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Sekela backed by marchers

Transplant patients say doctor's return needed to save program

By Kathy Reding
Staff Writer

About 50 demonstrators intermittently picketed in front of UK's Chandler Medical Center yesterday, carrying signs and distributing information.

The demonstrators, members of UK's heart and lung transplant patient support group and their families, held the picket to try to convince hospital administrators to re-hire Dr. Michael Sekela.

Sekela, former director of UK's heart, lung, and heart/lung transplant unit, resigned three



Sanchez

weeks ago because he said patients did not receive sufficient post-operative care, even after he asked the hospital to hire additional physicians.

"We're picketing to get our doctor, Dr. Sekela, back," said Vernon Scott of Ashland, spokesman for the patient group.

"After threatening to resign several times unless he got help, he was forced to resign simply because you can't threaten something forever."

Vernon, who received a heart transplant, said it is unfortunate that it took Sekela's resignation to get the hospital to provide additional staff to the program.

On Monday, Dr. James Holsinger, Medical Center chancellor, announced re-allocation of a hospital cardiologist and pulmo-

nologist to the transplant team full time, an addition of an interim transplant surgeon, Dr. David Cooper, and the promotion of Dr. Juan Sanchez to director of the department.

Scott, who wore a sign reading "Dr. Sekela saves us," said the added staff is a "good start" to improvement in the program, but he would like to see more staff hired.

Now that the hospital has added physicians to the program, Scott said Sekela has told the patient group he will return to UK if hospital administrators ask him.

Scott said the only way that will happen is with pressure.

Pressure the patients hope will be generated through their picket.

"(All Sekela's patients) are going to fight to get him back," Scott said.

"He is a unique surgeon and if he does not come back, future patients... won't get transplants at UK."

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Vernon Scott group spokesman

Doug Bruce, director of Support Services for the medical center, said there are no plans to ask Sekela to come back.

"We don't have any negotiations going on right now with Dr. Sekela," Bruce said.

Bruce said he understands the patient's loyalty to their doctor because Sekela had a role in saving their lives.

He said the changes in the transplant department's leadership will let the hospital continue giving patients "the best possible care" and not interrupt the "continuity of patient care."

Scott said if the picket is not successful, they will try other measures, such as contacting political officials to pressure the hospital administration to bring Sekela back.

The picket came one day after Dr. Byron Young, chairman of the surgery department at the College of Medicine resigned. Young, a neurosurgeon, will remain on the faculty, but will no longer be chairman of surgery.

Bruce said that Young's and Sekela's resignations are not related.

Scott said he believes that Young was forced to resign — a charge that Bruce denied.

Since last summer, 14 surgeons have resigned from UK.

Dr. James Glenn has been appointed as interim chairman of surgery.

Glenn is a former chief of staff of UK Hospital and former executive director of the Markey Cancer Center.



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FRONT LINES More than 50 demonstrators marched outside the Chandler Medical Center to complain about problems in the transplant program.



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SUPPORTER Winston Grannis marched in support of Dr. Sekela, who served as his father's physician.

Students begin taping campus news show

By Robin Kidd
Staff Writer

JAT News is on the air.

Tonight at 7, TCI channel 16 will air the first broadcast of UK's new student-run news program.

Each Thursday, students in journalism professor Richard Labunski's TV news class will tape news stories featuring campus activities as well as events in Lexington and Fayette County.

The broadcast will air to more than 60,000 Fayette County viewers each Friday and Sunday night at 7, Labunski said.

"A program like this, where they're learning to do an entire news program, from writing, to taping, to editing, gives the students great experience," Labunski said. "This type of opportunity will greatly increase their opportunities in the competitive broadcasting job market."

Juli Shaw, a journalism senior, agreed that the student broadcast offers great hands-on training.

"I have worked during the summers as an intern at the CBS station in Cleveland," she said. "And when I returned to school, I used to wonder how my classes were helping me gain experience. This has been one class experience where I definitely see applicable

benefits."

As the sports anchor, Shaw plans to supplement each broadcast with feature stories on well-known University athletes and coaches. Tonight's show will feature Bill Curry, and upcoming stories with NCAA champion gymnast Jenny Hansen and All-American baseball player Chad Green are planned, she said.

For John Wilson, telecommunications senior, the student broadcast offers a switch from his usual role behind the camera, working with production of Good Morning Kentucky on Channel 36, to the spotlight of the anchor's chair, he said. During tonight's broadcast, Wilson will look at the controversy of pornography on the Internet, he said.

"We have pretty free rein in coming up with our own stories and producing them," he said. "Of course, we have to bounce the topics past Dr. Labunski, but he's pretty open to our ideas."

Journalism senior Susanna Martinez-Fonts said that just because the broadcast is sponsored by UK,



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ON CUE Anchors John Wilson and Susanna Martinez-Fonts prepare for the taping of a journalism class's first broadcast.

it will not be limited to university topics.

"It's important that the students remember that this is a news program. Sometimes, there will be some controversial stories that need to be covered," Labunski said. "But that's the best training they can receive in learning to become fair and accurate reporters."

Depending on the success of the broadcast on UK's cable channel, JAT news may eventually be aired on KET, Martinez-Fonts said.

NEWSbytes NATION TV networks may use ratings system

NEW YORK — Pressured by the new "v-chip" law, the titans of the television industry are close to agreeing on their own standards for rating sex, violence and obscenity on TV, industry sources said yesterday.

The discussions, by conference call and meetings in New York and Los Angeles, involve Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association of America, which provides the familiar NC-17, R, PG and G movie ratings. The talks represent an abrupt and unexpected reversal by the TV industry, which vehemently opposed the v-chip provisions of the Telecommunications Act.

NAMEdropping School cancels Heston over commercial

FLORENCE, Ala. — They love him, ma-a-a-n! (Sob.) Uh, unless he's going to sell beer.

Charlton Heston's appearance in a Bud Light commercial led an Alabama Christian school to cancel his speech at its annual fund-raiser March 22.

Compiled from wire reports.

Group building new Spring Break project

By Kim Vogel
Staff Writer

Still not have plans for Spring Break? Looking for something different, yet inexpensive?

Alternative Spring Break, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega coed service fraternity, has the answer. From March 8-14, a group of UK students are going to Leslie County to repair and renovate poor housing for two Eastern Kentucky residents.

David Gillis, coordinator of the 1996 Alternative Spring Break, said that the trip provides students with an opportunity to make a difference in people's lives, while having fun giving of their free time to those in need.

"It's a life-changing experience," Gillis said. "All the petty little things you worry about during the day are put aside. It really puts life into perspective."

The group will repair a house owned by a 92-year-old woman whose only

means of heat is a coal fireplace.

"When we went to check out sites in Hyden, we found the home of an older woman who had suffered from hypothermia during the past winter storm," Gillis said. "We knew right away we wanted to do something for her."

In addition to performing such tasks as roof work, replacing dry wall, and basic home repairs, the group will visit various landmarks such as a strip mine and the Frontier Nursing Service.

Work is done during the day, and nights are free for activities such as volleyball, swimming and racquetball.

Some participants will perform skits on drug and alcohol awareness. International participants will travel to a local elementary school to promote cultural diversity.

Reflection time will be held at the end of each day to discuss the day's events and what participants have learned. Gillis attended the program last year as a first-time volunteer along with 22 others.

He said that although he knew only a few people at the beginning of the trip, he left with close friends.

"I heard about the trip through Habitat for Humanity. I was a little skeptical at first because I'd been on mission trips before where I knew people," the biology junior said. "There is such a difference from the beginning of this trip and when it's over. You really get to know people after spending the week with everyone."

There is no cost for the trip, but a \$10 deposit is required by the end of February to reserve a spot. Deposits will be either returned at the end of the trip or given as payment for a t-shirt.

Participants will be housed in the Leslie County gymnasium in sleeping bags, and all meals will be donated by Leslie County residents. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Room 106 of the Student Center. Interested persons must attend one of these meetings by the end of February.

Alternative Spring Break Itinerary

- Fri., March 8 Arrive in Hyden by 7 p.m. Play volleyball at Nixon Center Work on skits
- Sat., March 9 Work 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Basketball and square dancing
- Sun., March 10 Church (optional) 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Work 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Play games and watch a movie
- Mon., March 11 Work 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 5:30 tea and dinner at Wendover Tour of Frontier Nursing Service
- Tue., March 12 Work 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 7:30 swimming, tennis, and/or racquetball
- Wed., March 13 Work 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tour of strip mine Awards dinner
- Thu., March 14 Finish any work Leave for Lexington

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DiVeRSions

Live drama hits WRFL

By Travis Robinson
Contributing Writer

A bit of old time radio will come through the airwaves of WRFL tonight at 9:00 p.m. as a special edition of "Mr. Mordeci's Mystery Show" takes place.



LOOKING AHEAD
"e-m-dead" will be aired tonight at 9 p.m. on WRFL, 88.1 FM.

"e-m-dead" is the result of a theater class assignment done last semester for professor James Rodgers and finally is coming to fruition with the help of students, faculty and the Lexington community.

"Many projects in this class go on to be bigger and better things," Rodgers said. This includes the popular play "Pink Angels" written by Bo List, who also is in the tradition of Vincent Price, Orson Welles and E.G. Marshall.

host of this show that will be a mystery in the tradition of Vincent Price, Orson Welles and E.G. Marshall.

The production is about the mysterious murders of professors on a college campus and the subsequent search for the culprit. Six different writers, including Christy Felty, Aaron Gleason, Rob Myers, Rance Platt, Kerry Ryan and Steven Szczepanski, all contributed scenes to the play and perform different parts in the production.

Rodgers's class requires students to bring in



SAM HAVERSTICK Kernel staff

CIRCLE OF DEATH Actors and technicians rehearse in a closed Llynagh's Pub in preparation of their upcoming radio drama, "e-m-dead."

scenes for written and verbal criticism; this led to the students coming together. Kerry Ryan (who is also Mr. Mordeci for the radio program) explained that part of a reasoning behind the idea was a result of an increasingly de-personalized radio environment.

"Radio dramas are a part of our culture and we are doing something to perpetuate that culture," Ryan said.

The cast of the mystery, which besides the six script writers includes Rodgers as the first victim, Mark Dryden as the mysterious janitor who seems to know more than he's letting on, and Adam Trumbo as the police chief who

solves the mystery, has been assembled to play each part along with live music. Other cast members include Ed McClanahan and Gina Llynagh. Some gag commercials also have been created to ease the tension.

Doing a live show in the cramped quarters of the WRFL studios may pose a problem for the relatively large cast, but with only four characters per scene and a little bit of coordination it should be an interesting challenge and a lot of fun, not only for the cast, but also the radio audience.

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Murphy reflects on tours, music, future

By Jarrell Greer
Contributing Writer

Perhaps southern Illinois is not the first place you'd expect one of the brightest new stars in country music to hail from, but then again, David Lee Murphy hasn't exactly followed the traditional path to stardom. After playing in a number of small local bands, Murphy started visiting Nashville in 1979 and only found acceptance after fifteen long years of hardship and obscurity. Now his MCA/Nashville debut album *Out With a Bang* has received tremendous, popular and critical acclaim, and his back-to-basics style has made high-charting hits out of the singles "Party Crowd" and "Dust On the Bottle." Murphy currently is opening for Brooks and Dunn and will appear at Rupp Arena tomorrow. I interviewed him over the

phone during a tour stop in Orlando, Florida, and he had a number of interesting observations.

Q. How is the tour going?
D.M.: The tour's going great. Brooks and Dunn are really great people, we're having great crowds, we keep seeing the same kind of people everywhere we go. Besides being a lot of fun, those crowds really make it easier to have a great time and everybody just wants to put on a good show.

Q. When you first tried your luck in Nashville, you didn't find much success initially. What do you think you learned from those years, and what do you think about your sudden rise to stardom?

D.M.: I moved to Nashville in 1983 from Herrin, Illinois, and I struggled there for ten hard years. You know I wrote songs for Reba (McEntire) and Doug Stone, but I started out as a staff writer for a small publishing company. I opened up for Sawyer Brown in 1989, and everything just snowballed from there. I think I learned a lot about persistence, about the importance of never giving up. I've been turned down by everybody in town, by the best

and the worst. I couldn't tell you how many times I've been turned down. I was bustin' my butt just to keep things going.

At the time I signed with MCA, they weren't signing any new artists, but I'd gotten a lot better and I just played for them right there. I got the song "Just Once" on the "8 Seconds" soundtrack, and that's where it all started.

Yeah, it was definitely an influence on my songwriting. It takes a long time, makes you appreciate what you're working for. I went to Nashville, and I left college the first time, and if I had been successful at 19 or 21, I wouldn't have appreciated it nearly as much.

Fifteen years of paying dues has made me a much wiser man and a much wiser songwriter.

Q. So what can the audience expect from your stage show?

D.M.: I realize that people are really busting their asses to come to our shows. I've been to concerts before and thought, "That wasn't worth the money I paid." I want people to say, "That was worth coming to see." We're the opening act, and our job is to come out rockin'. We go as hard as we can, have a party in our given time, crank it up, and get

the crowd warmed up for Brooks and Dunn. We have a lot of fun, play our current songs. People get up and rowdy on "Party Crowd" and "Dust On the Bottle." When people get up and sing with you, that's one of the best feelings in the world.

Q. You've been pegged as a leader of the "redneck country" revival. Why do you think this is so, and what do you think of the label?

D.M.: Well, I'm a big fan of Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, the "outlaw guys" of the mid-seventies, you might say, so those influences definitely play a part in my style. It's kind of funny, actually.

We just played a show in Everglades City, Florida, and it was all old country folks living back in swamps, and we had the best time there. "Rednecks" are just good, working country people, and our music has that good-time, Saturday-night, honky-tonking kind of vibe. It's really unpretentious.

Q. What can we expect from David Lee Murphy in the future?

D.M.: I'm working on my new album now. I've been out around the first of May with the first single out next month. Our car is #80 in the Daytona 500, so keep your fingers crossed for us. Country music is first, though; everything else is second. We just want to keep having fun, that's the main thing.

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SPORTS

Cats on the road again

UK fans to turn Tennessee arena into Rupp South

By Jason Daltio
Sports Editor

There's no place like the road, for Rick Pitino's Cats. Three clicks of the denim sneakers — and a bus ride down Interstate 75 — and UK will be smack dab in the middle of enemy territory for tomorrow's Southeastern Conference game with Tennessee in Knoxville.

The No. 2 Wildcats (21-1, 11-0 SEC) have played their best basketball on the road this season. And after two lackluster home performances Pitino said the Cats need to "get on the road" to break out of a midseason rut.

"We're kind of in a funk right now," guard Tony Delk said. "It'll be great to get back on the road. Our intensity is a lot better on the road."

It seems funny to use the word "funk" when talking about a 15-point win over Arkansas and a 13-point victory over Georgia — undoubtedly two of the SEC's finer teams. But Rupp fans have come to expect blowouts and dunk-a-thons. Anything less and the faithful become restless.

"We've got to get people out of that mind set," said Pitino, whose squad has defeated oppo-

nents by an average of 22.3 points this season. "You come home and everybody's telling you you're the greatest thing since sliced bread. ... I think that's killing this team."

Tomorrow's matchup with Tennessee (11-10, 4-7) may be on the road, but thousands of UK fans are sure to make the trek to Rupp Arena South, better known as Thompson-Boling Arena.

With so many UK fans traveling to Knoxville for the annual matchup, the UT athletic department implemented a new ticket package this year specifically designed to make tickets harder for Wildcat backers to buy.

Still, Volunteer coach Kevin O'Neill is prepared for a sea of blue-clad fans. "Kentucky fans, as rabid as they are, they're going to get into your building," O'Neill said. "You could have Big Blue detectors, or whatever, and they'd still get in."

Officials at Tennessee's ticket office said yesterday that the UK game is a sellout — the Volunteers' first of the season. "We're just glad to fill up our building," O'Neill said.

The Volunteers employ a slow-down style of play, preferring to focus on the halfcourt game. UT got UK in a possession battle earlier this year in Rupp Arena with the Cats prevailing 61-44.

The 61-point total is the Wildcats' lowest so far this year. UT is led in scoring by 7-foot center Steve Hamer, who pitches in 17.1 points a

cost. Freshman point guard Brandon Wharton contributes 12.2 a contest. "We've got to be careful with Tennessee because they play an unusual style," said Pitino, whose team has attempted 452 more shots than Tennessee in just one more game this season.

UK vs. Tennessee

Tomorrow, 3 p.m.
Thompson-Boling Arena,
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UK (21-1, 11-0 SEC)

Probable Starters:	Ptc:	Ret:
G Tony Delk	18.8	4.3
G Anthony Epps	6.5	2.1
C Mark Pope	8.4	5.4
F Derek Anderson	8.9	3.1
F Antoine Walker	15.3	8.0

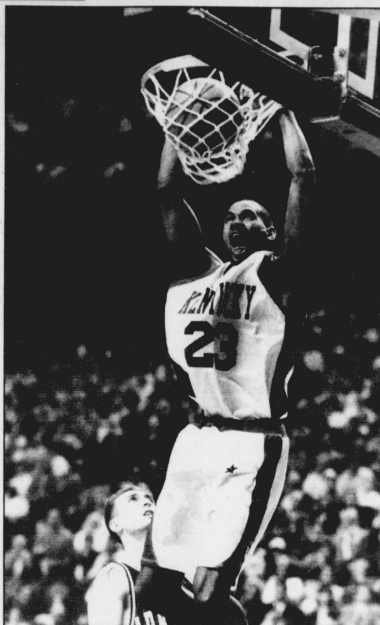
Reserves: Ron Mercer, 7.6 ppg; Walter McCarty, 10.8; Wayne Turner, 4.5; Jeff Sheppard, 5.1; Alton Edwards, 3.7; Nazir Mohammed, 2.4; Oliver Simmons, 1.2; Cameron Mills, 1.5; Jason Lathren, 0.5.

Tennessee (11-10, 4-7)

Probable Starters:	Ptc:	Ret:
G Brandon Wharton	12.2	3.7
G Shane Williams	8.2	4.0
C Steve Hamer	17.1	8.6
F Damon Johnson	9.2	5.8
F Torrey Harris	1.4	1.5

Reserves: Aaron Green, 6.7 ppg; Shane Gaines, 0.6; Maurice Roberts, 3.8; Rashard Lee, 1.7; Scott Moore, 1.5; Clint Newman, 1.0; Anthony Sewell, 1.0; Antonio Harris, 0.9; Eddie Bell, 0.0.

TV: WXYT (Channel 27) live.



LET'S JAM Derek Anderson (above) dunks during the Arkansas game last weekend. UK travels to Knoxville tomorrow to battle Tennessee in another Southeastern Conference showdown.

Fanning returns to play UK

By Chris Easterling
Assistant Sports Editor

Sharon Fanning makes her triumphant return to Lexington tomorrow, as her Mississippi State Lady Bulldogs (13-10, 4-4 Southeastern Conference) visit UK (5-17, 1-8) for a 7 p.m. tipoff at Memorial Coliseum.

Fanning is in her first year at MSU after spending eight seasons on the bench for the Wildcats. In those eight seasons, she amassed a 134-97 record, which is the second-most win for any coach in UK women's basketball history. She also led the Cats to the NCAA Tournament in 1991, and to the National Women's Invitational Tournament title in 1990.

"I have a great deal of respect for the (UK) program," Fanning said, "and a lot of pride in the opportunity I had to work with the University of Kentucky."

Fanning has said that she is not focusing on her return to Lexington.

"It will be great to see friends," she said, "but as we go into any ball game, our focus is very much on what we're doing at the time."

"Now at a new school, with a new group," Fanning said, "we must focus on that if we're going to do our job."



UKstats

Team statistics

UK		Opponents
.493	Field Goal Percentage	.406
.692	Free-Throw Percentage	.659
.394	Three-Point Percentage	.305
92.4	Points Per Game	70.1
42.3	Rebounds Per Game	36.6
14.2	Off. Rebounds Per Game	14.1
21.5	Assists Per Game	12.2
17.4	Turnovers Per Game	23.1
5.4	Blocks Per Game	2.9
12.2	Steals Per Game	8.0

SCOUTING report

BACKCOURT



Epps

Anthony Epps is likely to be back in the starting lineup when the Cats take on Tennessee tomorrow. The junior point guard gave the Wildcats a lift in both the Arkansas and Georgia games. If Epps starts he will replace freshman Wayne Turner, who has started the past eight games at point for UK. How Volunteer's freshman point guard Brandon Wharton handles the ball against the UK pressure defense could be a determining factor in the game's outcome.

FRONTCOURT



Hamer

Tennessee center Steve Hamer is a legitimate force on the inside and he may be guarded tomorrow by the Cats' Mark Pope, who is likely to replace Walter McCarty in UK's starting rotation. Pope has recorded two double-doubles in the Wildcats' past two games. However, Hamer is capable of abusing any of UK's low-post players with his 7-foot frame and team-leading 17.1 point scoring average.

BENCH

Ron Mercer, who was recruited heavily by UT coach Kevin O'Neill, will start tomorrow's game in Knoxville on the bench. O'Neill said earlier this week that Mercer "would've played until he puked" at Tennessee.

ETC.

Tomorrow's game will be the first sellout of the season at Tennessee's Thompson-Boling Arena (24,535). The impressive facility, painted almost entirely orange, is the second-largest on-campus arena in the nation. Only Syracuse's Carrier Dome is larger, although the Orangemen also use the dome for football.



Hamer



O'Neill



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Team statistics

UT		Opponents
.428	Field Goal Percentage	.390
.655	Free-Throw Percentage	.665
.375	Three-Point Percentage	.347
61.5	Points Per Game	60.3
35.1	Rebounds Per Game	33.2
8.5	Off. Rebounds Per Game	9.4
13.1	Assists Per Game	11.0
16.2	Turnovers Per Game	13.4
2.9	Blocks Per Game	3.1
4.9	Steals Per Game	7.4

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Stories in recent years about the death of family farming in America have sparked a number of efforts to help keep the tradition alive.

Concerns loaded with major stars, smaller donations drives and other programs have been used to promote family farming. None of them have been as effective — and as costly to American taxpayers — as federal farm subsidies. Billions of dollars each year are pumped into farm subsidies, with only minimal returns on the investment. While images about the virtues of the family farm have been glamorized for the public, the end result actually saw the government keeping sub-par businesses alive, when there were larger companies doing similar work at a much more efficient rate of return.

The images created by the tradition of family farming are grand, but the results don't measure up in the modern economy.

That's why the farm bill recently passed by Congress was a good idea. It will begin the process of reducing farm subsidies over the next few years.

It was a smart economic decision and although it probably wasn't the smartest politically — as small farmers who will have to make a difficult transition won't be too happy about the decision — it was a necessary and brave move.

Large-scale farms use sophisticated methods to raise better crops in larger quantities and with more success. They also receive subsidies, and they certainly could do without.

Farming is now more a matter of business management, and large producers are able to balance production levels with demand without federal involvement.

The adaptability and survival rate of larger farms are why it makes good sense to let them handle the nation's farming load.

The large farms can handle problems better than a family whose winter survival depends on the money that comes from their summer crops.

It comes down to the question of what's more important: federal rollbacks and a balanced budget, or the preservation of a cumbersome, costly and anachronistic tradition.

IN OUR OPINION

Breast implants now constitute a tax deduction

Have you ever thought, boy, wouldn't it be great if I could get breast augmentation surgery and deduct it from my taxes?

Well, no, not you guys, obviously. But women — any takers? Her name is Cynthia Hess, or, as the lusty beasts who pay good money to watch her as she gradually makes herself textile-negative might know her, Chesty Love. She went under the knife and claimed a write-off of a little over two thousand dollars for her new breasts as a business ... er, business expense.

The Feds didn't think it was so amusing. Look, they said, we're not dummies. You don't get to deduct fun things.

Come on. If we let this go, we're going to have people deducting cruises around the world as "anxiety reducers" and guys trying to write off expensive sports cars as "marketing enhancement devices."

Pay up, sister. The case reached higher and higher levels of the judiciary, no doubt noting out less worthy cases such as prosecutions of drug dealers and evil businessmen who bilk little old ladies out of everything they own (but, then, we must have our priorities, don't we?), and landed eventually in the U.S. Tax Court.

And she won. Before you bemoan the sad state of the American legal system, and before you book those cruises and sign for those Miats, let me just say that there was a pretty good reason for her victory, which can be stated in four simple letters.

56FF. That's how large Hess' breasts are now. If you can't imagine what a woman looks like sporting a pair of 56FF breasts ... don't. Just stop right there.

I've seen a picture of her, and looking at it is reason enough to put your own eyes out.

It's hard to believe that men would actually lay down green to view her instead of turning green at the thought, but who am I to declare that someone else's bizarrely disgusting fetish is morally wrong?

The judge (who, being a woman, is probably still having nightmares at the thought of lugging 20 pounds of breasts around for the rest of her life) decided that no reasonable person would have this surgery for personal pleasure. It had to be for business purposes.

Case closed. You might be thinking — well, 'yuck' comes to mind pretty fast — that men can't have exciting, incredibly weird adventures in silicone, too.

Did I have to tell you that you are wrong, or did you see it coming?

Meet Koji. He wants desperately to be a sumo wrestler. He's big. He's tough. He's a not-even-close-to-lean, mean, wrestling machine. He's also too short.

To be a sumo wrestler in Japan, you have to be 5'8" or taller. Koji, who isn't quite 5' tall, has been

wasn't going to be fooling anybody by lying about his height ("No, really, I'm 5'10" — it's an optical illusion!"), so he did the next best thing.

He had six inches of silicone implanted on the top of his head. He is a Conehead now, but got what he wanted, and you have to admire him for, if nothing else, not letting anything stand in his way of sumo dreams.

And they will be even bigger dreams now, given that he has so much more head space in which to dream them.

The Japanese government didn't try to fight him on this one, having failed to include the "You're not allowed to build yourself a new head" provision into the height requirement.

It would have been pretty funny — in a pathetic, sad, ironic, really depressing kind of way — if he went ahead and spent thousands of dollars to make himself look like a freak, only to have the government tell him that his efforts were in vain. Lucky for him, eh?

The government did, however, declare that it was heretofore illegal.

Now, any other would-be sumos who can't make the vertical grade will have to either give up and go into some other profession which doesn't discriminate against short people (like, say, law, where they could work to repeal the height requirement), or else use those funky gold rings you see African women wearing in *National Geographic* to stretch their necks a few inches.

Don't think it won't happen. *Staff Columnist John Abbott is a non-degree student.*

John Abbott
Kernel Columnist

READERS' forum

'Real' hockey fan needs to get real

To the editor:

In Wednesday's Kernel, you published a letter written by Richard Glenn who does not know the first thing about ice hockey. Apparently the "real" hockey fan (Glenn) doesn't go to too many games. If he did, he would know that Saturday night's Miami-Ohio game was the only time we have ever sat in the front row.

If the crowd has a problem with where we are sitting, they could approach us in a dignified way and ask us to move. We are not unreasonable people and we try to do anything to accommodate the fans. We have not run into any complaints so far. We believe that the implied meaning

of this is that it hasn't caused a problem.

In reference to the chant, we think that somebody needs to get their ears examined. If he honestly believes that everybody is yelling pucks as opposed to fuck then he has hearing problems. Most of the fans are college students and not your grandchildren so we don't think there is much of a problem with the language.

The only reason that this person wrote the letter is so he could get his name in the paper. If he really had a life, then he would have better things to do than bash some guys that have fun at hockey games.

Cory "Ta-Dow" Wood
electrical engineering freshman

Ben "Bumpy" Larrabee
biotechnology freshman
(The Mad Hatters)

Article was sexist

To the editor:

Yet again, I was disappointed as I read the Kentucky Kernel's lackadaisical writing. While the all-sorority GPA and all-fraternity GPA was each higher than its respective UK gender group, the fact that the all-sorority GPA was 0.2567 higher than the all-fraternity GPA and 0.2187 higher than all UK students was ignored. I was highly impressed to discover that the all-UK women GPA was 0.207 higher than the all-UK men GPA. Perhaps the Kentucky Kernel should write an article to recognize an outstanding performance of all women on UK's campus instead of focusing on the grades of the Greek organizations.

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chemistry and philosophy freshman

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INFORMED SOURCES

"THERE'S NOT but one way to describe it.

It's a miracle of God."

Tim Thompson, friend of the family of Tennessee police officer Gary Dockery, who

awoke Monday from a coma after 7 1/2 years.

Wasteful PPD task is nothing but a nuisance

How many people cut butter with a chain saw? How many people change a light by rotating their entire body? How many people drive down their driveway to get their mail (Kentucky Lottery winners excluded)? How many people keep their food in the bathroom closet and bathe in the kitchen sink? If we knew of any person behaving in these ways we would certainly amuse ourselves with their lack of common sense.

This is a declaration of common sense. Common sense when applied in the appropriate situations can be time-saving and face-saving.

I would like to apply common sense to a particular event I observed while sitting in the Biological Sciences library.

Wednesday morning, from 10 to about 10:50 a.m., a Physical Plant Division employee was

operating a gas-powered blower in the loading/parking area in back of the T.H. Morgan Building. We have all become accustomed to the operation of these combustion-driven machines, but in this case something struck me.

The PPD employee was blowing rocks into an ever-tightening circle in the middle of the lot. The absurdity of this activity dawned on me as I thought more and more of what was happening.

The most obvious question: Why do parking lot pebbles need to be arranged into an oval in the middle of the parking lot? I admit I haven't contacted the higher-ups at the PPD

to see what the official parking lot pebble policy is for UK, so I may be jumping to conclusions unnecessarily. It seems funny, though, that in a place where yearly tuition increases are the norm, faculty pay is lower than in the national average, and a new multi-million dollar library is being constructed that the university pays someone to blow parking lot pebbles into an oval. I do not know how many parking lots there are on campus nor do I know how many of them need their pebbles blown into ovals, but it seems likely that over the course of a year, parking lot pebble blowing could add up to a moderate



GUEST opinion

Michael Lauer
is a biological sciences graduate student.

expense. Would the money be better spent elsewhere?

The fellow I was watching did not have any protection from flying pebbles (eye), from dust kicked up by parking lot pebble blowing (lungs), or from the noise which starts causing hearing damage after eight hours of exposure. I do not know if this fellow was ignorant of these dangers or if he doesn't mind the risk. In either case, he presumably is receiving health benefits from the university.

Why damage someone's health in the name of parking lot pebbles? Why unnecessarily create situations where people may have to rely on the "health" system to cure an ailment that should never have been created in the first place? Are there other situations on campus that fall into the parking lot pebble category?

of parking lot hygiene, I think parking lot pebbles should be left in place. (2) Minimal safety precautions should be taken by UK employees and students when doing anything potentially harmful to the eyes, lungs, or ears. (3) Unless there is a task that fossil-fuel powered blowing machines can do that brooms or rakes cannot do, I suggest their use be discontinued. These proposals could have the following effects: (1) Save the university money in terms of paying people to do this task, buying expensive equipment and fuel, etc. (2) Less noise intruding into the surrounding buildings and saturating the immediate area. (3) Decrease in release of carbon dioxide, a global warming gas. (4) Pebble filled parking lots (alas, no decision is without costs). If a small proportion of people on campus (especially those with power to change things) applied common sense to everyday tasks, just think of the situations that could be made in campus quality and the "bottom line."

I'm sure there is some expert at the Med Center who could regale us with the specific negatives of loud noise. My point: Is the noise necessary? Does the noise fit the task and is the intrusion of the noise into the surrounding buildings warranted by the task?

Does the tool fit the task? I may be old-fashioned, but I'd still use a broom. It is cheaper to buy and replace, does not use fossil fuels, and the noise is negligible and in proportion to how fast I am sweeping. And if one has to sweep a small parking lot of pebbles it could have a cardiovascular benefit.

In my attempt to apply common sense to this situation, I have come to the following conclusions: (1) Although I am ignorant

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Contest has students shooting for tuition

By Tiffany Gilmarin
Staff Writer

Imagine your name being called out over the loudspeaker in Memorial Coliseum. You're on the court and you have the ball. All you need is to make this shot.

Nervously dribbling the ball, up and down, all eyes in the coliseum watching. You have the ball from half-court. The orange sphere heads towards the basket, it wobbles, but it's good.

Dick Vitale and ESPN rush the court, the crowd erupts in cheers—the shot was

good. And the Women's Basketball Victory Club board members walk out on the court and present you with a check for next semester's tuition.

That all-familiar swish has been replaced by the jingle of \$1,500 dollars. Monday during halftime of the UK-Louisville women's basketball game, five UK students will get the opportunity to shoot for \$1,500 towards next semester's tuition.

To enter the tuition shot competition, students need to be in Memorial Coliseum at least 20 minutes before half-time.

Students need their valid UK ID to get a "shot ticket."

All five students chosen will receive a free t-shirt commemorating the event. Channel 27 sportscaster Akemi Taki will be the mistress of ceremonies.

The idea to hold a tuition shot was brought to the Board of Directors by Winn Stephens, a student member of the board.

Stephens said that it was a student at Cincinnati who made good on Dick Vitale's promise to buy his books at the Bearcats midnight madness a few years

ago that inspired him to try the event here.

Stephens said he hopes that at least a few hundred students in addition to the regular fans will come out to the game and try their luck at winning their tuition for next semester.

The Victory Club, which raised the money for the event through membership dues, was forced to underwrite the event themselves due to the difficulty in getting the event insured.

The possibility that a student might actually make the shot had insurance

companies asking unreasonable premiums, Stephens said.

Stephens hopes that a student makes the shot, because he believes it would be good for the student and for women's basketball.

Giving something back to the student body was what Director of the Women's Basketball Victory Club Barry Stumbo liked about Stephen's idea.

The Board of Directors decided it was a great event to have to create "enthusiasm and excitement" and draw students into the Coliseum to watch the game, said Stumbo.

"It's essential for Coach Mattox to succeed," that she have "student support and student involvement," Stumbo said.

College group sponsors annual GOP conference

By Gary Wulf
Staff Writer

UK College Republicans are hosting their second annual Winter Conference tomorrow.

Speakers for the event include Republican House Caucus Chairman Stan Cave, Fayette Co. Republican Chairman Frank Schwendeman, Sen.

Barry Metcalf, and all three of the Republican 6th District congressional candidates: Ann Ross, Ernie Fletcher and Mark Metcalf.

The keynote speaker for the event is 2nd District Congressman Ron Lewis.

Les Johns, chairman of UK College Republicans, speculates that Davis will speak about the Republican members of Congress, the goals accomplished in the "Contract with America," and high-light President Clinton's "lack of leadership and record of failure."

"He will probably state what the young and College Republicans can do to move the nation forward," Johns said.

The conference will gather college Republican chapters from all over the state.

Last year's conference was seen only to those from around

Central Kentucky.

Johns sees the goal of the event is to enhance the excitement and energy occurring in the Republican party with the youth of Kentucky.

He also sees it as a chance to showcase UK.

"UKCR is the premiere CR chapter in the state and it gives us a chance to show other CR chapter's what is happening here at UK," Johns said.

This year will mark the first Republican primary in the 6th Congressional District since 1974.

Johns believes this shows the strength of the Republican party in Kentucky.

"The fact that we've got a state primary is unprecedented."

We have three very good and very credible candidates for this seat.

If that doesn't clearly illustrate both the strength of the Republican party and the weakness of the incumbent Democrat Scotty Baesler, I don't know what does," Johns said.

In the future, UK College Republicans hope to take a campus debate between the three candidates of 6th Congressional District.

"Right now, they have all tentatively agreed to it," Johns said.

He expects there to be between 50-100 people in attendance.

The event is free and open to the public.

Therapy program broadens recruiting

By Tracy Graham
Contributing Writer

Although UK's physical therapy program is one of the most competitive, it is reaching out to black students for diversity.

The physical therapy program in UK's College of Allied Health Professions is trying to

diversify the program by making black students aware of the program and jobs available in this field.

According to student affairs in the College of Allied Health, about 400 students apply each year and only 48 are accepted.

Not only are admissions based on a competitive grade point average, but applicants also must accumulate 200 volunteer hours and have an outstanding letter of recommendation.

"There have only been two African-Americans, that I know of, who have graduated from this program and Dan Payne and I are the only two African-Americans enrolled right now," said Kentry Jones, a physical therapy student.

"Also, I do a lot of volunteer work at hospitals and I haven't

met any African-American physical therapists, so I think this is a good field for someone to go into to," Jones said, "because there are so many opportunities."

While efforts have been aimed at high school students, the physical therapy department thinks it is important to get their message out to college students who are still undecided in an area of study.

However, they have found that even when black students are interested in health careers, they do not know about physical therapy nor the classes they need to pursue to get into the degree program.

Saturday, there will be 10 to 12 Young Black Achievers visiting the physical therapy clinic in the Medical Center.

Jones and Payne, along with physical therapy faculty, will be there to show the Young Black Achievers what physical therapists do and the important role they play in a patient's rehabilitation.

Anyone interested in pursuing a career in physical therapy should contact the physical therapy department in the College of Allied Health.



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