs against New Jersey.
"Or else to say, 'I don't want to play for whoever you bring in.' That sounds like a choice for me. I haven't chosen yet."
All along, Jordan has linked his future to Jackson, the coach with whom he's won five titles. Jackson is calling the playoffs the Bulls' "last dance."
"No one has definitely said that Phil is not going to be here or he doesn't have a contract or he does have a contract; there is so much in the air," Jordan said.
"Scottie Pippen is still in a Chicago Bulls uniform. I'm still in a Chicago Bulls uniform and Phil is still the coach, so anything is possible."
The Bulls have been locked in a season-long soap opera, overshadowing their chase of another title.
"Pippen said he wanted out early in the season."

General manager Jerry Krause said Jordan would be welcomed back but only if he'd play for a new coach.
"I'm sure there remains an uneasy relationship between Krause and Jackson."
"Pippen said chairman Jerry Reinsdorf could 'go to hell' if he offers a one-year contract for next season."
"Jordan suggested in a magazine article that maybe Reinsdorf should sell the team."
If the Bulls do win another title, there would have to be some serious compromises made should Reinsdorf decide to keep the team intact for another year.
"I'm pretty sure there would be a lot of mending going on because during the course of the year there have been some burned bridges, and I don't know if it's repairable," Jordan said.
"That's something that has to be talked about at the end of the

season and hopefully everybody is in a jovial mood and willing to take some of the things they've said all year and sacrifice to some degree."
As one of the league's most powerful personalities and ambassadors, Jordan was asked if he would try to sway Reinsdorf's decision.
"I can't twist the man's arm," he said.
"I can't go up there and make him accept whatever decision he has to make. I can only voice my opinion and I've always done that... He has the option to change direction. That's his choice and prerogative and I can't argue with that," Jordan said.
Whatever happens, Jordan insisted he would be comfortable with his future.
"Whatever it's going to be, I'm going to be at peace with my decision whenever the time comes," he said.

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Compiled from staff wire reports.

SPORTSbytes

Homeless Oilers find home at VU
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Oilers officially have a place to play home games for the 1998 season.
Oilers owner Bud Adams signed the final agreement Wednesday, allowing the Oilers to use the 41,448-seat stadium of Vanderbilt University for 10 games this fall.
The Oilers moved to Nashville from Houston last July and played their home games last season 200 miles away in Memphis before an average crowd of 28,028, worst in the NFL.
"It's great to be home again," Adams said in a statement. "This is a wonderful day for the Oilers, and I hope for Vanderbilt and the city too."
Peyton playing off
INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning already is a hit. So is the Indianapolis Colts website, which has had a half-million hits since the Tennessee quarterback became the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.
Peyton-mania already is in full bloom, and victory-starved Colts fans will get their first look at Manning on Sunday when the team winds up its three-day mini-

camp at the RCA Dome.
Meanwhile, the website of the Colts and the team's ticket office are being swamped.
"I'd estimate that we've had 500,000 hits on the site since he was drafted on Saturday," director of marketing Patrick Coyle said.
"There were 181,000 hits in the first 48 hours after the selection. This is a new site (www.Colts.com), and we're real pleased with traffic."
Agent blamed for Enis' troubles
HARRISBURG, Pa. — Jeff Nalley is no Jerry Maguire.
Not in the minds of two Pennsylvania prosecutors, anyway.
When sports agent Nalley

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CAMPUS

A time to honor

Students, others awarded for service, excellence

By Manish Bhalla
Staff Writer

The setting was perfect. Cameras clicked amid glowing candle light in the Student Center Grand Ballroom as UK's finest took center stage.

UK honored several members of the student body Thursday night, recognizing them for their academic excellence, leadership efforts and commitment to the community.

Dr. James M. Kuder, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, started off an evening that hosted the likes of President Charles Wethington, Chancellor Elisabeth Zinser and UK ambassadors among others.

"These awards are a recognition of academic, extra-curricular activities ... individual efforts towards the University of Kentucky," Kuder said.

Heralding this year as one of UK's most prolific, President Wethington highlighted some of 1998's crown jewels such as the new library, an outstanding basketball team and an entering freshman class with the highest grade-point average ever.

Advances such as these, he said, would

help UK in its quest to be the Top 20 research institution in the country.

"The awards we present today are to students who strive towards the betterment of society," Wethington said.

The Student Government Association's outgoing president, Melanie Cruz began the presentation ceremony with a series of awards. The winners of this year's SGA Constitutional Scholarships were Ginger Carby, Katherine Holloway and Julia Sander. The Zumwinkle Award went to Pamela Hancock and the Academic Excellence Scholarship was given to Andrew Grotto.

The Truman Scholarship National Award, given to 80 recipients nationally was presented to Melody Flowers, a political science junior.

"It (the award) is for people wanting to go to public service," Flowers said. "I am going to law school and I plan to work in a state department."

The Lyman T. Johnson Odyssey Award named after UK's first black student went to an applicant from Zimbabwe. Tapiwa Gurupira took a custodial job working 12 hours while maintaining a 3.8 GPA in mechanical engineering. He also designed

one of Zimbabwe's first web sites and is actively involved in promoting its tourism.

The Office of International Affairs presented the Viji Jeganathan Award for Cross-Cultural Understanding to Lily Arasaratnam from Sri Lanka.

"I am really privileged to receive this award," said Arasaratnam, who is president of the International Christian Fellowship and an active member among the international student community. "I work with the Office of International Affairs and look forward to working with foreign students," she said.

The Oswald Research and Creativity Awards are meant to stimulate research and provide recognition for works on various fields such as architecture, humanities, design etc.

Adam Breier, a senior in biology, chemistry and classics was one of seven recipients for his research in Humanities.

"I was really surprised to receive an award for all three of my majors," Breier said. "I think the university could promote undergraduate research even more," he said. In addition, Breier also received the Barry Goldwater scholarship for his outstanding achievements.



WINNING WAYS Jimmy Glenn received the Outstanding Freshman of the Year Award last night from University President Charles Wethington.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the Singletary Award by President Wethington. Alzha Rice and Winn Stephens received the honor for their success both in an out of the classroom.

Some other recipients included Josh Knipp who bagged the "Greek Man of the Year" and the "Most Outstanding Sophomore" awards and Therese Gleason and Elizabeth Ward for the Otis Singletary Fellowship.

Survey offers students public opinion lesson

By Mark Fister
Staff Writer

Students at Lexington Community College surveyed 1,584 registered voters from Fayette and surrounding counties in Kentucky.

Students in five introductory political science classes taught by Tim Cantrell and Wayne Cabral, as well as Cantrell's state government class, completed the project, which lasted from April 9-16.

Cantrell began the survey while teaching at Western Kentucky University. His classes have been polling voters for 27 years.

"Students learn about public opinion," said Cantrell, now in his 10th year at LCC.

To complete the survey, the 108 students were given four pages of the phone book that correspond to where they live to avoid long-distance calling, Cantrell said. They then randomly chose 15 numbers and were graded on their ability to get 15 responses.

"The students usually have to make anywhere from 60 to 90 calls to get the required 15. It took William Sullivan three days to get 15.

"It was like pulling teeth," said Sullivan, an art studio freshman. Cantrell said there's a reason for that.

"A lot of people hang up on you," he said. "They think you're selling something."

Ninety-four students called residents from Fayette, Jessamine and Woodford counties, and 14 students polled the outside counties.

President Bill Clinton received an approval rating of "good" from 44.1 percent of those surveyed. Another 13.4 percent said Clinton has been doing an "outstanding" job. That was the best rating Clinton has gotten in the last six years, Cantrell said.

The responses given resembled the results from national polls.

"We're not totally out of step with the rest of the nation," Cantrell said.

Gov. Paul Patton received more negative responses than Clinton, according to the survey.

Forty-one percent rated Patton's performance as "good," but 36.6 percent said he was only doing a "fair" job. The survey also included a polling of how people will vote in the upcoming Kentucky primaries.

Sixth District Rep. Scotty Baesler received a majority of 54 percent in the race to become the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate.

Only 6.1 percent chose Lt. Gov. Steve Isaac to take the Democratic nomination for the Sixth District.

Students only take polls for the races that Cantrell thinks have legitimate competition.

The survey showed current

Lexington Mayor Pam Miller as having a 10.2 percent lead on challenger Chuck Ellinger in her bid for reelection.

Cantrell's student-run surveys have only missed the winner of an election one time, he said. That was Miller's victory in the 1989 race for Lexington Urban City Council.

Students also asked for the public's opinion on a range of political issues.

About 60 percent supported the state legislature's new abortion restrictions on Kentucky abortion clinics. These include a 24-hour waiting period, information on abortion alternatives, banning partial birth abortions and government regulation of the clinics.

Nearly 56 percent supported Judge Susan Wright's decision to throw out the Paula Jones case against Clinton. Four percent more females supported the decision than males.

Hiram Bailey said people were tired of hearing about the case.

Bailey, a psychology senior, also asked his respondents if they knew who their local representative was. Only one out of 45 did.

By doing the survey, students learned that they know more about politics than the general public, Cantrell said.

Amy F. Adams, a social work junior, agreed.

"Not a whole lot of people know what's going on."

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ViewPOINT



Save the campus mentality needed by more students

Failure to speak up leaves our fate open to work of others

After weeks and weeks of slamming the administration of UK, I finally have to tip my hat to the powers that be. In his recent actions, University President Charles Wehington has shown a foresight that many once thought to be lacking in the administration. He has initiated a strategic plan that will ultimately lead to a series of goals for UK to meet by the year 2003. Some of these include the revamping of the University Studies Program, increasing UK's ranking on the National Science Foundation research university ranking from 46th to 40th and increasing the percentage of undergraduates who receive their degree within six years to 55 percent.

I understand that most of the seats aren't that great, but still! And furthermore, are we so passive that we have to rely on Cameron Mills to berate the crowd in order to get some noise generated?

Teacher evaluations. Every year, no matter what the class or class size, there are always people who put about the same effort into a written evaluation of the course as they do their written homework assignments. And that's not a lot of effort.

Maybe UK could revamp the University Studies Program as they had some sort of idea as to what students liked and disliked about the course. But no, it's better to complain about how everything sucks and not tell us how it could suck less. Residence Hall Activities. It seems as if the only people who care about RHA activities are the resident advisers and hall directors, and sometimes it seems like the only reason they do is because they're required to.



Matt Ellison
Assistant Editor

I have been to a few of these seminars and programs, and the turnout is pathetic, unless the promise of free pizza is made.

What's it going to take for you, the students, to start caring about yourselves?

Things will not dramatically improve on their own. You have to help out too. You can't just continue to take and take, and not give anything back. This will probably motivate 0 percent of you to do anything to better your UK experience. But that doesn't mean that I'll discontinue my attempts to.

I can't stand quitters, and, get this folks: The real world won't stand for quitters. The first real job any of you get, if you don't give your all and make an effort to better yourself, you've got another thing coming.

There is no reason why a student should not be able to graduate within six years, save a prison term or an unplanned pregnancy, both of which can easily be avoided.

I can't believe that the number of students who receive their degrees in six years is less than 55 percent in the first place.

No one is going to make you do this. You, as a student, have to stand up and say, "By golly, that degree means a lot to me, and I want to get out of school before I start losing hair, so I'm going to study hard and not flunk a class and take at least 12 hours each semester so that I don't fail to do this."

Set goals for yourself. Take action to accomplish these goals. If you've given a legitimate effort and don't achieve it, I'm sorry. But can you look in a mirror and honestly say that you've done that?

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Booster bucks

Student athletes can now get paid ... legally that is. In surprising move, the NCAA will begin allowing all Division I student-athletes to work wage-earning jobs beginning in August. Even coaches and athletic boosters can assist these athletes in their search for employment, but here's the kicker — the boosters are allowed to hire the athletes themselves.

Prior to the decision, full-scholarship Division I athletes were not allowed employment during the school year due, in part, to the potential violations that could occur.

To keep things in check the NCAA will only let the athletes earn up to \$2,000 during the school year.

The question remains, however, whether or not this minor stipulation will keep schools and their athletes from abusing the new policy. Enough schools abuse the pre-existing policy already, and this will just allow them to abuse it more efficiently.

Undoubtedly some student-athletes will get

away with an extra \$2,000 without lifting a finger. And while the NCAA was probably aware of this, their goal focused more on the athletes who truly need work to survive financially.

Granted some students need money outside the athletic scholarship money they receive, but for most, the schedule of going to class (for those athletes who actually go), working a part-time job and fulfilling team responsibilities would be too great.

That is not to say that some athletes won't benefit from the new decision. But the more plausible outcome is one where the premier athletes get "jobs" from boosters and coaches while athletes in non-revenue sports will continue unemployed or slave away in near-minimum wage jobs, all while fearing schedule overload.

Some university athletics cheat and will continue to cheat. The NCAA's decision will just open the floodgates and provide more avenues for circumventing the rules.

If you have a better idea for helping out athletes truly in need then we'd love to hear it!

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will help us to expand our minds and experience a great education that we all hoped we would receive. UK needs to concentrate on giving the students what they pay for rather than worrying about where they rank as a research school. I hope the university continues to grow but I hope the undergraduate program is not forgotten in the process.

Gregg Majewski
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Please kill the silly columns

To the editor:

I would like to commend the Kernel on its outstanding work as a campus paper. I continually read your publication when I get the free time between classes and I will continue as long as I attend Lexington Community College. (I especially loved the Health Fair article by Jeff Belokony.) Although I speak highly of your esteemed paper, I have one small problem: the Viewpoint Page.

I'm not trying to give the entire page a hard time, but some of your columnists are giving me heartburn. I understand someone's rights under the Constitution, but please don't undecorate the rest of the school with your so called "opinions."

You have one columnist who, although she is trying to be sincere, always throws her own little sexist stereotypes into her columns. The questions she raises are good, but for some reason I always find myself thinking how much she must hate men, because she tags us as cavemen, and tells us to head back to hunting and gathering so we won't get in her way.

All my advice to the Kernel is to get some people who write about something important, like the great guy who wrote on the COM 181 problem. Enough of these silly columnists trying to impress their classroom buddies and more people trying to make a difference on campus.

Chris Emmons
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Students slighted by the research emphasis at UK

To the editor:

On Monday ABC News ran a feature on the quality of college education; and how universities are placing too much emphasis on research. As I was watching, I began to realize how much UK cheats us out of the education we deserve. Sure we are ranked as one of the best schools for the dollar, but is that an excuse to give us classes, professors and teaching assistants that are below par. If UK really wanted to make this university great, they need to find the perfect combination between research and teaching. Instead of having research professors all locked up in some little room they need to let them teach us. Eliminating some of the graduate and teaching assistants positions and hiring more professors

Dorm life drives the independent-minded to insanity

In campus living, I found not personal freedom but rather a loss of freedom. I finally moved away from home and into Haggin Hall one bright and sunny morning.

What a feeling of elation! A frat recruiter even helped me carry my television up four flights of stairs. "This is the day," I thought to myself, "my life will surely change."

Oh ... it did, alright. I wanted to be more prepared than everyone. I spent hours with lists, schedules and agendas. In order to be prepared, I had to know who was bringing every item, down to the eating utensils.

I tracked down my roommate. We worked out being prepared together. When I found out that he was from a small eastern Kentucky mining town, I cringed. Surely he couldn't be all that



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bad. And based on our hour-long phone conversation, I gathered that he was actually a decent guy.

He was bringing the stereo and was insistent upon bringing his computer. That was fine with me, as long as he had a decent computer and I could access the Internet from our room. "Oh yeah ... sure, sure." The thing doesn't even have a modem. I should have dragged out my Commodore 64 from the closet. It might have proved more efficient.

Maybe I'm more territorial than I want to admit — my things have their place. I'm an organization freak. Some lines just aren't meant to be crossed. Borrowing things here and there is okay, but just through my stuff and leaving dip spit cups

on my desk is a bit much.

Of course, when I moved in, I cleaned that pit from top to bottom. I was working the furniture spray overtime. I sprayed the mattress (manufactured by and more than likely for the Kentucky Correctional Facility) with Kid. No lice or strange bugs in my bed, thank you. Add an eggshell mattress to the list. Oh, remind me to send UK the chiropractic bill.

I knew within a very few days that this wasn't working out. I blamed many of my hall's problems on what I called 'The Freshman Mentality' — little freshmen getting away from home for the first time, rebelling and employing the cooler upperclassmen to buy their alcohol.

I discourage campus living at all costs. Campus life is almost non-existent anyway, so why waste the time and investment in a needless meal ticket? In retrospect, an apartment would have been the best option. I don't understand why I

bought into the notion that I would meet more people this way, because 90 percent of the people I live with probably aren't worth knowing anyway.

Recently I've seen the recruits running across campus on campus tours. It makes me smile to see the excitement in their eyes, but when I see the mothers and fathers touring the dorms, I want to scream out a warning in disguise! "Most of these parents have delusions of grandeur about campus living. "Oh, Haggin Hall is seconds away from the new W.T. Young Library. How nice that you'll be living next to a grill."

Save it. It's not worth it. I want the freedom of a 24-hour visit from a girl. If I wanted her for sex, I wouldn't do it in Haggin Hall anyway. There are some things that I will look back upon with a sick and twisted nostalgia. The intimate conversations of my neighbor, trying to figure out how the lonely geezer across

the hall is celebrating his 40th birthday, and the moans and cries of a hot and bothered illegal resident kitty.

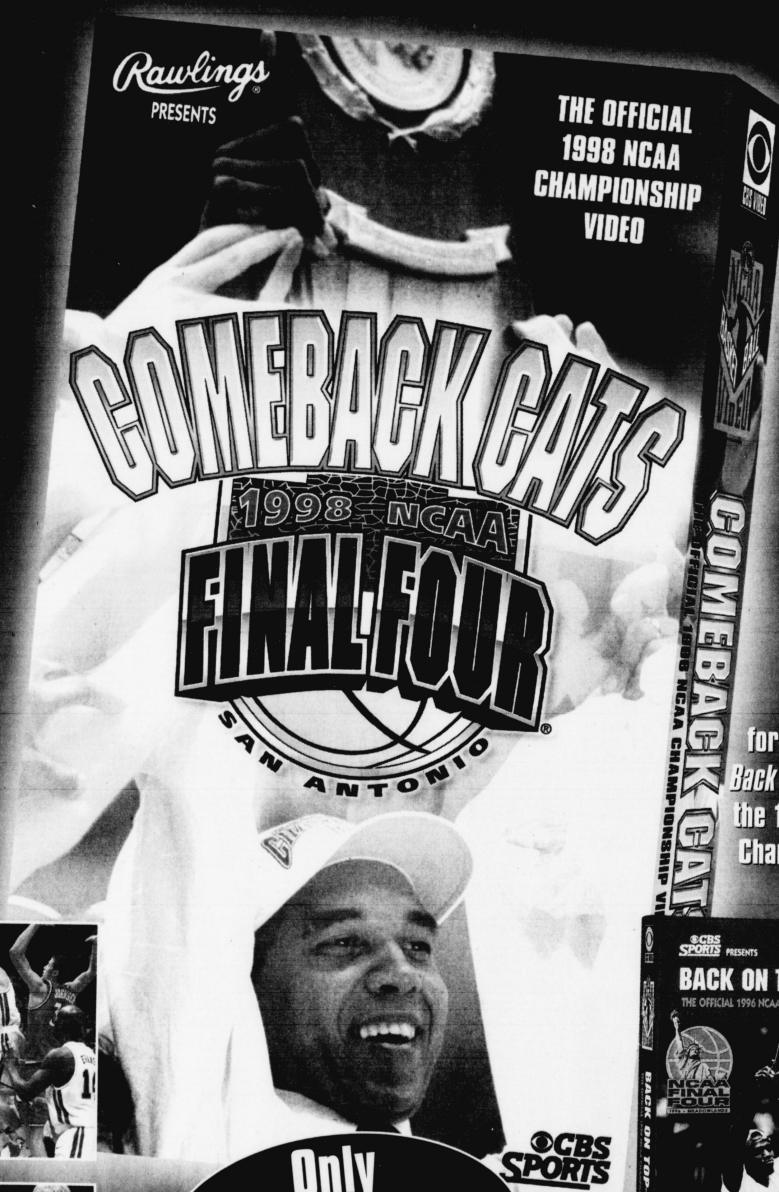
There are some things that I won't miss. More than likely I'll try to repress the memories of the piles of puke outside of my door, drunken lacrosse players running down the halls and the ex-con janitor that cut the shower curtains short and talked of his "freaky" video collection.

I'll be in an apartment this fall. This will allow me the freedom that I thought I would have by living on campus. Living on campus was the worst mistake I've ever made. I tried to leave before the spring semester started, but I found out that I was under a one-year contract with University Housing and would be assessed a \$500 fee. I couldn't escape from the prison. My dad made me stay. I'll remember that when I'm choosing his nursing home.

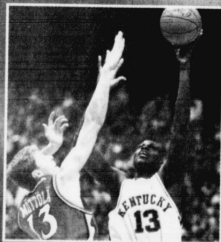
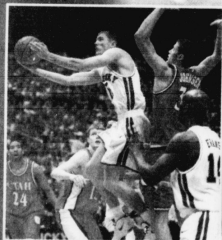
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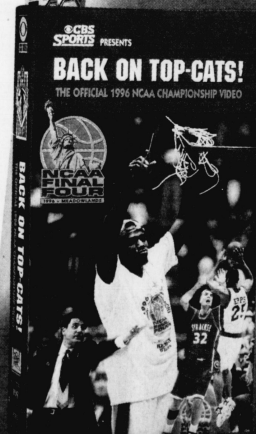


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