

## UK claims SEC title outright

Information for portions of this story was taken from the WVLK game broadcast

UK clinched the Southeastern Conference championship last night with a 78-67 win at Georgia. The next step for UK's seniors is their fourth straight post-season tournament appearance.

As freshmen, they shared the SEC crown with Alabama and in the NCAA Midwest Regional upset highly-regarded Indiana before bowing to perennial power UCLA in the championship game.

As sophomores, the Kentucky group slugged its way to a 10-10 record before winning its last 10 games and the NIT championship.

And last year, UK shared the title with Tennessee, but fell victim to North Carolina's four-corner offense to lose in the NCAA Midwest Regionals.

"We're not sharing the title this year," forward James Lee said. "That's a great feeling for us."

The win over Georgia last night raised Kentucky's slate to 23-2 overall and 15-2 in the SEC.

UK didn't give Georgia any breaks as the first-half curtain rose. The Wildcats hit their first nine shots, capped by guard Kyle Macy's shot from the top of the key for an 18-12 lead.

The Cats added to that margin on the strength of guard Truman Clayton's outside shooting and the smooth baseline work of forward Jack Givens. Both had 12 points to lead UK at intermission.

Kentucky hit eight of nine free throws to help their effort, while Georgia made only one free throw in five attempts.

Despite the team's influenza epidemic, UK played a sound first half. Reserve center Chuck Aleksins hit a short jumper with 20 seconds remaining in the half to give Kentucky its biggest lead at 46-27.

"We lost our legs in the second half," Hall said. "We came out flat and missed our shots. But we got a 17-point lead in the first half, and that proved to be plenty to get us over the hump in the second half."

The second half opened with UK falling victim to the flu. After opening a quick 20-point lead, UK just plain tired.

UK led 57-57 early in the second period when the Bulldogs began their tempered assault. UK's lead shrank to 14 points when the Wildcats got stuck at the 60-point mark. Baskets by forward Lucius Foster and guard Walter Daniels, the game's leading scorer with 25 points, fueled Georgia's offense.

But Kentucky was frittering away even more points. Hall rested Macy and Clayton, as well as forward Rick Robey and center Mike Phillips, in the last half.

As they did in the second half of the Alabama game in Lexington, UK went to Robey on the low post to keep the game competitive.

But when Robey and Givens missed front ends of bonus free throw situations, Kentucky found itself mired with a tenuous 71-63 lead.

Four consecutive charity tosses by Macy put the game on ice for UK, though.

The Folding Five? No way, says Hall.

"I got the adrenaline flowing," he said about his statements about the team two weeks ago. "We had to throw that at them. They understand that. This is a very dedicated group."



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## For muscular dystrophy

# Research gives new ideas, hope

By HELEN SARGENT  
Kernel Reporter

University professors are often criticized for doing research on trivial and often moot topics. But one UK professor is involved in a research program that could affect the lives of many.

Dr. Allen Butterfield, a chemistry professor, began his research into muscular dystrophy at Duke University, where he studied myotonic dystrophy for his doctoral degree. After coming to UK, he began research on Duchenne, another type of the disease, and continued study on myotonia.

Muscular dystrophy is a hereditary disease that progressively deteriorates the muscles in the body. It often causes

death. Butterfield said there is substantial evidence that muscular dystrophy isn't simply a muscle disease, that it also involves cell membranes of other tissues.

"We've been studying red blood cells, which have nothing to do with muscles at all," said Butterfield, who teaches general and graduate courses in chemistry. Blood is taken from a patient with muscular dystrophy and studied for physical changes in the proteins and fats, both major constituents of cell membranes.

"Through chemical and physical studies, we are trying to find out which protein has been genetically altered. If we find the abnormal protein and know what it does, it's possible we may be able to un-

derstand the physiological basis of muscle wasting."

Butterfield said the hypothesis, supported by current evidence, is that if the problem can be identified in red blood cells, a correlation can be made to the problems of those with muscular dystrophy.

Butterfield is the only researcher in Kentucky who is funded by the National Muscular Dystrophy Research Foundation. Recently, a clinic in the Medical Center was established to assist his research. This clinic enables patients to receive medical care and aids Butterfield in his research.

"We know more about muscular dystrophy now, 10 times more, than we knew three years ago," he said. "It is important for patients to know I am concerned about them and their disease. It's important that

they know somebody is doing something."

Dr. William Marksbery, a neurologist at the Medical Center, helps Butterfield by confirming diagnoses and assisting in patient interaction. In addition, the research group has four graduate students, three senior thesis students and three technicians.

Butterfield said those with the disease, along with their families, have been very cooperative. "I think they recognize that it's only through cooperation of people who have disease that any progress can ever be made. It isn't something that happens in a vacuum."

Butterfield stressed optimism about the disease and the work that is being done. "People shouldn't be discouraged."

## UK tops AP rankings

Team	Record	Points
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3. Marquette	(1)	23-3 819
4. Arkansas		27-2 720
5. Kansas		23-3 616
6. DePaul	(2)	23-2 579
7. Notre Dame		19-5 465
8. New Mexico		23-3 385
9. Michigan State		21-4 378
10. North Carolina		23-6 335
11. Florida State		21-4 261
12. Texas		22-4 179
13. Illinois State		23-2 117
14. Syracuse		21-4 109
15. Duke		20-6 98
16. Detroit		23-2 88
17. Georgetown		21-5 41
18. Providence		22-6 32
19. Utah		21-5 24
20. Louisville		18-6 22



David O'Neil

This was the scene early this morning in the parking lot of the new basketball players' dorm on Lexington Ave., where hundreds of UK students and Lexington residents gathered to welcome the

Wildcats back from their weekend road trip. The occasion for the celebration was the Cats' 31st SEC championship, which they won last night by whipping Georgia 78-67.

## High steppers

## today

### inside

DAVE MASON AND BOB WELCH will be at UK March 7. Read who they are and what they're about on page 3.

### nation

COAL OPERATORS AND UNION representatives returned to the scene of their negotiating skirmishes yesterday to preview the new contract aimed at settling the extended coal strike.

The groups met separately in Washington. Members of the 130-member Bituminous Coal Operators Association met to hear the terms of the tentative three-year contract outlined in an hour-long session.

Although the coal operators refused to talk about the proposal, their approval seems assured. Union representatives, however, were less certain about the reaction of the UMW's 160,000 miners, whose strike enters its 85th day today.

THE SUPREME COURT, DENYING an appeal from Kentucky, said yesterday the federal government does not have to help pay the costs of court-ordered busing to achieve racially desegregated public schools.

The justices rejected without comment an appeal by Kentucky Gov. Julian Carroll seeking permission to ask for federal help in paying for busing in the

Louisville area, one of hundreds of school districts across the nation carrying out court-ordered busing.

THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION uses "manipulative and corrupt" tactics to investigate allegations of wrongdoing by its 800 university and college members, a former staff investigator for the NCAA said yesterday.

Brent Clark is a lawyer who worked for the NCAA's enforcement division for 2½ years. He described a pattern of arbitrary investigations based more on politics and whim than on ending recruitment and other types of violations.

Clark said in at least two cases, athletes interviewed about alleged violations were told they would get help in tryouts with professional teams if they cooperated with NCAA investigators. He said his boss at the NCAA told him to tell one athlete the young man would get a tryout with the Kansas City Kings pro basketball team as "bait" for providing information against his school.

WITH HEARINGS SET TO OPEN IN Washington Tuesday on the \$400 million-a-year problem of cigarette smuggling, Pennsylvania is taking one solution into its own hands — offering Southerners rewards for tips about the smugglers.

The state has taken out an ad offering 50 cents per carton of confiscated cigarettes in editions of the Raleigh, N.C. News-Observer. The ad will also appear in other Southern states.

Yesterday, one day after their ad began running in the Raleigh paper's Sunday edition, Pennsylvania officials said they had five tips that they were tracking down. The ad will run through Wednesday.

### world

CUBAN SOLDIERS HAVE ENTERED combat for the first time against rebels in Ethiopia's northern Eritrea province, the insurgents said yesterday. Cubans already had been reported fighting alongside Ethiopian troops in their Ogaden war against Somali secessionists at the other end of the country.

Amde Michael Kabaasi, spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, said in Rome that 1,000 Cubans joined Ethiopian defenders in the Eritrean capital of Asmara for an unsuccessful attempt to end the five-month rebel siege of the city.

U.S. intelligence has reported more than 10,000 Cuban soldiers, several thousand Russians and other foreign troops are inside Ethiopia, with the Cubans directly involved in fighting the ethnic Somali rebels who seek to unite Ethiopia's southeastern Ogaden desert to Somalia.

### weather

ANOTHER WINTER STORM WARNING for Lexington today. Snow, then rain and then snow with accumulations one to three inches. High today in the mid to upper 30's. Lows tonight about 20. Tomorrow's high about 30.

Compiled from AP dispatches.

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## Basketball ticket distribution process is unhealthy

Bad weather, the demand for UK basketball tickets and an inadequate distribution process have created an unhealthy situation this year.

To get the few good seats that are available to students, it's necessary to camp out in front of Memorial Coliseum many hours before the tickets are given out.

The standing, self-imposed policy of "snooze-lose" is hardly fair to students who camp for two days and miss arbitrarily scheduled "roll calls" while getting a bite to eat.

If the University officials who have taken upon themselves the responsibility for distributing tickets are genuinely concerned about the health and safety of the students, then they should take a more responsible position with regards to the policing of the ticket lines under the present

system or develop a new, better system.

Last weekend, hundreds of students had gathered by late Saturday night, although tickets were not to be given out until 2 p.m. Sunday. Two hardy fanatics had been there since late Friday night, living out of a tent tied to the ticket window.

It simply wasn't a healthy situation. A raging flu epidemic found it's perfect medium: tired, cold students packed together like sardines. Huddled over unsafe trash can fires and shivering on the pavement, the students looked like prisoners in Auschwitz or Buchenwald.

The University administration should not allow such self-abuse to continue next year. It might take an entirely new system to alleviate such unhealthy situations, as basketball fans cannot be relied upon to take care of themselves.

There will always be some who risk health, study and sleep to reach the front row.

There are several alternatives available to the present system, alternatives that don't encourage masochism. Tickets could be given out at all once, lotteries could be used, or distribution could be done in a place where students could wait indoors.

But the best system is this: Keep the distribution place a secret until about twelve hours before tickets are given out. Then have the location announced over campus radio (a different location should be designated each time). A safety officer at the scene could solve squabbles over who arrived first.

The fanatics would still have a chance to prove their devotion, but the time limit would keep it

within reason. There would no longer be any marathon vigils in sub-freezing weather. Students could stay healthier, better-rested and would have more time to study.

University officials could also help by standardizing the rules for waiting in line. Ticket seekers have policed themselves well this year (most often by a sign-when-you-arrive list), but there needs to be a definite set of regulations governing things like amount of time for restroom and meal breaks.

It would, of course, be impossible to determine how many students contracted colds or the flu during this most recent ticket madness, but even one is too many. The University should be able to recognize the potential danger of such situations and take steps to insure the students' welfare.

### Office Tower Blues

## Grade inflation: a contagion on the body academic

Grade inflation is a little like your Uncle Joe's venereal disease. The family knows about the illness, but discourages talk. It may not be fatal, but your mother is embarrassed and Uncle Joe suffers quietly, waiting for the penicillin to cure.

robert  
hemenway

Grade inflation is a contagion on the body academic, something that might be called a social disease. In the last decade it has reached epidemic proportions, but neither professors nor students have had the nerve for an honest diagnosis and a realistic remedy.

Grade inflation means that average school work gets above average marks. Today at most universities B equals average. It is considered eccentric, perverse and

unpatriotic for professors to give C's for middling performance or flunk students who try hard but are inept. All students want at least a B, and most expect it.

Since 1972 I have been told 236 times that "I need a B in this course for (check one: law school, grad school, medical school)." A young man once told me that he needed a B because he wanted to get married that spring. His prospective mother-in-law had set her sights on an intellectual, and my testimony was to be the clinching evidence in a doubtful case.

But don't trust my experience. Consider the facts. Between 1965 and 1974 the mean grade awarded at UK went from 2.5 to 2.8. The average grade given in the College of Education during the spring, 1977 semester was 3.3.

Nor is UK unique. Between 1962 and 1972, the University of North Carolina doubled its percentage of A's. In 1961 Harvard graduated half

of its seniors with honors. In 1974 cum laude degrees went to 92 percent of the graduating class. As everyone knows, none of this occurs because students are smarter. In fact, national scores have consistently declined for the last decade.

Grade inflation results from three converging phenomena of the 60's: (1) Student demands for better teaching gave birth to the student evaluation. Fear of negative evaluation led professors to hand out bad grades, believing that a student would not express dissatisfaction with a course that provided unearned increments for the GPA. There are many exceptions, but university faculties generally concluded that it was easier to give cheap grades than become better teachers.

Ironically, recent research has shown that students have more integrity than anyone suspected. If refusing to be bribed, students have

usually assessed teachers honestly, regardless of grades received.

(2) Declines in enrollments scared the daylight out of faculty and administration. After unprecedented growth since the Korean War, higher education suddenly faced the prospect of being overstaffed and underfinanced. University vice-presidents looked upon a superfluous future: what would be left to administrate?

Department chairpersons felt the sting of budget cuts because their departments "serviced" fewer students. Professors faced cancellation of their favorite classes. The administrators worked harder to unearth bodies, sometimes admitting marginal students. Once they were in the classroom, the faculty made sure they wouldn't be forced to leave.

(3) University pedagogy, like the rest of society, became influenced by behavior modification techniques. "Positive rein-

forcement" became a constitutional guarantee. In my discipline this meant that all that stood between functional illiteracy and competent writing was a warm-hearted teacher rewarding the student every time he stumbled onto a complete sentence. It was a philosophy demeaning to both modifier and underfinanced. Grades became the equivalent of jelly beans used as rewards in an experiment to teach a chimpanzee to deal black jack.

I don't know the answer to grade inflation, but I do know it undermines the integrity of the student-teacher relationship. The student feels cheap and cynical when he offers inferior work and it is returned with a superior grade.

The professor keeps asking himself if he is prostituting standards and usually decides that he is. Faculty member and student both feel bad, but don't know how to get off the emotional roller coaster. Each is afraid to take the first step.

They both sense that there is no longer any way to prize true excellence, they both know that real learning has been captured by a jelly bean theory of education and they both resent the way their responses have been manipulated. I have no idea what the long range effects of all this will be, but polls now show that education is undervalued, and this attitude can eventually make the university expendable in a society making hard choices about its institutions. Which, come to think of it, means no jobs for professors.

Maybe Mother was right. Maybe it's best to keep Uncle Joe's indiscretion under wraps. The problem is that silence never helps the pain, we've contracted the disease without any pleasure and no wonder drug appears on the horizon.

Robert Hemenway teaches English at UK and drives a VW bus with 112,000 miles on it. His column appears monthly, on Tuesdays.

### Letters to the Editor

In the name of Allah, the annihilator of oppressors:

The organization of Iranian Moslem Students will hold a demonstration in Lexington to protest the recent massacre of Iranian Moslem people in Tabriz in which hundreds of people were

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sports

## Catfish 'land' state title

By ANDRA LANGSTON  
Kernel Reporter

RICHMOND — "This was by far our best Kentucky Intercollegiate Swimming Championship (KISC) performance in both team performance and individual times," UK swimming Coach Wynn Paul said after the Wildcats (567 points) had defeated Western Kentucky (476), Eastern Kentucky (502) and Louisville (125) to win the 20th annual KISC here this weekend.

"I was very proud of our team unity and great senior leadership," assistant coach Dave Montgomery said.

Performances by co-captain John Denison and junior Bob Heimbrock led the Catfish as each set new meet and pool records.

Denison broke the KISC meet record and set a new UK Varsity team record in the 200-yard individual medley with the winning time of 1:56.5.

"We had a great meet," Denison said. "I was glad to go out my senior year winning."

Heimbrock set two KISC and UK Varsity records in winning the 100-yard breaststroke (59.1) and the Wheelcats win conference title

The UK Wheelcats clinched the Bluegrass Conference last Saturday night with a 49-42 win over Eastern Kentucky's Roadrunners.

In the game, guards Virgil Proffitt and Bob Goodlett scored 16 points and 15 points, respectively. The win lifted UK's record to 10-2 in league play and 17-6 overall.

200-yard breaststroke (2:08.5).

"I was pretty pleased with all my races—they were my best times ever," Heimbrock said. "We showed a lot of depth, and the freshmen (Chris Ayres, Sammy Blythe, Chad Knutson, Terry Sykes, and Matt Williams) were great."

Sophomore Mark Gribble added 34 points in individual competition and set a new UK varsity meet record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.7.

"I was happy with our KISC victory after losing to Western this season in the

dual meet," Gribble said. "I think everyone's performance was outstanding and I was happy to break the 10-year-old varsity record."

The divers added 83 points to the Wildcats' total.

"I'm proud of their performances as a team not only in competition but in the way they pull together," diving coach Robert Sandford said. "Our divers (Todd Gaar, Peter Craig, Bob Dempsey, and Sue Rose) out-pointed every team there."

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**FAYETTE MALL** (2-6667) THE THRILLING WEEK! **COMA**  
Imagine your life hangs by a thread. Imagine your body hangs by a wire. Imagine terror and suspense.  
Times: 1:30 & 3:35 & 4:45 & 6:58 p.m.

**TURFLAND MALL** (2-6660) HELD OVER! A happy event for the whole family. **Gulliver's Travels**  
Times: 1:30 & 3:30 & 7:30 & 9:30

**TURFLAND MALL** (2-6660) HELD OVER. Don't Miss It! **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND**  
Times: 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

**KERNEL CLASSIFIEDS WORK!**

UK THEATRE  
**Appalachian Quartet**  
by Lee Pennington  
March 1-4  
Guignol Theatre  
Fine Arts Bldg.  
8 p.m.  
Reservations: 258-2680  
(Note: March 2 performance sold out)

**VISTA or the PEACE CORPS**  
can help you find it.

- A chance to get out of your rut. Leave your clock-punching routine.
- Participate in a worthwhile project.
- Use more of your skills than you normally do. Get involved in the whole project. See things happen from the ground up.
- See a whole new way of life.

**VOLUNTEERS SAY:** "If you have 'heart' for other people you don't want to let them down."  
"The independence, experience and especially the gratitude of the people more than make up for money."

Interviews:  
Placement Office—March 7th  
Info Booth—March 7th and 8th

Applications for positions on the '78-'79 Student Center Board

available now in Rm. 203 S.C.  
Positions open on Executive Council and Programming.  
Deadline for applications is Feb. 28.

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