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Dent finally receives degree, plans to enroll at UK today

By John Kelly
Sports Editor

Junior college transfer Rodney Dent arrived in Lexington Saturday afternoon and will register today for classes at UK, with only one day to spare before the fall registration deadline.

Dent, a 6-foot-11, 240-pound center from Edison, Ga., who has played the leading role in the most watched UK recruiting story this year, also will be eligible to play basketball for Rick Pitino this season.

Dent's legal guardian, Warren Heagy, an Odessa, Texas, attorney, reported Friday that his adopted son had passed a "challenge exam" administered by Howard College to earn credit for the history course he needed to receive his associate degree.

The exam was Dent's fourth attempt to earn credit for the course and the third institution at which he had tried.

Dent will receive the degree from Howard, a community college in Big Springs, Texas, where he attended two terms last year.

Copies of Dent's transcript and other paperwork were faxed and mailed to the admissions office at UK Friday morning, Heagy said.

The deadline for applying for admission to UK was Aug. 1. UK Director of Admissions would not say whether Dent had applied before the deadline. He declined to comment on individual student applications.

Heagy said Dent applied for admission to UK last winter but said he has never been accepted, officially or conditionally.

Copies of Dent's academic records also were faxed to the UK basketball office. Heagy said he and Dent talked several times with associate coach Herb Sendek Friday afternoon. Heagy said Sendek said Pitino was "very happy."

As for whether or not UK would accept the course as transferable and admit Dent, Heagy said he foresaw "no problem."

After Dent's third failure, Heagy talked with Howard's dean of counseling services Harvey Rothell about possible options Dent might

have to graduate. Heagy said he also told Rothell that Dent had averaged 88 percent on his homework assignments and that he felt confident that he knew the material for the course.

Rothell informed Heagy that Dent might be able to take the "challenge exam" and checked into it. Rothell then informed Heagy that Dent could take the exam at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, and the student rushed to Howard College.

Mary Bailey, head of the history department at Howard and a professor there for 25 years, designed and administered the test. The test consisted of 125 multiple choice questions and four essay questions.

"I never even got involved," Heagy said. "I don't even know her. She had to give her OK to give Rodney her challenge exam."

Bailey phoned Heagy with the results Friday morning. Dent was at Heagy's office when the news arrived.

Heagy said Dent was "ecstatic" about playing for UK.

Dent's connection with UK basketball program began while he was playing basketball for Odessa College in 1990-91, when an Odessa assistant contacted Sendek on Dent's behalf.

Since then it has been a rough and tumble ride for both Dent and UK.

After verbally committing to UK in December of last year, Dent had planned to enroll this spring but could not meet the requirements for admission in time to register for classes. He needed a science course and a history course to receive a junior college degree.

He met the science requirement in mid-January by taking an ocean ecology course, which consisted of a one-day field trip and a final exam, through Odessa College. But he failed a history correspondence course he was taking from Texas Tech University.

"Forced to sit out the spring semester, Dent scared Pitino by making a last-minute recruiting visit to Louisville before signing a binding

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Many at UK trust leaders' judgement

By John Kelly
Sports Editor

The fourth time was the charm for Rodney Dent, but whether his junior college saga has charmed the UK community still remains a question.

The hasty circumstances of Dent's arrival at UK have looked suspicious to some on the campus. But at the same time a theme of trust has enveloped the campus.

The majority of reaction thus far from faculty and University officials has been a wait-and-see attitude.

"The only currency we have in this world is our integrity," UK mathematics professor Paul Eakin said Friday afternoon. "How that might be diminished or impuned by something that we do is important to think about."

"But I guess we have to give these people the benefit of the doubt. We have to believe in the integrity of the people in the integrity of the people that made and administered the test."

"But even without all of the facts, it does sound suspicious."

Senior Resa Wright, one of two student representatives appointed to the Athletics Association Board of Directors by UK President Charles Wethington, said that she will support the leadership of the department until she perceives a problem.

"We've chosen our leaders in Coach (Rick) Pitino and (Athletics Director C.M.) Newton and they have been

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CARRY ON



Manjula Chary carries her daughter, Thrupthi, on her shoulders at a welcome back picnic for graduate student and family housing residents Saturday. See related photos, Back Page.

November won't speak on ABC rule

By Joe Braun
Editorial Editor

Representatives of the Student Government Association's executive branch have decided not to testify against a proposed regulation that would prevent people under the age of 21 from entering drinking establishments in Kentucky.

Vice President Lea Ann Davenport said she, along with President Pete November, and the three executive directors, met Friday afternoon to discuss whether they would travel to Frankfort, Ky., tomorrow to speak to a review committee making suggestions to the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission on the matter.

"I really didn't feel as if there was enough students who had given me input," November said.

Because the committee cannot change regulations scheduled to go into effect no later than Sept. 10, but

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Communi-K being published monthly because of budget

By Pam Mitchell
Contributing Writer

The weekly Communi-K, UK's faculty and staff newspaper, felt the sting of this year's Universitywide budget cuts, when it was modified to a monthly publication last week.

Communi-K Editor Heidi Bright Parales said the staff will continue to publish an eight-page tabloid, including "major calendar events, announcements, news briefs and housing ads."

To account for the forfeited edi-

tions, UK Public Relations has set up a new electronic mail memo that will be produced daily through the UK computer system.

"Our weekly 'Monday Memo' is now daily, and we have renamed it 'Daily Digest,'" Parales said.

Monday's "Daily Digest" will include events taking place that week. The rest of the week, the memo will include daily news reports.

Ann Garrity, assistant to the chancellor for the Lexington Campus, said the new "Daily Digest" is more efficient than the weekly

Communi-K. "Before, when Communi-K was weekly, things were being reported so far in the past or in the future that they didn't relate to my day-to-day life."

All UK department heads are responsible for posting the "Daily Digest" each day of the work week for staff members without electronic mail accessibility.

Communi-K now offers campus departments and organizations the opportunity to purchase news supplements in the monthly edition. Parales said supplements are published in increments of four, eight

or 12 pages. Each supplement may be included in the pages of Communi-K or can be separated behind Communi-K as an insertion or a pullout.

"Supplements are fairly inexpen-

sive, considering the amount of space you receive," Parales said.

Communi-K has a 13,700 circulation, including Lexington residents, UK employees, every community

pullout. See COMMUNI-K, Back Page

Changes to medical curriculum noticeable to college's students

By Christine Brumley
Contributing Writer

Students entering UK's College of Medicine this semester will be the first to experience the beginnings of a new curriculum.

The college was one of eight medical schools in the country to receive the \$2.5 million Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant, awarded in February. The grant, designed to orient students with practical medical experience earlier in the program, is calling for a change of pace and advancements

in the core curriculum as a whole.

"The students are really excited about the opportunity to apply and integrate information earlier in the program. It makes them better medical decision makers," said Assistant Dean of Admissions Dr. Carol Elam.

In line with schools like Johns Hopkins and Yale universities, UK was chosen to participate in "Preparing Physicians for the Future: A Program in Medical Education," the foundation's contribution to initiate changes and award the college for its desire to make sweeping changes in the medical field.

Although the entire curriculum change won't go into effect until the fall of next year, students this year are offered two new classes: Physicians, Patients, & Society and Introduction to the Medical Profession.

Elam said both classes stress more small group teaching and provide the social and ethical aspects of health care, as well. "There will be clinical contact the first year and hands on experience with patients."

"It is good to introduce clinical thinking as soon as possible," said

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CORRECTIONS:
Because of an editor's error, Photography Editor Jeff Burtlew's title was omitted in Friday's Kentucky Kernel on the Meet the Press page. Because of an error by The Associated Press, Transylvania University economist Larry Lynch's name was incorrect in Friday's Kentucky Kernel.

WEATHER:
Partly sunny today, high near 80. Partly cloudy tonight, low near 80. Partly sunny tomorrow, high near 80.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

ART & MOVIES

Monday 8/31
 • TICKETS ON SALE!! Tickets for Spotlight Jazz Series and individual shows are on sale at TicketMaster; general public, students, faculty and administration; call 257-8427
 • TICKETS ON SALE!! Tickets for the Next Stage Series are on sale at TicketMaster; general public, students, faculty and administration; call 257-8427
 • Tickets on sale for Nexus (1st show in Next Stage Series); general public, students, faculty and administration; call 257-8427
 • SAB Concert on the Lawn: Yankers; Student Center Lawn; noon; call 157-8867
 • Exhibition: "Directors Choice"; Headley-Whitney Museum; thru 11/29; call 255-6653
 • Exhibit: Monica Church, Marco Logsdon, Wyman Rice; ArtsPlace; thru 9/29; call 255-2951

Wednesday 9/2
 • SAB Concert on the Lawn: Yankers; Student Center Lawn; noon; call 157-8867

Friday 9/4
 • SAB Concert on the Lawn: Yankers; Student Center Lawn; noon; call 157-8867
 • Exhibit: Michael Cranfill, "Meditations on Lessons from Lao Tzu numbers I, vi, vii, ix, xi"; Free; Rasdall Art Gallery, Student Center; thru 9/30; call 7-8867



SAB CINEMA FALL 1992

Worsham Theater

9/09-13 Waynes' World
 9/16-20 White Men Can't Jump
 9/23-27 Beauty and the Beast
 9/30-04 Basic Instinct
 10/07-11 Far and Away
 10/14-18 Lethal Weapon 3
 10/21-25 Patriot Games
 10/29-01 Batman Returns
 11/04-08 Unlawful Entry
 11/11-15 A League of Their Own
 11/18-22 Boomerang
 12/02-06 Death Becomes Her

8:00PM Wed. - Sat.; 5:00PM Sun.
 \$2.00 Admission with UK ID

CENTER THEATER

9/8 My Left Foot 7:30
 9/12 Heathers 2:00
 9/15 Brightness 7:30
 9/19 M*A*S*H 2:00
 9/22 Romeo 7:30
 9/26 Three Men and a Baby 2:00
 9/29 Journey of Hope 7:30
 10/3 Raising Arizona 2:00
 10/6 Place of Weeping 7:30
 10/10 The Last Picture Show 2:00
 10/13 The Wanasee Conference 7:30
 10/17 The Elephant Man 2:00
 10/20 Akira Kurosawa's Dreams 7:30
 10/24 The Godfather Part 1 2:00
 10/27 Daughters of the Dust 7:30
 11/7 Easy Rider 2:00
 11/10 Princess Tam Tam 7:30
 11/14 Pee Wee's Big Adventure 2:00
 11/17 The Bicycle Thief 7:30
 11/21 The Princess Bride 2:00
 11/24 Torrents of Spring 7:30
 12/1 Impromptu 7:30
 12/5 Highlander 2:00
 12/8 The Man in the Silk Hat 7:30

Free with University of Kentucky ID

SPORTS

Tuesday 9/1
 • Intramurals: Intramural Tug-O-War entry deadline; Seaton Center; call 257-2898

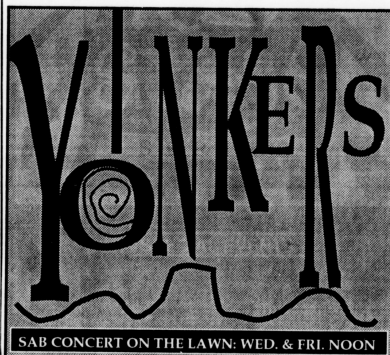
Wednesday 9/2
 • Intramurals: Tug-O-War intramurals begins

Thursday 9/3
 • Intramurals: Flag Football Manager's Meeting and Registration; Worsham Theater, St. Center; 5pm; 257-2898

Sunday 9/6
 • UK Football: Wildcats vs Central Michigan; Commonwealth Stadium; 6pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday 8/31
 • Tour: General Library Tours; M.I. King Library, South-Lobby; 10am; 257-8397
Thursday 9/3
 • Black Student Union Swim Party
Friday 9/4
 • Alpha Kappa Alpha Back to School Jam; Commons Complex
Tuesday 9/1
 • LAST DAY FOR LATE REGISTRATION
 • LAST DAY TO ENTER AN ORGANIZED CLASS
 • LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW OR REDUCE COURSE LOAD (80% refund)
Wednesday 9/2
 • Meeting: Black Student Union Meeting; Student Center room 230; 3:30pm



SAB CONCERT ON THE LAWN: WED. & FRI. NOON

MEETINGS & LECTURES

Monday 8/31
 COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES
 MONDAYS 1:00-1:50
 Rm. 209 Pence Hall

Thursday 9/3
 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 6PM
 The Old Student Center Theater

Friday 9/4
 ART PROFESSIONALS LECTURE SERIES
 FRIDAYS 12:00-12:50
 118CB

CAMPUS BRIEFS

UK alumnus, wife to provide relief in east Asia

UK alumnus Dr. Davis R. Meece and his wife Laura have been named representatives of Cooperative Services International, a Southern Baptist aid organization. The Meeces, currently Madison, Ind., residents, will receive training in Virginia before moving to east Asia to help in developing nations. Meece will offer his medical expertise.

University Press publishes Clay papers supplement

A supplement to the 10-volume "Papers of Henry Clay" now is available through the University Press of Kentucky. The single volume serves a bibliography and index to the previous volumes, as well as more than 1,000 recently found letters. The letters include correspondence with such famous Americans as presidents James Monroe, James Madison and William Henry Harrison, lawyer Daniel Webster, newspaper editor Horace Greeley and artist John James Audubon. The supplement, which costs \$50, also includes a memorialization of Clay by retired UK art professor Clifford Amyx. Clay, of Lexington, was an influential politician during the first half of the 19th century. Though he lost in five presidential elections, he was a U.S. senator and is credited with compromise legislation that postponed the Civil War by a decade. Publication of the supplement marks an end to the papers project that began 40 years ago in the UK history department.

Campus correspondents bureau started

UK Public Relations and the School of Journalism are recruiting full-time students to participate in the Campus Correspondents Program. The program, which matches students with the ability to write daily newspaper copy with newspapers, offers a \$250 scholarship for each semester of work for the newspaper. Public Relations will suggest story ideas to student correspondents; however, newspapers reserve the right to approve the selected student and the story ideas. For more information, students should contact Ralph Derickson at 257-1754.



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Aug. 24
 • Rizk, Magdy W.; 1435 S. Limestone St.; resisting order to stop vehicle.
 • Pichardo, Paul A.; 3407 Briarcliffe Circle; driving on a suspended operator's license.
Aug. 26
 • Smith, John M.; 236 N. Second St.; Richmond, Ky.; alcohol intoxication.
Aug. 29
 • Demps, Brian K.; 442 Rose Lane; Apt. 6; minor in possession of alcohol, alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest.
 • Williams, Jason T.; 1769 Drynall Drive; alcohol intoxication.
COMPLAINTS FILED WITH UK POLICE
Aug. 24
 • Theft by unlawful taking, more than \$300 (felony); 214 Law Building; items not listed.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300 (misdemeanor); Blanding IV; wallet stolen.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300; 305 Euclid Ave.; items not listed.
Aug. 26
 • Theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300; Cooperstown Apartments, building B; items not listed were stolen from vehicle.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, more than \$300; Cooperstown Apartments, building B; items not listed were stolen from bicycle rack.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, more than \$300; 1443 Albert B. Chandler Medical Center; air compressor stolen.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300; Seaton Center locker room; wallet stolen.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300; Seaton Center locker room; items not listed.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300; Commonwealth Stadium parking lot; items not listed were removed from vehicle.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300; Commonwealth Stadium parking lot; items not listed were removed from vehicle.
Aug. 27
 • Criminal mischief, third degree; Complex Drive; vehicle window broken.
 • Indecent exposure; 476 Rose St.
Aug. 27
 • Theft by unlawful taking, more than \$300; Complex Drive; bicycle stolen.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, more than \$300; JOIO Kentucky Clinic; items not listed.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300; Commonwealth Stadium parking lot; items not listed were stolen from vehicle.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300; B128 Medical Plaza; items not listed.
 • Theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300; Virginia Avenue parking lot; parking permit stolen from vehicle.

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Adult support services' non-credit courses offer advantages

By Allison Paddock
Contributing Writer

Are you repulsed by the sight of a beaker or a Bunsen burner? Has it been years since you've attempted a late-night term paper?

If you are an adult considering a return to college life, then the UK Academic Support Services for Adults might be able to lend a hand.

Susan Byars, spokeswoman for the program, said the center will offer two new non-credit courses this fall to help prospective adult students adjust to college life.

"If you've been out of school for

a while, it can be scary," she said.

Byars described "Effective Writing: Strategies for Adult Students" as a course designed to help adult students master the basics of writing for college classes.

"Chemistry for Cowards" is designed to reacquaint adult students with basic concepts of chemistry.

Byars said there are advantages to taking these and other non-credit courses at UK, although the courses do not award academic credit.

Byars said the courses are low in cost, usually \$25 to \$35, a plus to adult students with families, who must budget carefully.

"Non-credit courses in no way affect your (grade-point average),"

Byars said.

Students in non-credit courses do not have to be enrolled at UK. Courses like "Chemistry for Cowards" can help an adult student discover whether he or she is ready to return to school.

She said: "If you've never had chemistry before, or it's been 15 years, this is a good course."

She said the program will offer other courses this fall, including "Refreshing Your Mathematical Memory," "Getting Back to Algebra," "The Backbones of English."

The department's most popular program is a course to review math skills for the Graduate Record Exam. Because of its relevance to

all students, students of any age are encouraged to enroll.

Byars said Academic Support Services for Adults was founded about 12 years ago and has been offering programs for adults ever since. The department has academic advisors, scholarships and a newsletter to assist adult students.

Byars said cuts in University funding so far have not affected the quantity of programs or services offered by the department. Instead, the department has widened the scope of its services each year.

Students who wish to enroll in one of the department's courses or need more information should call 257-3383.

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LCC grads rank highest on dental test

By Lance Williams
Contributing Writer

For the second time in the past five years, graduates of the Dental Laboratory Technology Program at Lexington Community College finished with the highest scores in the National Recognized Graduate Exam.

The exam, which covers all aspects of dental technology, was given to graduates of accredited dental laboratory technology programs all across the country.

"My first reaction was one of joy and pride in the students that graduates this past year," said Art Dameron, program director.

He added that this achievement will encourage Kentuckians to take pride in LCC and its willingness to serve the community.

LCC's dental program is no stranger to nationwide success. In the past seven years, the graduating classes have been ranked in the top four in the nation every year and have finished lower than fourth only once since 1980.

"The level of excellence in our teachers shows that they are extremely committed to the careers of their students," Dameron said.

Dameron said that both LCC and UK have been very supportive of the program and that the accessibility of the facilities has been a major factor in the school's success.

The two labs, one in the John W. Oswald Building and the other in the UK School of Dentistry, allow both first- and second-year students to get hands-on experience at the same time that they're learning the material.

Helen Newman, a member of the top-ranking graduating class, said she was excited and proud and that her training had prepared her for the road ahead. "They (teachers) are thorough ... The faculty gives 100 percent and would bend over backwards to help us."

"I have a lot of relatives and friends who are dentists, and they say that dental graduates from LCC are top assets," said Nathan Kirkwood, a second-year student and one of 32 students currently enrolled in the program.

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Student 1 of 8 to win scholarship

By Jennifer Pattison
Contributing Writer

Donna Levi, by University standards, is a nontraditional student.

She is a wife and mother of two, living on a farm in Cynthiana, Ky., and at age 39 is an elementary education junior.

But balancing family and study time has not been the greatest burden.

Financial problems once prohibited Levi from her education, but she came back to school last January with the help of several grants and scholarships and her 11-year-old daughter, Cara Beth.

"My little girl has been loaning me money from her savings account to pay for my education,"

Levi said.

But the most recent financial boost came Friday, when Levi became one of eight students from eight states to receive a Philip Morris Co.-sponsored scholarship.

With her husband at her side, Levi received the \$2,000 renewable scholarship, presented by Kentucky Sen. Wendell Ford.

"The scholarship is really beneficial, and I am very proud of her and so are the children," said her husband Terry.

The scholarship, in its first year, was designed to attract outstanding students to the careers in education.

Scholarship applicants must have a sophomore ranking, a major or minor in education and must include a 750-word essay on what he or she could tell to a government

official to better education.

After graduation, Levi plans to teach kindergarten or first grade. Ford complimented her on her ambition and said "love of children is very important."

He said he hopes his five grandchildren will receive a scholarship as kind as Levi.

"Your dream is strong," Ford told Levi, "and it will benefit your students in the future."

Ford also said he "tries to be a friend to UK" and is "absolutely a big supporter of education" dedicating much time to improving education with such projects as the Advanced Science and Technology Commercialization Center project, in which, he said, he helped UK secure \$18 million.

Ticket tiff business as usual for Ky.

By Mark R. Chellgren
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — On the big scale, it does not rank up there with world peace, human hunger or even the federal deficit. They're only tickets, after all.

What's the big deal if UK, or Louisville or Murray or Eastern, for that matter, hand out free tickets to the big shots in state government?

Why shouldn't the big shots get something else special? It's just business as usual. Just another little example of the arrogance of power.

Exactly. In the case of Wildcat fans and Cardinal fans, they can't get tickets at all short of begging, borrowing, stealing or scalping. And in the case of the other universities, the average fan can't just call up the president's office and ask for a couple of freebies to the next game.

The reasons for this sweetheart arrangement are simple enough.

The big shots in the legislature take the tickets because they think they're entitled to them. Legislators don't pay for many things on their

ANALYSIS

own anyway and are genuinely surprised when someone suggests they pull out their own wallets. That makes the current rush among some of them to pay UK for their tickets so amusing.

If it was so important for them to demonstrate their purity, why didn't they do it before now? Prior to the current controversy, only one legislator voluntarily paid for his UK tickets, and he did so without fanfare or publicity. It was Rep. Joe Clark, the beacon of respectability in the General Assembly.

Gov. Brereton Jones, on the other hand, makes no apologies for taking his tickets from UK. All eight of them. In fact, he said he has an obligation to take free tickets.

From his recovery room at his Woodford County horse farm, the millionaire thoughtfully breeder released an official statement on the matter after the chairman of his ethics commission suggested it might set a good example for Jones and others to pay for their tickets.

This is the same governor, incidentally, who wants to make it illegal for legislators to accept free cups of coffee.

"I want to make it absolutely clear to everyone that not only do I see no conflict in the governor of Kentucky — past governors, future governors and this governor — accepting tickets to any state university's sporting events, but rather, I see it as a duty of the governor to attend and support such events."

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DIVERSIONS

Cage gets all shook up about girl in new comedy

"Honeymoon in Vegas" Starring Sarah Jessica Parker, Nicolas Cage and James Caan
Columbia Pictures

By Nina Davidson
Contributing Critic

Nicolas Cage reprises a role he has almost perfected — the lovable loser — in the new Columbia Pictures release "Honeymoon in Vegas." In his some other movies,

like "Moonstruck" and "Peggy Sue Got Married." Cage played hapless but heartwarming heroes, charming Cher and wooing Kathleen Turner with his irresponsible yet irresistible insistence.

In "Honeymoon," Cage plays Jack Singer, a New York City detective who has a wonderful girlfriend and a terrible problem with commitment. Jack's mother forbade



him on her deathbed to marry. Consequently, he has classic Freudian nightmares and breaks out into a cold sweat at the mere mention of the "m" word.

Sarah Jessica Parker plays Jack's long-suffering girlfriend, Betsy Nolan, with a fair amount of grace. The role easily could have deteriorated to a basic bimbo like Parker's valley girl character in "L.A. Story." Instead, she gives Betsy dignity in her search for a home and family of her own.

Betsy finally persuades Jack to tie the knot, and he suggests they fly to Vegas to perform the ceremony in grand style.

The fun begins when the happy couple arrives in Vegas. The film capitalizes on the rising tide of Elvismania. A hilarious running gag shows Elvis impersonators of all ages and races, all thoroughly enjoying their renderings of the King. Elvis songs are spliced cleverly throughout the film as well, and the refrain "only fools rush in" from his classic song "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You" even serves as a moral message.

Jack does not heed the King's ad-

vice, and foolishly loses more than \$62,000 in a poker game hours before the wedding. The sleazy Tom Corman, played by James Caan, offers Jack a deal: He borrows Jack's bride-to-be for a weekend, and Jack's debt is forgiven.

Betsy bears a resemblance to Corman's dead wife, and the smooth-talking millionaire begins a whirlwind courtship, whisking her off to Hawaii with Jack following always a step behind. Cage is at his best as he frantically searches for Betsy, and his exasperated encounters with airline personnel and Hawaiian chieftains are among the funniest scenes in the movie.

"Honeymoon in Vegas" is entertaining and fast-paced, with a whimsical look at the institutions of love, marriage and Elvis. The plot relies heavily on implausible coincidences, but the film cheerfully manages to succeed anyway. The movie is a thoroughly enjoyable farce, even if it is not grounded in reality. The scenes of the Elvis impersonators alone are worth the price of the ticket.

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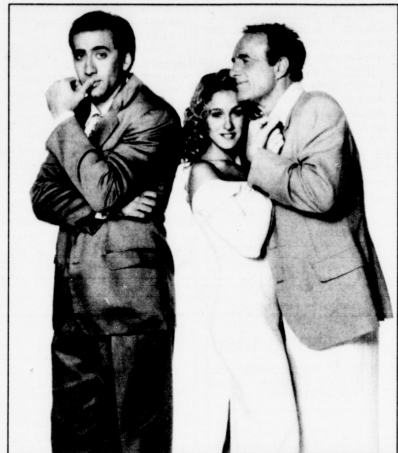


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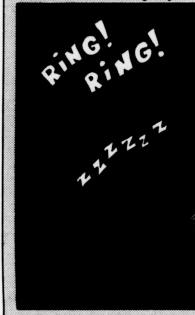
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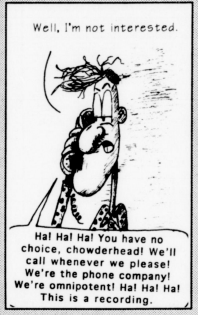
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Clapton finds release on MTV album

Eric Clapton
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By Tom Mosgrove
Contributing Critic

Picture yourself in a comfortable living room with a fire burning in

the background and Eric Clapton at your side. Reaching behind the couch, he pulls out a guitar and starts to play some of his tunes.

This is the feeling that is given off with the release of the set from the MTV show "Unplugged." With the overwhelming success of Mariah Carey's "Unplugged" EP, MTV



has realized the potential money making machine it has invented by releasing the show's music on audio.

This collection is a blend of ballads, rhythm and soulful working man's blues — in other words, vintage Eric Clapton.

From start to finish, this recording offers an obviously emotional performance that is both believable and sincere. In the wake of the deaths of Clapton's 4-year-old son and his good friend Stevie Ray Vaughan, it became a question if Clapton would ever perform again.

After his son died, Clapton became a recluse. Later, he emerged from seclusion and recorded the soundtrack for the film "Rush." The first release from the soundtrack, "Tears in Heaven," went to No. 1 on the Billboard charts. The song deals with the death of his son.

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SPORTS MONDAY

UK's academic integrity brushed under rug for bigger center

A new height of meaninglessness for the term student-athlete will be reached today, if Rodney Dent sits through his first classes at UK.

Despite needing four tries, three years and three different schools to pass a junior college history exam, Dent is now on full scholarship and living in the nicest residence hall on campus, while other students struggle to foot the cost of higher education. Why? Simply because he can play basketball.

Yes, Coach Rick Pitino and his bunch needed a big man to fill the middle the next two seasons. To accomplish that, the academic integrity of the entire University was con-

veniently brushed under the rug. Interestingly enough, the same Pitino, along with Athletics Director C.M. Newton, vowed to recruit players who could do the job in the classroom, while rebuilding the probation-stricken program. Apparently, those values are forgotten when the taste of the NCAA Tournament with its big bucks and exposure is savored as it was last year.

Perhaps, they should remember that recruiting "student-athletes" like Dent is what got the program in trouble in the first place. Does the name Eric Manuel rush to the front of anyone else's mind?

UK's eight-month courtship with

Brian Bennett
Kernel Columnist

Dent caused nothing but confusion and embarrassment. After orally committing to UK, he failed an American history exam at Odessa College. He then decided to shop around, causing a bitter feud between already heated rivals by visiting Louisville.

Dent stuck with UK, but almost didn't make it here. He failed the same test twice more before passing

a last-minute challenge (in probably a very liberal interpretation of the word "challenge") exam over a semester's worth of material that was covered at a school he didn't attend. I'm sure the vast majority of UK undergraduates were admitted in this same manner.

Keep in mind, too, that Dent is not the second-coming of Bill Russell or Bill Walton. Not even Bill Lambier. Dent hasn't played organized basketball in more than a year — and then only averaged 12 points and eight rebounds against junior college competition.

Makes you wonder the lengths to

which UK might go in the future for a blue-chip prospect or even bigger-name junior college transfer.

Warren Heagy, Dent's guardian, said Dent's poor academic performance resulted from his being "horrible" at writing essays. Dent, therefore, obviously belongs at an institution of higher learning, where being able to write is not nearly as important as getting 10 rebounds against a conference opponent.

Forgive me for clotting my Big Blue-running blood for a moment, but shouldn't UK offer scholarships to kids who want to learn first and play basketball second, rather than

those who see class as a nice place to rest in between practice and road trips? Sure, these idiolized teenagers create lots of money and exposure for the University, but, at the same time, they insult and degrade every student who scrapes by financially in order to get an education.

The underlying question to this mess is this: If Dent were 5-foot-11 instead of 6-foot-11, would administrators accept a suspect student and let him in? I think we all know the answer to that.

Senior Staff Writer Brian Bennett is a journalism sophomore and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

UK answers all questions about Curry's job security

By John Kelly
Sports Editor

Bill Curry thought he could breathe a sigh of relief following Friday afternoon's football practice.

He wasn't relieved because it was the first opportunity he had to discuss the five-year contract extension that Athletics Director C.M. Newton offered him earlier in the week.

And he wasn't relieved because he wouldn't have to worry about his job security during the 1992 season, the final season he was under contract to coach at UK.

Neither of those things concerned him. He was relieved because he could stop worrying about the types of things that players and potential future players were hearing from the outside world.

"I'm really pleased with the way the University is aware of how things work today and how much this will help our team," Curry said. "In situations today, if the coach has two years remaining on his contract, the players hear questions like, 'Do you think the coach is going to stay?' Or if he's doing well — 'Will he take off for greener pastures?' If he's not — 'Will he be fired?' This is the kind of extension that just snuffs that talk out."

Curry said talk and questions of that nature were distracting current players from their ultimate task — winning the Southeastern Confer-



GREG EANS/Kentucky Kernel Staff

UK football coach Bill Curry was all smiles Friday after announcing a five-year contract extension. The contract will keep Curry at UK through the 1997 football season.

ence championship — and potential recruits who were hearing negative things from the competition's recruiters regarding Curry's future at UK.

"People are suffering from doubts, and they get some illusions and delusions that this is a temporary thing," he said. "It is not."

The terms of the new contract, which will keep Curry coaching the UK sidelines through the 1997 season, are the same as those in the contract he signed in 1990 when he was hired to lead the Wildcat football program. Curry will receive a base salary of \$105,000 a year during the five years of the contract.

Curry, who will turn 50 on Oct. 21, owns a 64-68-4 record in his 12 seasons as a collegiate coach — seven at his alma mater, Georgia Tech, three at Alabama and two at UK.

Curry's record in two years at UK is 7-15. UK finished fifth in the SEC in 1990, Curry's first season at the helm, with a 3-4 conference record — but went winless in the conference last season.

Despite two difficult transition years, Newton said the decision to stick with Curry on a long-term basis was an easy one for him to make.

"Bill Curry is the right man and

the right football coach for the University of Kentucky at this time," Newton said. "I am totally convinced that this program, as it is developing, will succeed."

"By success, I mean that the program will win, is compliant, puts the student-athlete at the heart of the program and exudes class. This represents a commitment on Coach Curry's behalf as well as the University's behalf to continue to develop that type of program."

Curry said that he could foresee himself closing his coaching career at UK, although he would say if he would retire when his new contract expires.

Reaction

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superb thus far," Wright said. "I know there are some people who might question this but I feel like we should just support their decisions until there is a problem."

Athletics Director C.M. Newton told the Courier-Journal Friday that he has faith in UK coach Rick Pitino's academic record.

"I haven't checked out every aspect of his academic background, but Herb Sendek and Rick have. And Rick is convinced that this guy has a reasonable chance to do the work here," he said.

Pitino stood by that statement in an interview with the Lexington Herald-Leader.

"I've met with individually," Pitino said. "He seems articulate. He communicates so well. So I don't think there will be any prob-

lems."

John R. Vannagel Jr., one of six faculty members who sit on the Athletics Association board declined to comment on Dent's enrollment at UK. The other five did not return telephone calls over the weekend.

Warren Heagy, the Odessa, Texas attorney who is Dent's legal guardian, said Dent had done well in his other course work during his junior-college years. Heagy emphasized that the student's average grade on homework assignments for the history correspondence course he was taking through Northeastern Oklahoma State University was 88 percent and that Dent just did not do well on the final he took last week.

According to Heagy, the final exam for the first history course Dent failed, which he took at Texas Tech this winter, was primarily essay. The test created for Dent at Howard College was mostly multiple

choice and true-false questions with only four written essays, Heagy said.

Heagy said Dr. Mary Bailey, the head of Howard's history department, created and administered the test. Bailey did not return phone calls over the weekend.

He does have a weakness, though.

"If he has a weakness academically, it is that he has a difficult time expressing his thoughts in writing," Heagy said.

"If that's true, he won't make it," Newton told the Courier-Journal in response to a similar remark Heagy had made last winter when Dent failed the Texas Tech history course. At that time, Heagy told the Courier-Journal that Dent was "horrible" at essay tests.

"If he is a weak student, I have a lot of confidence in our athletic academic support system," said Laura-ta Byars, vice chancellor for minority affairs. "It sounds like he is a

weak student, but I don't know of any other university in the country where he would have a better opportunity to improve himself and become a contributor to society."

"I know that Rodney has had a lot of problems that may have prevented him from doing well, but he's not the first athlete to have a questionable academic record," Wright said. "That goes on everywhere. I'm sure he'll do fine. And I really haven't heard anything, as far as complaints from students, but I would definitely encourage that if someone is concerned to talk to me."

Dent

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letter of intent with UK on April 21. Dent has spent the summer trying to earn the three credit hours in history through various means. He learned that he had failed the final for a correspondence course at

Northeastern Oklahoma State University on Aug. 12. He retook the exam last week, but failed it again.

"Every time that it came time for him to study for his test, something would go wrong," Heagy said. "This kid has had so many distractions and family emergencies."

Among the emergencies were the deaths of both of Dent's parents.

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Recruitment of Dent hurts team's integrity while shaming UK

EDITORIAL

"I think it's going to be exciting times for Kentucky basketball. And I think it's going to be a great challenge for all of us to see something so rich in tradition be brought back in the correct manner."

Rick Pitino

It's time Coach Rick Pitino learned a lesson. Recruiting players who, at best, are academically marginal is not "the correct manner" in which to run a college basketball program.

Take it from us, the disparaged fans of a basketball program that, when Pitino was hired, had been all but done away with because of rules violations — including admitting a player to the University whom the NCAA would find cheated on his entrance exam.

Pitino's words were like manna from Heaven for troubled Kentuckians in danger of losing their favorite winter pastime. His words — saying that players should achieve as much in the classroom as on the basketball court — were what needed to be said. For years, the UK basketball team, sadly, has been larger than the University itself in the minds of far too many. At times historically the program has raged out of control, answering to seemingly no one.

It took the harsh reality of an NCAA suspension for some to realize how little the basketball fiefdom meant in the greater scheme of UK. The resistance to the investigation by the program's former coach, the governor and others across the state.

Unfortunately, with the recruiting of junior college star Rodney Dent, Pitino seems to have forgotten what he said during his first year on the job. He seems to have fallen into the Big Blue, winning first mentality that has traditionally cast a shadow over the program.

Dent failed to meet the Proposition 48 requirements to enter Auburn University twice. He transferred from junior college to Auburn college, failing the same history course three times before miraculously passing a "challenge exam" just four days before the registration deadline at UK.

In the past Pitino has noted the hardships life has dealt Dent. But his parents died during the same periods of time he was flunking the history courses.

Also, Dent has a wife and a child to support. One can argue, like Pitino, that these conditions have hampered Dent's performance in the classroom. However, while at UK, Dent will not have an easy task managing his time. It seems impossible to prove that Dent will be able to handle the difficulty of playing basketball and attending and passing classes at the same time.

Dent's guardian admits the soon-to-be UK basketball player does not take essay tests well. As Athletics Director C.M. Newton told *The Courier-Journal*: "If that's true, he won't make it."

Newton told the *Courier* that he hadn't taken a look at every aspect of Dent's academic background. He said he was trusting Pitino and assistant coach Herb Sendek.

It's high time academics had more of a place in UK athletics. Department officials should check every recruit's academic history, especially the marginal ones. Coaches are too apt to look at wins and losses before tests and degrees.

Student athletes must meet the same minimum requirements in order to be admitted and stay in the University. But not every student has the equivalent of a 40-hour a week job playing a sport. Thus borderline cases are best left untouched by major colleges.

Evaluating finances would help with cuts

EDITORIAL

Budget cuts always hurt. Inevitably, any funding cut will trickle down from the legislature to the board room to the president and then to students. Last year, UK was dealt a crushing blow not once, but twice, with 5-percent budget cuts. Now that classes have begun, some students are feeling the cuts — through canceled classes and larger class sections.

The cuts and the effects once again demonstrate the need for a careful revision of the University's bureaucracy. UK President Charles Wethington has called for an internal examination of the University's set up to find places to cut spending.

By reviewing where and how all money is being spent, the University will be able to use their money more efficiently and make any necessary adjustments.

In a process in which every individual department justifies its existence and its people, it is doubtful that any major savings will be found. In fact, there will probably be requests for more money. But, there isn't any coming, and the past week's news from Frankfort makes the possibility of another cut all too real.

Another cut would have dire effects on students' careers. Administrators say that essential classes were preserved this semester, despite the previous cuts. If we suffer another cut, it is doubtful administrators could make that assertion this time next semester.

The president must have the courage to find areas to pare down. One area in which he could eliminate bureaucracy and send a message that there will be consolidation wherever logical and financially prudent is within his administration.

By consolidating where possible, UK's administrators may free up enough money to postpone cutting classes that must be offered for students to graduate.



New bar law will hurt students

On Sept. 10, all people under the age of 21 are invited to a funeral.

What was left of Central Kentucky's nightlife for those trapped between the ages of 18 and 21 will die.

The State Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, which normally comes out of its office and visits Lexington once or twice a year to monitor liquor sales, has decided to flex legislative muscle while the legislature is away from Frankfort, Ky.

For people in Lexington the law will have little or no effect since, on weekends, Lexington is already a nightlife-free zone for minors who enjoy dancing or the atmosphere bars and dance clubs offer.

But most people, minus a few freshmen, know that Richmond, home of Eastern Kentucky University, is the place to go to dance, socialize and — for some law breakers — drink. Richmond will feel the effects of the scheduled regulation and, during an alleged national recession, the last thing we need to do is cut down on sales for small businesses. They certainly don't need to lose the money they would have obtained from non-alcoholic drinks, food or cover charges.

If the ultimate goal of the new ABC rule is to stop underage people from drinking, while legitimizing the bar scene, it will fail. The legislation only will create even more illegal activity. If state government wants to legitimize something under its specter, it had better start with the legislature itself. How



Joe Braun
Editorial Editor

many more corrupt Democrats can there be?

Fake ID sales likely will triple in September, as students who would normally find entertainment by sitting in a bar will become bored and turn toward illegal means of entering these establishments — whether they want to drink or not. It's bad enough that people have to make fake IDs to drink, now they must make them just to go dancing or enter establishments that offer these forms of entertainment.

Many Lexington drinking establishments have taken advantage of their right to admit 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds into their businesses.

Many of these places serve lunch or dinner in the afternoon. Under the new legislation, they will have to card lunchers, too.

Once again, the government, at a state level, is trying to regulate independent businesses. As always, this latest government regulation is going to lead to decreased profit margins and extra expenses for owners to increase the policing of customers.

Aside from killing the regulation, there is one thing that could be done to help the nightlife for students who want something to do in Lexington on the weekends. The regulation further points out the need for a campus pub.



Of course, the fact UK has a weak nightlife isn't the fault of the ABC. The University does have the power to provide students with a campus pub and/or nightclub.

While this may sound like a radical idea, it's not uncommon at all. While visiting prospective colleges after high school, I saw campus pubs at both Depauw University in Greencastle, Ind., and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. There are many other examples.

Even though an alcohol-free pub isn't the best option, unfortunately, it is the only option. Legally, the campus is dry, but, realistically, our campus is not alcohol-free. We do have some places on campus where alcohol is "legal." The Hillary J. Boone Faculty Club; the Ots A. Singletary Center for the Arts; the King Alumni House; and Maxwell Place, the home of the UK president, are all allowed to house alco-

hol, according to UK's existing alcohol policy.

But you didn't know faculty members 21 and over are able to mosey over to the faculty club for a drink anytime they would like.

With a revision of the University alcohol policy, a campus pub would serve as more than a place to drink. It could provide the campus with a dance facility for minors, as well as a place older students could go to drink and safely walk home afterwards. It would also keep students close to campus, not driving down I-75 in the early morning hours.

Oh, well, when it comes to alcohol, I guess it looks as if we should just regulation, not alternatives, to solve the underage drinking problem.

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Media needs to cover more 'real news'

People were dying as a massive hurricane was slamming into the Louisiana gulf shore and I, like most people across the United States, wanted to monitor the progress of the deadly storm. So, as I usually do when I need a quick fix of the daily news, I turned on CNN Headline News to check on the devastating storm.

Instead, I found Woody Allen. I'm sorry, but Woody Allen just does not qualify as headline news, and neither do British royalty, the Kennedys or Madonna. I'm not pretending that I don't stand in the checkout line at Kroger and read the tabloid headlines or that I don't catch a good episode of "Hard Copy" every now and then.

However, I don't believe I should consider Dan Rather a primary source for Hollywood gossip. When I open the pages of News-



Stephanie Roark
Kernel Columnist

week, I want to read about the breakup of Czechoslovakia, not Woody Allen's personal traumas. Allen, by the way, made the covers of both *Newsweek* and *Time* this week.

Do you remember the rape trial of William Kennedy Smith? A better question would probably be could you forget it? The day the story broke, it was the lead story for every news network. It made the nightly news regularly for months, and Smith's trial was broadcast gavel to gavel on CNN. The press beat the story into the ground, just because a Kennedy was involved. If the case had involved two common

people, the story wouldn't have even made the local news.

Where do our priorities lie, America? Would you rather know Princess Stephanie was pregnant by a "commoner" or that President Bush has declared a no-fly zone over Iraq that could lead to a rekindling of war?

During the summer, I interned at a CBS television affiliate. I understand that, on some days, you couldn't squeeze news out of the tube. But, rather than wasting the public's time on the same story "Inside Edition" is running, why not go out and do a story on something good that some everyday person has done?

If Americans want to keep up with who is dating whom on the Hollywood scene, they know that they can turn on "Entertainment Tonight" or pick up *People* at the

nearest magazine rack.

ABC news anchor Peter Jennings needs to leave reporting on Fergie's troubles up to the gossip columnists. Maybe we should remind Jennings of the thousands of homeless in the United States, or isn't that as newsworthy as a Kennedy wedding?

When I flip through *Newsweek*, turn on the nightly news or read the front page of the newspaper, I want to read news that affects me and the way I live. I want to know about all the new laws passed. I want to know that Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton is ahead in the latest polls, and I don't want to have to look past a headline that reads "Mike Tyson accused of rape."

I just don't care.
Stephanie Roark is political science sophomore and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

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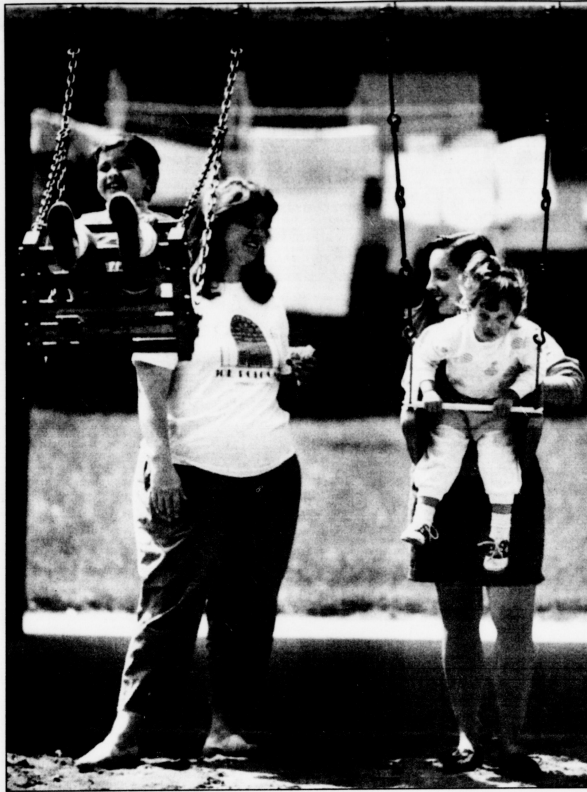
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Right: Carolyn Saghalan, a 30-year-old UK graduate from Louisville, Ky., and Karen Newton, a 28-year-old speech pathology senior from Berlin, chat as they entertain their children, Zach Saghalan (left) and Chelsea Ball, on the swings.



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Cary released from hospital on Saturday

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Jim Cary, who was injured in the Aug. 7 crash of a state helicopter that was carrying Gov. Brereton Jones, has left the hospital and returned to his home in Frankfort.

Cary was moved quickly from the front door of Humana Hospital-University of Louisville to an ambulance on Saturday for the trip.

He said through a nursing supervisor that he would not answer reporters' questions about the crash.

His doctor, Steve Henry, provided a detailed description of Cary's injuries, the treatment he has been given and the course his treatment is now expected to take.

Henry, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in injuries, said Cary should be walking normally by February.

"He will fly again," Henry said.

The pilot will stay at his home for two weeks, then return for surgery. After that, he will begin therapy.

Henry said Cary, who was the worst injured of the six who were in the governor's Sikorsky helicopter, has already had surgery five times.

The helicopter, which lost part of its tail rotor before plunging into a Shelby County ravine, did not burn.

All on board survived, and all but Cary had been released before Saturday.

Cary and pilot Logan Weiler have been credited with wrestling the disabled craft to a landing that could have been much worse.

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Tom McLarney, a third-year clinical student.

"There's always been a strong emphasis on clinical studies, but now it takes place the first year instead of the second."

McLarney also said that upperclassmen will be able to interact with the new program and offer guidance to underclassmen to help them understand the effects of the new program.

Elam said she hoped the curriculum changes would spark an in-

crease for medical student enrollment. "The quantity as well as the quality of students is increasing," she said.

During the 1970s, there were 110 students enrolled in the UK College of Medicine, but the early 1980s showed a decline in number.

Elam said she is pleased with the current 94 students in the new program having a combined grade-point average of 3.48.

Elam said medicine is a very competitive field and students interested in the program should have a strong science background and be able to evaluate, synthesize and assess their knowledge in that area.

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college, the Agriculture Extension Offices and UK retirees. The September issue of the Communi-K will be published Thursday, Aug. 27.

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only make suggestions, November said he wasn't going. He also said many business owners across the state were going to speak on the matter.

"Most bars in Lexington are already 21-only anyway," November said.

"We really didn't feel it was our role to go and speak on something that we weren't sure reflected the students' actual opinion."

Davenport said she believed "it was silly not to let people between the ages of 18 and 21 in because it will only cause more people to go farther off campus to get alcohol — leading to drinking and driving."

She said student government officials are hoping to get more student input today. November said he encourages students to call SGA at 257-3191 and share their input on the law with him.

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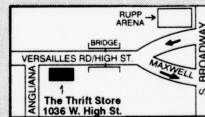
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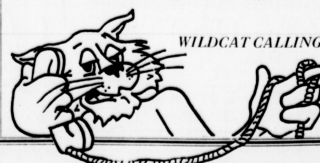
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