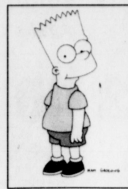




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Grad students question Zinser on budget cuts

By Kathy Reding
News Editor

Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Elisabeth Zinser met with graduate students yesterday in the Center Theater at the Student Center to discuss the Lexington Campus budget, its process and proposals to improve higher education.

Graduate students had also invited President Charles Wethington to the forum, but he declined to participate.

"The absence of President Wethington meant a lot," said Vincent DelCasino, a geography graduate student.

DelCasino said he appreciated the chancellor's effort to open communication about the budget, but the fact that her agenda to inform them conflicted with the questions they wanted to ask kept much from being accomplished.

"I really didn't learn anything new," DelCasino said. "I thought she told us most things that we could have read off the budget."

Graduate student Merrie Winfrey said even though all the graduate students' questions didn't get answered because of time constraints, "this is the beginning of a dialog."

About 40 graduate students and other administrators attending the meeting, Zinser began by taking preliminary questions from the students to gauge what they wanted to know about the budget. She outlined the budget proposals and answered additional questions along the way.

Zinser fielded questions as to whether the 1998 budget changes are a temporary stop gap, how they will effect student retention and how student enrollment is calculated into the funding model.

She said while the Lexington Campus budget she sent to Wethington made choices on what items or employee positions received funding, not all will be received, but in other forms.

Students questioned why UK, similar to other universities in the region, bases its full-time enrollment when calculating

tuition income on 16 hours for average undergraduate students and 12 hours for average graduate students.

When enrollments are calculated on this FTE basis, they decrease, changing the amount of tuition coming in. Zinser said enrollment is about 1 percent lower over the last two years.

DelCasino and others asked whether the FTE calculation should be changed to reflect the number of hours students need to be considered full-time, not the average hours taken.

"It just doesn't make a whole lot of sense," he said.

Other topics addressed were the process of budget formulation, whether earlier predictions of TA cuts were put off until next year and who discusses the options of which cuts to make.

"These questions could have been addressed weeks and months ago," DelCasino said. "We've been asking since the budget process started for an open door policy."

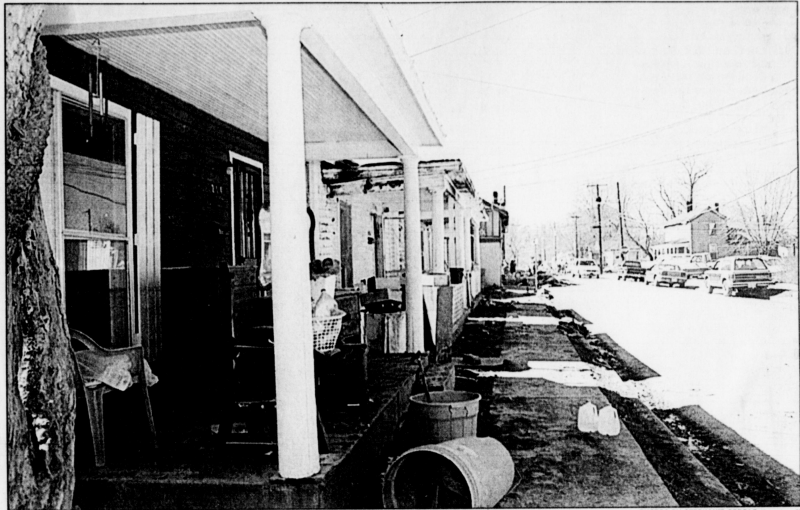
Zinser said the campus does not anticipate a "precipitous downward spiral" in available funds. She said dollars have been allocated for graduate programming, but actual expenditures have not been determined because an evaluation of costs and benefits is still in progress.

Zinser also explained that budget cutting and reallocation decisions are made through the dean's council, composed of college deans and vice chancellors. Winfrey said she supports the University Senate's budget committee again because it has been in this capacity.

"This is a historic event," said Senate Chairwoman Jan Schach.

Winfrey said she supports graduate students in their desire to organize.

DelCasino questioned her intentions to meet further with them on a smaller scale basis rather than in a larger, open



THE AFTERMATH UK nursing students take the time to help victims recover from flood damage such as shown above and below. Many residents lost all their possessions in the flood.

Students take part in flood clean up

By Carey McMillen
Contributing Writer

A trash bin sits suspended between two houses. Personal belongings hang from trees. These are some of the sights several UK nursing students will never forget.

A team of students and faculty members from the UK School of Nursing traveled to Cynthiana on Tuesday to help the flood victims. On Thursday one group went back to Cynthiana and another ventured to Falmouth.

Dr. Kay Robinson, assistant dean of undergraduate studies, said dealing with the community's problems and mental health concerns is part of the nursing school's curriculum.

"The flood community is a prime candidate because of the anxiety and stress caused by this kind of disaster," she said.

The student-faculty teams helped the victims clean out their homes. They pulled carpet, carried out furniture and washed mud from the inside of the houses.

The students who went to Cynthiana said mud was every-

where. Unfortunately the area still did not have clean water. While the UK students were there, they ran into another group from Lexington, The Paint Store, a local business that brought water for spraying into victims' homes.

"The nursing students said all the victims were grateful for their assistance. They said they want others to know that those affected by the flood need help now. A large number of the victims lost all of their possessions. They lost clothes and furniture, but they also lost irreplaceable items like photographs.

"What I learned is that things here on Earth are perishable and we need to store our treasures in heaven," said nursing senior Deborah Brown.

"In the long term, a relationship with God is the only thing that will last forever."

The volunteer teams didn't go to the devastated areas empty-handed.

The nursing students collected cleaning supplies, bottled water, personal items, food items not requiring water and money. All money donated will be sent to the



American Red Cross.

Other student groups joined the nursing students' efforts to help the flood victims. Physical therapy students collected non-perishable items and pharmacy students made packages with personal items and towels.

The nursing students hope that other colleges and student groups will also go out to the flooded areas to assist in the cleanup.

The students said the victims

need people power more than supplies.

One of the faculty members who helped out in Cynthiana issued a challenge.

"What we have done is much more important than what (UK head basketball coach Rick) Pitino is doing," said Hazel Chappell, an instructor in the nursing school.

"I challenge him and his basketball players to help the flood victims."

UK graduate under house arrest in native Albania

By Kathy Reding
News Editor

While a student in the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, Arben Ahmetaj was optimistic about the future of his home country Albania, even though he knew it could collapse at any time.

Now that he is under house arrest in Albania's capital Tirana with his home watched by armed guards, Ahmetaj has chosen to remain in his country until he is free to put his optimism and education to work.

Ahmetaj was arrested two weeks ago by Albania's Communist Party due to his involvement last summer with the Democratic Party in the nation's elections as an intern. R.E. Burnett, professor in the Patterson School, said he kept in touch with Ahmetaj by e-mail until three days ago when Ahmetaj's safety became a question.

"(Last summer) he became aware of some policies he could not support," Burnett said. "Since he was originally affiliated with the regime that is in power but critical of it, he found himself to be subject to be controlled."

Burnett said Ahmetaj was arrested probably to control dissent as the Communist Party takes interim control of the government from the elected Democratic Party. Ahmetaj graduated from the Patterson School in December and returned to Albania in January.

He said this summer Ahmetaj quit the election work in Albania because he suspected election fraud. Before coming to the Patterson School in 1995, "He was already well-connected in the Albanian government" through work on the country's economic transition to a free market system.

"Arbin is very experienced and has a great deal of knowledge in international finance," Burnett said. "He's had contact with the American government at high level."

Even now as the U.S. government is evacuating Americans from the country, Ahmetaj chose to stay.

"He's going to have to make a decision right now on whether to face the music or get out," Burnett said. "If people put their arms down, he would stay. He's going to have to make that decision."

Burnett and Patterson professor Robert Pringle, however, don't see rebels, separate from the political parties putting down weapons any time soon. The government they are disenchanted with, regardless of party, lacks control.

"It's pretty blurred right now," Burnett said, comparing the uprising to conflicts in former Yugoslavia.

Pringle said in an attempt to work into a market economy from a socialist system, Albanian citizens hoped to get rich from investments.

Many put in \$100 when promised an 8 percent

return every month, but the investments turned out to be fraudulent. When people lost all their money, they blamed the government for not protecting them and accused leaders of profiting from the scheme.

"Now you see this anger because they lost everything," Burnett said. "Nobody in that country knows how to play in a market economy."

Pringle said with the army not taking sides and a weak government with competing parties not trusted by the rebels, the new Socialist prime minister's tactic of calling for a new election could help restore peace.

It could also help lead to Ahmetaj's release from the socialist's control.

"He's a very forceful and charismatic sort of person," said Patterson graduate student Ray Fritts. "He can be pretty opinionated. I can't see him taking that sort of thing lying down."

Fritts said he thinks Ahmetaj will stay in Albania because he wants to aid in the reforms to a market-oriented economy. He compared his former classmate to Jean Claude VanDamme. "He's made up his mind and don't try to confuse him with the facts."

Burnett said students like Ahmetaj bring a new perception to international studies because Americans can't comprehend what it would be like to live in an unstable nation and to have experienced being a part of the communist bloc. He described Ahmetaj as "bicultural."

Now that Burnett advised Ahmetaj to cease e-mail communication to protect his safety, he finds it hard to have a clear picture of what Ahmetaj's day-to-day life is like under arrest, amid a city with random gunfire.

Last year when Burnett bought a new truck, Ahmetaj saw it and said "Oh my God, you bought a tank."

In one of his final e-mail messages, Ahmetaj described watching tanks in the street and said he thought about Burnett's pick-up.

"That's the one piece of humor I've heard from him since this happened," Burnett said. "But it's

Fans follow Cats despite distance

SALT LAKE CITY — Did Rick Pitino actually believe his own words? On "The Big Blue Line" Monday night, he said his biggest disappointment in being named the top seed in the West was that the Wildcat fans would not be able to follow their team.

Now let's just consider who we're talking about. These are the same fans who annually turn Tennessee's Thompson-Boling Arena and whatever site is chosen to host the Southeastern Conference Tournament into a "Rupp Arena South."

So it shouldn't have been a total shock to Pitino and his club to see the bright red seats at the Jon M. Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City turn into a sea of blue by the time the Cats and No. 16 seed Montana tipped off at about 6 p.m. Mountain Time.

Yes, some of the fans who attended the evening's session were wearing Iowa Hawkeye yellow and black or Virginia Cavalier navy and orange, but it was very evident which team had the biggest supporters.

Several thousand alumni and boosters out there who have been known to shell out the dough when it comes to their beloved Cats. And it was these people who covered the Huntsman Center in a



Chris Easton
Sports Editor

Inside

UK beats Montana in opening round of NCAA journey. Page 3

DiVersions

Simpsons go for the Grammy

FOX's favorite family looking to go platinum

By Gary Wulf
Associate News Editor

Hi, I'm Gary Wulf. You might remember me from such reviews as "Poison: Paving the way for a generation of glam rock artists," "Simon & Garfunkel: Two Bad Muthas" and "M.C. Hammer: Destined for greatness."

If you recognized the poor imitation of "The Simpsons" character Troy McClure, voiced by comedian Phil Hartman, you'll love this CD.

The Simpsons: Songs in the Key of Springfield is a treat for fanatics of the show, as it recalls its seven-year history through 51 musical cuts from the TV show.

From the first show, when Robert Goulet lends his vocal cords to sing a twisted version of "Jingle Bells," to an episode last year when the show did a hilarious satire of the old ABC-TV morning cartoon commercials, the CD covers the Simpsons' glorious path

into animation history. The CD retraces some of the show's great moments that fans will recognize after the first words, including "Bleeding Gums Blues," from the episode when Lisa's jazz influence dies.

The number of end credits themes, seven, brings the CD down to an average level. If the CD contained more of the show's classic lines such as, "No TV and no beer make Homer go crazy!" and "My skilled hands are busy," it would be a must-have for "Simpsons" devotees.

Devoted fans might be surprised at the different types of music featured throughout the years. The compilation incor-

porates showtunes, barbershop, Latino and rock musical styles with biting lyrics that add to the show.

"The Simpsons" creator Matt Groening credits the show's composer and songwriter Alf Clausen for enhancing the quality of the successful satirical television show.

"I think of his music as the secret strength of 'The Simpsons,' delivering the jokes, for sure, but also the real emotion underlying the comedy," Groening said in the CD sleeve.

For those who don't watch the show, the disc offers nothing except a unique blend of musical styles interspersed with parts of old episodes. For



those who watch the show, they will be shaking their head at the selections on the compact disc and saying, "What about ...?"

In the wacky '90s, every FOX show has had a soundtrack. But the majority of those soundtracks featured lame (with a capital L) songs on the set that had nothing to do with the television show.

This CD definitely breaks the tradition and will leave fans asking for a second volume of classic "Simpsons" lines and songs.



HOMERIC TUNES Composer/songwriter Alf Clausen does many of the instrumental tracks on the new 'Simpsons' album.

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New compilations disappoint and deliver

By Jeremy Rogers
Staff Critic

Private Parts
Motion Picture Soundtrack
Warner Bros.
★★1/2

Shock jock Howard Stern's film debut *Private Parts* is funny, but his first recording effort is nothing to rave about.

Private Parts: The Album is an interesting mix of classic rock songs, new hard rock songs and comedy bits taken from Stern's film debut.

The movie chronicles Stern's career from his start as a rock 'n' roll disk jockey in the 1970s to his talk radio success in New York City. So naturally one would

expect classic '70s rock on the soundtrack. The soundtrack has some classic rock, but in my opinion, Stern could have picked some better old tunes.

The classic rock portion of *Private Parts: The Album* features Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water," Cheap Trick's "I Want You to Want Me" and Ted Nugent's "Cat Scratch Fever" in addition to tracks by the Ramones and Van Halen. The film features AC/DC playing a live version of "You Shook Me All Night Long," which is also included on the soundtrack.

Although the classic rock songs seem misplaced to me, the newer songs fit in better. Apparently Howard Stern is a big fan of '90s hard rock.

Among the new songs on *Private Parts: The Album* is Green Day's amusing cover of the Kinks' classic "Tired of Waiting for You," and songs by Marilyn Manson, Ozzy Osbourne with Type O Negative, Flea, Dave Navarro and my personal favorite, "Hard Charger" by Porno for Pyros. Is F in for capitalized?

The one track I just can't understand on the CD is called "The Ben Stern Megamix." It's a dance beat dubbed over an old recording of Stern's voice. Amid all the rock songs, it sticks out like a sore thumb.

The most unpleasant songs on the soundtrack are those on which Stern himself sings. He does a duet with Rob Zombie on "The Great American Nightmare" and teams up with the Dust Brothers for "Tortured Man." You can't slight Stern's media career. He has conquered the talk radio industry, written two best-selling books and has starred in a movie, but now he's trying his luck at recording songs.

I don't have anything against Stern. I like his radio show, his books and even his movie, but the man couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. Suffice it to say I just don't see a Grammy anywhere in his future.

What Stern does best is comedy. The great thing about the album is that he doesn't abandon his brand of humor. Sandwiched between all the songs are several of the most hilarious bits from the movie.

Private Parts is a great book and a good movie, but the album is far from an essential addition to your CD collection.

Various Artists
A Twist of Jobim
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★★★1/2

Is that Kenny G with a hip-hop drum machine? No, it's Antonio Carlos (I om to his friends) Jobim.

A Twist of Jobim is a tribute to the music of Antonio Carlos Jobim. It features mostly American artists paying homage to the

music and interpreting the songs in an American style for the 1990s. Lee Ritenour leads a distinguished team of musicians in this effort.

Among the most notable performances are El DeBarge and Art Porter's version of "Dindi," and the Yellowjackets' "Mojoave." Ritenour and Dave Grusin start the CD off with a rhythmic rendition of "Water to Drink (Agua de Beber)," and Al Jarreau and Oleta Adams finish it with the classic "Girl From Ipanema."

The album has a relaxing sound, although it is easy to get lost in the lengthy interludes. At times one forgets people are actually playing the instruments. Jobim didn't compose most of his songs for such elaborate arrangements, but the artists take liberties in interpreting the instrumentation.

Covering someone else's song is a recipe that calls for two parts imitation and three parts interpretation. The avenues for interpretative freedom are wide open, especially in an art form based largely on improvisation. The jazz chefs on *A Twist of Jobim* cook up an exceptionally tasty bossa nova.

Bossa nova means "new flair" in Portuguese. It was in the 1960s, the Brazilian guitarist Jobim brought this singular style of music to worldwide popularity. Several of his albums rivaled the Beatles on the charts.

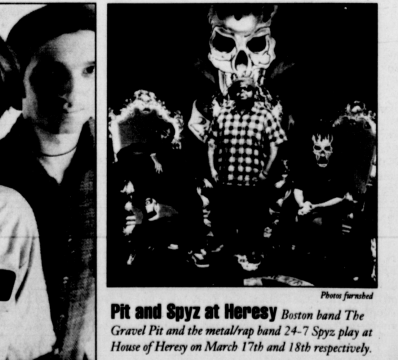
Bossa nova as a jazz style reacted in the same vein as cool jazz, away from the big band era of the previous decades toward simpler, more elegant compositions. The harmonies and beats are distinctly Brazilian.

Brazilian philosopher Carlos Drummond de Andrade once wrote of the unique Brazilian culture as being developed from the assimilation of other cultures. Through his music, Jobim exemplified Andrade's idea.

Just as American jazz came from a mix of European and African styles, Brazilian bossa nova combines American jazz and Latin music. The man from Ipanema influenced American jazz just as much as he was influenced by it.



HARD CHARGERS Perry Farrell and his band Porno for Pyros performed the best track on Howard Stern's 'Private Parts: The Album.'



Pit and Spyz at Horesy Boston band The Gravel Pit and the metal/rap band 24-7 Spyz play at House of Horesy on March 17th and 18th respectively.

SPORTS

UK strolls past Grizzlies

By Chris Easterling
Sports Editor

SALT LAKE CITY - No. 16 seed Montana actually belonged on the same court as the defending national champions.

For part of a half. In the first 10 minutes of the game, the Big Sky champion Grizzlies were handling absolutely everything top-seeded UK could throw at them.

Montana's 6-foot senior point guard Kirk Walker knifed and weaved his way through the patented Wildcat press, setting up teammates Ryan Dick and Bob Olson for baskets in the paint.

The Grizzlies even found themselves up 11-9 at one point, and the large contingency of fans who made the drive from Missoula, Mont., were dreaming of knocking off a No. 1. To top that, the No. 1 was the defending national champions.

But like all good dreams, the alarm clock has to go off.

And the alarm sounded when Cameron Mills — who is coming off of a career weekend in the Southeastern Conference Tournament — knocked down a three-pointer from the left corner to put UK up 12-11.

After that, it was the same old story as the last 50 times a No. 16 faced the No. 1: the Wildcats rolled into the second round of the tournament with a 92-54 victory at the Jon M. Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City. It was also the second time in their last three appearances that the Grizzlies (21-11) were histered by the defending national champions.

In 1991, Nevada-Las Vegas ripped Montana 99-65 in Tuscon, Ariz., which is, in an interesting twist, the other West sub-regional.

"We played very hard," UK Coach Rick Primo said. "We're a little green in our big men; and we didn't have anybody to sub in for Ron (Mercer). I thought we played an outstanding game."

As in the SEC Tournament,

the Cats (31-4) found their scoring from a couple of unusual sources, Wayne Turner and Mills.

Turner, who has shown his Allen Iverson-like abilities to drive to the basket throughout the season, once again found himself as one of the primary scorers with a career-high 19 points.

He also had five steals and five assists.

"Coach always told me when you're on the break, and it's a fast situation, look for the drive," Turner said. "When I came into the game, my whole mentality when I had an open one-on-one or an open shot, I was going to take it."

Mills tallied 10 in the first half, including 2-of-3 from three-point range, and finished with 19. In the last five games, the 6-3 guard from Lexington's Dunbar High School has been averaging a healthy 16.4 points a game.

And of course, who can forget about Mercer. The first-team All-American chipped in 16 points against Montana.

UK 92, Montana 64

UK (31-4): Mercer 7-15, 1-2 16; Padgett 2-4, 2-2; Maglove 2-2, 0-0; Turner 7-14, 5-7; 19; Eggs 1-7, 0-0; Edwards 0-0, 0-0; Massello 0-1, 0-0; Mohammed 4-5, 1-4; Mills 7-10, 0-0; 19; Pickett 3-6, 8-13; 14; Totals: 33-64, 17-29; 92.

UM (21-11): Spojko 4-9, 0-1; Dick 5-10, 0-1; Olson 3-8, 4-8; 10; Walker 2-11, 3-5; 8; Carter 2-10, 1-1; 7; Bowie 1-5, 0-0; Dada 2-6, 0-0; Warnack 0-1, 0-0; Henry 0-1, 0-0; Seidensticker 1-2, 0-0; Carter 1-2, 0-0; Davis 0-2, 0-2; Totals: 22-67, 8-18; 54.

Halftime: UK 44, UM 26. Rebounds: UK 46 (Pickett 9), UM 44 (Dick 10). Three-point FG: UK 9-17 (Mills 5-7, Padgett 2-2, Mercer 1-3, Eggs 1-4, Pickett 4-6), UM 7-11 (Spoko 1-2, Walker 1-5, Olson 0-1, Bowie 0-1, Dada 0-1, Warnack 0-1). Blocks: UK 11 (Maglove 4), UM: None. Assists: UK 19 (Eggs 6), UM 13 (Walker 5). Fouls: UK 21, UM 22. Fouled out: Dick (UM). Technicals: None.

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"My legs started getting tired in the first half," Mercer said. "My main thing is to go out and play hard."

The Cats now face the winner of last night's Iowa-Virginia contest in the second round of the NCAAs tomorrow. The game will tip-off around 7 p.m.

Cats having early season struggles

By Rob Herbst
Weekend Sports Editor

Forget about donating money for a new basketball arena. Alumni and students should give some green to buy the UK baseball team some new uniforms.

The Cats' home threads have no names on the back of the uniforms. This year that's a problem.

Gone from last year are nine seniors, including five major league draft picks.

Replacing the seniors are seven freshmen and seven junior college transfers, and so far the transition has not been pleasant.

UK is off to its worst start under UK head coach Keith Madison. It took the Wildcats (3-11-2) nine games before chalking up a win.

So far chemistry is a problem. "Last year we had all the returning people from my sophomore year," Tedesco said. "We all knew how each other worked and played. I just think that's what we're going to need to do."

Tedesco has been the one constant on a team that has given starts to all but four players.

The senior first baseman has started all 15 games and is batting over .400.

"It's probably my best start in my first previous years here," Tedesco said. "If I can keep that average up there, we'll be fine."

It seemed as if UK was getting out of its funk when the Wildcats blasted Austin Peay 14-0 on Tuesday.

The Cats were helped by a strong pitching performance from Eric Bishop, who threw five scoreless innings.

But the next day out, UK got shelled 15-4 by Ohio. Starting pitcher Tim Rowland lasted only 1 2/3 innings in the loss. To add to the pain, it was UK head coach Keith Madison's 1,000th consecutive game.

"Pitching is a just a big part of this game and also your attitude," Madison said. "You gotta' come out and compete every day. You can't just do it once in a while."

Despite the early struggles, Madison is confident his team will turn a season around.

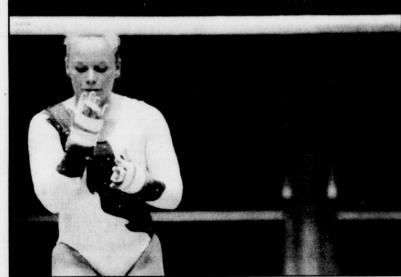
"Baseball is a streaky game. Some teams get off to hot starts and some teams get off to slow starts," Madison said.

"We just need to turn it around and finish like the way we did last year and not let this carry on throughout the year."

Last year the Cats won eight of their final 10 games to win a bid in the eight-team Southeastern Conference Tournament.

The Wildcats will attempt to start a winning streak this afternoon when they take on Mississippi State in the first game of a three-game series.

Seniors lead charge against Tigers



By Jay G. Tate
Weekend Sports Editor
and O. Jason Stapleton
Assistant Sports Editor

To all things there is a beginning and an end. Tomorrow night, four Gym Cats will make their final regular-season appearances in Memorial Coliseum against No. 8 LSU.

Seniors Robin Ewing, Theresa Shaw, Kristy Toups and Colleen Sheehy have each turned in nearly four years of service for the program and Saturday night's meet provides some of them a last chance to dazzle the Lexington crowd.

Ewing has carried a heavy load of expectations all year. She earned an All-American selection after her junior season and was expected to make big contributions this season.

"This is the time for her to be kicking it in," UK head coach Leah Little said.

"This was her season. I hope that, for her, that she'll be able to go to Nationals."



LOOKING ahead

The No. 22 UK Gym Cats take on No. 8 LSU tomorrow. The 7:30 p.m. meet marks their final regular-season home meet of the season.

But a trip to the NCAA Championships next month hinges on Ewing's ability to complete a solid floor exercise.

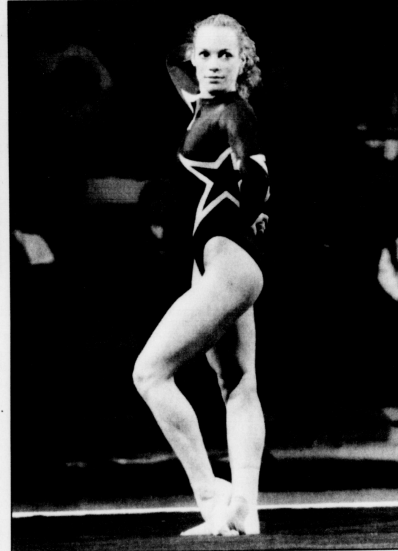
Ankle problems have forced the All-American out of the event, and with it, possibly her chances to earn a spot at the NCAA all-around competition.

Each all-around competitor must post scores in all four apparatus during the season.

"I had a good summer, and it was supposed to be my best year," Ewing said.

"I've been pretty disappointed that I've had all these injuries. But it's not over yet."

Though it's not over, Ewing will likely wait until next month's NCAA Regionals in Lexington to attempt the elusive floor exercise.



WE ARE FAMILY Above, the UK Gym Kat seniors will make their final regular-season appearance in Memorial Coliseum tomorrow night. They are: (clockwise from bottom left) Kristy Toups, Theresa Shaw, Robin Ewing and Colleen Sheehy. Top left, Robin Ewing brings down and concentrates before a bar routine. Bottom, Theresa Shaw gets funky on the floor exercise.

From walk-on to run

Theresa Shaw knows a little something about perseverance. Shaw came to UK as a walk-on, willing to work for only one thing in return.

A chance to compete.

"When she came in as a freshman I (didn't) really see her helping us any place," Little said. "But she's having a great year. She's been able to crack the lineup and not just be in there, but make a significant contribution."

Indeed, Shaw has certainly stepped it up for her final campaign. Her scores on floor have been among UK's best this season — earning her the team's second-highest average with a 9.604.

"I've been a lot more focused this year," Shaw said. "I really want to finish my time here at the top of my game."

Third time a charm?

If you asked Colleen Sheehy if she was frustrated with her knees, the response would be automatic.

"That's a major understatement."

The senior from Detroit competed for the Gym Kats until devastating knee injuries forced her to the sidelines.

Since then, Sheehy has remained with the team as a student assistant coach. Though she's no longer putting up scores for the Kats, she knows this is the last time to contribute to UK gymnastics.

"My career has come to an end about three different times, because I've injured my knee two times," Sheehy said. "But this is it — this is for real. I think it's healthy for me to be done with it."

and start something new, like my career."

Still on Toups

Every team, especially ones with a strong underclass base, depends on leadership from the veterans.

For UK, a portion of that leadership has come from Toups, who came to UK from Baton Rouge, La. This season, Toups' biggest contributions have been on the vault, where she averages a 9.636.

But for Little, it's her habit that she hopes the younger gymnasts learn from Toups.

"Kristy just has an awesome work ethic," Little said. "She has been hampered somewhat by injuries, but she's really worked hard."

When Toups first came to UK, she was unsure how she would fit in. College gymnastics differs greatly from the club teams UK's gymnasts work with before college and Toups was wary of the transition.

"I didn't know what to expect," Toups said. "I had come from club gymnastics where it was all for your own — everybody was out for themselves. But here, it's like a family."

However, Toups' experience won't help the Gym Kats on the floor tomorrow night. She has reinjured an ankle and will likely not be able to compete against the team from her hometown.

"There's definitely a rivalry with LSU," Toups said.

"They do little extra things to get under your skin and break your concentration. But it won't affect us, we're used to it."

Fans

Long trip worth it to Big Blue faithful

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sort of "Blue Mist." Robert Bartlett of Hazard was one of several Big Blue backers who rose early yesterday to catch a 6 a.m. flight out of Lexington in order to be in Utah in time for the game.

Bartlett said he arranged his flight and tickets through Commonwealth Travel in Lexington. Commonwealth Travel, like several other travel agencies in the Bluegrass, arranges groups to travel to various UK road basketball and football games.

"It was kind of an off-shoot of Commonwealth Travel," Bartlett said. "We started to arrange the trip on Monday."

Most of the tickets UK fans had received through the travel agency were located in the lower arena, to the left of the basket. Bartlett said his tickets were located on the sideline, in the middle of the lower level. Other fans got their tickets through UK's Blue-White Team, which boosters donate money to, and some of the higher donors are rewarded with tickets to UK games.

Custer and Caroline Blair from Carlisle were among this group of fans. Custer even has a special gift that his daughter Beth Mercer made for him to commemorate the year. It is a belt that has the sites along UK's road to the national title woven into it. The national title went into it. The Cats were sent packing, it didn't take UK fans long to find the madness in Utah's mountain region.

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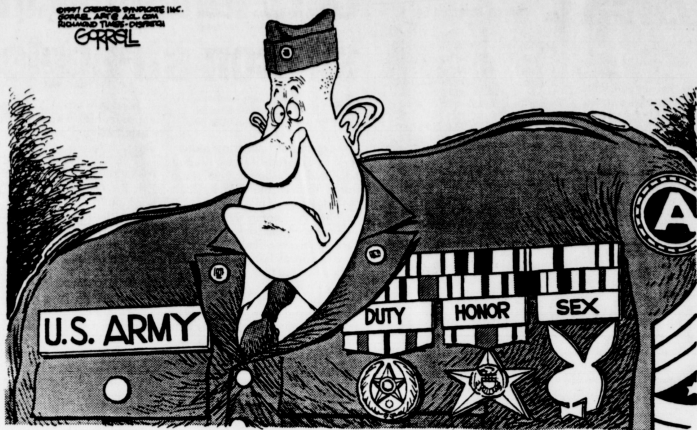
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Webster's defines leadership as "the capacity to lead."
 President Charles Wethington needs to work on his vernacular.
 More than 50 concerned students turned out yesterday to listen to Chancellor Elisabeth Zinser explain the budget fiasco that has recently rocked this campus.
 One man noticeably absent from the proceedings was Wethington. As we understand it, Wethington's "schedule would not permit him to attend," said his assistant Peggy Way. No attempts to reschedule a meeting to show some form of leadership.
 Instead this is typical Wethington leadership. Just like last spring's refusal to acknowledge the racial attacks on campus, Wethington tries to avoid leadership by staying quiet. Is that his job as leader of the campus?
 He offered one student an opportunity to meet with him personally, but that misses the point. Great. One student can have lunch with him. Where does that leave the rest of us?
 If we have learned anything about this situation it is not about only one student; we are all

affected by budget cutbacks like it or not.
 Instead, he's going to pan it off on Zinser's shoulders. Yes, she is the chief academic administrator, but leadership starts at the top. When something goes wrong here at the Kernel, people want to talk to the editor in chief. Even if the editor in chief had no input on the story, people feel comforted by the presence of the person in charge.
 What angers us even more is Zinser found a way to pencil in an hour to address concerned graduate students.
 We can only speculate that if Zinser was called to a meeting with a group of concerned basketball donors and Wethington was invited, would he bend over backwards to make it to Centre Theater?
 We guess the academic reputation of our University is not as important as its athletic reputation.
 Regardless of whether or not Wethington has any input on the budget, it reflects badly on the entire administration when the man in charge refuses to listen to his constituents.
 Unless we've got cash in hand, he's deaf to our pleas.

IN OUR OPINION

READERS' forum

Hydrant article not harsh enough on UK

To the editor:

Wednesday's article, "Construction Blocks Access to Hydrant," should have been titled "University Neglects Courtesy and Safety of Students."
 After all, this is the central idea behind both the article and the actions made by the University during the construction of the new library and the destruction of Clifton Avenue. This may seem like a silly thing to write a front page article about to some students, but not to myself and the other 29 guys who live in the Sig Ep house.
 Clifton Avenue is our home. It started last semester when I was walking back from class and greeted at the end of Clifton

Avenue by an annoying sign that read "E Lot," accompanied by a notice on my windshield stating this street was no longer for public parking.
 The most recent surprise occurred Monday morning when I walked out the front door to go to class and discovered that a giant fence now totally blocked access to the street on which I live. Is there not a distinct pattern developing here? Is it too much to ask for a little advance notice that I can no longer park in front of my house or that the street I live on no longer exists?
 Courtesy is not the only thing being cast aside. Our safety was also put at risk this past weekend. This time the fire department received the same surprise we have been getting when they showed up to answer a call at our house only to discover that the fire hydrant was blocked. Sure

there is another one by K-Lair and all they had to do was drive around to the other side of the house. What if there had been an actual fire, though?
 In situations like that, seconds matter. That sort of ignorance and lack of common courtesy could have resulted in something much worse. Fortunately there was no fire, but that does not negate the fact that the University and the construction company acted irresponsibly when they decided to block off a street without telling the residents or the fire department.
 It is bad enough that the University is tearing down our house and several others because it does not want fraternities surrounding its precious library, but now they neglect our safety and take away the street we live on with absolutely no notice. Even children can show respect. Why can't the University?
 Steve Ullum
 business sophomore
 Sigma Phi Epsilon

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There's nothing wrong with a good occasional stalking

This has been an interesting week, to say the least.
 I learned that I have a fan.
 Yes. Me.
 Not a device to create a breeze in a room. Someone who likes my work.
 I can't believe it, even to this day.
 I was walking in Commons Complex when I saw one of my friends from the dorm. He was talking to these three young ladies who he met at some party.
 When I walked up to the table, one of the ladies let out a big gasp.
 Oh God, I thought. What have I done now.
 She blurted out, "You're Chris Emmick, aren't you."
 Now there were several things running through my mind. The first thing was that I had written something that pissed her off, and now I was going to get it. But she had this real big grin on her face, so I figured that wasn't right.
 Next I'm thinking that she knows one of my friends, and that particular friend could of revealed one of my embarrassing moments (which is every moment I'm alive).
 Choking back the fear, I respond, "Yeah..."
 "I'll never forget what she said: 'Wow! I just love your columns. In fact, your columns are the only thing I read in the Kernel.'"
 Wow. I have a true life fan.
 I got real excited. Think about it: most of you, the wonderful

Needless to say, I was extremely surprised when I saw Gwen later that night in my dorm. She came up to my room and asked me if she could do my laundry. She wanted to repay me for the humor I put into her life. What can you say to an offer like that?
 Of course I let her do my laundry. I had no clean underwear left and a paper due the next day.
 I thought that was really nice of her, being considerate to me after only meeting me a couple of hours before. But there was this certain twinkle in her eye that scared me.
 The next day I was greeted with breakfast in bed by Gwen. I still don't know how she got into my room, because I remember locking the door that night. She made hash browns and toast with jam and big bowl of Cap 'N Crunch. Oh, heaven, it must be heaven.
 But unlike the milk commercial, there was more than milk missing: my shoulders and legs were strapped down tightly to the bed with duct tape. I look over at my roommate, and he's not in his bed, he's above it. He's strapped to the ceiling with duct tape like a burglar in a cocoon. His eyes are all glossy, and a hypodermic needle is jammed into his shoulder.
 Gwen grinned at me with that beautiful twinkle of evil in her eyes. "Chris, honey," she starts, "you know that I just love your article. Now, write about me. I'm funny. TRUST ME."
 "Gwen, my dear, you can't just make me write about you. I already have a subject. I am going to write about how nobody is going to be here Friday and that making the profs and TAs stay for unproductive classes is wrong," I said.
 After she pulled out three of my fingernails, I decided to change the subject.



Christopher Emmick
Kernel Columnist

My self esteem gets really low when strangers call me stupid. And you don't want to see me when my self esteem gets low. I go through cupcakes like there's no tomorrow.

So here it is, Gwen, the column about how we met. It's funny and shows you in a good light. Just like I promised.
 Can I have my Legos back now?
 I would just like to say to the fellow readers of this paper that this whole stalking thing never really happened. But I do have a fan named Gwen. Now it doesn't matter what anybody says to bash my columns.
 I have a fan, and that has made all the difference.
 Kernel Columnist Christopher Emmick is a computer science sophomore; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel or the people they stalk.

INFORMED SOURCES

"THERE ARE a number of these late Apocryphal gospels, and some of them do come from Egypt, so it wouldn't be shocking to learn of the discovery of another one."
 Hershel Shanks, editor of Biblical Archaeology Review, on the claim that a lost gospel was discovered with possible statements from Jesus.

Robbery reactions display degrees of senselessness

latlands and endless boulevards lined with dingy storefronts and used car lots. There is the occasional strip bar. The morning is unusually hot for March. It feels like the middle of summer inside the king cab of my friend's truck.
 Three blocks away from his house we begin to see the throngs of people, a mixed group of all ethnicities and ages and police patrols. The curious have come — young couples hand in hand, parents and their children — to inspect the houses, lawns, cars and sidewalks of this neighborhood. Scenes from just another family outing on a clear Saturday morning.
 As the crowd thins in front of us, we see what we had expected to see. A parked car riddled with bullet holes and another just a few yards down from it. We pass by quietly, unnerved by the scene before us. The children, intent on their exploration, are actually

looking for spent shells.
 We reach the intersection, and, as I look around, I see more of the aftermath. Bank of America's parking lot is brimming with a motley of fascinated onlookers, reporters, officers, police cars and news vans. I can't imagine that less than 24 hours ago, this was close to a war zone.
 The closest drugstore is right across the street from the bank. I couldn't help but notice the multiple bullet holes pitting the concrete facade of the store. A barely visible hand-written flyer near the automatic door tells you who to notify if your car was hit by gunfire. It seems strangely out of place posted at the entrance of a neighbor-

hood drugstore.
 In a blocked-off area of the bank's parking lot, someone important is giving a press conference.
 Here I am, at ground zero. I notice my awkwardness around this busy, carnival atmosphere.
 For the next couple of days, like most people in L.A., I cannot escape the barrage of disturbing footage about the "Shootout in the Valley" on the news: the gunman armed with high power weapons shooting like robots, indiscriminately at innocent bystanders, police, news reporters and even helicopters. The cries and images of the bleeding victims are replayed.
 Then, the most shocking image

of all. One of the gunmen collapses from being shot right there on the grassy sidewalk.
 This video segment is recorded from a helicopter and ends with the soundless image of his heavy body slumping down on its side, his head bobbing slightly.
 Some reports say he turned his gun on himself and took his own life.
 News footage shows the second suspect clearly alive when he is apprehended.
 Later, it is reported that he bled to death while lying on the pavement.
 No paramedics came to help him.
 When questioned by reporters, the mother of the second gunman reveals that her son has been extremely depressed and suicidal.

Many distraught citizens who are interviewed after the shootout express their unwavering belief that the suspects deserved to die.
 For days now, I've been watching, and wondering, I think about the inevitability that we are all becoming desensitized to violence. In the end, the aftermath of violence becomes just another sideshow. Comparisons are being made between this shootout and scenes people have seen in the movies.
 With so much sanitized violence being portrayed in film and television today, it's no surprise that we ultimately perceive acts of violence as a form of entertainment.

They deserved to be punished. No one, no matter how horrific the deed, deserves to die. Human life shouldn't be cheapened.



Guest Columnist
Ann Yu Lung

I have heard the Los Angeles Police Department's numerous explanations of why the second suspect was not treated by the paramedics.
 I am bothered by the fact that the authorities made minimal efforts to save him, as though his life didn't matter.
 Like most people, I believe all criminals should be punished and rightfully punished, but I find myself unwilling to echo the belief that the two gunmen "deserved to die."
 They deserved to be punished. No one, no matter how horrific the deed, deserves to die. Human life shouldn't be cheapened.
 Each life has value, despite the capability of causing destruction. If we teach our children this lesson, to impress upon them the value of their lives and that of their neighbors, then hopefully they will never be faced with a day like this one.
 Ann Yu Lung is a columnist for The Daily Bruin (UC-Los Angeles); her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

CAMPUS

Students head south for break

By Jennifer Smith
Staff Writer

Sun, sand and dreams of ocean waves invade the minds of most students in anticipation of Spring Break.

After weeks of waiting patiently and preparing for rest and relaxation Spring Break has finally arrived.

Several students heading to the beach or other sunny venues have been working on their tans, said Bill Torsell, owner and manager of Endless Summer tanning salon.

Torsell said his tanning beds are busiest from February until June.

"People are tired of being cooped up all winter and want to get a good base tan before they hit the tropical sun," Torsell said.

"We had a lot of college students come in this year," said Ramona Scherer, a supervisor of the American Automobile Associ-

ation travel agency. Scherer said the most popular Spring Break locations are Can-

the Bahamas, cruises and of course, Florida.

Students traveling to Panama City, Fla., could party with MTV.

"I am excited," said Elizabeth Barnett, an English education freshman.

"I've been ready to go to Panama for over a week."

Dara Jurich, a volunteer for Peer Health Advocates for Sex Education (PHASE), urged students to be careful during the

break, especially, those who go to one of the Spring Break hot spots, such as Daytona, Fla., or Panama City.

"I have been to Daytona, and I know how insane it can get," Jurich said.

Jurich devised a top 10 list that advises students how to make the most of Spring Break.

"I wanted to do something to remind people before they get there, so they don't go away and do something they regret," Jurich said.

One of the best defenses against doing something you'll regret later is to use the buddy system, Jurich said, especially for women. She said the buddy system has worked for her in the past.

PHASE Advice

▼Bring home a souvenir instead of an STD.

▼Abstinence is the safest way to go.

▼Don't leave your drink unattended; anyone can slip something into it.

▼Never mix sex and alcohol.

Spring phenomenon hits University students

"... We got the wheels and petrol is cheap
Only went there for a week
Got the sun got the sand
Got the batteries in the handycam ...
Miami my mammy ...
02, "Miami"

The calendar says it's March and that means college students situated anywhere north of sunshine start searching for their road maps. There, south of everywhere, lies an odd-shaped slice of America called Florida.

More appropriately, it is now the area formerly known as Florida. It is March, you see, and this area has briefly lost its status of statehood and become something that resembles a shrine.

Panama City. Daytona. Fort Lauderdale.

Spring break beckons and these are some of the holy cities — full of sunshine, shoreline and the world's largest concentration of artificially-sunged skin.

We are pilgrims, and we invite all others to party with us or pray — fervently — for us. For this is our ... er, holy week.

Pilgrims are we even though we aren't exactly fleeing religious persecution — merely America's academic penal code (graduate or

poverty rate) for one sunny week.

Nor, I presume, are we expecting an authentic, non-chemically induced, mystical experience ... especially in my case, as I am a non-drinker, non-smoker, non-toker, etc.

Personally, my Kentucky-based pilgrimage simply seeks the sun.



Stephen Trimbale
Kernel Columnist

After all, my neighborhood lies in the midst of the Midwest, which, by the way, is wet. Somebody needs to roll up this soggy region like a washcloth, wring it and squeeze it dry. Then I flip to The Weather Channel and (trumpets, please) there it is — the sun — smiling over Florida.

A civilization needs a wandering, pilgrim class as much as it needs a shrine to draw them. The Middle East has the splendor of Mecca and the devotion of Muslims. Most of the West has the richness of Rome and the ... er ... well, awe of art critics. America, in all of its grandeur, is a weird civilization. College students are the wanderers and pilgrims.

We count our pennies and call a travel agency. We count our pennies again, frown, and call our parents. Then, with a minor loan and a rented car, we set out.

Expect my roommates and I to arrive in Fort Myers Monday. We'll check in to our

over-priced, over-rated motel, and then sleep off the kinks of an (estimated) 15-hour journey.

Then, like pilgrims entering a cathedral we'll drive to the beach, kneel and kiss the sand, frolic in the water and — hopefully — gaze at the sun across a cloudless, horizon.

After that we'll make our offering. Pilgrims and profiteers always seem to find themselves near each other. They — the money changers — realize we are a polite, restless crowd who are often willing to tithing dutifully. So we waste our resources on marked-up, low-quality T-shirts plastered with images of beaches, skimpy-suited women (or, depending on your tastes, men) and marked with exotic names like Panama Jack's, South Padre Island or Cancun.

Or we — and our falsely bronzed hides — strut about the beach, aspiring to attract attention (or, in my case, frightening the misfortunate few who momentarily glance in my direction without sunglasses).

But mostly we'll just take in the sun, being baked to a biscuit's golden gleam so we can show our friends back home, whose own pigment is starting to reveal a greenish hue, that the sun does shine somewhere.

And it is smiling, even now, over Florida.

Kernel Columnist Stephen Trimbale is a journalism and philosophy junior; his views necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

Campaign hits dorms

By Brian Dunn
Staff Writer

Student Government Association presidential candidate Kyle Thompson passed out his number last night to a small group in the top floor of Kirwan Tower.

"Call us and talk to us," he said. "We want people like you. What do you think about the things we've talked about tonight? Do you think we're full of crap?"

Thompson's running mate, Kristin Triplett, said, "We think we're a fresh outlook, an unquenchable fire of energy."

The lack of SGA accountability has driven Thompson and Triplett's platform.

"We want to bring back the power of the student government," Thompson said.

"To give back to the people it actually represents, the students."

"Student government does a good job of alienating itself from the student body," he said.

Thompson listed several changes to bring to SGA to promote campus involvement and interaction.

One suggestion was to have an open forum or town hall meeting each Thursday where Thompson and Triplett would visit a different dorm each week.

Also, they propose at-large college senators do the same at least once a semester.

"Our platform calls to promote student services to increase the students' ability to use them," Triplett said, "and to increase the accountability of the SGA so that the students know who is representing them and what they're doing."

Triplett said many services such as the campus escort service need to be promoted to the students.

She remembered one instance last semester when she needed to be escorted at night.

She called the SGA office, but nobody in the office knew what number to call.

Because \$12,000 is spent on the escort service, Triplett said it needed better publicity.

Thompson also called for better promotion of the tutoring, tax and legal services, the last two requiring \$20,000 a year to run. Less than one percent of students use these services, he said.

"There is nothing that says 'this is how your money is spent' for students," he said.

An example Thompson used was the UK Athletics department and its recent decision to give 1,700 student tickets to faculty, staff and public.

He said the athletics department brings in \$5 million in promotion and gets \$260,000 from students each semester. Thompson said the athletics department attitude was "This is the way it is and this is the way it is going to be."

"Nobody asks the right questions," he said.

"Somebody needs to step in and ask, 'Where'd the money go?' Everything on this campus is about money."

Triplett also suggested SGA head up a campuswide music festival like one held at the University of South Carolina.

The festival would be open to all students.



Former president may run for seat

By Stephen Trimbale
Senior Staff Writer

Sen. Wendell Ford's announcement last week that he won't seek reelection might spark a former UK Student Government Association president to campaign for U.S. Congress.

Jim Newberry, a Lexington attorney and the state's former Secretary of the Cabinet for Natural Resources under former Gov. Brereton Jones, indicated yesterday he is "very seriously" interested in campaigning next year as a Democrat for Kentucky's 6th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

That's assuming U.S. Rep. Scotty Baesler, D-Lexington, seeks Ford's spot in the Senate.

The filing deadline isn't until January, and primary elections are in May, 1998.

Newberry, student body president in 1977-78, emphasized he had not made his decision yet.

But, he said, an announcement could come before May.

"That's really all I am willing to say about that," Newberry said.

Newberry said he'd never considered a political campaign before, but wouldn't discuss which reasons led to his interest this year.

Newberry has worked for several Democratic governors and their election campaigns since at least 1987.

There's still a "myriad of considerations" to sort out before Newberry makes an announcement — either way, he said.

If Newberry chooses to seek his party's nomination, he would be the latest of a string of former UK SGA presidents who have become politically active.

Steve Bright (1970-71) is a nationally known expert attorney on death row defense cases.

Steve Beshar (1964-65) campaigned and lost a bid for Kentucky governor in 1987.

Mark Metcalf (1979-80) failed to win the Republican nomination for Baesler's congressional seat last year.

Sean Lohman (1991-92) lost a local political race in Louisville last year.

Most recently, Scott Crosbie (1992-93), now a Lexington attorney, in January formed a public advocacy group called Front & Center for progressive Democrats.

It is expected that Metcalf would consider running for the Republican nomination for Baesler's seat — the same nomination he lost last year in a disputed primary election to Ernest Fletcher.

If so, that could set the stage for a general election between two former SGA presidents — Metcalf and Newberry.

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