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Botkins announces presidential hopes

By THOMAS J. SULLIVAN
News Editor

SGA Senator at Large David Botkins announced his candidacy for the Student Government Association presidency last night before about 50 people at the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority house.

Botkins and running mate Leah McCain, also an SGA senator at large, are the first candidates to formally announce election plans.

SGA Senior Vice President Susan Bridges is expected to announce her candidacy next week.

Botkins, referring to a Kentucky Kernel editorial that stressed issues as a priority in the SGA elections, said that "issues are important, substance is important."

"Fluff," Botkins said, "is not the way we're going to get things done."

And the way Botkins and McCain plan to get things done is by running SGA "like a business."

Botkins later explained that he planned to do this through "accountability," and "maximizing the dollar that SGA spends."

"The programs that we decide to fund need to be carefully looked at,"



Botkins said. "We need to make sure that they're worthwhile," McCain added.

The financial trouble of the UK library was listed as one of Botkins' primary priorities.

"They can't afford to renew a lot of the periodical subscriptions... we need to help the library," Botkins said.

He said that one way he plans to do that is through an "adopt a periodical" program in which different student organizations could pay for the subscription of a particular periodical.

"It's the library in general that needs to be the main priority because the library is the nerve center for any institution of higher learning," Botkins said.

Student involvement in SGA would also be a concern under Botkins and McCain, Botkins said he would work to get the Greek and residence hall



David Botkins (left) and Leah McCain (far right) announce their candidacy for SGA president and vice president last night.

communities to meet with SGA so that more student concerns could be heard.

"This is a way for us to have more student input before the bill hit the floor," McCain said.

Though a project called the "residence hall planning commission," Botkins said that he and McCain "would sit down and look at some long-range goals that students in the residence halls would like to see."

But the residence hall and Greek communities aren't the only stu-

Education bill gains approval

House committee passes bill creating college trust fund

By JAY BLANTON
Executive Editor

FRANKFORT — A bill that would allow parents to put money into a trust fund for their children's college education was overwhelmingly passed by the House Education Committee yesterday.

The bill, which passed easily in the senate earlier this session, would create a Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust for parents to directly invest in their children's college education.

Parents could invest as much money as they wanted into the trust fund upon their child's birth. The money would be available for expenses at a college or university designated by the parents.

Several other states have considered college-savings plans but the Senate Bill 38 plan is unique, accord-



ing to the bill's sponsor, David Karen, D-Louisville.

Karen said the bill would create two funds — one in which the parents invest in and also an endowment fund which could receive state appropriations.

Although the bill received overwhelming approval from the education committee, an amendment to the bill which would make the endowment fund proportional in its distribution to parents narrowly passed.

The amendment, sponsored by Joe

Bush stresses importance of the South

By C.A. DUANE BONIFER
Editorial Editor

LONDON — Vice President George Bush says he's a "national candidate" for the White House, but yesterday he tried to sell himself as a candidate of the South.

With Super Tuesday less than two weeks away, Bush spent yesterday in Kentucky's heavily Republican 5th Congressional district, visiting a Laurel County town bearing his last name and speaking at a rally held at Sue Bennett College.

"Kentuckians have a colorful way of making a guy feel at home," Bush told a crowd of about 2,000 supporters in the Sue Bennett College gymnasium.

"Kentucky is on the forefront. Kentucky is on the cutting edge. If you give me the support I need, there is no question I will be the next president of the United States."

Kentucky is one of 14 southern and border states that will hold a presidential primary on March 8.

With a total of 21 states participating nationwide, more than 800 or about one-third of the delegates to the Republican National Convention in New Orleans will be chosen on that day.

Bush said he plans to use the remaining 13 days before Super Tuesday to tell voters where his stance on the issues distinguishes him from his Republican challengers.

"There is no question you cannot devise a strategy to win the Republican nomination without winning Super Tuesday," Bush said at a press conference in Sue Bennett's Belle Hall.

While Bush stopped short of saying a victory on Super Tuesday would ensure him of the nomination, he said it would defi-



nately make him the candidate to beat.

"If I win or sweep it... it would be a little difficult to stop me," he said.

However, Kentucky Congressman Hal Rogers, a Republican of the 5th district who chairs Bush's Kentucky campaign, was more forceful.

Rogers said it would catapult Bush to the White House. He said Super Tuesday gives Kentuckians and other Southern voters increased power in the presidential process.

"It gives us a chance during the Bush administration to say 'Remember us back when?'" Rogers said.

Some Bush critics have said he has been too loyal to President Ronald Reagan during his seven years in the White House, but Bush said that loyalty is "a strength, not a character flaw."

"I think I'd be a good president," he said, "but if the price to be president is showing Ronald Reagan down... I'm not willing to be president."

Republican Kentucky Congressman Jim Bunning, chairman of Athletics for Bush, told the audience that Bush's "whole life has been training for this office."

Pamela Howard, a Laurel County High School senior, said it was exciting to have an event in her home town that is usually reserved for the voters in Iowa and New Hampshire.

"I'm nervous because this is the first time because I've never been to something like this," she said. "I'm having trouble feeling at home."



Vice President George Bush steps off of Airforce One yesterday in London, Ky., as he continues on his campaign trail.

Senators' salaries, campaign spending before SGA tonight

By JULIE ESSELMAN
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association will vote tonight on an amendment to abolish an article in its constitution providing senators' salaries.

The Senate will also consider an amendment to increase by \$200 the amount of money a candidate for the SGA presidency can spend on their campaign.

The issue of senators' salaries was created two years ago when the Senate decided to themselves \$150 a semester. The money for the salaries comes out of the SGA general fund, made up primarily of student fees.

Many student government members now think, however, that senators should not receive money.

"It's the general consensus of students and most of the Senate that salaries are not here for the money, and to accept money from students to spend on ourselves, everyone recognizes it's selfish," said Senator at Large Brian Payne, the amendment's primary sponsor, in a committee meeting last week.

Other sponsors said they think that senators are elected strictly to represent the students, and any salary infringes on that role.

"It's something you ought to want to do to serve the students," said Sandra Barnett, one of the amendment's secondary sponsors. "The salary incentive should not be a reason for people to run."

Executive Vice President Brad Dixon, also a secondary sponsor of the amendment, said he had heard in the past of students running for the senate "and money made it more appealing," but that he

"wouldn't want anyone running that's motivated by the money."

The amendment must pass by a 2/3 majority vote tonight and at the senate's next meeting before it takes effect at the semester's end.

The campaign spending amendment would increase the limits of campaign expenditures by students running for office.

The amendment proposes that a presidential candidate individually be allowed to spend \$350, an increase of \$200, and vice presidential candidates individually be allowed to spend \$250, an increase of \$150.

The amendment also says a president/vice president ticket should be limited to expenditures of \$500 instead of \$250.

Under the amendment senatorial candidates individually could spend \$125, an increase of \$50, and \$85 each if running on a ticket, a total increase of \$50.

The Senate will also consider:

- A bill mandating a simple majority vote on any matter to be pursued by the UK Student Lobby outside of increased funding for higher education, financial aid, or bills endorsed by the Council on Higher Education.
- A bill allocating \$2,500 to promote and present a Fine Arts Fair from April 10-15.
- An amendment limiting the power of the interim senate by allowing it only to tentatively approve the SGA budget and prohibiting it from considering matters of constitutional, by-law, or election rule revision or legislation that can be by its nature deferred until a meeting of the full senate.

Wilkinson wants specifics on why state schools need more money

Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Wallace Wilkinson has asked the eight state university presidents for information to support their demands for more money than his proposed budget allocates for higher education.

The presidents must present "the kind of case (that) would have to be made to him if he was to attempt to do anything at all to amend the budget," said Jack Foster, education secretary and a top aide to the governor.

There is no guarantee that the new information would result in any new money for the universities, Foster said. "But at least we will all now better understand the

circumstances that we're really talking about."

The governor's request was relayed Monday in a conference telephone call from Gary Cox, executive director of the state Council on Higher Education, to the presidents.

Foster said he considered it more appropriate for Cox to ask for the additional information.

Foster called the directive an effort by the administration "to get a better understanding of what the specific problems are that the universities may be facing and get (discussions) out of the realm of generalities, 'the sky's falling' rhetoric."

Wilkinson's spending plan for higher education has become the most controversial part of his budget.

The presidents have contended it leaves them far short of operating expenditures and would cause some exodus of faculty because it provides no specifically allocated salary increases in 1988-89.

The overall budget provides for a slightly more than 1 percent increase for higher education in 1988-89 and a 5 percent increase in 1989-90.

Shortly after his budget was revealed, it was roundly criticized by the presidents, whom the governor then called "cry-babies."

He said they could find the necessary money for pay raises by changing campus priorities.

Phone-a-thon nets college \$29,500

By AMY HECKROTTE
Contributing Writer

The fourth annual College of Arts & Sciences phone-a-thon ended Thursday night just short of the college's goal of \$30,000.

Nevertheless, an official praised the effort as a success.

"Even though we did not reach our goal, the phone-a-thon was a success. We raised more money than we ever had before," said Mary Burg, director of alumni affairs for the college.

The phone-a-thon, which took place Feb. 7 to Feb. 18, raised \$29,516.50, Burg said. Last year the event raised \$24,000 in pledges but an additional \$2,600 was sent in by alumni.

Burg said she hoped the same thing would happen this year. She gave many reasons why the phone-a-thon was a success.

"My callers this year were very enthusiastic, mature and professional about what they were doing," she said. "And I think the alumni responded with the realization of the impact the proposed budget cuts will be having on the University and the college."

The average donation also increased this year, Burg said, from \$25 to \$30.

Each night about 15 callers worked the phones, reaching about 6,000 alumni, Burg said.

Tom Frye, a geography senior, was one such caller. He said asking for money from alumni was not as bad as he thought it would be.

"Most of the alumni I reached were nice," Frye said. "They understood the University was having problems and tried to help."

But Frye said he reached many alumni who really wanted to contribute this year but who could not afford it.

"I listened to many explanations as to why people could not give this year," Frye said. "A lot of them said to make sure and call next year."

A common procedure for many callers was to track people, Burg said. Callers would do this through speaking with telephone operators and relatives of alumni.

"It really hurt if we were not successful in tracking our alumni," Burg said. "A few times it was people who had given \$100 in previous years."

Burg said the largest single donation was \$500.

"The donation helped our spirits a lot," she said. "We received it toward the end of the phone-a-thon and we were having a hard time getting donations."

Diversions

Erik Reece
Arts Editor

Lance Olsen, Bea Opengart giving reading tonight at UK

By ROBSENG
Staff Writer

Tonight, two local writers will approach the same subject — writing — through two vastly different forms and ideologies during a reading in the Peal Gallery of the M.I. King Library.

The writers are UK's Lance Olsen and Bea Opengart from Transylvania University.

The writer most familiar to the UK audience will be Olsen, an assistant professor in UK's English department. Olsen is a graduate of the prestigious Iowa Writers Workshop and is the author of an *Ellipse of Uncertainty*, a critical guide to postmodernism.

One of the works Olsen will read is a short story that was just finished over the weekend. "It's a love song to the TV set," he said. "It's always getting a bum rap and people say that it's the bane of civilization, but I think that it's one of the 20th century's greatest inventions."

The story will deal with a number of television genres, including MTV, without dealing with any particular show. It was written in the post-modern style, a style that Olsen prefers. "It's an experimental style that lets you play around with language and watch language do tricks on the page," said Olsen. "It deals with plot and character development on a secondary level. I want to play with old realist conventions and turn them on their heads."

Realism has come back into dominance, Olsen said, and although he considers it a perfectly valid form, he said it tends to see the world with one head in a clam. "Post-modernism jars one's perspective and takes that head out of the clam," said Olsen. "It gets you to wake up from your dreamy little view of the world and see what may or may not be going on."

Like MTV, Olsen's short story consists of a lot of brief images that give way to another image — without any certain logic. "It's like MTV because I watch so much of it," said Olsen. "At the end of a hard day, it's like nothing better to do that sit down and watch my MTV."

Bea Opengart, who teaches freshman studies at Transylvania University and holds the title, Artist in Residence for the Kentucky Arts Council, will read three different groups of her poems.

Some of them are meditations and descriptions of physical objects



Lance Olsen, author of *Ellipse of Uncertainty*, poses with a gift from a student (just the shirt, not the mannequin).

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Lance Olsen,
author/UK professor

and what it's like to be in the physical world," said Opengart. "Each says something about the way I look at poetry and how I like to experience the world in a tactile way."

Opengart's duties as an artist in residence takes her to public schools throughout the state where she spends from 5 days to 12 weeks encouraging students to write. Opengart originally came to Kentucky as part of the national program in 1980 and picked the job up again in 1984.

She is working on a long sequence of about 15-20 poems dealing with her childhood and her family. She received a grant in 1987 from the

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MUCH
Lance Olsen and Bea Opengart will read fiction and poetry at 7:30 tonight in the Peal Gallery of the M.I. King Library. Admission is free.

T-Bone Burnett wraps satire around catchy guitar hooks

By ERIK REECE
Arts Editor



THE TALKING ANIMALS
T-Bone Burnett
CBS Records

T-Bone Burnett writes such catchy guitar hooks that it's easy to forget what a sardonic songwriter he is. And Burnett's satire is of the kind that those it is aimed at probably wouldn't get it anyway.

Burnett has never been what you would call an ambitious artist. His progression as a soloist has been about as quiet and overlooked as the stilt he played on Dylan's *Hard Rain Tour*. And it seems that Burnett is just as happy laying down guitar tracks for/and producing someone else's album as he is for himself (see Elvis Costello's *King of America*). Perhaps even more so.

But his solo efforts are as undeniably as they are overlooked. His '82 EP, *Trap Door*, would make the heartless swoon. It's just funny enough to keep you from crying.

Well, *The Talking Animals* is a departure from the melancholia of *Trap Door*, but it keeps up all of the playful jabs and serious shots of Burnett's '83 LP, *The Murder Weap-*

"Monkey Dance" and "The Killer Moon" are Burnett's versions of rock 'n' roll Darwinism, tinged with just a dash of Freud to keep things interesting. Not that Burnett is an incredibly high-brow writer. The lyrics always play second fiddle to the music.



as "a sultry baggage of about nineteen."

"Euromad" is a hapless chronicle of Burnett's misadventures while touring Europe. "Were it not for Mr. Gordon and his fine distillery," sings Burnett, "I might have never got through all this Eurumisery." Now that's a drinking song if ever there was one.

However, the best thing here may be an off-kilter ballad, "The Strange Case of Frank Cash and the Morning Paper." A winding tale too long to recapitulate, let it just be said that this is a postmodern meta-song in which the character rebels against the songwriter. It would bring a smile to the lips of John Barth. And it probably belongs near the back of the Great Norton's Anthology in the sky.

"Monkey Dance" and "The Killer Moon" are Burnett's versions of rock 'n' roll Darwinism, tinged with just a dash of Freud to keep things interesting. Not that Burnett is an incredibly high-brow writer. The lyrics always play second fiddle to the music. One gets the feeling that Burnett doesn't take seriously the names and ideas he throws around — and that's what makes it fun.

The *Talking Animals* has its share of plain guitar frivolity — namely with "Relentless," "Dance, Dance, Dance" and "You Could Look It Up." And leave it to Burnett to describe a girl named Daisy Buchanan

Sad to say I hate to say it and you hate to hear it, Burnett's duet with Bono, "Purple Heart," is the most disappointing track present. A pared-down, two-note political/religious allegory, the song just isn't made for much mileage. Three chords is one thing, but two notes?

No matter, Burnett get enough help from the likes of Mitchell Froom, Peter Case and Cait O'Riordan (Mrs. Costello) on its set and bounding through the underbrush.

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•Committee passes bill

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Barrows D-Versailles, would pay money to parents equally out of the endowment fund.

Barrows said this idea would encourage poorer parents in the state to save for their children's college education, because the parents know they would be receiving money out of the endowment fund proportional to what others receive.

It would in effect, Barrows said, make the decision of poorer people who have to make the tough decision of whether to save for college easier.

Karem, however, said the amendment would act as a "disincentive" for people to invest in the savings plan because parents would be more likely to invest just a minimum amount of money to receive state funds from the trust.

The bill had received support from members of several higher education groups across the state who cited recent changes in federal student financial aid laws that have made it harder for many middle-income families to receive grants.

The savings plan will draw attention to the importance of sending children to college, said Ken Walker, executive finance director for the Council on Higher Education. And the "asset of this bill is that it is a

"We're going to need more of this in the future."

David Stockham, director financial aid

plan that will be sanctioned by the state.

David Stockham, director of financial aid at UK, agreed. He said the college-savings plan would encourage long-term financial planning on the part of parents.

"We're going to need more of this in the future," Stockham said. The trend in federal government recently has been to back away from financial aid.

In other committee action yesterday:

- The education committee unanimously passed a bill that would make the terms of university board of trustee members four years to run concurrent with the governor's term in office.

Currently, trustee members at the state's eight universities serve six-year terms. In 1982, however, a circuit court ruled that the six-year term was unconstitutional.

•Botkins announces bid

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"This (the Kappa Alpha Theta house) is our core," Botkins said. "This is our home base."

"I think we fan out from here," Botkins closed his announcement by saying that "we're gonna target the freshman class this year."

Susan Brothers, a former SGA senator at large, previewed the Botkins ticket for the crowd.

Botkins and McCain are "very committed to student government and it's very important that you have that," Brothers said.

"There's never a dull moment around these two and I think that everyone would see that if they were elected president and vice president," she said.



In the hole

A construction worker steps into a manhole in the sidewalk in front of the Journalism Building yesterday afternoon. The area

around the Journalism Building has been the site of much construction the past few weeks.

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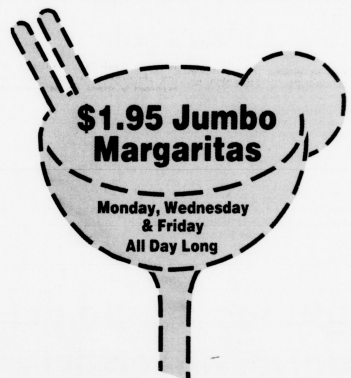
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Money shouldn't top commitment as SGA motivation

An old issue — whether to pay SGA senators a salary — will be argued once again on the floor of the Student Government Association senate tonight.

We hope it will be settled once and for all. The SGA Operations and Evaluations Committee passed without comment an amendment to abolish the article in the SGA constitution that mandates the payment of the salaries.

Senators are paid \$300 a year for meeting as a whole once every two weeks and as committees once every two weeks. They have received the salary since 1986, when they decided they deserved a reward for being senators.

Evidently some senators think this is ridiculous. Senator at Large Brian Payne, who sponsored the bill, said salaries have no part in the SGA arena. "It's the general consensus of students and most of the Senate that (senators) are not here for the money, and to accept money from students to spend on ourselves, everyone recognizes is selfish."

Not to mention extremely unnecessary. Executive Vice President Brad Dixon, the bill's secondary sponsor, mentioned commitment in attacking the idea of salaries.

He's right. In SGA, commitment is an important word. Several senators earlier this year made the argument that you can't legislate commitment.

That's because commitment is one of those qualities a person either has or doesn't. Neither \$300 nor \$3,000 is going to change it.

You can see that from the work of the executive branch members. They're in the SGA office busting their behinds almost daily without pay.

On the whole, it is the executive branch in SGA that does the majority of the work.

It's true that there are some senators that deserve the pay because they put a lot of time and care into student government. That number, however, pales in comparison to the apathetic, politically motivated lot that mostly dominates the senate now.

Simply put, students should not have to pay nearly \$10,000 to be represented in student government.



Botkins has to accept criticism

Student Government Association Senator at Large David Botkins announced his candidacy for SGA president last night in the spectacle of beautiful sorority girls and his freshman coalition of supporters.



Jay BLANTON

But the media acts like a double-edged sword. It both praises and criticizes. It's something that media hounds like Botkins must live with.

No student in the last two years at UK has drawn more attention from the media and the students than Botkins.

And sometimes the media attention has been deserved, even. Botkins has been, on the surface, the catalyst behind the most important and controversial student issues the last two years — alcohol in the residence halls and condoms.

Time and time again, he has received extremely positive press from us and the rest of the local media for putting these issues in the public eye and keeping them there.

For a long time, both Botkins' supporters and critics have said the senator at large manipulates the press, getting huge amounts of exposure and coverage.

That doesn't bother me. Issues are important and someone has to bring them into the public forum.

But the media acts like a double-edged sword. It both praises and criticizes. It's something that media hounds like Botkins must live with.

Evidently, though, Botkins and his merry little band of men don't understand this concept.

It's true that Botkins has seemingly had his share of media criticism the last two weeks. But it was all deserved. In fact, it was well-earned.

Botkins deserved the harsh criticism he has received for his actions

at a press conference last week and his resignation from the SGA lobby.

And the reaction of Botkins and the rest of his cronies is way out of line.

In the last week Botkins and his supporters have presented lies, falsehoods and improper allegations to the press and you, the students at UK.

I just cannot in good faith let that go unanswered any longer.

Last week before the student rally and march for higher education in Frankfort, Botkins, or his campaign manager Mike Crosbie, called a press conference to get the rally and march just a little more in the spotlight.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with that. The rally, which was poorly attended by UK students anyway, needed all the media attention and support it could get.

But during the course of the press conference Botkins extended a personal invitation to Gov. Wallace Wilkinson to meet with student leaders on the day of the rally.

Botkins, though, knew well in advance that David Holton, student organizer of the rally, had been trying to arrange a meeting with Wilkinson for more than a week.

Botkins and the rest of his cronies then have spent the last week blasting the Kernel and everybody else in sight that Botkins didn't know about the planned meeting with the governor.

That's just plain wrong.

Earlier in the week Botkins and Crosbie attended a meeting of faculty and administrators at King Alumni House to drum up support for the rally. During the course of the meeting, Holton stood up and said he was in the middle of negotiations with the governor's people to set up a meeting with Wilkinson.

Botkins and Crosbie were sitting in the front row.

They had to have heard what Holton said. If they didn't they're either deaf or stupid.

When Holton and SGA President Cyndie Weaver reacted angrily to Botkins' invitation to the governor in a Kernel story, Botkins verbally accosted the reporter who wrote the story.

And now for the last week Botkins' supporters have seemingly started some kind of letter-writing campaign to save Botkins from media crucifixion.

At the end of the last week Botkins again put his own neck out on the chopping block by loudly and bitterly resigning from the SGA student lobby.

Botkins and Crosbie complained that they could not work with James Rose and Lisa Young, other members of the lobby. Furthermore, Botkins said that Weaver did not give him the free reign to do what he needed with the lobby.

Botkins, though, had planned on resigning three weeks ago. In fact if

he had not resigned, Weaver probably would have fired him, because of his uncooperative attitude.

But Botkins denied this, saying that he had never cut a deal with Weaver to resign after the rally but only "considered resigning."

Botkins could have resigned saying he needed to devote time to his campaign for president. He would have been applauded for sacrificing a position he could no longer effectively devote time to.

Instead, he had to complain and weep to the press, resigning and making it look like Weaver's embittered response over the press conference flap made him quit.

I know that Botkins and the rest of his coalition will consider this as some kind of attack on his candidacy for SGA president.

That isn't so. I respect David for what he has done on some vital campus issues.

But by the same token, I don't respect his actions of the last week.

It is my responsibility as an editor and columnist to report to you, the students, both the good and the bad — the praise and the criticism — of our student leaders.

David Botkins has done a lot of good at UK. But his and his supporters' actions over the last two weeks have been reprehensible. They flat-out stink.

Executive Editor Jay Blanton is a journalism junior and a Kernel columnist.

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Botkins should get praise, not criticism

The Kentucky Kernel is guilty of editorial overkill in its criticism of David Botkins and the press conference of Feb. 15.

If the editors of the Kernel can hold their fire for a moment, and review the facts, they may see just how far out-of-sounds they've strayed. Consider the following:

• The press conference was properly called as a reminder to students and the community to attend the march and rally in Frankfort, scheduled for the next day, Feb. 16. David Botkins, as co-chair of the UK Student Lobby, was perfectly within his right to participate in the press conference.

• Botkins also had every right — by reason of his position and because he was responding to a question — to invite Gov. Wilkinson to attend the march and rally.

• Botkins is not to "blame" for extending an invitation which the S.A.F.E. organization had already extended. In fact, if anyone is to "blame" it is David Holton, chairman of S.A.F.E. Holton should have notified Botkins because Botkins was, as noted above, the student co-chair. As it happened, not even all the student government presidents of the state's major universities were contacted. Cyndie Weaver was not assured that a meeting had been approved. Nor was any press release circulated. (At least, none was mentioned in the Kernel article of Feb. 16 on the press conference of the day before.)

(Nothing in this letter is meant to disparage the excellent overall job performance of Holton and S.A.F.E. Holton has labored tirelessly in behalf of the rally. He was a stirring speaker at the march. Students throughout Kentucky are lucky to have a leader like Holton, both as their representative on the Council for Higher Education, and, as their point man in the struggle to save

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college education from the governor's budget straitjacket.)

• Irrespective of "blame," UK students are well-served by a person of Botkins' caliber who is willing to take such initiatives. How can the Kernel condemn someone who is speaking out for students?

• Finally, the Kernel is blowing the incident way out of proportion. Sure, there might have been some miscommunication but the Kernel is making a federal case out of it.

The Kernel editorial is wrong and unfair. Socially Concerned Students are speaking out because we are opposed to the Kernel's heavy-handed criticism of a student leader who is pro-student: a leader who has supported SCS efforts of last year to freeze tuition and to pass a resolution calling upon Education Secretary William Bennett to resign; a leader who supports SCS current efforts to raise wages for low-paid student workers.

The Kernel's editorial position should reflect the facts, and it should stop taking potshots at those who stand up for students.

Alan Creech and Christopher Bush are members of Socially Concerned Students.

CHE to blame for duplication of universities

I am a graduate student of the University of Kentucky, a father of three married children residing in Kentucky, a grandfather of two, and most importantly a Kentucky voter. My wife and I agree fully with Gov. Wilkinson when he says that the money appropriated for higher education in the Commonwealth has not been widely used.

Our new governor and I differ in where the blame lies. He tells us that the University administrators have not spent the money wisely. I maintain that the Kentucky Council on Higher Education and the Kentucky Legislature has not acted responsibly in allowing the creation of too many institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth and has approved of too many duplicate programs in these situations. They have spread the funds too thinly to allow any institution to provide the

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quality of education that Kentuckians deserve.

The taxpayers of this Commonwealth should not be forced to support three Law Schools, two Medical schools, and two dental schools, all located in the middle of the state. There are a multitude of State Teacher Colleges that have become full-fledged universities sprinkled liberally over the state duplicating programs as-infinitum. If it were not so expensive, it would be comical that two major state supported universities competing with each other are located within 25 miles of each other in Lexington and Richmond. Add to

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that the support for Kentucky State University nearby in Frankfort.

If all institutions of Higher Education in Kentucky were administratively brought together under one Flagship University, this duplication of effort could be controlled. It would be reasonable to have a University of Kentucky at Morehead for undergraduate education serving eastern Kentucky and a University of Kentucky at Murray serving western Kentucky. Some of the current so-called universities

could revert back to state colleges specializing in undergraduate education. Some of the current schools could eventually either be sold to private enterprise or closed entirely.

The flagship university could de-emphasize undergraduate education and concentrate on research and graduate education.

This would require no overall increase in funding. The funds and facilities that are currently available could be used to attract the highest caliber teachers to Kentucky so that our next generation could receive the best education possible.

As President David Roselle of the University of Kentucky has said, it is the role of the universities to determine the educational needs of our students. It is now up to our governor, legislature and Council on Higher Education to determine how these needs can best be met and funded.

John R. Mitchell is a Lexington resident.

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

Politics, science of Star Wars discussed tonight

Two UK professors will discuss the practical aspects and political concerns surrounding the Star Wars Strategic Defense Initiative at 7:30 tonight in 155 Chemistry-Physics Building.

The professors — Joe Straley from the department of physics and astronomy and Ernest Yanarella from the political science department —

will lecture on the plan from the officials of their respective fields. Understanding both the political and scientific aspects is necessary to make a decision on Star Wars, said Larry Smith, president of the UK Society of Physics Students, which is sponsoring the discussion.

He stressed that the discussion will be simply educational. "We're not out to give the pro-side or the con-side, we're here to inform the students so they can make up their own minds," Smith said. The scientific discussion will focus on the degree to which modern technology can build the defense system and on how far technology has yet to progress.

The physics society has 20-30 members.

•Bush makes visit to Kentucky

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Howard said she is supporting Bush in the primary because "I have heard him talk a couple times and think he's interesting and the candidate for the job."

Gabbar said she hoped the rally would help her decide between Bush and former television evangelist Pat Robertson.

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LSU loss leaves Kats 0-9 in SEC

By TOM SPALDING
Staff Writer

The UK Lady Kat basketball team lost again last night, but even in defeat UK coach Sharon Fanning found some solace: Kentucky won't have to play another regular season Southeastern Conference basketball game this year.

The Louisiana State Lady Tigers whipped the Lady Kats at Memorial Coliseum last night, 88-74, dropping UK to 11-14 on the year. More importantly, however, they finished the SEC schedule 0-9.

"This was definitely a letdown," Fanning said. "It was our last conference game, our last chance to win."

LSU improved to 16-9 on the year and with the win assured itself of at least a 3rd place finish in the conference.

But even with the relatively easy win, Lady Tiger coach Sue Gunter praised the Lady Kat effort.

"They're the only good 0-9 team in the country," she said. "They've had a lot of bad things happen and lost some key players. But they played everybody tough. There are no bad teams in this league."

But after seeing her team shoot just 37.2 percent for the game, Fanning thought otherwise.

"We had absolutely no effort here tonight," she said. "As far as effort, this is the most disappointed I've been."

LSU came out smoking, connecting on 52.6 percent of their shots. The Lady Tigers grabbed leads of 10-2, 29-12 and 41-18 before settling to a 13-point, 47-34 halftime lead.

UK couldn't mount a comeback mostly because of guard play. At the half, UK's Jodie Whitaker and Tracey Davis combined for just 14 points.

"I felt that was a big key in the game," Gunter said. "We were lucky because Whitaker did not have a good first half."

Whitaker did play well later. In fact she scored 12 straight Kentucky points to whittle the 23-point lead to seven (62-55) with 11:46 left in the game.

"There is no lead safe for us," Gunter said. "But (Whitaker) really turned it on in the second half."



UK forward Pam Shrum goes up for a shot last night against LSU's Dana Chatman. The Lady Tigers beat the Lady Kats, 88-74.

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Sharon Fanning,
Lady Kat head coach

"We had the ball and it was a nine-point game," Fanning said, "but we couldn't get the big play."

Whitaker, feeling intense pressure most of the night, managed to connect on just seven-of-20 from the field and turned the ball over six times.

"We seemingly curved all the waves that came after us," Gunter said.

What did UK in was a wave of bal-

ance. Five LSU players scored in double figures, led by Woods' 19 points. Lady Tiger forward April Delley contributed 18 points and 16 rebounds.

UK was paced by Whitaker's 22. Forward Monique Tarantini scored a career-high 17 points and pulled down seven rebounds.

"We made a couple of runs but you have to play hard for 40 minutes," Fanning said. "We have to realize that everytime you go against a team in the SEC you're going against the top players in the country."

The loss was Kentucky's fifth straight and its 13th in its last 16 games. The team will try to rebound tomorrow night when they take on Middle Tennessee at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

Wildcats need to tame Tigers to help conference title hopes

By TODD JONES
Sports Editor

After a weeklong stumble through a Southeastern Conference desert, the Kentucky basketball team has finally trudged home.

"It's going to be good to be back in Rupp Arena," UK coach Eddie Sutton said. "It seems like it's been awhile."

Losses last week at Florida and Tennessee dropped the Cats from sole possession of first place in the conference and added a few miles to the road trip.

The damaging journey south has left UK 18-5 overall and tied with Vanderbilt for the SEC lead at 10-5. Florida and LSU trail by just one game in the loss column.

Only two weeks of conference play remain and LSU is throwing the welcome back party tonight for the Cats.

"A lot hinges on this ballgame," Sutton said. "If we want to win the conference round robin race we have to win (tonight). LSU is thinking the same thing."

"The attitude of the squad," Sutton said, "is such that they fully realize they're playing for the conference championship when they play (tonight). If LSU can get out with a victory, if you look at the schedule, they're in a prime position to win the title."

The last time Dale Brown's Tigers played in Rupp Arena, they didn't just get out with a victory. They did a little damage to the UK record book first.

LSU destroyed the Cats 76-41 last year. The 35-point defeat was the worst home loss suffered by UK in 61 years. It was the worst loss anywhere for Kentucky in 37 years.

"I can't imagine in my wildest nightmares my squad won't remember that game," Sutton said.

But the UK players said remembering the past doesn't help the present.

"We're not trying to get any revenge or worry about last year," guard Ed Davender said. "We're just trying to stay in the conference race."

To do so, UK desperately needs a win tonight. A victory would be a trick they performed earlier this



Louisiana State coach Dale Brown (left) and UK coach Eddie Sutton talk before their teams' game at Rupp Arena last season.

ABOUT THE GAME

Matchup: LSU 14-9 (9-5 SEC) vs. Kentucky 18-5 (10-5 SEC).

Time: 8 p.m. tonight.

Place: Rupp Arena.

Radio Coverage: Live on the UK Radio Network, WLW-AM 700, with Caswood Ledford and Ralph Hacker.

TV Coverage: Live on WKYT-27 with Tom Hammond and Jody Hultberg.

get a lot of help from his teammates," Sutton said.

Sutton said another team effort will be needed tonight or else the Cats could be trailing in their quest for a 37th SEC title. Time is wasting.

"I don't know if it's the biggest game of the year, but it's up there near the top," Sutton said.

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