



WEATHER Rain today, high near 60; clear tonight, low around 40; mostly sunny tomorrow, high near 70.

GETTING OFFENSIVE The UK football team hopes to have plenty of offensive weapons this fall. Story, page 2.



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Panhellenic changing sorority rush

By Lindsay Hendrix
Staff Writer

Over a five-year period, the number of women participating in sorority rush has been decreasing, and the Panhellenic Council has decided to try and change that.

Before, the women moved in on Saturday, unpacked if they had time and immediately began the rush process, visiting different sorority houses in the first of the four rounds.

During all of the parties, the women were required to wear outfits that were more formal than plain shorts and T-shirts, and during the third and fourth rounds they were expected to dress in church clothes.

Now, after the Panhellenic Rush Council altered the process, the women can wear casual clothes to match the casual atmosphere until the final round.

"We want to get away from the stereotypes," said Shannon Corley, panhellenic rush chair.

Now, after the changes, the rushees will be required to participate in a com-

munity service project with the Lexington schools on Saturday afternoon. Corley said this addition is to let the girls get acquainted before the parties begin.

"They'll get to know each other there," Corley said. Two members of each sorority will also be present at the event to help with any questions the rushees may have.

In addition to change in the first day events and dress, the process also will be different during the parties. For example, everyone will sit in chairs now, instead of having only the rushees sit in chairs. In addition, on one day the entire focus will be on community service and the members of the sororities will not do skits.

"Now we're trying to focus on conversation and getting to know people," Corley said. "That's what it's supposed to be for."

The council hopes that the combination of the entire day devoted to explaining the community service aspect of the sororities and the first day service project will send the message to the rushees that sororities have purposes

beyond that of their stereotypes.

"We are social, but we're not all about social," Corley said.

With the changes, the sororities hope to portray a more accurate picture of what Greek life really involves, and show the rushees that there are things about it that the stereotypes don't include, said Susan West, assistant dean of students and panhellenic advisor.

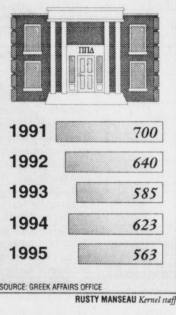
West said that in addition to giving them an excellent source of friends, sororities also offer women opportunities in leadership, community service and academics.

"They (prospective rushees) don't realize that looking from outside," she said.

West hopes the changes make it easier for prospective members to join, and that this small change is just an indication of the steps UK's sororities are taking towards modernizing their rituals.

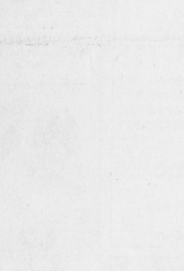
The change in rush policy is an example of the sororities, "trying to meet the needs of women, because college women's needs have changed," she said.

Sorority Rush numbers



Putting for the payoff

The UK women's golf team held its annual fund-raising event yesterday at the Springlake Golf Course. The best ball tournament was used to help the team raise money for equipment and other team necessities. Eighteen teams competed in this year's event, and included current players, alumni and celebrity entrants, including UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton. UK team member Amice Cantrell (left) participated in the tournament.



Residence Life director resigns

By Aaron O. Hall
Staff Writer

Taking care of three children is a job in itself, but taking care of 5,500 can be an overwhelming task.

That's how many students Debra Hazard cared for in her job as director of residence life. Now, deciding that she wants to spend more time with her family, Hazard is resigning her position.

Hazard said that she found her position exciting, but after two and a half years, she has found that family life takes priority.

"I only have one opportunity to raise my children," Hazard said. "I have never wanted to be a supernom."

Hazard's duties included tending to crisis situations encountered by people living in residence halls, whether day or night. Sometimes she found herself

spending up to 60 hours a week on the job.

A busy period for Hazard was the weekends during the NCAA Tournament where she worked regularly into the morning hours.

"After the ending of the (championship) game, I was out there to make certain the kids were OK," she said.

Hazard said her job as director was rewarding because "you get to meet a lot of people."

She said that working with undergraduates and graduates is different than handling administration. But Hazard has some advice for her replacement.

"There are going to be some long hours," she said, "because there are a lot of things that need to be in place and continue to be in place."

Brandon Tosti, president of the Residence Life Association, said that Hazard has helped turn around the residence life program.

Problems plagued the division three years ago, when a University audit revealed that money was being embezzled out of the Office of Residence Life by employees.

Jim Ploskonka, the former assistant director for residence life, resigned a day before the audit was released, and the former director, Bob Clay, committed suicide a couple of months before the investigation was completed.

"Debra was chosen to get (Residence Life) back on the right track," Tosti said. "I feel that she has done that. I think she's ready to move on."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Kuder said Hazard revived the once-ailing division.

"I did not want to see her go," Kuder said. "She's done an excellent job in residence halls and brought stability to Residence Life."

Kuder has started looking for a replacement and has narrowed the search to four candidates.

Tosti, who had a chance to interview the applicants, said that it will take a positive attitude and energy to fill the vacant spot. Consistency is another aspect that Tosti wants to see in the new director.

Faculty salaries lagging behind

By Chris Padgett
Staff Writer

According to a recent study by the UK chapter of the American Association of University Professors, faculty at colleges on the Lexington campus make an average of \$55,297.

The average faculty member at UK makes about 96 percent of the average salary at 11 other benchmark universities.

UK tied for eighth place among other benchmark universities.

There is a very large discrepancy in the salary of a professor of law and a professor in the College of Social Work. On average, professors in the College of Law make about \$40,000 more than those in the College of Social Work.

Faculty in the College of Agriculture make an average of about \$54,923

per year and College of Education faculty make around \$48,032.

The report also found that the gender gap between male and female faculty is decreasing. Female faculty members make between \$0.18 and \$0.21 less for each dollar that faculty members make.

Not included in the report was supplemental income, which makes up a majority of physicians pay at the UK Chandler Medical Center.

Faculty salaries, which are set by the state legislature, have improved only somewhat over the past few years.

According to Jesse Weil, president-elect of the local chapter of the AAUP, UK faculty are hard-working individuals who deserve fair salaries.

"Faculty should be compensated in a manner that is fair," Weil said.

"The goal of the report is to educate individuals to the fact that UK

FACULTY SALARIES

Average UK faculty salary by faculty rank, Lexington campus

FACULTY RANK	# OF FACULTY	AVERAGE SALARY	AVERAGE FRINGE BENEFITS	AVERAGE TOTAL COMPENSATION
► Professor	486	\$67,559	\$13,447	\$81,036
► Assoc. professor	445	\$50,146	\$10,883	\$61,029
► Asst. professor	295	\$43,246	\$6,990	\$52,236
► Instructor	12	\$45,955	\$7,921	\$53,876
TOTAL:	1,238	\$55,297	\$11,421	\$66,718

SOURCE: UK chapter of the American Association of University Professors

faculty make what they do."

Erin Colter, an undeclared sophomore from Murray, Ky., feels that UK faculty should be paid more.

"Where is society's priorities when those who provide the most invaluable service make so little financially?" Colter said.

Colter thinks Kentucky will continue to lag behind in national rankings until it begins to invest more in education.

"Until education is made a number one priority in this state, our state will continue to be at the bottom of national studies and surveys," Colter said.

NEWSbytes

WORLD Israeli bombers continue to hit Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes turned to a new target in Lebanon yesterday, attacking the heavily fortified base of a Palestinian group in hills outside Beirut after 11 days of focusing on Hezbollah guerrillas.

On the 12th day of fighting, Israeli air force jets hit a command base for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Like Hezbollah, the Popular Front opposes the Middle East peace process. The Syria-based group has frequently attacked Israel over the years but has not been directly involved in the recent fighting.

The choice of targets suggested growing Israeli frustration over efforts to pin down the elusive Hezbollah guerrillas, who are largely invisible in the valleys of south Lebanon.

The raid was the first in or near Beirut since Israeli warplanes rocketed Hezbollah strongholds in the southern suburbs last Tuesday.

NATION Senate set to debate term limits

WASHINGTON — The Senate staged a desultory debate yesterday on a proposed constitutional amendment to impose term limits on members of Congress, with a pivotal test vote set for today.

The measure is expected to fall short of the 60 votes needed to end debate, and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said it's possible that will be the end of the proposal for the year.

"The freshmen are telling me they just want one vote," he said yesterday, as first-term Republican lawmakers led the charge. "We can have more if they want them."

Term limits enjoy widespread public support, as measured in the polls.

But the House rejected the measure last year, and the prospects for approval are dim in the Senate, where the bill has become ensnared in partisan maneuvering.

Most Democrats in the Senate are opposed to the measure, while many Republicans express their support. Democrats tried to gain political leverage with a proposal to make term limits retroactive. But Republicans, particularly those with considerable seniority, would just as soon have to vote on that, and are using their parliamentary prerogatives to block it from coming to a vote.

The measure would limit members of the Senate to two six-year terms, and members of the House to six two-year terms, effective when ratified by Congress and the necessary three-fourths of the state legislatures.

Columnist dies after kidney transplant

SAN FRANCISCO — Erma Bombeck, the housewife humorist whose wry take on suburban life — from cleaning toilets to getting the kids to take out the trash — earned her a wall of fame of yellowing columns on refrigerators across America, died yesterday after a kidney transplant. She was 69.

"Erma Bombeck taught those of us who write columns that the funniest things are the things that our readers know the best — houses, cars, kitchens and of course kids," fellow humor columnist Dave Barry said.

Bombeck died at a hospital in San Francisco, where she underwent a transplant earlier this month.

Bombeck began her column in 1965. It appeared twice a week in about 600 newspapers, amusing readers with her gentle, self-deprecating humor.

CAMPUS Hall to speak at commencement

The outgoing chairman and chief executive officer of Ashland Inc. will deliver the commencement address at UK's 129th graduation ceremony.

John R. Hall, who is retiring this year after 15 years as Ashland chairman and CEO, will also receive an honorary doctor of science degree, school officials announced yesterday.

The university will also confer honorary degrees on sculptor John Henry and Kentucky higher education advocate Jean Weiss Calvert.

The university will confer degrees on 5,241 students at the commencement May 5 in Memorial Coliseum.

NAMEdropping

Cosby, Rashad to be reunited on TV

NEW YORK — Bill Cosby and Phyllicia Rashad are reuniting as television husband and wife on a new CBS sitcom.

Rashad, who played Cosby's wife, Claire Huxtable, on the long-running NBC hit "The Cosby Show," will play Cosby's wife, Ruth, in the series loosely based on the British comedy "One Foot in the Grave." She replaces Telma Hopkins, who was originally cast as Ruth, producer Marcy Carsey said Monday.

The producers also have cast Madeline Kahn for the series, which will be shot in New York City. CBS has committed to 44 episodes.

Cosby quipped that maybe Rashad's husband would step in for him.

"Hey, listen, I saw Ahmad Rashad in the studio parking lot," he said. "Who knows, maybe he's going to replace me."

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Cats boast talented skill players

By Chris Easterling
Assistant Sports Editor

The UK football team concluded its spring practice Saturday with an intrasquad scrimmage held at Commonwealth Stadium. For UK coach Bill Curry, the scrimmage gave him and his coaching staff an opportunity to assess individual players at different positions.

Here is a breakdown by position of the Wildcat offense as it lined up Saturday:

Quarterback

For the time being, Billy Jack Haskins is the clear-cut choice as the starting signal-caller.

Of course, that could all change by the time UK lines up against Louisville on Aug. 31. That's because "The Golden Boy," freshman Tim Couch, will make his triumphant arrival on campus.

"Billy Jack Haskins had a remarkable spring," UK coach Bill Curry said. "Going into (Saturday's) scrimmage, in four of the five scrimmages we had, (the coaching staff) thought he was outstanding."

Haskins completed 4-of-6 passes Saturday for 54 yards.

After Haskins and Couch, mediocre is about the best word to describe the rest of the quarterbacks on the UK roster. Redshirt freshman Greg Hergott went 0-for-6 in the passing department in the Cats' final spring scrimmage.

Hergott showed the ability to run the ball, which could help him down the road. He gained 33 yards on five carries, the second highest rushing total on the White team.

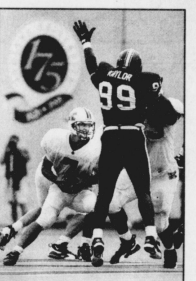
The White team consisted of the second and third team offense and defense.

Running back

Ray McLaurin has the unenviable task of replacing Moe Williams, the Southeastern Conference's leading rusher from a year ago.

McLaurin has shown in the past that he has the ability to be the featured back for UK. Against LSU last season, McLaurin rushed for 107 yards and the go-ahead touchdown in the Cats' 24-16 win.

After McLaurin, Anthony White is the second-string tailback.



SIGNAL CALLER Billy Jack Haskins had a successful spring as the Cats' starting quarterback.

McLaurin looking to fill Moe's shoes

By Chris Easterling
Assistant Sports Editor

Ray McLaurin is about to find out what it's like to take the place of a great tailback. McLaurin has the unenviable task of replacing Moe Williams, the Southeastern Conference's leading rusher last season.

But don't think McLaurin is just your average running back. It just so happens that the senior from Radcliff, Ky., was the starting tailback to begin last season before Williams earned the spot back.

"All you can do is to go out and do the best you can do," McLaurin said. "I just have to go out there and perform."

McLaurin is looking to prove that he is as good as Williams, said Mike Drake, UK running backs coach.

"He is eager for the challenge," Drake said. "He's got a lot of pride. He's a young man that really has earned the opportunity for that challenge."

McLaurin does not have a lot of yards to his credit. He gained a mere 265 yards rushing in 1995. For his career, he has only amassed 352 yards on the ground.

Due to a gradual decrease in carries, McLaurin's yards declined his junior year.

back. White, a redshirt freshman, carried the ball 13 times during Saturday's scrimmage, gaining 46 yards.

At the fullback position, Michael Woodfork will be called upon to help open up a hole in short-yardage situations.

Wide receiver

By far the deepest and most talented area on the football team. The Wildcats boast five legitimate deep threats for whoever the quarterback ends up being.

This glut of talent at receiver should help the Cats open up the passing game, an area the team failed to capitalize on last year.

"We have one of the top-rated quarterbacks in the nation coming in in Couch," junior Kio Sanford said. "Hopefully, (the coaching staff) will put the ball in the air more."

Senior Harold Dennis said the receiving corps may be the best UK has ever seen in a long time.

"(The competition at receiver) has been as strong as it's ever been since I've been here," Dennis said. "What makes our receivers so good is our speed."

But there are still some weak points.

"(The receivers) haven't become precise in running our routes in the manner we need to," Curry said.

Sanford appears to have fully recovered from the variety of injuries which plagued him last season, and should be a legitimate All-SEC candidate along with sophomore Craig Yeast.

Sanford will be the primary return man on both kickoffs and punts. As a freshman, Sanford set a number of SEC records for kickoff returns. He also had a 96-yard return for a touchdown against Northeast Louisiana during his freshman season, Sanford's only collegiate touchdown return.

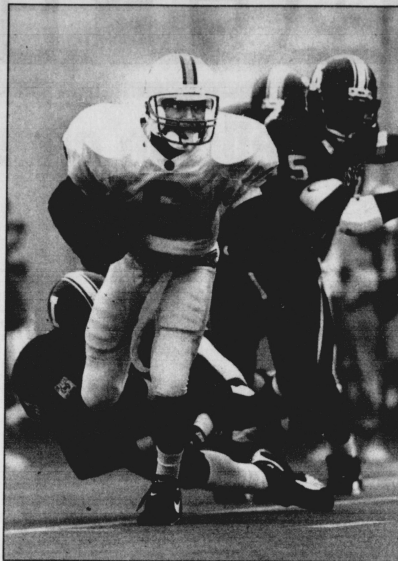
In the scrimmage, Sanford returned a Tobin Anderson punt 60 yards for a touchdown. He also had three catches for 50 yards.

"It was good to see Kio Sanford do some things in the passing game," Curry said.

Yeast led the Cats in receiving yards last season, but he was hampered by a separated left shoulder. Yeast participated in most of the spring drills, before suffering an injury to his right shoulder.

Curry said the injury is not the same as the one last season, and that Yeast will have the shoulder scoped.

Dennis will finally get an opportunity to show off his athletic skills. He is listed as one of the first-string receivers with Sanford, Yeast and Norman Mason, a transfer from Murray State.



RETURN SPECIALIST Kio Sanford is healthy this spring and looking to contribute on the special teams as a kick and punt return man.

Mason is a 5-foot-9, 164-pound speedster who is expected to help Sanford with kickoff and punt returns.

Tight end

Darrin Clark and Issac Curtis III are the starting duo in offensive coordinator Elliot Uzelac's two tight end offense.

Clark started the final three games of the season after Curtis

went down with a shoulder separation against Mississippi State. He did not have a reception last year.

Last season was Curtis' first at tight end after being the Cats' leading receiver two seasons ago at wide receiver.

He started eight games last season at tight end before being injured.

Offensive tackle

Jonas Liening is the lone returning starter at

Offensive guard

The left side of the offensive line took a huge blow last week when guard John Schlarman, one of two returning starters remaining suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

It is the same ACL that he tore last year.

"John was outstanding in the spring," Curry said, "as good as John has been the last two seasons, he was even better this spring."

David Berringer and DeAnthony Honaker rotated in at Schlarman's spot throughout the scrimmage Saturday.

"I'm not exactly sure how we're going to deal with (finding a replacement) yet," the UK coach said.

Curry said there is an outside chance Schlarman could return for the 1996 season.

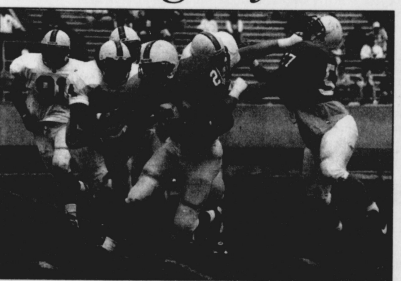
At right guard, it appears Honaker and Quincy Bell will be the players seeing the most playing time when fall practice begins.

Center

Barring any major surprises, Jason Watts will be the starting center when the Cats battle U of L. Watts stepped in to replace Schlarman at center after a sprained ankle sidelined him for the final two games last season.

Watts made his first career start against Tennessee in the Cats' final game.

"Jason struggled a bit," Curry said. "For him, it's more psychological than anything."



THE MAN Ray McLaurin is the Cats' feature tailback now that Moe Williams has left for the NFL.

In the season opener against Louisville, he carried the ball 17 times for 78 yards, but as Williams' stock increased, McLaurin's decreased.

Against LSU, McLaurin showed UK fans what he is really capable of doing. With Williams sidelined in the second half by bruised ribs, McLaurin became the featured runner.

McLaurin responded to the challenge, amassing 107 yards on 25 attempts, both career-highs.

He also scored the go-ahead touchdown with 8:06 remaining as the Cats upset the Tigers 24-16.

"I knew Ray could get the job done," Williams said after the game.

Now, McLaurin finds himself in the same position as last season. Only this time, there are no Moe Williams-like players to steal the limelight from him.

McLaurin prepared for the football season and improved his speed by running on the UK track

team. He is a member of the 4x100 relay team, on which he gained All-American honors in the 1995 indoor season.

"I feel faster," he said. "I've increased my flexibility. I run track in the spring which I think has increased my speed."

Apparently, the hard work has paid off for McLaurin, who possesses the track speed that Williams did not have.

"Ray has outstanding speed," Drake said. "Ray is probably faster, in fact, Ray is faster than Moe."

One area where McLaurin is considerably behind Williams is in the passing game. Williams had 19 receptions last season, while McLaurin has only two receptions for 16 yards in his collegiate career.

But McLaurin has been working on the passing game this spring, Drake said, which should help him to become a more versatile back.

"He has really stepped up in the passing game," Drake said. "He is much better at picking up blitzes. And the thing that is most encouraging about him is that he is gaining yards after the catch."

One thing is for sure, McLaurin has some big shoes to fill.

SPORTSbytes

Curry awards kudos for spring football practice

UK football coach Bill Curry announced the team awards for 1996 spring practice Saturday. The awards are as follows:

▼Most Improved Offensive Lineman — junior guard John Schlarman

▼Most Improved Offensive Back — senior Ray McLaurin

▼Most Improved Defensive Lineman — freshman defensive end Anthony Watson

▼Most Improved Linebacker — junior Dele Ali

▼Most Improved Defensive Back — sophomore Tony Woods

▼Big Hitter Award — McLaurin and senior free safety Kiyo Wilson

▼Make-A-Difference Award — (offense) junior quarterback Billy Jack Haskins; (defense) senior defensive end Kurt Supe

▼Leadership Award — (offense) Haskins and Schlarman; (defense) senior free safety Van Hiles and Supe

▼Most Valuable Walk-on Award — (offense) junior wide receiver Norman Mason; (defense) freshman cornerback Shamsee Arulogun

▼Most Valuable Special Teams Award — junior linebacker Lamont Smith

▼CATS All-Around Student Award — senior defensive tackle Jeff Tanner and junior corner-

back Littleton Ward

Men's tennis falls to Ole Miss

The No. 45-ranked UK men's tennis team (12-12) lost to No. 3-ranked Ole Miss 4-2 Sunday in Oxford, Miss.

The Wildcats earned victories at the No. 1 and No. 6 singles positions as sophomore Marcus Fluit defeated Ali Hamadeh 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 and freshman Patrick Johansson defeated Michael Pritchard 2-6, 6-4, 6-0, respectively.

Track team fares well at IU

The UK women's track and field team received first place finishes in 12 of 16 events against Indiana to lead the Wildcats to a 87-75 victory in a dual meet at Billy Hayes Track in Bloomington, Ind.

Meka Rembert, Leslye Swigert, Mary Jo Schultz, Michelle Brown, the women's 4x400m relay team and the women's 4x100m relay team set new meet records.

Indian won the men's competition 118-47.

The UK men had first place finishes by Arnold Payne, Chris Jackson, LaMonte Vaughn, Ronnie Williams and the 4x400m relay team.

All-American Tim Harden ran at the Kansas Relays in Lawrence. Results were not available.

Claywell vying for Trial spot

Alyson Claywell, a pharmacy junior from Bardstown, will ride her horse, Sorcerer's Apprentice, in the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event.

The competition will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park starting Thursday and continuing

through Sunday.

At stake is a trip to the Olympic Trials.

Cats to battle Cards

The UK baseball team (24-19) battles Louisville (13-26) tonight at Derby City Park in Louisville. Game time is set for 7.

Berringer remembered

GOODLAND, Kan. — In a service where the number of mourners nearly equaled the size of his hometown, Nebraska quarterback Brook Berringer was eulogized yesterday by a sobbing coach as a "great example of how to live your life."

Friends, family and teammates filled a high-school fieldhouse for a joint funeral service in which a Nebraska football helmet rested on Berringer's casket.

"I can honestly say that there was nobody I coached that had better character than Brook Berringer," Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said. "He was just who he appeared to be, and I'm certainly a better person for knowing him."

Nebraska quarterbacks coach Turner Gill addressed his eulogy to Berringer.

"You were the definition of a team player," Gill said. "I was so proud to have coached you and to have known you. You were a great example of how to live your life."

Gill broke down in tears after his eulogy.

Around town, many people were wearing red-and-white ribbons, the Nebraska colors, and ribbons were tied to street signs.

The schools were closed, as were many businesses.

Compiled from staff, wire reports.

Five members of UK's skeet and trap team compete in national competition

Staff report

Five UK students represented UK in the National Collegiate shooting competition held last weekend in Atlanta. More than 40 teams across the nation participated in the four-day event.

The students, all members of UK's skeet and trap team, earned the best cumulative scores in the five-year history of the team.

Rick Seldar, a physics graduate student, and materials engineering senior M. William Garrett competed in the American skeet event along with team captain and physical education sophomore Trey Staviski.

Staviski shot a personal-best score to help solidify the Cats as the nation's most-improved shooting team.

In the international skeet event Jason Riley and fellow agriculture sophomore Jim Murdock represented the Cats. Both competitors shot their averages, but finished out of contention.

Sedlar and Murdock competed in the sporting clays division of the event, finishing third and fourth, respectively.

UK's skeet and trap team has been an official UK club sport since 1992 and its members travel around the nation and compete at their own expense.

Any interested student who has the capability of shooting any clay sport is welcome to participate in team practices and possibly compete with the club. Contact campus recreation for more information.



SHOOTER Jim Murdock finished fourth in the sporting clays event at the National Collegiate shooting competition last weekend in Atlanta.

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SOPHOMORE SLUMP? Hootie and the Blowfish's new album, 'Fairweather Johnson,' hit the stores today. The above photo is a shot of the band playing at the last Farm Aid.

The Pressures of Being Hootie

By Kira L. Billik
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bassist Dean Felber of the phenomenally successful band Hootie and the Blowfish walked into a New York hotel room carrying a bottle of juice and a copy of The New York Times.

As he poured his drink, a radio tuned to a local rock station began to play the band's latest, "Time." Felber nearly knocked over his glass in his haste to switch it off.

It's a telling gesture about how ready the band is to move past its multiplatinum debut, and that's why its second album, *Fairweather Johnson*, is coming out so closely on the heels of the first.

During a break in Hootie's exhaustive two-year tour supporting *Cracked Rear View*, the band rested on Bermuda and wrote 30 songs, 14 of which made it on the new album.

Hootie's debut is still firmly ensconced in the top 20 of Billboard's album charts, and "Time" is still all over radio and MTV. With *Fairweather* just released, the band, which won the best new artist Grammy this year, could find itself in competition with itself. But booming singer Darius Rucker's not worried.

"We just wanted to put another record out because we had music," he said. "We just didn't really feel the need to wait."

The new album is an altogether darker affair; it begins with the mournful "Be the One," which Rucker has dubbed his favorite. Songs such as "Fool" and the lovely cello- and mandolin-laced "Tootie" reinforce the quiet, introspective vibe.

"Sad Caper," which pairs an upbeat melody with downbeat lyrics, remembers a failed relationship.

"I said before this record I was going to write a song about a relationship that worked and I guess I'm never in one, so I couldn't do it," Rucker said.

"When I'm Lonely" may be self-explanatory, but Rucker says it's not necessarily accurate.

"I guess I like being lonely," he said. "I've discovered being alone really helps me be creative. I love my alone time — I think I like it even more now because I don't get much of it."

Rucker, in olive green corduroys, navy pullover and USC Gamecocks cap, twiddled a corkscrew as he spoke. He's always ready with a laugh, a contrast to the more laid-back, deliberate Felber.

There is one silly part amidst the seriousness; the title track is a hilarious, two-minute rant at fair-weather sports fans that comes courtesy of guitarist Mark Bryan and drummer Jim "Soni" Sonefeld.

"We hate that," Rucker said. "I've been a (Miami) Dolphin fan since '70 — I can remember being 4 and 5 pulling for the Dolphins. The one thing you hate if you're a true sports fan is a fair-weather fan."

Rucker calls *Fairweather* a rock record as opposed to the definite pop feel of *Cracked Rear View*, partly because of the strong influence R.E.M. has had on the band — especially on "Silly Little Pop Song."

The album, Rucker said, is less radio friendly than its predecessor, so he's realistic about its chances.

"This record's not going to do nearly as well as *Cracked Rear View*," he said. "That's a phenomenon that people are still asking, 'Why?' We're still asking why. We've made the best record we could have made and I really don't care what happens after. I'm going to go out and play a lot of shows this summer and have fun."

Felber used a sports metaphor (the guys are sports junkies) to discount the "sophomore slump" theory.

"If you hit 55 home runs your rookie year, you're going to have a sophomore slump," he said with a laugh. "We're not worried about it. Slumping for us is going to have to be in our eyes — we've already made our album, so we've already succeeded."

These guys are fearless. When it's pointed out that winning the Best New Artist Grammy is more often than not the kiss of death, Rucker said:

"It wasn't the award that did whatever happened to them — they did it to themselves or had it done to them. That Grammy didn't make them not have a career or whatever happened to them; it's what they did after that."

"You can't fault winning a Grammy for anything," he said with a laugh.

And the group takes on its critics, who've made Hootie and the Blowfish the band they love to hate, with aplomb.

"We didn't ask for what happened to *Cracked Rear View* to happen," Rucker said. "It's so funny how personally some critics take us. How could this four-piece band from South Carolina who play pop tunes... make you that angry? I don't understand that, because we're so harmless."

But sometimes the criticism hits a nerve.

"Writing songs is kind of like having a baby," Rucker said. "You created that thing (and) it's like when people say your baby's ugly. It hurts."

"It's not so much the people that say the record's bad — it's the people that just hate us so much that they have to dis us in an article about somebody else that's got nothing to do with us. Those are the people that I don't understand."

'Wedding Band' slowly gets better

By Tara Anderson
Senior Staff Critic

It just goes to show that you shouldn't leave at intermission.

"Wedding Band," UK Theatre's final production of the academic year, bumps along through the first act but redeems itself in the second, when the cast finally gets the energy burst that's needed.

The script takes the story slowly, introducing us to all of the characters thoroughly while the essential conflict of the love affair between Julia and Herman is brought in gradually.

However, the energy throughout the first act is not as high as it could be, considering the difficult issues of race relations that are being tackled.

The place is South Carolina, 1918. Julia is black and Herman is white, and they've been in love for 10 years, waiting until they can go somewhere else to get married. Herman comes to visit Julia where she lives and it is an interesting switch to see a white

man in a black world instead of the other way around.

During the first act, the cast almost seemed afraid of getting into the real meat of the issues and spent too much time skirting around them.

The real action happens in the second act, when Julia takes her future into her own hands instead of leaving it to Herman, as she had been doing all along.

Allison Bailey as Julia is the star of this show, but she only shows her mettle in the second act. Herman has fallen ill, and his mother and sister come to take him home. The showdown escalates, and Bailey releases Julia's rage at a world that won't allow her to love who she loves.

Lula and her son Nelson, played by Tobie Brown and Bill Caise, live next door to Julia, and have their own problems. Nelson is about to head back to the army, where he feels the burn of discrimination even while serving his country.

Brown and Caise both have very clear ideas of their respect-

ive characters, and Caise especially delivers some of the best laughs in the show.

Susan Thomas as Herman's hard-as-nails mother is excellent in delivering her portrayal of a bitter woman who has been disappointed with her children. She especially uses her strong, low-pitched voice to great effect.

Ashley Hughley as Tetta and Kate Romond as Princess provide some comic relief and starting commentary as two neighborhood children, one black and one white. While the neighbors are fighting downstairs about the reasons that black and white shouldn't trust each other, the two children can be seen upstairs, playing quietly together.

Playwright Alice Childress doesn't seem to have a very optimistic view for race relations, but provides a vital view from the black person's side of things. Director Michael Friedman has taken her message in hand, but the cast doesn't seem to pick up on it until they get rolling after intermission.

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Group sponsoring campus-wide party

By Angela Serey
 Staff Writer

Great music, sports, food, dance and fun. All of this is in store for students at the campus-wide "End of the Year Party" sponsored by the Freshman Representative Council (FRC) today.

From 5-8 p.m. all students are invited to Haggin Field to hear the music of local band Thumper and the Plaid Rabbits, and to participate in other events.

A three-on-three basketball tournament will be held, and open volleyball also will be provided. Food will be served for a dollar a plate with all of the proceeds being given to the Nest, a center for abused children.

There is also an entry fee for the basketball tournament. Door prizes, such as dinners and T-shirts, were donated from local businesses and will be distributed throughout the evening. Also there will be prizes for the three-on-three tournament.

The party is being held during Dead Week in order to give students a chance to get out of the residence halls and take a break from studying.

FRC hopes the event will promote campus unity and will be enjoyable for all.

In light of the recent racial events on campus, Joe Schuler, FRC Campus Affairs chairman, said the event has become even more important.

"We have contacted various

organizations on campus, such as the Residence Hall Association, the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, the International Student Council, and the President of the Black Student Union, in order to get a diverse crowd at the party," Schuler said. "We hope to get everyone together to have a good time."

Stacy McCarthy, FRC chairwoman, also realizes the importance of this event.

"I think the 'End of the Year Party' is very important because of the events on campus, and because of the problem with freshman retention rates," McCarthy said. "If we can leave students with a good impression, they may be more likely to come back next year."

Students who want more information about the event or want to sign up for the three-on-three basketball tournament should contact an FRC representative by calling the Student Government Association office at 257-3191.

Students climbing to new heights

By Chris Padgett
 Staff Writer

A group of UK students are climbing to new heights in the newly formed UK Climbing Club. The club was formed to promote interest in the sport on campus.

Some people may not think of Kentucky as being a good place for rock climbing, but according to local climbers the state is blessed with having one of the best climbing areas in the country, Red River Gorge. The Gorge also offers breathtaking views and spectacular hiking trails.

The climbing club makes frequent trips to the Gorge, which is about 50 miles southeast of Lexington off the Mountain Parkway, near a town called Nada. The club's regular meetings are every other Wednesday at Climb Time Inc., which is located in Lexington.

Jamen Mohan, an arts and sciences senior, has been climbing for about a year.

"I fell in love with the Gorge

on my first trip there and I hope that other UK students take advantage of the opportunity presented by the club to experience climbing and the Gorge area," Mohan said.

The Gorge offers a wide variety of climbs from beginner to more advanced routes. Most are fairly easy to access. The Gorge also offers a variety of both sport and traditional routes.

Mohan said he thinks it is important for prospective climbers to be aware of the possible dangers affiliated with the sport. Climbing is inherently dangerous, but with proper use of the safety equipment it can be relatively safe. Prospective climbers should be aware that climbing is a physically demanding sport. People with health problems should consider this before they begin climbing.

Climbing is typically thought of as a sport that requires a good deal of upper body strength, but this idea is far from the truth. Climbing involves balance and technique, and is a sport for both men and women.

About 15 students showed up at the first meeting, and the group is actively seeking new students who are interested in learning how to climb. The club plans on staying active in the summer months.

Another way interested people can begin learning how to climb and experience the Gorge area is the Lexington-based Red River Rock Climbing School.

According to local climbers, the instructors are experienced and they have been guiding people to the Gorge for many years. Red River Rock Climbing School provides all of the safety equipment necessary and the guides offer a variety of programs at an affordable price for anyone who is interested in rock climbing.

The school offers half-day, full-day, and multi-day trips. The school also offers course courses, and the instructors guarantee a safe and enjoyable experience.

To find out more information about UK's new climbing club you can call Ethan Cumbler at 277-7054, Jane Kim at 225-7095 or Jamen Mohan at 323-7724.

Leaders use Earth Day for politics

By Sonya Ross
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton helped clear a flood-damaged canal, while House Speaker Newt Gingrich served as a tour guide for schoolchildren at a zoo.

Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader and certain GOP presidential nominee, asserted that the nation's environmental heritage "was forged under Republican stewardship" by such presidents as Ulysses S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt and Richard Nixon.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said Americans "love affair" with nature is putting a strain on national parks, while the Sierra Club accused the government of dumping toxic chemicals into the capital city's Anacostia River.

This was the 26th anniversary celebration of Earth Day. And some of yesterday's events seemed to mix concern for the environment with a little election-year politicking.

The president announced a series of actions he intends to take to boost the national parks system, which has been under severe strain because of an increased number of visitors. The package, National Parks for Tomorrow, would expand or obtain two prized properties in states that are pivotal to Clinton's re-election bid.

Point Reyes National Seashore in California, where Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spent their second wedding anniversary, would be expanded by 38,000 acres through conserva-

tion easements. Some 18,000 acres of the private Sterling Forest on the New York-New Jersey border would be purchased.

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore joined volunteers on a towpath along the C&O Canal in Great Falls National Park, a few miles north of the capital in Maryland. The path is popular with hikers and bikers, and many have helped repair damage caused by floods earlier in the year.

"We can and we must protect the environment," Clinton said. "None of our children should have to live near a toxic waste dump, or eat food poisoned by pesticides. Our grandchildren should not have to live in a world stripped of its natural beauty."

Also, the administration announced plans to curb commercial flights over national parks and to increase the amount of land designated as wilderness within the parks.

"The love affair that Americans have with their national parks is creating a huge set of management and maintenance and fiscal problems," Babbitt said during a White House briefing. There are 300 million visits to national parks each year, he said, a number that outpaces population growth.

In Atlanta, Gingrich toured the city zoo with a group of school children — and said his environmental stance is far from new.

"I believe deeply in preserving the environment," Gingrich said. He pointed out that he taught environmental studies at West Georgia College during the 1970s, and gave speeches to help

raise money for Zoo Atlanta to obtain two new black rhinos, Borna and Rosie.

In a statement, Dole said the Republican Party for decades has been in the forefront of environmental protection. He cited, for example, the creation of Yellowstone National Park — the first national park — during the Grant administration; establishment of the wildlife refuge system by Teddy Roosevelt and creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and passage of the first Clean Water and Clean Air acts under Nixon.

Meanwhile, environmentalists accused the federal government of dumping toxic pollutants into the Anacostia River, threatening the health of residents nearby.

The Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund said it would file suit in 60 days against the Navy and the General Services Administration, charging that the Washington Navy Yard and the Southeast Federal Center have discharged PCB's and heavy metals such as lead, mercury and arsenic into the Anacostia in violation of the Clean Water Act.

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On October 1, the new concealed-carry law will take effect. So, according to proponents of the law, this means that law-abiding citizens will now be on a level playing field with criminals.

Without this ordinance, Kentuckians over 21 who are licensed to carry a concealed weapon will be allowed to bring their guns into buildings like the Kentucky Theatre, Lexington Public Library and Rupp Arena.

Eat your Wheaties, bike cops, I'm not going to dismount. Well, it looks like another instance of blatant mismanagement is going to occur at UK.

Thank you, Mr. Felice. Mr. Felice, I would like to thank you for what can only be considered outstanding public service.

Talkback! Address your comments to "Letters to the Editor", Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor; 035 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building; UK, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042.

Partial birth not an evil practice in all instances

On April 10, President Clinton vetoed a bill that would have provided an almost absolute ban on intact dilation and extraction (D&X) abortions.



Todd Baggarly, Kernel Columnist

D&X abortions are popularly known as partial-birth abortions. In this technique, which is admittedly rather grisly, the fetus is delivered feet-first.

Many people take this as sufficient cause to proscribe this abortion technique. Robert Dole, Clinton's GOP rival for the general election this fall, said that Clinton was aligning himself with an "extremist fringe" by vetoing the bill.

But what at first seems to be a clear-cut issue of a morally outrageous act turns out to be much more complicated when one takes a closer look.

When such reason was given by Alissa Rubin, a senior writer for Congressional Quarterly, in a recent special to The New Republic magazine. She writes about a woman named Vicki. Vicki is a nurse married to a doctor. They already have two children and want more.

College Republicans wrapping up a good year

Just like Times watches, College Republicans "take and keep on ticking." Republicans at every level have been bashed throughout the last year.

Legislative process by offering up a proposal that would have raised the standard deduction for state taxes to equal the federal standard deduction.

The College Republicans are still the largest on-campus political organization. We were able to escape the bashing, which has occurred most often, ironically enough, on this very page.

INFORMED SOURCES "IF THERE will be more than one channel there will be total confusion." Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, making clear Sunday that he prefers American mediation in efforts to work out a cease-fire in southern Lebanon.

spent much of the spring semester working in Kentucky's General Assembly through the Legislative Internship Program, learning more about the way government works than any book could possibly teach them.

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