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Students float in space with NASA

By Kathy Reding
News Editor

Kathy Sienko and Jennifer Ditz flew over the Gulf of Mexico last Thursday in a parabola-shaped path 41 times in more than two hours, and they did so in a special zero-gravity aircraft, conducting experiments for NASA.

Both of them became sick, but so do three-fourths of those who conduct tests in the "vomit comet," an aircraft that takes passengers to and from zero-gravity conditions.

"It's so hard to describe because its like nothing I've ever experienced," said Sienko, a materials science and engineering junior. "You're just hanging there and there's no resistance to anything."

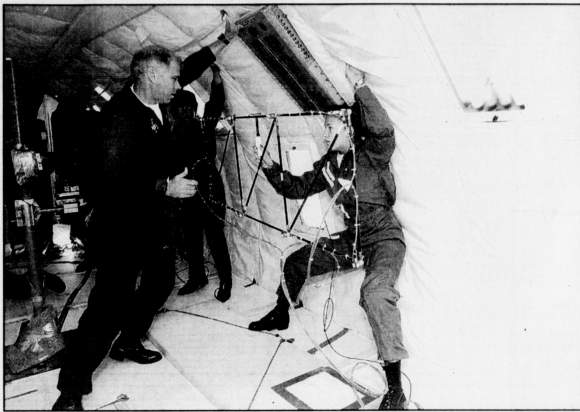
"I've never dreamt that I could float before. I want to get a plane and take all my friends up so they can experience this."

Ditz and Sienko are part of a six-member UK student team in a national program of 24 schools doing tests for NASA. They and Shawn Smith, a mechanical engineering senior and Jim Jackson, a mechanical engineer sophomore spent the past two weeks at Houston's Kennedy Space Center training for the weightless flight and testing their project along with student counterparts from the University of Houston.

The team's adviser, Suzanne Smith, an associate professor of engineering mechanics, got the students involved through her work in vibration analysis with researchers at the University of Houston and McDonnell Douglas Aerospace.

She said the students had an incredible two weeks and had the opportunity to meet astronauts, undergo a space shuttle simulation and have a briefing with Story Musgrave, an astronaut and UK graduate.

"They were so excited, they couldn't stop grinning," Smith said of the students' experience.



'LOOK MOM NO FEET' Materials science and engineering junior Kathy Sienko, above, performs test for NASA in a zero-gravity aircraft over the Gulf of Mexico. Mechanical engineering junior Jennifer Ditz takes a seat while experiencing life without gravity last Thursday (bottom left).

During their first week in Houston, Sienko, Ditz and their substitute flyer Shawn Smith underwent physiological testing to prepare for the weightless flight and completed experiment plans.

"We worked just about every day doing stuff," Shawn Smith said. "We had to finish last minute procedures to mount (the test structure) to the plane."

Their actual flight occurred last Thursday, a day after their counterparts from the University of Houston flew the control flight.

During the 41 parabola-shaped flight paths, Sienko said she and Ditz experienced a gradual shift to weightlessness as the plane ascended to its peak altitude, at which they were at zero-gravity for 25 seconds.

This was followed by and experience of two G's, gravity levels at which they felt twice their normal weight, coming down.

During the 25 weightless sec-

onds, they had to take their measurements. "All of the sudden you're really heavy and then it starts to lighten up," Sienko described the transition to zero gravity.

"You're natural tendency is to want to jump up to accelerate it. You barely have to touch anything and you're on the ceiling already. It's like that feeling in your stomach when you go fast over a hill driving. Your stomach is elsewhere and everything else is all messed up."

Ditz and Sienko took a small structure made out of the material a future space station would be constructed of on the flight with them to test whether vibration analysis can be used a damage detection method at zero gravity conditions that would exist around an actual space station.

"It's like a big house, you can't see if something is broken," said Aaron Smith, a mechanical engineering senior and MBA student who will help analyze the data gathered in Houston.

Sensors, monitored by computers, can be placed on the space station to monitor vibrations when shuttles dock.

"When the shuttle docks, it's going to bump like

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Law students give time for charities

By Brian Dunn
Staff Writer

The Student Bar Association gave 15,700 hours of its time this academic year to 36 community service events.

Comparatively, a person who works 40 hours a week for 50 weeks works 2000 hours.

Those 15,700 hours aren't even SBA's main focus, which is to act as liaison between the faculty and students in the College of Law.

"I'm very proud of what we've done," said SBA President Fitz Johnson, who defined the association's purpose as "making the college a better place to come to school" and making "a huge contribution to the community throughout the year."

SBA is made up of the 430 students in the College of Law, Johnson said. It is the governing body of the school, as the Student Government Association is for UK. Also, SBA provides an annual service to UK students, he said. Each February through April 15, the association sets up a booth in the Student Center that provides free tax form assistance to students.

But it's the work for charity that Johnson is most proud of. Last Thanksgiving, SBA gave 300 pounds of food to God's Pantry. During Christmas, the organization worked with the

Salvation Army to get presents, including 25 bicycles and 25 televisions, for underprivileged children. Also, SBA raised \$0,200 this semester to refurbish the College of Law's student lounge, which was affectionately known as the "Dirty Lounge" to law students because it was in need of a face lift, Johnson said. Students now call it the "New Dirty Lounge."

Susan Dwyer, a first-year law student, said, "I think (SBA does) a fair amount for the school. It is

one of the most active student organizations that I've ever known. "I can't think of anything negative to say," she said.

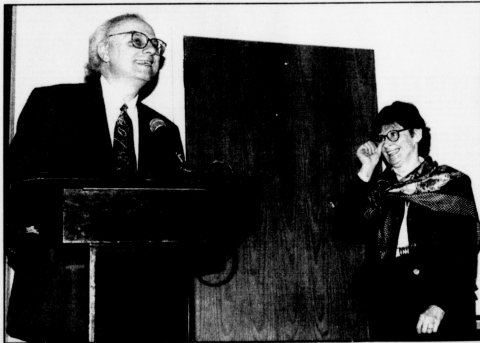
"They get people outside the law school participating. They serve purposes nobody else would do."

Dwyer also noted the importance the organization has in bringing the 430 law students closer together by giving students options for not only charitable events but also social events, such as holiday parties.

This summer, SBA will help with Race Unity Week by contributing time and merchandise, Johnson said.

"We're so intertwined with how race plays an everyday role in our lives," he said. "We'll try to get involved with any dialogue that they need."

For more information about the Association, call 257-4875.



WINNER Political science professor Ernest Yanarella talks after the Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Elizabeth Zinsner awards him the Distinguished Scholar Award for Tenured Faculty.

Teachers awarded for work inside, outside the classroom

By Kathy Reding
News Editor

They walk into classrooms filled with students on a regular basis, lecture, collect assignments and grade them.

Professors work hard teaching students, but often are not noticed for that work.

Yesterday afternoon six University professors received Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Teaching, recognizing them for their accomplishments.

Tenured faculty members Clayton Paul, electrical engineering, and Ernest Yanarella, political science, received the distinguished scholar awards.

Paul, since joining the UK faculty in 1971, has been honored several times for his teaching and research work. One of his nominators recommended

Paul for the award "because he believes in people and encourages them to believe in himself."

Yanarella views teaching as "a kind of window to the world."

He said he wants to teach his political theory and public policy students that political theories from the past are more than just academic knowledge but relate to policy issues that nations face today.

Yanarella met his wife Elizabeth when she took his class.

She said it was one of the hardest classes she's taken.

"He just really loves teaching," she said. "He likes getting them to discuss, think and put things together."

Pamela Roundtree, a third-year sociology professor, and Karen Fice, an educa-

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NEWSbytes

STATE Residents fear Shaker Village in danger

HARRODSBURG — Some people near Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill are worried that plans to widen and straighten a half-mile section of highway will harm the character of one of Kentucky's most historic corridors.

The state Department of Transportation is planning the project just south of Shaker Village on U.S. 68 in hopes of preventing additional traffic accidents.

"Nobody is against safety here," said Susanah Thomas, a member of the Shakerown Coalition, a group of residents interested in preserving Shaker Village and its surroundings.

"We're just trying to say that we think they can do it better."

Residents want the Transportation Department to treat U.S. 68 as carefully as it is treating Paris Pike, a construction project connecting Paris and Lexington that was 20 years in the making.

Pleasant Hill is where a colony of believers in the now-defunct Shaker faith lived from 1806 until the early 1900s. The grounds have been preserved and now showcase Shaker crafts.

Cliff Linkes, the state's District 7 engineer who also worked on Paris Pike, acknowledged it will be hard to make everybody happy.

But the fact that the department has not set a construction date should show residents that the state wants to alleviate as many concerns as possible, he said.

NATION McDougal says Clinton is guilty

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — Declaring he is now telling Whitewater prosecutors the truth about the Clintons, James McDougal, their former business partner, says he lied in the past "to save my own skin."

In an interview, McDougal said he "wouldn't speculate" on whether the new information he has given Whitewater prosecutors the truth about the Clintons would lead to indictments against the president or first lady.

McDougal now says that then-Gov. Clinton attended a meeting where an illegal loan was discussed. The \$300,000 loan — never repaid — was used partly to shore up the Clintons' failing Whitewater real estate investment. At his trial a year ago, McDougal denied that Clinton had ever been to such a meeting.

Speaking to an Associated Press reporter at his trailer 65 miles southwest of Little Rock on Friday, McDougal insisted that "I have told the truth about certain things involving the president and the parties to those things."

McDougal's began cooperating with Whitewater prosecutors last August after his conviction on 18 felony charges of defrauding his own bank and loan. McDougal said that before that, "for various reasons I've lied, number one being to save my own skin."

He said he was perplexed as to why his former wife, Susan, continues to sit in jail rather than talk to a grand jury about the president.

Judge completes questioning of jurors

DENVER — The judge and attorneys finished questioning prospective jurors yesterday in the Oklahoma bombing trial after a laborious 16-day process.

A five-man panel of 12 jurors and six alternates was tentatively scheduled to be picked Tuesday after U.S. District judge Richard Matsch hears some pending motions. The judge was considering selecting an anonymous panel to hear the case against Timothy McVeigh.

A total of 99 people — from unemployed contractors to a wealthy businessman — have been brought in for questioning since March 31.

Six were dismissed in open court and an unknown number were excused after private sessions between the judge and attorneys.

A minimum of 64 candidates had to be approved to allow for the 23 peremptory challenges granted to each side — 20 for the jury and three for the alternates. If convicted, McVeigh faces the death penalty on murder and conspiracy charges in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people.

NAMEdropping

'Married with Children' bids farewell

NEW YORK — First the Connors and now the Bundys. It's a bad month for blue-collar TV families.

Fox is retiring "Married ... With Children" after a one-hour series finale May 5. The Bundy family is held hostage by son Bud's prison pen pal and daughter Kelly falls in love with and plans to marry one of her captors. Katey Sagal and Edward O'Neill starred as Al and Peg Bundy in the last remaining show from Fox's original lineup when the network began 10 years ago.

"I remember when Ed and I did bowling alleys to promote the show," Sagal said.

Ratings improved, even as the show's crude characters and lewd subject matter drew protests. Fox announced the show's retirement Friday.

Television's other leading blue-collar family, the Connors, are also going off the air next month after a final showing of "Roseanne."

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Son Volt, Pond triumph with new albums

Son Volt
Straightaways
 Warner Bros.
 ★★★★★ (out of five)
 By Suzanne Raffeld
 Assistant Arts Editor

Son Volt has produced another classy album of country-inflected rock. The press release proclaims that the "songs map out a ruined, elegiac American landscape, and touch on its tragedies and consolations." That eloquently sums up the feel of *Straightaways*, and sets forth a high standard that the band rarely misses on the new album.

Since the release of their much-lauded first album, *Trace*, Son Volt has been under a lot of pressure from critics and fans to live up to that superior debut. Have they? Well, they don't top *Trace*, but they don't disappoint, either.

Straightaways starts off with the rocking "Caryatid Easy," but the album gets progressively more somber from there. The twang factor also picks up on the latter tracks, but Jay Farrar's voice never wavers, whether he is singing the more rock-influenced tracks or the more country-influenced ones.

"Back into Your World" sounds eerily reminiscent of early R.E.M., circa *Reckoning*. Although R.E.M. has not been cited as an influence on Son Volt, it's hard not to pick up on the similarities in the melodies.

One of the differences that does not make this album quite on a par with *Trace* is its tendency to become morose, rather than becoming grief-filled enlightenment. "Cresote" and the gender-switching ballad about a murdered lover entitled "Been Set Free" fall into that category.

The latter song touches on Farrar's Uncle Tupelo days; it takes a look at the traditional ballad "Lilli Schull," which was recorded on the album *March 16-20, 1992*.

Yet "Cemetery Savior" and "Picking Up the Signal" help to pick up the slack by providing a nice balance between a somber tone and a more uplifting beat.

Much of Son Volt's songs seem to deal with similar themes. The

words "traveling" and "highways" litter the material on *Straightaways* and *Trace*. This is music that can create imagery of driving on a highway in the Midwest, on a road to nowhere at the beginning of dusk.

To use the corny phrase "poetry put to music" is weak, but Son Volt does accomplish that feat, especially on "Cemetery Savior."

These "moving on" themes might be a reflection less of internal struggle than of the fact that the album was recorded between tours.

In a press release, Farrar explained that the main goal of his songwriting was "to get on tape what the band's been going through over the past two years."

With a few minute bumps in the process, this goal is triumphantly met and vividly described on *Straightaways*.

Pond
Rock Collection
 Work Group/Sony
 ★★★★★
 By Jeremy Rogers
 Staff Critic

The album that Pond fans have always hoped for but feared would never come about is finally here in the form of their latest release, *Rock Collection*.

With the demise of the Seattle grunge scene impending and after meeting with moderate success — they had a die-hard cult following for years — in 1995 Pond signed a three-record deal with Sony. Pond's first two albums, *Pond* and *The Practice of Joy Before Death*, were released on the Seattle independent label Sub-Pop.

Discontented fans wrote off the band's decision as a sell-out, which no doubt took its toll on Pond's confidence. Having endured two fruitless years, the Portland, Ore., trio has finally released its major label debut *Rock Collection*.

The long-awaited CD was produced by Pond with help from Adam Kasper, whose engineering credits read like the alternative hall of fame: recorded with Nirvana, Weezer, Pearl Jam and Soundgarden.

Despite *Rock Collection*'s conspicuous major label feel, Pond's fans will not be disappointed with "sell-out" music.

Chris Brady (vocals/guitars) and Charlie Campbell (vocals/bass) keep the music as



Photo furnished 'Straightaways.'

HIGH VOLTAGE Son Volt continues to live up to its initial promise with *Straightaways*.

fresh as ever by refusing to settle on any single song form or instrumentation paradigm.

Brady makes his guitar speak fluently in several dialects of rock. Throughout the 16-track CD, Brady's guitars range from twangy and fragile on "You're Not an Astronaut" to overdriven and thick on "Scoliosis," and everywhere in between, including slide riffs on "Filterless" and spacey, cello-sounding effects on "15."

Campbell's bass seldom plays an audibly consequential role in *Rock Collection*, but his songwriting and singing impress me beyond most of today's pop musicians. "My Dog Is an Astronaut," though, is perhaps the most interesting demonstration of tunesmanship in pop music this year.

Brady and Campbell share the duties of lead singer as well as songwriter, each singing his own songs with some harmonic help from the other. Both musicians possess a controlled amount of emotion in their singing that is all too rare among the largely deadpan singers of post-grunge music.

Pond drummer Dave Triebwasser provides the rhythmic and percussive amenities for *Rock Collection*. Triebwasser's competent drum work is apparent in his steady beats, ornamental accentuation and drum fills that are virtuosic enough to make you play the air drums but not ostentatious enough to detract from the tunes.

After anxiously anticipating the album that everyone knew Pond was capable of, *Rock Collection*

proves to be an important step. For the modern pop enthusiast or even the average post-grunge music lover, Pond's well-crafted third album makes a great addition to any rock collection.

Boy Sets Fire
This Crying, This Screaming, My Voice Is Being Born
 Magic Bulky/Rosepetal
 ★★1/2
 By Mat Herron
 Features Editor

R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe once said, "Music and politics are like water and oil; they don't mix."

He never accounted for Boy Sets Fire.

The Newark, Del., quintet perfected the mixture of politics and hardcore on their new 10th record/compact disc, *This Crying, This Screaming, My Voice Is Being Born*.

Released by the Rosepetal and Magic Bullet record companies from State College, Penn., BSF combines dissonant, scratchy guitar work, earnest, screaming vocals, and enough political and historical sensibility to shatter bubble gum pop bands.

While its song structure relies on treble-based riffs and layered screams, BSF makes some impressive transitions from clean to mean that other groups could only dream of pulling off.

In "Vehicle" and "Endorsement," Nathan (last names were not included) and Chad trade in the balls-out vocal catharsis for mellow harmony. Included in the compact disc package, which strays from the traditional jewel box format, is literature guaranteed to give even the staunchly conservative political American major some brain candy.

A booklet titled "American Civics 101" contains essays criticizing capitalism and mocking democracy, along with the lyrics: "... the possibility that democracy coupled with capitalism authors an environment that is intrinsically anti-ethical," writes the band.

Such moving imagery contrasts sharply with lyrics such as these: "You told me that you were truth/Use me as your new disease."

Sadly, the political activism of BSF and, more notably, Rage Against the Machine, will likely fall on the deaf ears of a young generation whose members proclaim their discontent with government without knowing what they're talking about.

Oh, let them treat their minds like trash, BSF proves political ethics rock as hard outside of Congress as inside.

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Pair of Wildcats selected in draft

By Chris Easterling
Sports Editor

Two Wildcats' dreams of playing in the NFL were realized on Sunday afternoon when they were selected in the NFL draft.

Cornerback Van Hiles was picked in the fifth round — the 141st pick overall — by the Chicago Bears, while defensive end Chris Ward was selected in the seventh round by the Baltimore Ravens with the 205th selection.

Hiles, a 6-foot, 195-pound native of Baton Rouge, La., led the Cats in interceptions last season with three. He also made 64 tackles in 11 games.

"We saw a good athlete," Bears' defensive backs coach Carlos Mainord said of Hiles. "We plan on moving him inside to safety eventually. He's a real sharp guy, someone that we feel could really help out our secondary."

Hiles was the fifth player the Bears selected during the two-day event held at New York City's Madison Square Garden. He was one of two defensive backs chosen by Chicago; the other was San Diego State's Ricky Parker in the sixth round.

Mainord said Hiles will have some things to work on before he will be able to compete for any significant playing time on Sundays.

"The thing that he needs to work on is the difference in terminology, as well as learning the receivers in the league," he said. Hiles spent the latter half of

1995 season dealing with the side effects of concussions. But Mainord said the Bears' medical staff saw no problems that would hinder Hiles in the future.

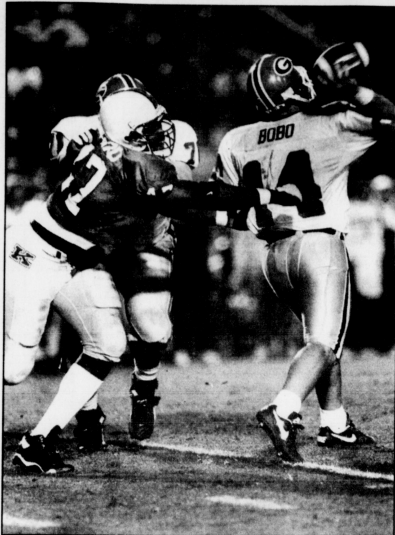
Ward, who set a new single-season record for sacks last year with 10.5, was the ninth player chosen by the Ravens, who are in their second year in Baltimore after moving from Cleveland after the 1995 season.

Ward, 6-foot-4, 265 pounds, made 54 tackles last year and recorded one safety. Neither Ward nor any member of the Ravens organization could be reached.

The Decatur, Ga., native is joined in Baltimore by a pair of former Louisville players — linebacker Tyrus McCloud, picked in the fourth round Sunday, and defensive tackle Leland Taylor, who was the Ravens' final pick in the seventh round.

This marks the fifth consecutive year that at least one Wildcat has been selected in the draft, and the 31st time in the last 33 years. Running back Mose Williams (third round to Minnesota) and defensive back Reggie Rusk (seventh round to Tampa Bay) were both selected last year. Free safety Melvin Johnson — a second-round pick — is the highest a player from UK has been chosen in the last nine years.

The most UK players to be selected in one draft was six in 1952, led by quarterback Babe Parrill, who went in the first round.



FILE PHOTO
QUOTH THE RAVEN Chris Ward was the 205th selection in the NFL Draft on Sunday. The Baltimore Ravens was the team that picked Ward.

UK has had 10 players picked in the first round. The last first-rounder to play for UK was running back George Adams in 1985, who went to the New York Giants.

Note:
▼Vanderbilt was the lone Southeastern Conference team

not to have at least one player selected in the draft.

Defending national champion Florida led the way with four players — including two first-round picks in receivers Ike Hilliard and Reidel Anthony. Alabama, LSU, Tennessee and Georgia each had three players chosen.

Track team wins 4 medals

By Price Alkinson
Staff Writer

A large contingent of unattached, noncollegiate athletes including 1996 Olympic gold medalist Donovan Bailey representing a Canadian All-Star team headlined the Alumni Gold Relays this weekend.

The UK track and field team had a few headliners of their own; four individual event winners and three NCAA qualifiers on Saturday at the Alumni Gold Relays, held on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge, La.

On the women's side, three UK athletes qualified provisionally for the NCAA Outdoor Championships, June 4-7 in Bloomington, Ind.

Mary Jo Schultz, the 1995 Southeastern Conference champion in the javelin, had a qualifying throw of 161.11 feet to finish second. NCAA indoor qualifier Rosell Russell met the provisional cut in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.78. Sophomore Disa Salander won the discus competition with a throw of 161.9 feet to qualify.

The other winner on the women's side was Maureen Egan who captured the 1,500-meter run in a time of 4-minutes, 35.19 sec-

onds. Egan, a senior from Union, Ky., shaved four seconds off her previous best time in route to capturing the distance race despite feeling ill before the running the event.

"I felt a lot better than I thought I would," Egan said. "I guess (the race) gives me some confidence going into SEC's in a couple of weeks."

Her time Saturday will be very competitive in her last outdoor SEC track meet coming up May 15-18.

"My season has been going pretty well but it's my senior season so I've been out to finish it well," she said.

On the men's side of the meet, a freshman-senior tandem led the way for UK.

Freshman Andrew Channer and senior Eugene Grundy won their respective events for the Cats. Channer took first place in the long jump competition posting a leap of 25 feet 3/4 inches.

Grundy, an All-American, picked up another season victory in the high jump by clearing 6 feet 11.5 inches.

UK head coach Don Weber said Grundy did not have one of his better meets but managed to get the job done.

SPORTSbytes

Holy cow! Cubs win second game

NEW YORK — The pendulum has swung for the Chicago Cubs.

"The first two weeks of the season, we didn't have any breaks going our way," Cubs right-hander Frank Castillo said.

"Today, we had some breaks going our way and we took advantage of it. Hopefully, we can keep it going."

The Cubs snapped a season-opening 14-game losing streak in Sunday's second game of a doubleheader.

Yesterday, Chicago won its second straight — and second of the year, downing the New York Mets 6-4.

"We took advantage of them today," said Scott Servais, who drove in the Cubs' first three runs with a two-run double and an RBI single. "I didn't hit the ball hard, but I found the right holes."

"That's what you've got to do, give yourself a chance."

Motta out in Denver

DENVER — The Denver Nuggets fired Dick Motta as head coach yesterday following a disastrous season that featured a revolving-door roster, dwindling attendance and — in the end — just 21 wins.

"We're trying to move forward in a new direction to give ourselves a fresh start," said Allan Bristow, vice president of basketball operations.

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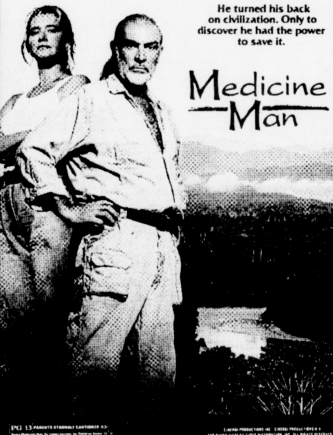
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Dole is the big banana in this Gingrich ethics debacle — so let it be

Last week, former U.S. Sen. and Republican presidential nominee Robert Dole announced that he would step forward to put an end to the uncertainty surrounding how Newt Gingrich would pay his \$300,000 "fine."

Gingrich agreed in January to pay this amount as part of an agreement with the House Ethics Committee for having provided, either intentionally or not, false information to the committee.

Dole explained that the reason that he volunteered to loan Gingrich the money is that he views it as a "long-term investment in the future of (the Republican Party)."

Hopefully now Washington can get away from its fetish with the issue of how Gingrich is to reimburse the Ethics Committee for the extra work it had to do as a result of the inaccurate information the Gingrich camp provided to it.

This whole mess started as a simple act of political payback. Back in the 1980s, when the speaker of the House was Jim Wright, a Texas Democrat, Gingrich filed charges against Wright for writing a paper-thin book and having lobbyists buy it by the case as a way of lining Wright's pockets.

The charges that Gingrich filed eventually forced Wright to resign from Congress so as to avoid being expelled. Had he been expelled, he would have lost his lucrative pension.

Shortly after the Republican Revolution of 1994, Gingrich taught a college course which he entitled "Reviving American Civilization." David Bonior, the Democratic whip in the House, filed charges against Gingrich because of the way the course was financed.

Tax-exempt contributions were used to finance the course. Bonior called the course partisan, which would make the use of tax-exempt funds a violation of federal tax law.

The course can accurately be described as many things: excessive, silly at times, pedantic. In order to warrant the label "partisan" from a Republican standpoint, though, it must be either pro-Republican or anti-Democratic.

The course was neither.

But, how is that surprising?

How many of you know of any class outside of the hard sciences on this campus or any other college you have attended that came to be described as "political"?

Gingrich obviously has a concept of an ideal society and he used his class to describe what it would look like, much like Plato did in his *Republic*, except that Plato was a much better teacher than Gingrich.

The original charges against Gingrich were political gobbledy-

gook and so is the reaction to the Dole announcement.

Democrats are up in arms protesting what Dole has done. They assert that Dole, who recently took a position with a Washington law firm, is trying to buy special access to Gingrich for the purposes of lobbying.

Bonior has called this a "sweetheart deal."

The hysterical nature of the Democratic howling is just evidence of what one member of the Republican leadership in the House calls "savel enny." Prior to the 1994 election, Democrats had held the House since before Castro came to power in Cuba.

They cannot reconcile themselves to the fact the American people do not accept their left-wing ideology. They still do not understand that the only reason Bill Clinton was re-elected was that he was able to adopt Republican principles as his own.

The charges the Democrats make are nonsense.

Dole is forbidden by law from engaging in any activities related to lobbying until one year from the time he left the Senate.

Even so, he has indicated no interest in lobbying for his former colleagues.

He will concentrate on other issues instead. Besides, does anyone really think that Robert Dole, the former standard bearer for the Republican Party, really needs to loan Gingrich \$300,000 in order to get access to the speaker?

Dole did this because of two reasons. One is that he remembers how, when he needed help after his war injuries, the people of his hometown reached out to help him.

The second reason is his intense loyalty to his party. The Republican agenda was basically nonexistent in this Congress because the only thing anyone thought about was whether Gingrich would pay the fine out of campaign moneys, start a legal defense fund like Bill Clinton has done for his legal woes, or use his own funds.

By his actions, Dole has allowed the Republican Party the opportunity to get back on track and focus on legislation and hopefully gain veto-proof majorities after the next election so that conservative principles can be enacted into law over President Clinton's objections.

Half the session of the 105th Congress has been wasted. It's time for Republicans to act like the majority and start passing some legislation that is in line with their goals.

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Was it a vote or poll?

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The University Senate took a vote last week on plus/minus grading proposals. But wait — was it a vote?

No one seems to know. In a paper ballot the senators were asked to rank their two favorite proposals regarding the plus/minus system.

The winner was a neutral proposal on grade point averages, receiving 22 first-place and 17 second-place votes.

In second place was having no plus/minus system, with 19 first-place votes and 18 second-place votes.

Senate Chair Jan Schach said there was no clear winner in the vote.

But wait, it wasn't a vote and "wasn't really a ballot; that was more of a poll," Schach said after the votes were counted.

"If there were two absolute clear winners, we would go to decide from those."

So then it was a vote, but it will not be counted, and there was no clear winner.

No clear winner, although the top two proposals received 22 and 19 first-place votes respectively, and the third-place proposal got

only 11 first-place votes. So when debate on plus/minus reopens in the fall the senate may start from scratch instead of debating the top vote-getting proposals.

"It should be between those top two; otherwise there is something fishy going on."

If the University Senate progresses in a proper manner our vote and debate should be limited to the top two," said graduate school senator Michael Tomblin.

If debate on all proposals is reopened, the vote from the last meeting is for nothing.

The significance of the vote, ballot or poll should have been decided and announced before it was taken.

Deciding what it should be after the responses were made was bad policy; it lessens the credibility of the University Senate.

What I can't understand, aren't wowed by the adorable picture you keep running of Mr. Rich.

The eyes of an innocent child that pierce me (and that's not all) to the root. A cute little button nose that I just want to reach out and winkle ... and that impish mouth, that seems just about to curl into a sneer.

Do you ever run bio pieces on your columnists? I would just love to know more about Bend (as I think of him) Rich (and I'm sure it is).

What does this Junior Brother Jed like to eat, for example? (I'll bet I can guess.)

Even if being lectured on morality by an ignorant jester weren't my cup of tea, I would still be salivating over that milky complexion. My dears, c'est la frisson!

As the Kernel certainly demonstrates from day to day, ideas aren't everything. Tell seeing, your beauty is its own excuse for being ... oh gosh, there go the waterworks. Must close. Kisses.

Jeff Lewis
French department

TALKback!

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions to the Viewpoint page in person by the Kentucky Kernel.

READERS' forum

Whitaker column is goofy

To the editor:
I find Mr. Whitaker's comments to be offensive and distasteful. The lashing out at UK fraternities for actions that occurred at another university are uncalled for. His lack of demonstrating that these offenses also occur at UK should be proof enough that his article was poorly researched and executed. I find the article slanderous and without merit. I am disappointed that the paper would publish this article with out forcing Mr. Whitaker to do his homework.

Steve Gumm

Need more info on Rich

To the editor:
I have nothing but contempt for UK Lambda's refusal to

debate Ben Rich. Of course what he's saying isn't free speech, but hate speech, and ought to be confined to the free speech area, where I presume we would let Hitler rant if he were still around — good old Adolf.

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Concern for the Earth needs to be every day

To the editor:
In recognizing today as Earth Day, I would like to raise the awareness of all people of all ages in a unified effort to conserve and protect the environment. For all those who are active participants in the natural world, whether it be hunting, fishing, gardening, hiking, boating or bird watching — you all will truly appreciate what today is. Earth Day advocates know the value and fragility of functioning ecosystems; they know that we are not whole as humans without wild places and wildlife; they know that sustainable communities require a healthy environment as well as a healthy economy.

Christopher Clements
political science senior

U.N. should punish Israel for actions

As Americans mourn the loss of those killed in Oklahoma City two years ago, we should take a moment to remember that another 100 people were massacred just a year ago. They were killed not by some right-wing fanatic, but by a government we support and arm with our own tax dollars.

On April 18, 1996, Israel bombed the U.N. compound in Qana, Lebanon. It was filled with civilians who were fleeing the Israeli onslaught that began a week earlier. The U.N. center was supposed to be a safe place. Instead, at least 102 civilians were killed. The American-made shells (at least eight were used) exploded in the air and rained down shrapnel to maximize civilian casualties. It did its job. Babies' heads were cut off; children were burned alive. A mile away U.N. soldiers stated they could hear "a sort of chorus of screaming."

The Israelis immediately said it was an accident. The U.S. government and the U.S. media bought it hook, line and sinker. Bill Clinton called it a "tragic misfiring in Israel's legitimate exercise of its right to self-defense." A Washington Post headline read "High-tech Weaponry Not Infallible."

Many witnesses said they saw an Israeli drone, an unmanned aircraft, flying overhead during the massacre. If this were true, it would mean the Israelis knew there were civilians there. The Israelis denied it.

"At the time of the shelling we had no drone in the area," Major General Matan Vilnai said.

They maintained that story until May 5, when they were told nearby Norwegian troops had a video.

The video shows the Israeli drone flying overhead as you hear shells landing on the refugees. The video then shows the fire indiscriminately at towns and villages," since scores of civilians had been killed by the Israelis. In fact, during 10 days of attacks, 207 Lebanese civilians were killed, a half million people were turned into refugees and Lebanon's infrastructure was destroyed.

A U.N. report, which was apparently watered down to please the U.S. administration, determined that it was "unlikely poor" and Lebanon's infrastructure was destroyed.

Never mind that independent reports by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch even more forcefully concluded the attack was not an accident.

Israel says its occupation of southern Lebanon is necessary

because Hezbollah will launch more rockets at northern Israel if it withdraws. The opposite is probably closer to the truth. Hezbollah was born out of the Israeli occupation. It did not have a substantial following prior to Israel's invasion.

The first major Israeli invasion was in 1978, after which the U.N. Security Council demanded "the withdrawal of all Israeli forces, immediately, from all the Lebanese territory."

That's probably the longest "immediately" of our time. Nineteen years later, the Israeli military is still in southern Lebanon, occupying one-tenth of that country in what Israel and much of the press calls its "security zone."

Then there was the more massive 1982 invasion which went all the way to the Lebanese capital, Beirut. Twenty thousand Lebanese and Palestinian refugees were killed in that assault. In 1993 Israel again launched a major attack. The New York Times reported on its inside pages that Israeli officials acknowledged that

it was a "campaign to reduce dozens of villages and towns to heaps of rubble, creating an uninhabited area."

Israel also violates international treaties by siphoning off precious water resources from Lebanon's main southern river, the Litani — the 1978 invasion was actually called "Operation Litani."

The message is clear: Israel is above the law. When Arab countries, like Iraq, invade another country, sanctions are imposed and wars are waged until that aggression is reversed, but in the case of Israel, aggression gets rewarded in spades. Israel still gets billions of dollars in U.S. economic and military aid (in violation of the Arms Export Act).

The wheels of justice grind slowly, but justice will come for the families of those killed in Oklahoma City. But to what court do the families of the victims of Qana turn?

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NEWS

NASA

Students fly weightless over Gulf of Mexico in simulator

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running into a curb when you park," he said. "If something's wrong, it's not going to sound the same. If one vibration is not consistent then we would know where to look."

In flight, Sienko held the structure built with the space station material and let it float during the weightless times. As the structure floated, Sienko hit it twice with a hammer during each 25-second zero-gravity period to get vibration measurements and record the force of the hammer.

Ditz monitored the recording instruments that read measurements from eight points on the structure that were stored on tape.

Halfway through their flight, they substituted the first structure with a damaged one made with rubber tubing so it would create different vibrations when hit.

The experiments attempted to answer the question, "In weightless environments can you tell the difference between vibrations on damaged and undamaged members," Sienko said. "The flight flew by," she said. "I wish we

had more time to play around with the weightlessness, but we were doing the experiment."

Sienko said both of them got sick on the flight.

"You didn't think about it if you kept working, but once you stopped, you couldn't ignore it," she said.

"I was getting ready to get in a hammer it but I had to (vomit). I got the hit in so I guess I still got the experiment done on that parabola."

On the ground, Shawn Smith and Jackson didn't have to work during the flight, but worked beforehand to do computer analysis and perform ground tests.

Susan Smith said the group now has to wait for their results, but they are expecting a good outcome because the flight went well.

She said they should know within a week if the data will be good, and it will be analyzed during the summer.

Now that the flight the students have been anticipating for more than a semester is over, they are trying to come back down to earth and UK.

"It's so hard to be back at school," Sienko

said. "It feels like the day after Christmas." Sienko said none of the other school's had a projects similar to theirs, and only five others floated objects at zero gravity.

"The rest kept theirs attached to the floor."

"People down there were pretty impressed with the complexity of our project," Sienko said.

In addition to the flight, she especially enjoyed meeting Musgrave and the other astronauts and the shuttle simulator.

"We'd go out and there would be the astronauts and they'd remember us from the day," she said.

For Shawn Smith, the two weeks resembled an astronaut's mission, and he said he was able to work with one of the best teams he has ever done a project with.

"You have to develop it, train and practice, and then you only have one shot at it," he said.

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Shawn Smith
mechanical engineering senior

NASA and in a way we did." "It was awesome," Sienko said. "That's where I want to be 15 years from now. I was leaving and I was like 'I'll be back'."

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Cornett says voices never told her to kill

Associated Press

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — Natasha Wallen Cornett says the voices in her head have never told her to hurt anybody but herself, but she refuses to say whether she or her companions were involved in a Tennessee triple slaying.

Cornett, speaking by telephone yesterday from the Greene County (Tenn.) Detention Center, would not say whether she met the Lilledid family on April 6, the day their bodies were discovered in a Tennessee ditch. And she refused to comment on speculation by friends that she was the most likely among the six suspects to be capable of killing someone.

"I can't really say anything about that," Cornett, 18, of Betsy Layne, told The Associated Press.

"You're asking me if some of

us are innocent and some of us are guilty, and I can't say."

The six Kentuckians are charged with murder in the deaths of Vidar and Delfina Lilledid of Powell, Tenn., and their daughter, Tabitha, 6.

The couple's son, Peter, 2, survived gunshots to the eye and chest.

The family was returning from a Jehovah's Witness convention and reportedly met the group at a rest stop along Interstate 81.

The six suspects — four adults and two juveniles — were arrested driving the family's stolen van.

Although Cornett has reportedly told a friend she didn't shoot anyone, she said she could not answer any questions about the case — including what the group's plan was when they left Kentucky and why they were armed.

Teachers

Graduate students win teaching awards

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tional policy studies and evaluation faculty member, were recognized as top non-tenured faculty.

Tice was described as an innovative and demanding teacher who involves her students in a hands-on way.

Roundtree is in her third year teaching criminology and related classes at UK.

She said she gets more tangible rewards from her teaching than from her research work.

"I get a tremendous sense of satisfaction from teaching," Roundtree said. "I get the most immediate impact from it."

She said the amount of work required for quality teaching is sometimes downplayed. She wasn't aware of the work until she began teaching.

"If you want to be effective in classroom, it takes a tremendous

amount of time," Roundtree said. "If you want to do more than just a traditional lecture, you have to put time into it."

Two graduate students, Michael Dorff, mathematics, and Cristi Hundley, psychology, were awarded for their work as teaching assistants.

One student in Dorff's class cited his best strength as "his ability to ask the correct question."

In addition to his TA work at UK, Dorff teaches one day a week at Maxwell Elementary School to keep in touch with elementary school curriculum.

Hundley is a third-year graduate student, and this semester is her second as a teaching assistant.

"I was very fortunate to have a teaching assistantship my first year," she said. "I hadn't had any teaching experience before that, but it helped me realize what I want to keep doing after I finish school."

Hundley said it was hard the first time she "went from one side of the desk to the other, but once I was up there, I really enjoyed connecting with the students."

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