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UK to freeze construction in budget squeeze



By DAN HASSERT
Editor in chief
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Executive Editor

The University is initiating a freeze on capital construction and equipment purchases in response to an anticipated revenue shortfall in the state's budget. In addition, the University will subject personnel service contracts and travel requests to strict review.

The move to reduce costs is in response to Kentucky Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's request for help in dealing with an expected \$37.7 million shortfall in the current state fiscal budget, which ends June 30.

The University might also be asked to surrender some \$2.67 million set aside as part of an escrow account last year.

UK officials announced the measures at yesterday's regular Board of Trustees meeting.

Last June, the state's eight univer-

sities were asked by Gov. Martha Layne Collins' administration to set aside 1 percent of their budgets in addition to a 2 percent cut in funding for the universities.

"That (contingency fund) is in direct coalition with what is being asked of other state agencies at the present time," said Ed Carter, vice president for administration.

UK and higher education officials say they believe that Wilkinson will use the reserves — totaling \$4.7 million — to fight the budget deficit.

"We all kind of anticipate that that will be one of the pots of money" that Wilkinson will use, said Ken Walker, executive financial director for the Council on Higher Education.

"If not, then a bunch of us will be pleasantly surprised."

UK's \$2.67 million reserve is the largest, followed by the University of Louisville's \$1.04 million.

The construction freeze will affect all projects that haven't begun be-

fore Jan. 18, Carter said. It will essentially put on hold all capital projects that are institutionally funded.

The projects are small internal ones funded out of the University balance, like office renovation, said Jack Blanton, vice chancellor for administration of the Lexington campus.

Construction which is underway, like the Robotics Center, the Mining and Minerals Resource Center and the Aquatics Center, will not be affected, Blanton said.

The full impact of the freeze won't be known until Wilkinson unveils his budget Jan. 27, Carter said.

The board also:

- Approved the appointment of Walter Randolph Chitwood Jr., M.D., as chief of cardiothoracic surgery and professor of surgery in the College of Medicine.
- Chitwood, 42, was professor and chief surgeon for the cardiac surgery program — which he initiated — at East Carolina University

School of Medicine. He performed the first open heart surgery in the eastern North Carolina region in July 1984 and the first heart transplant there in February 1987.

- Established in the College of Engineering the Engineering Scholarship Quasi-Endowment worth \$500,000. It will be funded from alumni gifts to the college.

- Swore in new board member Kentucky Chief Justice Robert Stephens, reappointed member and chairman Robert McCowan, and former Kentucky Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chandler, who had been an ex officio member.

- Approved the appointment of former CBS newsman David Dick as director of the UK School of Journalism. Dick had been serving as acting director of the school.

Former Kentucky Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chandler takes the oath and is sworn in as a voting member of the UK Board of Trustees yesterday afternoon on the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower.

Weapons airdrop approved by Reagan

By JIM DRINKARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan yesterday authorized the CIA to resume airdrops of weapons to Nicaragua's contra rebels, as congressional opponents worked to offset an expected presidential lobbying blitz for an extension of military aid.

"This is really a gut issue for the president," said Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., an opponent of the aid renewal. Reagan is expected to seek for the rebels on Jan. 26. "It is his highest foreign policy objective. The administration will pull out every stop in order to win this vote."

The House is to vote Feb. 3 on Reagan's request for an as-yet-undetermined amount of new military aid. If it approves the request, the Senate would vote the next day.

In a speech to administration political appointees yesterday, the president reiterated his belief that only continued military pressure on Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government will lead to peace for the region.

"We must have the courage to stand behind those who continue to put their lives on the line for democracy in Nicaragua," Reagan said.

He said his final year in office will be "the year that the United States will strongly affirm that democracy, not communism, is the future of Central America."

The rebels are currently operating on a short-term infusion of humanitarian aid approved before Congress left for its holiday recess, including money to pay for CIA airdrops of previously stockpiled weapons and

ammunition. That money is expected to last through next month.

The airdrops had been suspended for the past week because of the weekend meeting in Costa Rica of the five Central American presidents who signed a peace accord Aug. 7.

Under the law, Reagan must ask for any new military aid next week, triggering votes in Congress the following week. But the administration's task in winning new lethal supplies was made more difficult over the weekend, when Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega promised to reach a cease-fire and to release political prisoners when a truce is arranged.

Ortega vowed to lift the state of emergency in his country that has curtailed civil liberties, to hold direct talks with the rebels aimed at reaching a cease-fire and to release political prisoners when a truce is arranged.

Administration officials call the promises a ploy to lure Congress into a cutoff of contra aid, and point to past failures by the Sandinistas to live up to their promises.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said yesterday that the amount and composition of the new aid request will be determined by what Ortega does between now and then in fulfilling those promises, a view shared by aid opponents.

"The issue remains in doubt," said Hamilton, who was in Costa Rica over the weekend to observe the regional summit as part of a delegation sent by House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas.

Inside out



The rain and high winds around Patterson Office Tower yesterday afternoon caught two unsuspecting students and flipped their umbrellas inside out. The rain is expected to stop and it will clear up later today.

Navy group first of kind in nation

By JAY BEILER
Staff Writer

Spook, Ghost, Monster, Gripper, Pizza Grinch and Shi'it may some day defend our country during a war. Feel safe that people with nicknames like these may be defending America someday.

They are the Midshipmen League — the first group affiliated with the U.S. Navy League, a support organization of the U.S. Navy.

"The Midshipmen League is the first organization at a college or university affiliated with the Navy League in the United States," said Jerry See, commanding officer of the organization.

They like to "spank the behinds of the Army ROTC in flag football and have pizza-eating contests," said Tai Doram, vice president of the Midshipmen League.

The league was founded by See and Doram five months ago with the purpose of creating a Naval organization on UK's campus and to develop a naval officer source of information, Doram said.

The organization received \$1,600



The Midshipmen League was formed five months ago by UK students Tai Doram and Jerry See.

commander of the of the state of Kentucky for Recruiting will be the guest speaker and film clips of "Top Gun" will be shown.

"When people come up to me and want to join the league that means we're doing something right and that says a lot about us," Doram said.

The organization has about six recruits that want to become members of the league, See said.

The Midshipmen League, through possible sponsorship of the Navy League, is trying to become a national party to recruit members," Schmidt said. "Capt. G.R. Moore,

Little Kentucky Derby postponed; Fawn Hall could be coming to UK

By EVA I. WINKLE
Staff Writer

The Little Kentucky Derby will be later than usual this year.

The dates for the spring LKD carnival have been tentatively changed from April 13-17 to April 29-24, due to scheduling conflicts.

Missy Derifield, LKD chairwoman, announced at last night's Student Activities Board meeting that because of scheduling problems with Harper Amusements the LKD would be postponed one week.

She said a verbal agreement had been made with Harper, the compa-

ny that provides the annual carnival, to set up for production on April 13, LKD opening day.

However, someone at Harper was apparently unaware of that agreement, and signed a written contract with another school, Derifield said.

Derifield said she could have found another carnival company, but felt more comfortable working with Harper.

Lynne Hunt, SAB president and former LKD chairwoman, first signed with Harper three years ago. Since then, they have performed during LKD week annually.

Derifield said one reason both she and Hunt chose Harper was that there are few carnival companies in existence and few who are willing to work an event like LKD on a college campus.

She said scheduling dates were the main conflict with carnival companies, as they are in high demand during the spring and summer season. Derifield said liability was also a factor, because of the increase in the price of insurance.

"They're (Harper Amusements) good people to work with," she said.

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Home Ec. sponsoring phone-a-thon

By CONSTANCE DIANE CLARK
Contributing Writer

The College of Home Economics is sponsoring a phone-a-thon in effort to raise money for the completion of a computer center lab and academic excellence scholarships.

The event, which began yesterday and will continue through Saturday, is in its second year.

Students, faculty, staff and alumni from the College of Home Econ-

omy have volunteered for the phone-a-thon being held in the Porter Building. Volunteers are calling alumni of the College of Home Economics across the United States for donations. Approximately 3,000 alumni will be called.

Over 100 people are involved in the fundraiser, which hopes to exceed last year's mark of \$9,000. This year's goal is \$12,000.

The phone-a-thon is being headed by Nancy Click, 1982 graduate of the

College of Home Economics. The Dean of the College of Home Economics Peggy S. Meszaros and Assistant Dean Sarah Henry are also responsible for organizing the phone-a-thon.

The money donated by alumni will be used to complete the room for computer lab and pay for computer terminals and discs, Click said. More Academic scholarships will

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Sports

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UK's Ellis back on track after injuring left ankle

By CHRIS ALDRIDGE
Staff Writer

In addition to Kentucky's win over Tennessee at Rupp Arena Saturday, the Cats received some other good news — the return of LeRon Ellis.

Ellis, a promising 6-foot-11 freshman, had been suffering from a severe sprain in his left ankle since injuring it in a morning practice on Dec. 24.

Ellis was unable to play against Alaska and in UK's first two Southeastern Conference clashes against Vanderbilt and Georgia. He made only cameo appearances against Mississippi State, Auburn and Alabama, averaging only six minutes and failing to score.

A complete turnaround came against the Volunteers. Ellis entered the game with just six minutes elapsed. Sharing time with starting center Rob Lock, Ellis logged 21 minutes, the most he has played all season.

Ellis was impressive, scoring seven points, pulling down seven rebounds and blocking a shot. Lock, who played 18 minutes before fouling out of the game, had 12 points, six rebounds and another block.

UK coach Eddie Sutton was impressed with the production he received out of the center position in Saturday's game. He hinted that UK may be throwing a two-headed center at future opponents, including Florida tonight.

"We would like very much for LeRon and Rob to play that center spot," Sutton said. "Together they had 19 points and 13 rebounds and

didn't play 40 minutes. That's a great effort."

"If you can get that kind of productivity out of 40 minutes of playing the pivot position, then I would say we'd have an excellent chance of winning the majority of our ballgames."

Ellis showed no ill effects from the injury, although Sutton noted that Ellis' lack of physical conditioning was obvious.

"You could see him huffing and puffing going up and down the floor," Sutton said. "But you don't miss that many practice days (and stay in top shape)."

Ellis recently completed his rehabilitation program with assistant trainer Charles Wooton. The program consisted of swimming, bike riding and running.

Wooton said Ellis' ankle is about 95-percent healed. He said the training staff classifies three types of ankle injuries — first, second and third degree — with third degree being the most severe. He said Ellis' was "about 2 plus."

"He came back a lot faster than we thought he was going to," Wooton said.

Ellis said the only problem is when he goes up for a layup off his left leg, he can't jump as high as he previously could.

"When you're right-handed and you go up for a layup, you go off your left leg," Ellis said. "Right now, I just can't get up off the floor on it like I used to be able to. That constitutes the five percent that I'm lacking right now. Everything else



ALAN HAWSE/Kernal Staff

UK freshman center LeRon Ellis grabs one of his seven rebounds against Tennessee Saturday.

— the lateral movement, the vertical jumping — I can do."

Ellis said his ankle was a little bit painful in the Tennessee game, but said "it's not major or anything" and won't prevent him from playing against Florida tonight, if called upon.

"I don't really care how they play me, just as long as I can get in there and play ball because that's what I'm here for," Ellis said. "Hopefully, I will get some good playing time and be able to produce like I did last time."

Sutton says Gators SEC's most talented

By CHRIS ALDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Kentucky may be in for its toughest Southeastern Conference game to date when the Cats host the Florida Gators tonight at Rupp Arena.

UK coach Eddie Sutton calls Florida the deepest and most talented team in the league — his Cats included.

But Florida received some bad news this week when it learned that outstanding freshman forward, 6-foot-8 Livingston Chatman, will miss the game because of arthroscopic knee surgery. He is the Gator's top rebounder (7.3) and second-leading scorer (14.5) this season.

The adversity created by the loss of a star player, plus the fact that Florida hasn't been playing up to its preseason expectations makes the Gators dangerous. Tonight's game may be just what Florida coach Norm Sloan needs to bring his Gators out of their shell.

"(Sloan) made a comment that he expects them to break out of their slump at any moment, hopefully in Rupp Arena," said UK assistant coach Jimmy Dykes, who scouted the Gators' win over Ole Miss Saturday.

Dykes said he believes Florida will try to get UK to play an up-tempo style, which may not be advantageous to Kentucky.

"We're not afraid to run with anyone because we feel we have the horses," Dykes said. "But on the other hand, you don't want to get into a Ping-Pong match with some-

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one who plays Ping-Pong 24 hours a day."

The Gators will again be led by the inside-outside combination of senior guard Vernon Maxwell and sophomore center Dwayne Schintzius. Maxwell leads the team in scoring, averaging 20.1 points per game. The 7-2, 245-pound Schintzius averages 13.6 points and 7.1 rebounds a game.

Forward Pat Lawrence is a three-point demon, hitting more of his three-point attempts (50 percent) than two-pointers (46.3).

Kentucky and Florida are currently tied for first place in the SEC with 5-1 and 3-1 conference records, respectively.

"At this stage in the season, it's as important to us as any game we'll play," Sutton said.

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Corner makes some changes as Van Horn eyes next bout

By JIM WHITE
Assistant Sports Editor

A few things have changed in Darrin Van Horn's corner since he last fought in the Bluegrass. That was in August when the UK sophomore and professional boxer downed Greg Taylor in an eight-round bout at Lexington's Continental Inn.

After that, Darrin and his father, then-promoter/trainer G.L. Van Horn, hit the road in search of "big time" boxing success.

They traveled to New York City where the middleweight knocked out Norberto Bueno in the third round at Madison Square Garden on Sept. 17. Things were beginning to pick up.

While there, Darrin, now ranked third in the world by the International Boxing Federation, posed for the cover of this month's "The Ring" magazine.

From there, it was off to Atlantic City where Darrin "School Boy" Van Horn scored two more victories over Juan Alanso Villa in October and Joe Summers in December. Both were 10-round decisions.

On Feb. 21, Darrin and his father will return to Kentucky to fight. Darrin will go up against John Munguga in a bout that will

be nationally televised by NBC. Van Horn enters the fight with a record of 34-0 with 21 knock outs. Munguga will carry a 26-1 record into the ring. He has knocked out 17 opponents.

When the bell sounds at the Farnham-Dudgdon Civic Center in Frankfort, Darrin, who recently turned 19 years old, will be in the ring as usual. But his father's role has changed a bit.

"We have stepped up quite a few notches from when we started out two or three years ago," G.L. said at a press conference held yesterday in Frankfort. "I was very hard on Darrin, but Darrin couldn't tell the difference between, was it his trainer getting on his butt or was it his dad. We had a lot of problems there."

Enter fight trainer Donald Turner. "He's a black G.L. Van Horn," G.L. said of Turner. "I would like for Don to take Darrin where he should be. Where I haven't been able to take Darrin for the last three times out. Before I made a mistake

... I went ahead and reached out and got, let me tell you, one of the finest trainers around. And you're going to see the difference in Darrin this next time out."

"I know what (Darrin) is capable of," said Turner, who is known to be a disciplinarian. "And I won't except anything less of what he's capable of."

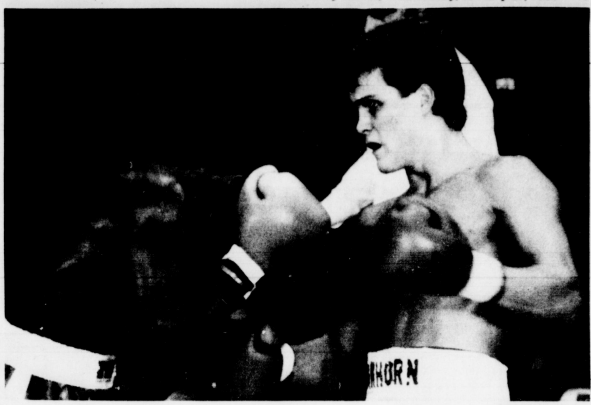
Turner is based in California, Penn., where he currently trains two world ranked fighters. He also trained Cincinnati fighter Aaron Pryor up until Pryor's second title defense.

Darrin, however, won't be going to Pennsylvania to train. Turner will make the trip to Lexington before bouts to work out at the Continental Inn where Darrin lives.

"I met (Turner) in Atlantic City on my last fight," Darrin said. "When I saw him I looked at him I just said, 'Oh, my god,' because he didn't look that old and I knew I wouldn't have any respect for him. Then I found out he's older than my dad so that changed."

G.L., now lacking the sole job of Darrin's manager, also has passed on the responsibility of promoting his son to Cedric Kusher who has directed the progress of five world champion boxers.

Although G.L. said the reason he relinquished the job of trainer and promoter was because of father-son conflicts, he still is pretty sore about some remarks made by 1987 World



ALAN HAWSE/Normal Staff

UK sophomore Darrin Van Horn scores a blow against Greg Taylor at Lexington's Continental Inn last fall. Van Horn, who won that eight-round bout, will fight John Munguga Feb. 1 at Frankfort, Ky.

Boxing Association Manager of the Year Mickey Duff.

"And now, guess what? We got a chance to fight this guy," G.L. said of Duff who manages Munguga. "I'm glad we're fighting him. The last time, if you saw us on TV, he

was the guy that wanted to outlaw others from boxing."

Darrin, on the other hand, is going after Munguga for other reasons, such as a possible No. 1 ranking.

"When I win this next fight it's going to be big time," Darrin said.

"It's getting there now but when I win this fight it's really going to be big time. This will be my toughest fight."

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Minority teachers needed for system to fulfill purpose

As the needs of black students in Higher Education increase, unfortunately the resources to deal with these needs are growing smaller.

Statistics indicate a nationwide trend toward fewer teachers entering the profession. Even more frightening, however, is the increasing shortage of minority teachers.

During the 1980-81 school year, 108,000 graduates earned bachelor degrees in education. Of these, 8.8 percent were black. Four years later, blacks made up only 5.9 percent of the graduating class, even though the total number of graduates had shrunk by about 20,000.

Yesterday saw the end to the "Conference on Minority Recruitment and Retention in Teacher Education Programs," a UK-sponsored, three-day seminar designed to reverse the decline in the number of minority teachers.

Administrators, educators and faculty from across the nation gathered to study a model put together by several UK professors and officials. The model was presented in a general format so as to allow participants to apply it to their specific needs.

The conference no doubt was filled with enthusiasm and inspiration. As these educators return to their offices, we hope they don't lose the fire.

For the education system in our country to be effective, something has to be done. Every year, thousands of students drop out of school. Even more plod along with little interest, going only to satisfy their parents, the police or future employers.

For these students to stick with it and get something out of their studies, something or someone has to keep them there. That someone is the teacher. A good teacher not only has knowledge and teaching skills, but also has the ability to identify with the students and the students' problems.

And whether we like it or not, for a minority student that teacher is often a minority teacher. A minority teacher serves as a role model, as a friend and a confidant. Elementary and middle school teachers especially rely on their ability to make friends with a student as a way of making a difference in his or her life.

We want to congratulate UK for taking the initiative in recognizing the danger of this shortage. We urge those involved — and others — to continue their efforts. This is a problem that apathy won't solve.



Commercialized Businesses' complaints about Student Center unfounded

For years, the UK Student Center has been a source of concern for administrators and students alike.

Faced with financial and service cuts as well as criticism from students, the Student Center has been labeled as everything from a White Elephant to an eyesore.

But to their credit, students and University officials have worked diligently to try to improve the situation at the center.

Most recently, the Student Activities Board recommended in October that officials pursue limited commercialization of the center — a drugstore, dry cleaner and fast-food restaurant topped the list of preferences for commercialized services.

While not an entirely new student center (which is needed), commercialization would allow the existing center to offer more services to students as well as help it financially.

Although it would need final approval from the UK Board of Trustees, it isn't likely that commercialization, with the administration's endorsement, would have much problem passing the board.

But the plans to commercialize have been put on hold — at least



Jay BLANTON

until the Kentucky General Assembly ends its session in April.

Officials and students connected with the Student Center are concerned that local businesses might complain about unfair competition and introduce legislation prohibiting commercialization.

Consequently, the University has put off sending out invitations to businesses to place bids on space in the Student Center.

Officials connected with the Student Center had hoped to have businesses in the center by next fall. But now the schedule could be thrown back three to four months.

The strategy to hold off sending out invitations for bids is smart. Why take the chance of "raising red flags" and stirring up trouble.

But we shouldn't have to be going through this to begin with. In all

probability, any legislation concerning unfair business practices will not come to fruition. It hasn't before.

It has to be frustrating though to be concerned about, or have to deal with, complaints from small businesses, which are completely unfounded.

Limited commercialization of the Student Center would not be placing University services in competition with local businesses.

On the contrary, commercializing the center would be giving businesses the opportunity to increase their consumer market by coming into the center.

The University is offering an expansion of business, not something detrimental to it.

Evidently, some local businesses are afraid that they may be the ones left out by those businesses with better bids. There's no doubt that students will go to the business more conveniently located — in most cases that means the Student Center.

So these businesses that are afraid of losing out on the student market are raising a ruckus.

But what they fail to realize, or admit, is that competition is the basis for America's free enterprise system.

That includes within universities. It would be ridiculous to assume that businesses can compete for accounts or space everywhere except college campuses.

As Student Government Association President Cyndi Weaver said, UK asks businesses to compete for contracts all the time. And she's right.

We decide to put Coke, not Pepsi, in our soft drink machines. We pick one company over another to service our vending machines.

One day this University may even pick one condom company over another to service our candy machines — or wherever we decide to place the things.

Unless some condom-dispensing company complains about unfair competition.

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The Soapbox

Park It!

Former UK basketball coach Adolph Rupp once said all he wanted from God was an NCAA championship and a parking space on this campus.

The Baron got four championship trophies over his 42-year career, but he probably had a more difficult time finding a place to park his car.

Each year, students, faculty and staff increasingly complain about the lack of parking spaces on UK's campus.

A quick check of the parking lots around campus would probably reveal that many cars are parked illegally because the drivers could not find anywhere else to park it.

Nevertheless, many of the illegally parked vehicles are open season for either a parking ticket or even worse, a tow truck.

What do you think should be done about the parking problem? Should more parking lots or parking structures be built? Or should the University find some other alternative?

Submissions to "The Soapbox" will be printed on the Viewpoint page Thursday, Jan. 27.

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1988 has been a memorable year for all

We have been in 1988 for less than a month, but there have already been a number of news items that point toward another interesting year. With about half of all Americans not planning to go to the polls in November to elect the 41st president of the United States, many of the early stories of 1988 have come from the presidential campaigns.

But when the news media thinks the only thing Americans care about right now are how the voters in the frigid lands of Iowa and New Hampshire think, something else has happened to remind us that there is life outside of politics.

Although each new year is supposed to allow us to start all over, some things that most of us wish would have remained in 1987 — professional football, Michael Jackson, George Bush, Gary Hart — are still lingering, reminding us what a ghastly year 1987 was.

In case you have been preoccupied with how to weight your schedule with some of the easier classes this University offers — and it offers quite a few — or deciding which fraternity you were going to pledge to drink beer with, here's a reminder of what 1988 has been all about.



C.A. DUANE BONIFER

Worse Than a Truck Stop — When UK students returned to classes this semester, they were supposed to be able to purchase aspirins, combs,

"Happy" Days Again? — When Wallace Wilkinson was the obscure candidate he should have remained, former Kentucky Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chandler was the only person with the courage to support the Casey County businessman.

So when it came time to remember those who believed in his dream when many doubted it, Wilkinson made sure their devotion was aptly rewarded.

One of the first actions taken by Wilkinson as Kentucky's 53rd chief executive was to make Chandler a voting member on the Kentucky Board of Trustees.

Chandler, who perhaps represents the good 'ole boy politics of Kentucky better than anyone else in this commonwealth, is anything but the innovative thinker this University needs to help carry it into the 21st century. Thank goodness there is only one of him.

So the administration decided that condoms in candy machines would be less offensive to the delicate members of the campus than a condom machine.

Ah, what a sneaky idea. What student could be offended by a machine that offers candy bars, chewing gum, mints and condoms. The very presence of condoms in the machine should stir any student's appetite.

As far as modeling, it's only going to help her," Lee said. "Any publicity is good publicity."

No one can accuse Pittman of being the typical dizzy model. She knows how to get ahead in her profession.

With so many things already just a memory, it's encouraging to know that there are 11 more months of 1988.

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BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



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Diversions

Erik Reece
Arts Editor

Lip service

Lyle Lovett LP, compilation album prove that uninspired crooning is no way to hit the big time



By ROB SENG
Staff Critic

PONTIAC
Lyle Lovett
MCA Records

Lyle Lovett would sure like to be one of the new breed of country singers that are reviving the genre. But on *Pontiac*, he comes off like an 18-year-old kid trying out his fake ID for the first time. He had some lyrical confidence going in, but he got a little unsure of himself musically when he hit the door.

Lovett packs enough barroom blues into his songs, but instead of convincingly singing them like a man strung out on too many shots of whisky and too many romantic failures, Lovett sounds like he's saddled up to the bar to sip on an ice-cold glass of milk.

Pontiac starts off on a sentimental note with "If I Had a Boat," an ocean opus that seems

more at home on a Jimmy Buffett album. When Lovett has Tonto meekly tell his companion to "kiss my ass, I bought a boat/I'm going out to sea," the Lone Ranger probably would've kicked the little wimp's butt right into the wild west's setting sun.

Lovett then sings about the pain of being in love with a woman who drives a pickup and thinks bull riders do it best. "Redneckness has got to be a disease/You catch it on your fingertips and it just crawls right up your sleeves," he tells her in an innocent, school-boy voice. By the time he asks her to "give back my heart chip-kicker redneck woman," you can be sure that the thing she kicks won't be horse chips.

Lovett then abruptly switches styles on side two, transforming himself into the type of singer you'd expect to find in Holiday Inn lounge outside of Nashville. The wailing saxophones inserted here clash with the intermittent steel guitar spots that surfaced on Side 1.

Lovett continues to play the sap on "She's No Lady" and "M-O-N-E-Y," where he gives in to the materialistic urges of his women. "She's got diamonds on her mind/And if you want that girl/What you need is M-O-N-E-Y." Sorry, Lyle, but what you need is a little common sense and a backbone.

Side 2 also contains "Pontiac,"



one of the album's two more effective songs, the other being "L.A. County." "Pontiac" is the tale of a jealous love ended by murder that closes out Side 1.

Lovett was obviously listening to his copies of "Darkness on the Edge of Town" and "Nebraska" when he wrote these two.

Lovett closes *Pontiac* with "She's Hot to Go," a barroom tale of a girl who looks great from behind but turns out to be ugly from the front. "Well I could handle it behind her/And I liked it on the side/But don't make me look around her man/cause she's ugly-ugly-ugly-ugly." It sounds as if it could be a great jukebox song, but Lovett and his band play it as if they were performing at Tipper Gore's tea party.

There's some scraps here and there of some potentially good songs, but they don't add up to a fulfilling platter. The next time the lanky Lovett bellies up to the table for another serving, he'd do well to put some meat on his bones.



By ERIK REECE
Arts Editor

THE BIG TIME SYNDROME
Various Artists
Big Time Records

If you're one of those people (like me) who doesn't keep up with every new release from every fringe band on every independent label, then *The Big Time Syndrome* may be a welcome sampler to help you keep abreast.

The down side of this compendium album is that it comes with pockish liner notes that try to make you feel guilty for not supporting these bands in the first place. It then prattles on about the righteous characteristics of an independent label (subversive, hip and poor). Built into all of these pulpy polemics is the label's treatise for how it is going to knock the major labels off their financial pedestals and change the shape of music.

Outside of the politics, *Syndrome* is made up of B-sides and previously unreleased material by Big Time's headliners.

The material is a choppy mix consisting of covers and reworked originals that aren't any more impressive the second time out. *Syndrome* is largely uninspired. Now sure, Big Time is a small-time label, but obscurity is no excuse for lethargy.

The Exploding White Mice's "Blaze of Glory" is simply brain-dead, neo-punk drivel. Dumptruck's "Didn't Know" and The Lucy Show's "New Message (New Version)" are both lame wastes of time and vinyl. With falsetto vocals and trademark, layered instrumentals, Love Tractor renders a lush but altogether soulless version of Marvin Gaye's "Got to Give It Up."

The LP's stand-out track is Alex Chilton's cover of Porter Wagoner's "The Rubber Room." Chilton's version is a psychological tour de force that winds through a schizophrenic gauntlet before leaving its victim in emotional carnage. The song ends with Chilton howling out of desperation and helplessness.

The Jazz Butcher Conspiracy and The Pastels help out the cause, but they never quite succeed at lifting *Syndrome* out of the dregs. On an album that is trying desperately to make a statement, the message rings false.

Celebrities win award for grit

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Carol Burnett, Wayne Jennings and Coca-Cola Co. President Donald Krough were named yesterday as winners of the 1988 Horatio Alger Awards for typifying the American spirit of true grit under adverse conditions.

The winners, said Love Smith, executive director of the Horatio Alger Association, demonstrate that "achievement in this country is possible, even for youngsters of economically disadvantaged origins." Among this year's winners, Miss Burnett grew up in a one-room apartment in Hollywood with her grandmother after her parents' separation; Jennings was raised by sharecropper parents in a tin lean-to in Texas; and Krough grew up in an Iowa farm family that was wiped out financially in the Great Depression.

Other recipients of the 1988 Horatio Alger Awards include: Robert Dole, Kansas; Senate minority leader and 1988 Republican presidential candidate.

Trammell Crow, Dallas: Founder and chairman of Trammell Crow Co., the largest real estate development company in the nation.

Willie W. Herenton, Memphis, Tenn.: Superintendent of the Memphis school system.

Thomas Johnson, Los Angeles: Publisher and chief executive officer of the Los Angeles Times.

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