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Patton: If no changes now, when?

U. Senate members voice their opinions

By James Ritchie
Senior Staff Writer

If Kentucky doesn't commit to improving higher education now, it never will, Gov. Paul Patton said at yesterday's University Senate meeting.

"Let me assure you that if this debate is unsuccessful, it will not again be engaged in during your lifetime," he told the audience of 350, which spilled into the aisles and out the door of the 300-seat Nursing Building auditorium.

Patton said he realizes that his efforts to separate the state's community colleges from UK could have political costs. But, he said, he would rather be remembered as a governor who served four years and made a difference than one who served eight and did nothing.

"With the exception of \$30 million for juvenile justice, it is my intention to devote all of the new resources that are going to be available during my tenure to higher education," Patton said.

The governor offered a rebuttal for detractors who believe his plan for higher education is designed to increase his political

power. Under his bill, authority over the 2,000 employees of Kentucky Tech would be transferred from the governor to a new board, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, he said. KCTCS would be "as autonomous as the University of Kentucky."

After Patton left and the crowd cleared, the Senate passed a resolution supporting the governor's desire to elevate UK's research ranking.

But it passed another resolution, which will be sent to the state legislature, urging that faculty, staff and student representatives be included in the proposed Council on Postsecondary Education and Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education.

The governor wants to exclude members of the academic community in order to avoid special interests.

Mark Ison, Student Government Association's College of Fine Arts senator, doesn't appreciate being regarded as a special interest.

"Why are students a special interest when it comes to education?"



FOUR MORE YEARS? Gov. Paul Patton addresses members of the University Senate yesterday afternoon discussing his proposals for higher education. He said he would rather make a difference in four years and be booted out of office than serve eight and do nothing.

Education equality

Kentucky vs. the nation

The following is the estimated degree production required for Kentucky to reach national averages. The estimates contained in this table were derived using both the number of young adults (17-29-years-old) in the population

Type of degree	Derived national level	Current Kentucky level	Difference	Necessary increase
Certificates	9,331	5,881	3,650	64 percent
Associate's	8,456	6,431	2,025	31 percent
Bachelor's	17,554	14,584	2,970	20 percent
Master's	5,972	4,222	1,750	41 percent
Doctoral	672	397	275	69 percent

Source: NCHEMS, Nov. 4, 1996

Higher education reform not visible, but structural

Editor's Note: The following is the first in a four-part series that takes a closer look at the postsecondary education changes Gov. Paul Patton has submitted to the Kentucky General Assembly for the May 12 special legislative session.

By Kathy Reding
News Editor

"They've been out on their own for too long, and he's ready to reign them into a new structure. Once the structure is in place, it will have the authority and means to set their agendas for the future."

"They" are the state's public colleges and universities, and "he" is Gov. Paul Patton.

"The desire is to get all of our institutions to understand that they are state institutions," Patton said. "They are here to serve the people. They are not here to serve themselves, free to pursue their own agenda."

As the governor travels the state explaining the principles of the postsecondary education reform bill set to come before a May 12 special session of the General Assembly, he said he's been confronted by questions, comments and misinformation.

Patton is pushing the changes not as visible alterations, but as structural differences that will enable the state's schools to better offerings, governance, workforce preparedness and education to the state.

He said a change in the system will add more degrees earned in the state, aiding economic development and raising incomes.

University of Kentucky and its administration fighting to maintain its political power," Patton said. "Ask them why they're fighting to maintain political power. Now they're accusing me of trying to expand my political power."

Patton said he refuses to just give "blank checks" to a system that isn't producing results for the taxpayers and is preventing the state from exercising its leadership.

"It's not just the University of Kentucky, its just the biggest," Patton said. "It wants its way, it gets its way. In the past its always gotten its way."

He said past studies have advocated the separation, and education change cannot happen without structural change.

Patton said in the eight years before he was governor, funding to community colleges was 75 percent of their benchmarks. Now it is up to 83 percent and will come to 95 percent with the new plan.

He said even though the legislature could have appropriated more money for them, UK was not effective in asking for it.

"The University is an advocate for the community colleges. They weren't an effective advocate ... I have been," Patton said of his request for their additional money.

Patton said the change adds more government, but at the same time takes it away.

"There is a huge bureaucracy here in state government running KY Tech; there is a huge bureaucracy at UK running the Community College System," Patton said. "All we're taking is those two bureaucracies and putting them together ... making a much smaller bureaucracy."

Gary Cox, Council on Higher Education executive director, said the separation "clears the deck" for UK to become a top 20 institution.

"Community college and Technical schools have been too often second-class citizens," Cox said. "We're weak in workforce development."

Patton said the KCTCS will be run similar to one of the regional universities, costing less and not



Point of contention

To cut down regional interests and improve community-based postsecondary education, Patton continues to advocate separation of the community colleges from UK and creation of the Kentucky Community and Technical College system to oversee them and the Kentucky Tech schools.

"The fact of the matter is there is nobody that wants to maintain the existing system except the

Theater students plan letter-writing protest

Denial of professor's tenure request sparks students' anger

By Brian Dunn
Staff Writer

Theater students are raving because one of their favorite teachers did not receive tenure.

UK said no last week to theater professor Michael Friedman's request for tenure.

According to the tenure process policy, Friedman will return next year for his last year at UK, his "terminal year."

Russ Jones, chair of the theater department, described Friedman as a "very popular professor" with his students and said he was disappointed about the tenure denial.

Four fine arts students, Michah Logsdon, Mollie Alexander, Mike Peters and Sam Mannino, asked to meet with Jones to see what they could do to help keep Friedman at UK.

They also wanted to better understand the tenure process.

Peters, a theater freshman, said the news "really hurt people emotionally."

People really have deep feelings for him as a friend," he said. "The college doesn't have many teachers like that."

The four students decided to

head a letter-writing campaign to Lexington Campus Chancellor Elizabeth Zinser and to the Kentucky Kernel's Readers' Forum asking UK to rethink its decision.

Nearly all theater students and some outside the department are contributing to the effort, Peters said.

Along with his teaching duties, Friedman acts as director for UK Theater.

In February, he directed "Kiss Me Kate."

Friedman's wife, Margo Buchanan, instructs part time at UK and is heavily involved with UK Theater. She directed "The Diver's" last spring.

"He has a lot of experience in the theater field," Peters said. "He's a very good teacher."

"He works almost like a friend, but he keeps a professional level," he said.

Jones defined tenure as a guarantee of a job. If tenure is denied, then professors have

another year at UK, known as the "terminal year," during which they can look for another job or appeal the denial.

Usually, professors must apply for tenure in their sixth year at UK.

If tenure is granted, they continue to teach at UK.

If tenure is denied, then they stay at UK for their "terminal year."

Friedman brought some teaching experience with him from other schools, which allowed him to apply for tenure in his third year.

Jones said Friedman could appeal the tenure denial.

One of Friedman's students, Candy Wills, a theater junior, said she loved as a professor Friedman because he was supporting and motivating.

"He wants you to learn it," she said. "He wants you to understand it."

"We need him to stay," she said. "He is one of the best teachers we have. If we lose him, we lose an experienced and knowledgeable teacher."

"The department is losing so much," she said.

Keeneland fire started by arsonist

Staff report

UK police and Lexington arson investigators are continuing their investigation of a Saturday night fire in Keeneland Hall.

Ralph Derickson, UK spokesman, said because arson investigators are looking into the fire that burned a door, ceiling tiles and hall carpet, the fire was deliberately set.

He said no suspects have been named nor has a motive been identified.

James Wims, director of residence life, said security has been stepped up in the residence hall following the incident.

"We've added security in the building starting this evening for the rest of the semester," Wims said.

He said a security guard will patrol the halls.

Wims said the residents of the room that had the door burned "have relocated for the rest of the semester."

He said the office does not know whether the act was just a prank or if someone had a malicious intent. Wims said he has talked to several parents to try to ease their fears.

A container with gasoline was found in a Keeneland closet on Saturday also.

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Focus for Mumme turns to August

By Chris Easterling
 Sports Editor

With spring practice coming to a conclusion, the focus of the UK football team now shifts to preparing for the Aug. 30 opener against Louisville.

Following the Blue-White game last Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium, new head coach Hal Mumme assessed what the Wildcats need to do during the offseason in preparation for the 1997 season.

"We'd like to see them take the month of May off... to get finished with their exams," he said. "We have a number of them coming back for the eight-week summer school; they'll have all the facilities available for them to work out on a volunteer basis. We'd like for them to do that."

Having gone through a spring practice under Mumme should help the players out once two-a-days begin in August, the coach said.

"They have a pretty good understanding now of what it's like to play on the offensive side or defensive side," Mumme said. "They have a pretty good idea of what kind of conditioning they have to be in to play a whole game because they've done that. Hopefully we can convince them to come back in real good shape."

The Cats seemed to pick up the

new wide-open offensive style relatively quickly during the spring. But Mumme said he realizes the competition the first-stringers were going against during the spring may not match the competition UK will face in the fall.

"I realize we're going against our seconds out there," he said. "It's kind of dress rehearsal time. I'm sure the next time we go against someone out there they're going to be the best that (Louisville) has to offer and on to Florida and anyone else who shows up at Commonwealth (Stadium) to play us."

Wide receiver Kio Sanford said the Wildcats just need to maintain the status quo and they should be fine.

"We need to continue to do the things that we have been doing," Sanford said. "Concentrating, having fun, throwing the ball. Defense just needs to keep on getting after it."

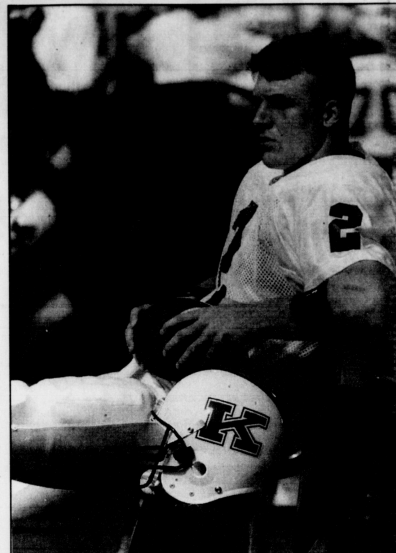
Quarterback Tim Couch said he has to keep up his training program to be successful this fall.

"I just need to throw a lot," the sophomore said. "Keep lifting weights, workout and stay in shape. Pretty much the same stuff I have been doing."

Defensively, Mumme said, the team has come a long way in picking up the system, but also understands that it still needs to pick up some speed to be the best it can be.

Spring safety

Other than defensive end Lam-



SIT AND WAIT With spring practice concluded, Tim Couch and the Wildcats have four months until the season kicks off against Louisville on Aug. 30.

ont Smith's broken fibula, which happened in the first scrimmage of the spring, the Wildcats escaped spring practice with very few injuries.

Running back Wendell Childs suffered a turf toe during Saturday's spring game, but both he and

Mumme said it shouldn't be a problem. Wide receiver Marvin Love, who had been hampered by an injury in the beginning of workouts, is fine now. He caught nine passes during the four scrimmages, including two last Saturday.

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Mouton delays choice

Staff report

Byron Mouton, a 6-foot-5 swingman from Rayne, La., has once again put off announcing where he will continue his basketball career.

Mouton had scheduled a 3 p.m. news conference at the Rayne City Hall yesterday to make his decision known, but he has now delayed that announcement for a little while longer. He is deciding among UK, North Carolina State, Louisiana State and Tulane.

UK head coach Rick Pitino made an in-home visit to Mouton last week, which many recruiting experts said sealed the deal for UK.

UK has already signed three players this year — Myron Anthony, Ryan Hogan and

Michael Bradley. Hogan and Anthony signed during the fall, while Bradley signed in the spring.

Two juniors have also committed to UK, but cannot sign until next fall.

The Cats were considered locks for two other highly touted high school players this year — Tracy McGrady and Lamar Odom. But both turned away from UK in the end: McGrady went pro, while Odom signed with Nevada-Las Vegas.

The Wildcats will lose four players off last season's 35-5 team, which fell in overtime to Arizona in the national championship game. Anthony Epps, Jared Prickett and Derek Anderson all graduate, while Ron Mercer has declared for the NBA draft.

First trip to Derby special to Catalano

By John Nelson
 Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Wayne Catalano doesn't mind if the Kentucky Derby field shrinks to 10. Nine is all he needs.

"We went to the Louisiana Derby and drew the No. 9 post position, and we won," said Catalano, who trains Arkansas Derby winner Crypto Star. "Then, we went to No. 9 again. And we won again. So now, I'm looking for the nine hole."

Crypto Star will be among the favorites in a field not expected to exceed 12 on Saturday, giving Catalano, a former jockey, his first trip to the Kentucky Derby.

"The closest he came to getting to the Derby as a jockey was on a horse named Batonner, sire of last year's Derby runner-up, Cavonnier. But Batonner wound up going to the Illinois Derby instead, and Catalano lost the ride on him, anyway."

Still, Churchill Downs holds a special place in his heart.

"I rode my first winner here, May 20, 1974, a horse named Hell Fire," said Catalano, a New Orleans native who does most of his training in Louisiana.

"I had a lot of races here, but I was never based here," Catalano said. "It's just where I started. Then I went to Michigan and

broke all the apprentice records there. I won 90 races, and the rest is history."

He still likes to ride, and takes out Crypto Star quite regularly. "The last Derby winner to get on his own horse was Johnny Longden," Catalano said.

That was in 1969, when Longden trained Majestic Prince to victory in the Derby.

Catalano said climbing aboard Crypto Star gives him an edge over the other trainers.

"I'll give you a little example," he said. "I'm at the fair grounds, galloping the colt, and we put out the call for a jockey and come up with Pat Day. Now, he's the best you can get, but he's never been on the colt."

"So, I told him, 'Pat, just stay tight on him. The colt is kind of laid back. He's no push-button horse.' That's something that I might not have known unless I rode him, and one less thing for Pat to find out himself."

Day took over on the colt for the Louisiana Derby and rode him to first place, a head in front of Stop Watch.

"So you have to get into him a little," Catalano said. "After that, he just had to ride him like Pat Day."

And as long as the field doesn't get too small, he has a chance to get his favorite No. 9 post position. The horse will do the rest.

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New lab may be constructed

By Mat Herron
Features Editor

Flooding woes may soon disappear for the Early Childhood Lab. A proposal submitted to President Charles Wethington targets the Terrell Building land for the new ECL, which now occupies the basement of Erikson Hall. "It's exciting," said Retia Walker, dean of the College of Human and Environmental Sciences. "We will certainly have to raise some private dollars, but parents and alumni have been pleased." The chancellor has included the building on the consideration list of capital projects for the Lexington campus for 1998-2002, said Jaesook Lee, the lab's director.

If state legislators approve the \$4.3 million renovation, Walker said the building will house the new ECL on the first floor, a family center and five education clinics run by the College of Education on the second floor, and offices on the third, according to the office of vice chancellor for administration. A 3,000 sq. ft. outdoor playground and "sufficient parking" have also been included. Both colleges, Walker said, will shoulder 25 percent of the cost. Project design will constitute the largest expense at \$3,014,000, with \$461,000 allotted for "contingency expenses." The design date has been proposed for November 2000, the construction for November 2001 and completion for June 2002.

according to the proposal. Even if the project goes through, its place on the list of priorities at UK is uncertain. Walker said the proposal covers a six-year period, so the colleges may not see the facility for some time. Walker also said the mechanical engineering students and professors, who are the current tenants in the Terrell Building, are scheduled for a new facility "for the next budget year" but their new location has not been determined yet. Should the proposal pass the Council on Higher Education, it will then go to the state budget office and the governor next fall, and then on to the regular session in Frankfort in January 1998, said Jack Blanton, vice chancellor for

the Lexington Campus. "Getting through that labyrinth of bureaucracy is a climb," he said. "It's going to depend on the state's ability to sell bonds, but we've had projects funded out of revenues." Blanton said Walker and he met with UK architect Warren Denny about six weeks ago to discuss construction possibilities such as an overhang as a convenience during rainy weather for the children who get dropped off. Administrators in the College of Human and Environmental Sciences and ECL workers have considered relocating because of flooding problems that have damaged toys and teaching materials and forced professors to cancel classes numerous times over the last six years.

Higher

Patton: more degrees mean better jobs

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changing services to students. He said people with strong ties to the system such as companies, economic development boards and chambers of commerce support the change. "With this whole list of people, you have a very strong linkage with this subject for two reasons: they pay for it and they use the products of it," Patton said. "They know what a good postsecondary education system is and know they're not getting it."

Agent for change

The principle agent in this transformation is a new Council on Postsecondary Education to replace the current Council on Higher Education. "(CHE) already has that authority, but the thing is they're not doing it because the universities keep going around them," Patton said. "It's not to give the

council more power or authority but give it the ability to exercise the authority it already has." The CPE's composition will be without special interests; no more than two of the legislature-approved members can have degrees from the same baccalaureate institution. Patton said students, faculty and staff do not have seats on CPE because they represent interests. Instead these groups will form advisory committees, acting as juries to bring recommendations to the CPE. He does not expect the strategic agenda for the public institutions to come from the CPE to legislators and the governor until February 1999. It will not be possible to enact it until the 2000 legislative session.

Scoping out an agenda

To ensure "dialog" between the CPE and elected leaders, Patton wants a Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education. "The intent is to get the elected leadership intimately involved in understanding what we have instructed this council to do," Patton said. "The president and this council will set down with the

governor and the legislature and say 'We've established these goals ... Here is the agenda that will lead us to this point. Here is what you have to do in 20 years; here is what you have to do in two years.'" We (SCOPE) will react and say we are will to or not willing to do so. Then they will react. We (SCOPE) is not writing the strategic agenda. We've asked them (CPE) to write it and come back and discuss it with us." Cox agrees with Patton's conclusions about the state's structural problems. "We have a long history of promoting regional interests," Cox said. "We have a political culture in higher education that emphasized getting things done for hometown university." Cox said the structural change will enable the political culture to change and improve on CHE because the new statute "leaves no doubt" as to its exact role and authority. "(CPE) will only work if they are owned by the people of Kentucky and that we have the right to assign them specific duties and expect them to pursue what we assign them rather than deciding by themselves what they ought to be," Patton said.

Patton

Students thinks plan ignores them

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tion? I've always been under the impression that they were the interest of education," he said. "And it seems that the governor is forgetting that." Son said he understands the governor's desire to create boards free of factions, but that students are the most often under-represented. "After all, we're paying the tuition dollars and it's our education," he said.

By focusing on research rankings, Patton's plan ignores the concerns of the student, 'son said. Because the faculty is heavily divided on the matter, the Senate Council deemed it inappropriate for the Senate to take up the community college issue, Senate Chairwoman Jan Schach said. Schach said Patton's comments probably did not change many faculty members' opinions on changing higher education. "I think his interest in meeting up front, face-to-face with the faculty is a definite gain for him," she said. "But I don't know how much he's convinced faculty to change their point of view."

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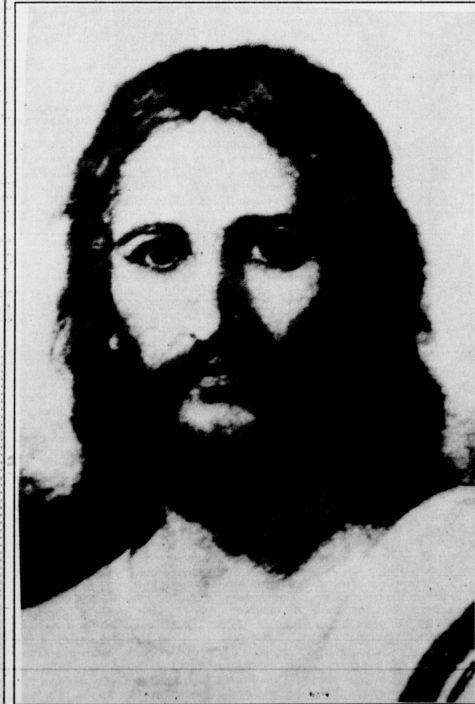
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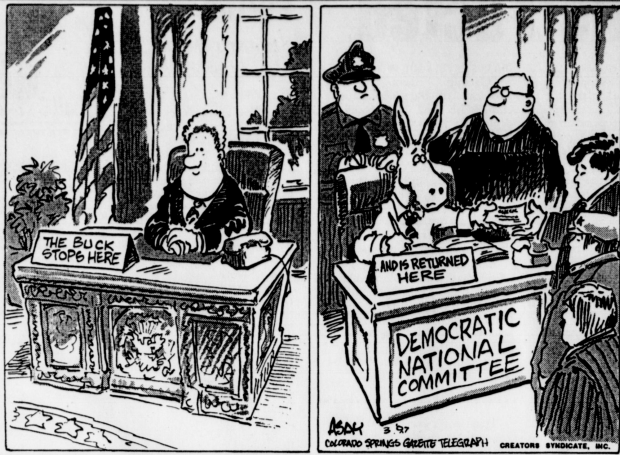
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ViewPOINT



Patton's plan is being beaten by a better public relations staff

Gov. Paul Patton recently announced that he would postpone the special session on higher education reform to give the legislators more time to consider his proposals before they convene to begin consideration officially.

In all likelihood, the only reason for the delay is the success of the political campaign that the University has put up resisting efforts by Patton, every other public university in the state, every private college in the state, and every business organization that has spoken out on the matter, to separate the community colleges from UK and merge them with Kentucky Tech. Kentucky's public technical schools.

But, as things stand now, it is not the name of UK that matters on community college diplomas. It is the fact that they are community colleges.

Across the state, especially in the admissions offices of colleges to which community college students transfer in large numbers, a community college "education" is looked down upon. I remember when I transferred to Kentucky Wesleyan College and had my first advising conference. The gist of my adviser's words in that session was a warning that my GPA would inevitably decline now that I was at a "real college."



Todd Baggary
Kernel Columnist

According to every opinion poll conducted since Patton announced this aspect of his plan, the University's campaign is working. These polls consistently find that majorities of Kentuckians oppose taking the community colleges away from UK.

While I oppose merging community colleges with Kentucky Tech, some of the tactics used by UK to continue to exercise control over the community colleges have been indefensible. For instance, it was reported recently that students at one community college were advised that if their school was taken away from UK, they would no longer be eligible for financial aid such as Pell grants, subsidized loans, work study and the like.

The mission of preparing a student for the work force and the mission of preparing him for a four-year college are not compatible. What will likely happen is that the new institution will achieve neither of these missions well.

Given my overall experience, I found this incredibly easy to believe. Academic standards were shockingly lax at the community college I attended. This, I fear, will only increase if community colleges are merged with Kentucky Tech.

The mission of preparing a student for the work force and the mission of preparing him for a four-year college are not compatible. What will likely happen is that the new institution will achieve neither of these missions well.

The work force development mission of the community colleges should be transferred to Kentucky Tech.

This kind of mission is a perfect fit for that institution. An institution that is supposed to be a college should never have been given that mission to begin with.

However, as previously noted, UK is not doing an adequate job of monitoring the academic standards at the community colleges. Perhaps this is because UK does not encounter enough community college students who are in at least as much need for overhaul as is the rest of Kentucky's higher education system.

Whatever the reason, the governor is correct: Change is desperately needed. Each university has a service district.

One of the primary arguments for keeping the community colleges within the UK system is that having the name "UK" on the diplomas gives the community college graduates instant credibility with employers.

This is what allows, for example, Western Kentucky University to offer courses in Owensboro while Murray State University cannot.

Employers, so the argument goes, would be more willing to hire a graduate of a community college if the school were part of the UK system than if it were part of Kentucky Tech. Personally, I wasn't aware that Kentucky Tech graduates have an inordinate amount of trouble finding employment across the state.

Assign the community colleges to the university in whose service district they reside. Perhaps they will be able to manage the community colleges better than they are being administered now.

Those who use this argument do have a point, though. The name on a diploma does matter.

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SAB's final grade

What is the primary purpose of a Student Activities Board?

By definition it is supposed to provide interesting activities for students. For most university campuses that means offering movies, concerts, speakers and other special events.

For our campus the definition is a drastically condensed version. The music scene leads the long list of dim departments with the Jazz Series, the one bright light in the vast sewer of darkness. The series is one of the best in this region of the country, but it also caters to an older, non-student audience.

The cinema committee also did a disappointing act for the majority of the year. Independent film festivals and the best art films rolled through other universities, while our SAB favored the poorest video store selections to air. The seats of the fairly nice Worsham Theatre collect dust while the opportunities for quality films and advance screenings go without notice.

Prominent national speakers were as sparse as ever and special events were rarely ever special.

The new UK Speaks Out sessions, which provided a forum for students to debate important issues, were a good idea but lacked a substantial turnout.

The SAB showed signs of life towards the end with last week's successful Crawfish Festival outside the Student Center. For once, it was a good idea, well publicized and supported with a nice turnout. Perhaps it was a sign for a brighter, activity-filled year to come. As it is now...

Overall grade: D-
Recommendation: Probation until signs of ambition are evident.

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IN OUR OPINION

University poem was a waste of paper space

I am writing in reply to the poem/short story/bitch parade that was published in the Kernel yesterday, entitled "University, what are you really doing to us?"

I am not a poet or a writer and I don't pretend to be, but out of all the things I have ever read in my life, this is the worst bunch of meaningless drizzle I have ever read.

Remember this is just an opinion, so you can take it however you want, but why don't you just quit your bitchin', quit school, and go back home to your mommy so she can wipe the tears from your eyes?

If you don't like what is going on around you then get off your

ass and act against it instead of smoking pot and drinking beer and crying about how the women don't want you. (Wonder why.)

I don't have anything against those things but at least I try to have a good time when I do them, and I sure as hell wouldn't admit to smoking pot in the dorms in a University newspaper, but your intelligence was thrown away when you wrote this poem.

I know you have your First Amendment and you are wanting to express your voice, but at least try to use logical reasoning.

You are so caught up in this Generation X/Eddie Vedder/Kurt Cobain realm of infinite sadness that has become the mainstream of the kids today, that you can't pull your head out of your ass and see the daylight.

Wake up, buddy boy, life isn't really that bad, but for you

bitchin' liberals it just won't get any better.

You also might want to take the hint from the publishing houses who don't care for your poetic cries.

As far as your ideas about the Greek system's being so important, I hate to burst your bubble.

For your information, it has always been an afterthought for a lot of people I know.

The ideas about your underground utopian rule did make me laugh; in fact, the whole poem made me and my friends laugh too.

So do us all a favor and save yourself some embarrassment and keep your comments to the select few you spoke of in your writing.

Jay Copley
architecture junior

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Eugene Stoner's death is a great loss to military technology

Last Thursday, April 24, our nation lost Eugene Stoner, age 74, to cancer. Stoner, the designer of the M-16 rifle and numerous other weapon systems, was hailed as America's eminent small arms designer. Since adoption in 1963, the M-16 rifle has continued to soldier on as the issue rifle of all the U.S. armed forces. Although I never knew Stoner personally, I carried his rifle over the course of my military career. Many American soldiers, including me, are alive today thanks to Stoner's handiwork. The United States certainly owes Stoner a debt of gratitude for his services to this nation and thus I dedicate this column to his memory.

In the larger scheme of things... As I reflected on Stoner's death, I thought about the state of the world today as opposed to 1963 when the M-16 first came into service. Has the world

advanced to the point where weapons designers are no longer necessary? Should the United States turn its efforts completely inward, shifting the focus from external defense to domestic problems? It is certainly true that the so-called Cold War has ended.

In 1963 it was fully expected that the world would end in an atomic hailstorm between the U.S.S.R. and the United States. With the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, the possibility of a nuclear exchange between the two nations diminished considerably. It is also true that the United States has not fought a protracted war since the Vietnam conflict.

In the recent Persian Gulf War, U.S. ground forces fought a ground campaign that lasted only 100 hours. It seems that quick vic-

tories such as the one over Iraq, and the fall of the Soviet Union, have convinced many Americans that combat is largely a thing of the past. That public perception has shifted away from the view that combat roles are the norm for the military is evidenced by a UK Speaks Out discussion I attended this spring. In the course of this meeting which centered on changing gender roles, several prominent faculty members of UK suggested that peacekeeping and humanitarian aid missions would be the new emphasis for the armed forces.

It certainly would be great if the world were one big happy family, with combat relegated to Monday night football. By the same token, it would be great if my last name were Gates, my wife were a Play-

mate with a doctorate from Harvard, and I looked like Tom Cruise. The hard, cold fact is that planet earth is perhaps a much more dangerous place now than ever before.

For example, take the former Soviet Union. Instead of one country with a nuclear arsenal under a strong central command, the world is now faced with break-away Soviet republics, each with its own nuclear warheads. In fact, numerous terrorist organizations have attempted to buy nuclear warheads from cash-strapped former republics. Recent revelations show that South Africa and Israel jointly developed nuclear weapons. Does anyone believe that the Israelis wouldn't nuke an invading Arab force?

By the same token, does any sane person believe that Iraq, Iran or Libya would refrain from atomizing Tel-Aviv if the opportunity arose? The British have

imminent in Peru. Argentina still dreams of the Marianas (Falklands). A renewed Germany strengthens its grip as Europe's dominant economic power. Can a renewed lebensraum push be far behind?

As the world's remaining superpower, the United States can easily be dragged into any of the above potential conflicts. In some cases, such as a North Korean invasion of the south or a Chinese invasion of Taiwan, U.S. involvement would be absolute. Sadly, organizations such as the United Nations have failed to stop humankind from the inherently self-destructive nature of war.

Considering the state of the world, I can say without hesitation that the United States will go to war again soon. It is also clear that thanks to the designs of a man most Americans have never heard of, another American soldier will make it home safely. Thanks again, Mr. Stoner.

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Diversions

Louisville favorites Snapcase progress on "through unlearning"

Group gets new producer, new studio and new attitude

Snapcase
Progression Through Unlearning
 Victory
 ★★1/2
 By Mat Herron
 Features Editor

On a good day, Buffalo gets only two feet of snow. On an even better day, Snapcase releases a new record.

The intelligent title by an average-guy hardcore group, *Progression Through Unlearning* discusses lessons in discrimination, selfishness and tyranny, and the solutions to "unlearning" them.

Hefty subject matter for a band known more for high leaps and rock poses than lyrical genius and innovative riff.

But Snapcase has proven they can come down to earth and delve beneath the surface most hardcore bands shy away from.

Progression scorches the listener with bone-crushing guitar work by Frank Vicario, and Jon Salemi on "Caboose," "She Suffocates" and "Harrison Bergeron," which incorporates the standard E-F chord pattern with

pick slides and chug rhythms. Snapcase treats the ear like a punching bag; no song contains the dirty-to-clean transition most groups make standard, and Daryl Taberski sticks with the scream that could summon souls from hell.

This chaotic style, patented by East Coast hardcore groups in the '80s, contrasts sharply with the convoluted, Sunny Day Real Estate rip-off garbage that indie rock has thrown at us in recent years. With song titles like "Priceless," "Guilty by Ignorance," "Weak Tyrant" and "Vent," Snapcase fits the serious, socially conscious genre Victory Records wants to release.

But the clip of Pee Wee Herman at the end of the album shows you can't wear a frown all the time.

Former guitarist Scott Dressler, who left the group following its European tour with Doughnuts, co-wrote "Killing..." and "Vent," which was originally released on the Anti-Matter fanzine compilation last December.

Sound quality improves drastically with Steve Evetts, who produced fellow Victory artist Deadguy's full-length debut, *Fixation on a Co-Worker*.

And with the addition of multimedia capability, Snapcase becomes one of the few bands that have added interactive software

to hyperactive rock. Not to say the group's previous efforts, 1995's *Steps* and 1994's *Lookingglass*, weren't crowd-pleasers, but the atmosphere at Mark's Studio in New York stifled the fullness of a group that tears up live, and should in the studio too.



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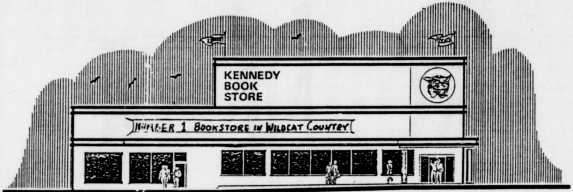
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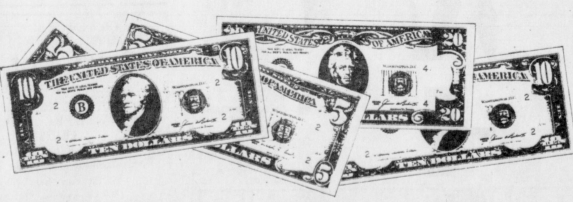


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