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Greek grades make four-year steady rise

By Stephen Trimble
Executive Editor

The grade-point averages among UK's social fraternities and sororities continued a steady four-year rise last semester, a report released yesterday shows.

UK's 13 social sororities surpassed an unofficial goal of reaching a 3.0 average by earning one-hundredth of a percentage point better. Although no desired grade was put on paper, Panhellenic Council President Jane Ann Bardin said most of the sororities had a "mental" attitude to reach that level.

"Good scholarship has always

been one of the main tenets of sororities," Bardin said.

Active sorority members raised their GPAs from 2.96 last year to 3.1. Sorority pledges, meanwhile, decreased slightly from 2.87 to 2.83.

Grades among the 19 chartered social fraternities were again led by Farmhouse fraternity. Its 65 members finished with a 2.96 average last semester.

"We come to college to make the grades," said Bryce Roberts, Farmhouse president. "We just have a sense of what we came here to do."

Overall, grades for social fraternities rose significantly since

last year's 2.65 average to 2.74 last semester. Pledges' grades also increased .11 to a 2.50 average, and active members rose from 2.77 to 2.84.

Triangle, an engineering fraternity with eight members, won overall with a 3.45 GPA mark.

Interfraternity Council President Todd Fisher said the increases are due partly to the greek system's desire to clean up a poor academic image.

"The fraternities really took that to heart and really made tremendous efforts to get their grades up," Fisher said.

In addition, Fisher said, competition between the fraternities'

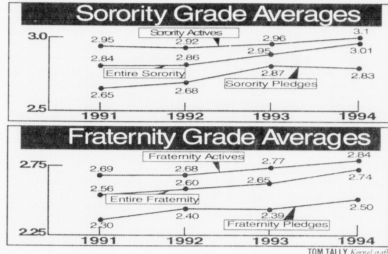
national chapters and UK rivals for top academic honors helped to spark interest to raise their grades.

Bardin agreed, saying that the new statistics should clear up some misconceptions of the greek system.

"A common misconception is that greek life hurts your grades" because greeks concentrate too much on social events than classes, she said.

According to last semester's grades, however, the GPAs of both pledges and actives are higher than the University average.

All male students posted a 2.71 average, and all female students averaged about 2.9 last semester.



BABY, IT'S GOLD OUTSIDE



Photos by GREG EANS, Kernal staff

BRRRR! Material science senior Chad Curtzinger (above) and chemical engineering freshman Aliza Rice (below) brave the cold winds near Patterson Office Tower yesterday.

By Emily Gowin
Contributing Writer

Bitter cold temperatures and below-zero wind chill factors made heavy coats, gloves and scarves a necessity on campus yesterday.

Some students braved the cold to go to early morning classes and meetings. Others chose to stay in bed and keep warm.

Sydney Darby, an English graduate student, elected to attend her classes, although she wanted to be someplace warmer.

"You gotta do what you gotta do," she said.

But Donald Reavis, a geography junior, did not like the idea of walking to class in such cold temperatures.

"I missed a class," said Reavis, a native of cozy Wilmington, N.C. "When I woke up at 8:30, I saw it was about seven degrees, so I decided not to go."

When Reavis walked to his other classes, he said he cut through buildings

along the way to keep warm.

But for students from areas with more severe winters, the icy temperatures that the Bluegrass endured are considered the norm.

Amy Gray, a freshman from Pittsburgh, said she thinks people sometimes overreact about the winter weather around campus. Although the wind chill is not as bad in Pittsburgh, Gray said, usually the snow there makes it worse.

"For people that have dealt with it all their lives, this is normal," she said.

Terry Pozzac, an undeclared freshman, likes the cold temperatures.

"It is a decent temperature, but we need more snow," he said.

Although bitterly cold temperatures sometimes lead to an increase in the number of cases of hypothermia and exposure, so far most local hospitals have not responded to any cases.

At Lexington's Humana Hospital, usually one or two patients per year come to the hospital with hypothermia,

frost bite or other problems caused by the cold weather, officials said.

"So far we've been pretty lucky," said Ertha Allen, a medical unit secretary at Humana.

Tom Priddy, an agriculture meteorologist in the College of Agriculture, recommends that people wear several layers of thin clothing to combat cold temperatures.

"Heat tends to build up inside layers of clothes," Priddy said. "Thin layers are a very good insulator of cold."

When the temperature is 10 degrees and the wind is 30 mph, Priddy said, skin will freeze in less than a minute. This causes frostbite and other problems. "Things can happen quite fast."

Especially outside Patterson Office Tower, where the winds are funneled, making for even lower wind chills, Priddy said.

Not much relief is in sight, with temperatures expected to stay below freezing and even dip into single digits this weekend.



NEWSbytes

NATION Clinton unveils budget, rebukes critics

WASHINGTON — President Clinton unveiled a \$1.61 trillion budget for 1996 on yesterday that mixes mild tax relief and spending reductions with a sharp message to Republicans commanding Congress: You want deeper cuts, go find them.

GOP leaders said they eventually would do just that to finance their hugely expensive promises of even bigger tax reductions while balancing the budget. And in their own political attack, they accused Clinton of failing to rein in red ink.

In the first fiscal outline that a Democratic president has sent a GOP-controlled Congress since 1948, Clinton heeded the popular mood by emphasizing downsizing and efficiency. There is no general tax increase, the Energy Department and four other agencies are shrunk, and more than 400 mostly small programs are slashed or combined.

Terrorist suspect pleads guilty

NEW YORK — The alleged mastermind of a campaign of bombings and assassinations pleaded guilty yesterday to plotting a war of urban terrorism and accused his religious leader of inspiring and approving the plan. Cutting a deal with prosecutors, Siddiq Ibrahim Siddiq Ali told a federal judge he was sorry for his involvement in a plot that "does not reflect Islam at all." The plea halted the biggest terrorism trial in U.S. history at least temporarily, as defense lawyers for the shak and 10 other defendants scrambled to see if it was possible to salvage the proceedings.

Line-item veto approved by House

WASHINGTON — The House approved line-item veto legislation yesterday designed to strengthen a president's ability to cut wasteful federal spending. Final passage, timed to coincide with former President Reagan's 84th birthday, came on a strong bipartisan vote of 294-134. Senate action is expected later in the year, but a vigorous fight is expected. Critics say it would tip the constitutional balance of power too far in a president's favor.

NAMEdropping

Abdul-Jabbar elected to Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar went from gangly high school center to the highest scorer in NBA history to basketball's Hall of Fame. Abdul-Jabbar, who was elected to the Hall yesterday along with six others, said the honor hadn't yet sunk in.

"I'm just happy things worked out," Abdul-Jabbar said from an Atlanta hotel.

At 7-foot-2, Abdul-Jabbar dominated the game from the time he stepped onto the court at Power Memorial High School in New York City — then known as Lew Alcindor — through his three NCAA championships at UCLA and 20 years in the NBA with Milwaukee and Los Angeles. He's also the NBA's all-time leading scorer with 44,149 points and holds records for games played and blocked shots.

Compiled from wire reports.



Abdul-Jabbar

Off-campus housing guide to assist 'homeless' students

By Michelle Gibbons
Contributing Writer

Next semester, Teresa Bruneau could be homeless, or at least apartmentless.

"It is so hard to find a one bedroom apartment that I can afford," the biology sophomore said. "I've lived in the dorm for almost two years now, and I am sick of UK housing."

If you've come to the same conclusion or if you already live in an apartment but want to

move into a different place next semester, you may want to check out a new guide to off-campus housing offered by the Student Government Association.

Former SGA Chief of Staff Ted Lahren constructed a comparative chart of Lexington's available apartments after he surveyed students for their interests and needs.

The chart is organized much like a computer spreadsheet, using columns show the different features of each living

arrangement.

"I solicited apartments and collected brochures and all the information about them," Lahren said.

Although this guide is for all UK students, Lahren said he believes it will be most helpful for the approximately 5,000 students who currently live on campus.

"Five-thousand students live in the dorms, and they need the most help finding off-campus housing," he said.

He said he thinks this bulletin will eventually be very beneficial for students, both on campus and off.

Bruneau, who currently lives in Blazer Hall, said she likes the guide.

"This is a great idea, especially for someone like me," she said. "I'm not familiar with the Lexington area at all. (The book) will save a lot of time for students looking for an apartment."

The manual reports such

details as rent prices, whether the complex allows pets, washer/dryer availability and addresses and phone numbers of the rental offices.

Because this information and apartment accessibility is ever-changing in Lexington's apartment and housing market, SGAs guide will require yearly updating and revising, Lahren said.

"I hope whoever has my job (in the future) continues this," he said.

HOUSINGhelp

Apartment guides will be available beginning Thursday at the Student Center information desk and in the Student Government Association offices, 120 Student Center. The guides are free for students. For more information, call 257-3191.

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Poets write of poignant lives

Appalachian anthology offers many perspectives

By Jeff Keller
 Contributing Critic

"Old Wounds, New Words: Poems from the Appalachian Poetry Project" is the compilation of a host of workshop leaders and editors who, in 1979, collected and sorted through the work of 91 poets from throughout southern Appalachia.

Funded by a grant from the Witter Bynner Foundation to promote poetry in the Appalachian region, the work went unpublished for 15 years.

The book finally was published last year, appropriately enough, by the Jesse Stuart Foundation.

"Old Wounds" was co-edited by UK English professor Gurney Norman.

It is a collection of glimpses into the lives of farmers, miners and their families as they celebrated, struggled and grew up in and around small town communities.

With subtitles like "Sorghum Harvest," "Coal" and "Appalachian Spring," the anthology combines the bits and pieces of each writer's dreams, fears and realities as they lived in the hills of Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Poems like "My Father's Black Lungs" capture the pain of the loss of a father: "I stand there against the wall/of the darkened hallway/and listen to each breath/loving him, wishing that/he understood what went wrong/or even what went right/as he slips easy/all too easy/into that good night."

"Old Wounds" is balanced by the humor in "The Kellys' Reunion." "A throat clears. Nominations/are open for next year's officers./Palms are lifted. Oscar, who only/Came to eat, is elected."

Each writer, with his or her own story, presents a different view. The poems use common language and an easy-to-read style, relying on subject matter and a clean, straightforward delivery for impact.

In "Roofing for Aunt Pearl," an old woman, asked to move away from the mountains, replies, "I'm Cold Knob born/Cold Knob bred/when I die, by God/I'm gonna be Cold Knob dead!"

It is this simple, crucial connection into the essence of human emotion that enables the anthology to arouse the senses of the reader with power.

Common themes of love, long-

ing and despair, timeless and identifiable to any and all readers, establish a union between words and emotion.

The feelings of love in "No Regrets" ("Your good looks/were the brownest words in the almanac/the fifth largest planet/the new element and the world series") allow the pages to come alive with voices as old as the hills, speaking in their terms. These poems speak with a truth that is occasionally witty, often cynical, at times painful, but always introspective.

"An Old Story" reads: "look up Gretel/see the birds fly dark/against/a cold white moon/their stomach full/of your damn/bread crumbs."

Individually rich in depth and content, together the works are more.

OLD WOUNDS, NEW WORDS

Poems from the Appalachian Poetry Project

Edited by Bob Henry Baber, George Ella Lyon and Gurney Norman

then and continue to make life today. "Old Wounds" is poetry that should be returned to time and time again, as each of our worlds and perspectives change. As Jim Wayne Miller says so well in the introduction, "These poems, like light from the stars, started coming to us years ago, they arrived just now, look at them."

'Sisters' brings slice-of-life laughs

By Claire Johnston
 Staff Writer

The Opera House on 430 W. Vine Street will present the national touring production of "The Sisters Rosenzweig," tonight at 8 and tomorrow at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. as part of the "Broadway Live" series.

This Tony-nominated comedy about three sisters who join together in London for the birth-

day celebration of the eldest sister is the only play that the Opera House will present this year; all other presentations will be musicals.

Joining Sara, the birthday girl, is Gorgeous, a curious radio call-in psychologist, and Pheni, an international travel writer.

Included in the birthday party is Sara's daughter Tess, who is about to elope with her boyfriend, a would-be Lithuanian freedom

fighter, a sometime lover of the youngest sister Pheni; and the world's leading faxurrer, who becomes the eldest sister's on-again, off-again romance. Rounding out the guest list is a philanthropist member of the British parliament.

Sara is played by Linda Thorson, a British actress best known for her role as Tara King in "The Avengers," a television series.

Gorgeous, the middle sister, is played by Nancy Dussalt, the original host of "Good Morning America" and star of the TV show "Too Close For Comfort."

Rounding out the headliners is Greg Mulavey, Sara's on-again, off-again lover, who has appeared in more than 300 television shows including "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman" and "Forever Furrowed."

Evening show tickets are \$48.50 and \$29.

Dick Parody, director of Performing Arts at the Lexington

Center Corporation, explains the ticket price as an uncontrollable factor that small theaters must deal with.

"For a show of this caliber, considering this small market and available seating, there is not much you can do," Parody said.

Students can see the show free by ushering. Those interested in volunteering can call the theater for information.

Tickets are available at the door from 90 minutes prior to advertised curtain times. At-the-door tickets are half-price to students and senior citizens 15 minutes prior to evening curtain. Tickets are available at the box office on the building's Broadway side. Only cash is accepted.

"This play is serious fun. It is a slice-of-life comedy. You are able to weep, chuckle, smile at the wit at this involving, funny and sometimes painful play," Parody said.



SISTERS ONSTAGE Acclaimed comedy "The Sisters Rosenzweig," playing this week at the Opera House, features a cast with extensive TV credits.

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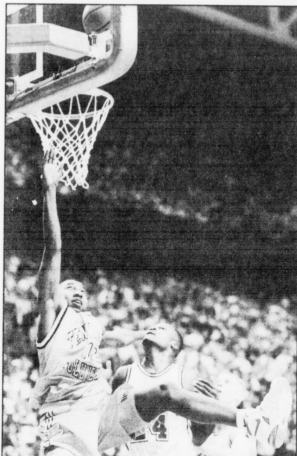
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Application forms may be obtained from 249 Patterson Office Tower. Applications require two faculty recommendations, a current transcript, and an essay from the applicant stating qualifications, academic and personal goals. **Deadline for receipt of completed applications in 249 Patterson Office Tower is March 3, 1995.**

SPORTS

O'Neill expected rocky road



SURPRISE START Tennessee's Alico Dunk (12) will get his second start tomorrow. Both will have been against UK.

By Jason Dattilo
Assistant Sports Editor

Tennessee coach Kevin O'Neill has gotten a rude introduction to life in the rigorous Southeastern Conference. The Vols' first-year skipper, who left an up-and-coming program at Marquette, owns a mediocre 8-10 overall record, including a dismal 2-7 mark in SEC play.

But O'Neill said he expected a difficult road as his squad attempts a climb back to national prominence.

"I knew coming in the situation we were in as a team," O'Neill said via conference call yesterday. "I knew what kind of teams and coaches there are in this league, and I also knew basketball is at a high point (in the SEC)...."

If O'Neill finds a way to get the Vols back on the winning path, he will have one of the nation's premier basketball arenas and a large fan base at his disposal.

Tennessee's Thompson-Boling Arena, which opened in 1987 and has a capacity of almost 26,000, is the largest made-for-basketball facility in the country. But the Vols, who are averaging only 14,501 fans per home game this year haven't exactly had many sellouts in recent seasons.

Usually the biggest crowd of the year at Tennessee is when UK comes to town, and many of these fans are pulling for the men in blue. This recent trend has made UK's annual road trip to Knoxville a quasi-home game for the Wildcats.

Wednesday's game with UK could be the first full house at Thompson-Boling during O'Neill's short tenure as coach.

"We've had good fan support for a team that's rebuilding and struggling," said O'Neill. "I really don't think it will affect the play on the court a whole lot, but it will be nice to see a packed house."

O'Neill said the Vols have made significant improvements on the defensive end, but the UT coach said his team is still struggling to put points on the board.

When UK and Tennessee met for the first time in Rupp Arena earlier this season, the Vols played at a conservative pace eating up much of the shot clock on each possession. In fact, the Vols had just 17 points at halftime in the teams' first meeting, which UK won 69-50.

"We're just playing the way we have to play right now to try and have a chance going into the last minute or two minutes of a game," O'Neill said.

But O'Neill said there is light at the end of the tunnel for UT fans.

"We think we'll be a good team down the road," he said.

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Kevin O'Neill
Tennessee head basketball coach, on the Volunteers' 14,501 average attendance.

Hogs, Gators defy logic with losses

By Jason Dattilo
Assistant Sports Editor

What a difference a year can make in the Southeastern Conference.

Last year at this time, Florida was solidifying its position at the top of the SEC's Eastern Division while Arkansas was doing the same in the conference's Western Division.

Both the Gators and the Razorbacks eventually would end up in Charlotte, N.C., at the Final Four, with Arkansas taking home the national championship trophy. Arkansas returned all five starters this season, including All-American candidates Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman. UF lost only one player, guard Craig Brown.

Before this season began, it would have seemed logical to assume each team once again would be making a run at its respective division title as the season winds down.

Instead, both the Gators and Hogs are limping down the back stretch with four losses apiece. Arkansas is in fourth place in the

West while Florida is tied for second in the lowly East.

What's wrong with these two SEC powerhouses?

"It seems to me that certainly some of the distractions involved, media hype and pressure involved in getting back where they were probably have taken their toll on both teams," South Carolina coach Eddie Fogler said.

Whatever the problem, Tennessee coach Kevin O'Neill has not written off Florida or Arkansas.

"I have all the confidence in the world that both teams will get through these (difficulties), and both will make an impact in the postseason," he said.

What a week

Mississippi State guard Darryl Wilson was named SEC Player of the Week. The junior contributed 25 points in each of the Bulldogs' upset victories over Florida and Arkansas last week.

Wilson's play helped propel MSU to a half-game lead over Alabama in the SEC West.

"Darryl has a lot of confidence," Mississippi State coach

Richard Williams said. "He has always been a great shooter, but he's starting to take pride in being a good defensive player. He's become a more complete player."

Stepping up

When LSU point guard Randy Livingston went down last week with a season-ending knee injury, Dale Brown's Tigers were left with many unanswered questions.

But LSU answered the critics by going on the road and defeating Tennessee 56-52 to stay in the hunt for Western Division crown.

"I think the victory is much greater than the opponent or anything else in terms of confidence," Brown said. "I think we would really have had a struggle had we lost on the road."

Many minutes

Tennessee's Shane Williams leads the SEC in minutes played, averaging 38.2 minutes per game. No other player is even close. Florida's Dan Cross is second at 36.8 minutes per outing.

UK, the team with the SEC's best record, doesn't have a single player averaging over 30 minutes per game.



STANDINGS

Eastern Division

SEC	All
Kentucky	8-1 15-3
Georgia	4-4 13-5
Florida	4-4 10-7
Vanderbilt	3-5 8-10
Tennessee	2-7 8-10
South Carolina	2-7 6-12

Western Division

Miss. State	6-2 14-4
Alabama	6-3 15-5
LSU	5-3 11-7
Arkansas	6-4 17-5
Auburn	4-5 11-7
Ole Miss	2-7 6-12

AP Top 25

Rank	Team	Rec.	Prev.
1	North Carolina (48)	18-1	2
2	Kansas (17)	17-2	3
3	Connecticut	17-1	4
4	Massachusetts	17-2	1
5	Kentucky (1)	15-3	6
6	UCLA	14-2	7
7	Michigan State	16-2	9
8	Maryland	17-4	5
9	Arizona	17-4	12
10	Syracuse	16-3	10
11	Wake Forest	14-4	14
12	Arkansas	17-5	8
13	Missouri	16-3	18
14	Arizona State	16-5	16
15	Stanford	15-3	17
16	Villanova	15-5	19
17	Virginia	13-6	15
18	Georgia Tech	15-6	21
19	Iowa State	17-5	11
20	Georgetown	14-5	13
21	Mississippi State	14-4	—
22	Oregon	13-5	22
23	Alabama	15-5	20
24	Oklahoma State	15-6	—
25	Purdue	15-5	—

USA TODAY/CNN Top 25

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6	UCLA	14-2	6
7	Michigan State	16-2	10
8	Arizona	17-4	12
9	Syracuse	16-3	7
10	Maryland	17-4	8
11	Arkansas	17-5	9
12	Wake Forest	16-3	16
13	Wake Forest	14-4	15
14	Arizona State	16-5	14
15	Georgia Tech	15-6	20
16	Stanford	15-3	18
17	Virginia	13-6	17
18	Villanova	15-5	19
19	Georgetown	14-5	13
20	Oregon	13-5	21
21	Iowa State	17-5	11
22	New Mexico State	16-5	23
23	Mississippi State	14-4	—
24	Minnesota	15-6	—
25	Purdue	15-5	—

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For some, it was a surprise. For many others, it was the expected conclusion to a dark chapter in Lexington's history.

When the wheels of justice finally came to stop last week, the grand jury in the Antonio Sullivan case had made its decision. That decision was to not indict Lexington police Sgt. Phil Vogel for his involvement in the shooting of Sullivan that sparked a riot in Lexington's streets in October. It confirmed feelings of discontent for some Lexingtonians.

But perhaps even more prevalent in the minds of many was how the black community in the area where Sullivan was shot would react. Would it be a repeat of the violence that took place shortly after the shooting?

Thankfully, that is not what happened. Instead Lexington saw the face of responsible citizens accepting the decision, though sometimes with skepticism, in a peaceful manner. To revisit the happenings of last October would have been a mistake and would not have

done anyone any good. If the racial gap between the citizens of Lexington is ever to be healed, the absolute worst way to go about it is with brute, unjustified force. No good can come of that.

If any lesson came out of this case, it was that dubious actions only violate the trust of many who are interested in trying to confront Lexington's racial problems head-on and in making real changes. People will not be coerced into peace and unity through violence.

Instead, conversation and understanding are the only way to a real solution to the problems of our community. Programs on the UK campus like the Institute on Healing Racism seminars are an excellent start and certainly have increased awareness. They help foster a sense of understanding between people with seemingly unresolvable differences.

Hopefully, it is efforts like this one that finally will bring about the end of distrust between people who have the highest interest in living united with one another.

IN OUR OPINION

READERS' forum

Build new arena; Rupp's time is coming to an end

To the editor:

Editor in Chief Brian Bennett's column on Friday was on the money.

The appeal of Rupp Arena has slid dramatically in the past few years. Once on of the most intimidating arenas in the nation, the Rupp atmosphere has become complacent and even bemoaned by the head coach.

Home court advantage? Only for the big games, like Syracuse.

Watching games on TV, from large and small arenas alike, you can't help but wish there were a greater student presence behind the baskets and around the floor at UK. Obviously this situation cannot change at Rupp because once someone gets season tickets, they keep them forever.

UK could easily sell out a larger arena on South Campus, and

such an arena would give the basketball team better practicing options, including the Lady Kats, who use Memorial Coliseum. Video rooms for coaching and weight rooms for training could be incorporated. As for the basketball museum, this would provide a logical rent-free location.

The money gained through the sale of extra tickets, from concessions and from parking would probably be the deciding factor. State budget cuts are not going to disappear, and money generated from these areas could support the maintenance of the building.

As for the design of the building, UK routinely wastes a precious natural resource, the College of Architecture. Ideas about the design of the arena could be provided by UK architecture students. They understand the campus, the basketball tradition, the Bluegrass environment, modern architectural styles and construction techniques, and can provide all of this to the University for free.

Wethington, Newton, Pitino, Fanning and students, are you listening? Do you care? This can't

happen overnight, so act now. What do you have to lose?

Alan C. Roberts
Finance writer

'Empty vessels' want better SAB

To the editor:

I was disturbed by the letter to the editor on Thursday's editorial page by Student Activities Board secretary/treasurer Vinit Kutty.

First of all, I am a conservative, and I have been following the debate over a conservative Kernal through the Kentucky Kernal. From what has been reported, I have found three fallacies in Mr. Kutty's argument.

In reference to the speakers who already have been proposed, he writes that "the board felt that the monetary demands of these speakers were unreasonable and thus turned them down." But in fact, it is not true that both G. Gordon Liddy and Walter E. Williams were less expensive than the ultra-radical Spike Lee? What is unreasonable about paying a conservative as much as a liberal?

Secondly, Mr. Kutty suggests that the "empty vessels" who

don't agree with SAB "have stooped low enough to make personal attacks." How then will he explain some of the remarks made by his own chief executive officer, David Craycraft? After all, wasn't it Craycraft who said, "Mr. Sanford (the UK College Republican President) doesn't have enough to do with his time..." His limited experience with one SAB committee does not give him complete knowledge of the inner workings of the organization." Craycraft has proved he can roll in the mud with the best of them.

Finally, Kutty says that elections would be detrimental to SAB. Why?

Mr. Craycraft has said that elections would make SAB similar to Student Government Association. While some might agree, at least SGA is somewhat accountable. After all, is it not the student body who chooses SGA officials?

SAB members, on the other hand, are chosen by a select few. Of course they don't want elections—that would mean they would have to come down from their ivory towers.

I might be an "empty vessel," but at least I am not full of it!

Tabitha Mills
English sophomore

Minimum wage raise necessary for poor families

What in the world are people thinking? Some members of the executive branch are trying to raise the minimum wage to a whopping \$5.15 per hour. How can our leaders justify such legislated extravagance at the expense of hard-working business owners across this country?

Why, if we had to pay everyone five bucks and a bit for an hour of menial labor, even the most lowly full-time worker would be entitled to make the mind-boggling sum of \$10,712 each year. Preposterous!

I just think it's plain ridiculous that certain politicians want to guarantee that a working parent who tries to support a spouse and two infant children will make at least two-thirds of the annual income required to rise above the poverty level. (The most recent figures released by the federal government state that the "poverty line" for a couple with two children is a bit over \$15,000 per year.)

At the current minimum wage provides assurance of annual earnings slightly in excess of \$8,800 for working stiffs in this nation of ours.

And I can't agree more with House Majority Leader Richard Armer's stance that the minimum wage should be abolished entirely. It just seems ridiculous to prop up our working poor with artificial constraints on trade. In a market economy like ours, how can we justify laws which serve only to prevent the business environment from capitalizing upon those who have no choice but to take the first McJob that comes along?

Why should we do it? How can we justify it?

Get real. Many business owners, if they had their way, would still pay their workers less than the old \$3.35 minimum wage that was put into place in the '70s. Some would pay them nothing. For years, wealthy protectionists have lobbied for tariffs against better-made and less-expensive foreign goods so that American industries could compete. Farmers get subsidies to produce goods that will be bought up by the federal government and left to sit in warehouses, only because the government is concerned with their welfare.

Does Dick Armer call that a level playing field?

Are the working poor not entitled to some provisions for their economic security just like everyone else?

Many folks want to encourage Americans to keep their families together, work hard and avoid becoming slaves to the "hypnotic wealth" doled out by the various welfare programs in this country. But how can we expect the poor, any, to be educated and underskilled to get out of the unemployment lines and into the work force when there is little, if any, incentive for them to do so?

It's easy for members of Congress to sit back on their laurels and have no pity for those people struggling to get by on \$170 a week before taxes. How many members of the Washington millionaires' club and the "Belway Elite" have had to support families on chump change like that? As Slick Willie himself has stated on more than one occasion, members of Congress make more in a month than minimum wage earners do in an entire year.

Imagine a father of three children, wife dead, trying to piece together an existence on the current minimum wage. Before taxes, he earns \$737 a month. Assuming federal, state and local income taxes together with social security, only carve off 20 percent of his salary, he's got a massive \$589 left. Now, pretend he gets lucky and finds a two-room apartment (that includes the kitchen) with a rent of only \$350 a month, not including utilities. That leaves the fellow with \$249. Well, he's got to pay health insurance, since Congress welched on health-care reform last year. A conservative estimate for him and two children would be \$120 a month for that, leaving him \$129 to pay for groceries, transportation, clothing and other incidentals. Talk about penance.

How many of us could live like that? At a time when many leaders and legislators are crying out for a return to kindness and moralism in this nation, isn't it appropriate that we guarantee every American the chance to earn at least a pitiful living?

At \$5.15 an hour, nobody is going to be living lush, but at least they can pay a few more bills and stay off food stamps a little longer. Staff Columnist Kevin Cullen is a library science graduate student.

INFORMED SOURCES

"WE TAKE it with great seriousness. When the president of the United States and the secretary of labor intercede, that's not an everyday occurrence."

Stan Kasten, Atlanta Braves president and member of management's negotiating committee, after President Clinton demanded players and owners to reach a settlement in the baseball strike.

Cool Cats given short shrift in coverage of sports teams

Have you ever seen a group of individuals that have practically killed themselves all year long, achieved the unbelievable and rarely received any recognition for their efforts?

Of course you have, if you know any Kentucky athletes on teams that the media define as "less exciting" sports.

I would love to write this column for all the track stars, gymnasts, swimmers or rugby players who work their asses off for sports they love and an audience that loves them, but I wouldn't know where to begin. So my only solution is to recognize one particular team that has awakened a lot of UK students—but still the paper has remained unaroused.

It's midnight on a Friday or Saturday, and in the midst of a subdivision in Eureka Springs a crowd is being worked into a fren-

zy. Is it because they are celebrating our basketball team's great chances for making the Final Four? Or is it because Arkansas' basketball team just lost another embarrassing game to Mississippi State? No, those reasons for celebration expired as soon as the clock struck 12.

One of UK's "boring" sports has infected these fans' brains. Ladies and gentlemen, let me officially introduce you to the University's hockey team, the Cool Cats.

I say "officially introduce you" to the team because most of you are fully aware of UK's hockey team since its games are the third most popular sporting events on campus (after our basketball and football games). So why are their accomplishments not plastered everywhere in the paper like our

first- and second-place winners? Some may say it is because the basketball and football teams throughout history have been in great contention with other teams within their division, and UK can't have a good hockey team because... well, it's Kentucky.

Just because there isn't snow on the ground 10 months of the year doesn't mean our hockey team can't compete. Last year, the Cool Cats placed third at the national tournament after claiming a conference championship and winning 24 of 28 games. So, what does that prove? Nothing, because only seeing the



Stacy Eidson
Contributing Columnist

team in action can prove to anyone they're good. And it doesn't take long to convince you.

As soon as the puck is dropped the rush begins. Each weekend the audience sees players from teams like Vanderbilt or Georgia Tech race around Lexington Ice Center's rink fighting for possession.

And in an instant, a UK player erases all of his efforts. Tides begin to turn and before the other team realizes it UK is up by another point.

The atmosphere at the Lexington Ice Center is like no other arena or stadium found in the entire state. The fans cheer and yell whatever they want, which may intimidate some students. Don't let this simple emotional release keep you from coming. None of the comments are vulgar, and no college student can honestly tell me he or she has virgin ears,

so nothing you will hear at the games will shock you, I promise.

And I can't guarantee it, but odds are you will throw in your own colorful language.

Since home games usually are played on both Friday and Saturday nights from midnight to around 3 a.m., Cool Cat fans build up a strange connection with one another. There are fans who have seen almost every game for the past 10 and a half seasons sitting to first-time visitors to the rink.

Either way they all have something in common. Some people believe it's simply insomnia, but it is much more than just having unusual bedtimes.

Fans care about what happens at the game and to the team. That's why when a serious injury occurs to one of the players (such as last Saturday's game), fans

become genuinely concerned about his condition. Then the fans begin to see the players as more than just athletes, as UK students. So, when fans call the Cool Cats "our team," they begin to actually mean it.

I'm sure there are a lot of hard core hockey fans out there thinking, "What the hell is she talking about? I go to the games to see blood and guys slaughtering one another. This girl is trying to turn the most violent game in the world into a 'Brady Bunch' episode."

Not quite. I just wanted to point out the game begins to mean as much to the audience as it does to the players.

So, wake up! The season is almost over, and the Cool Cats are playing better than ever.

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EXCUSE US

The Kentucky Kernel tries hard, but we're not always perfect. If we make a mistake, we want to correct it. If you've found a significant error, call us at 257-1915 after 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday and after noon on Sunday.

The name of the event at which Sen. Mitch McConnell spoke on Saturday was incorrect in yesterday's paper. It was a regional meeting of the College Republicans.

An article about tarot cards in Thursday's paper contained an incorrect quote. Clay Blankenship said: "If you believe in magic, then magic runs through everything."

Colloquium about women and race set to begin on Thursday

Staff report

African-American Studies and Research and the Women's Studies Program will hold a dinner colloquium, titled "Women, Gender and Racial Justice," on Thursday as part of their celebration of Black History Month.

Five professors will give informal research presentations after dinner, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Hilary J. Boone Faculty Center. The professors and their talks are:

▼ Teresa Unsel of the art department will

give a talk about black women in the Old West.

▼ Rosie Moosnick from sociology will discuss life histories of blacks from three generations.

▼ Amy Griffith, also from sociology, will give a presentation on interpretations of self-segregation on the UK campus.

▼ Fon Gordon from history will discuss Daisy Bates and the 1957 Central High School crisis; and

▼ Susan Bordo from philosophy will talk

about race and the body.

"I think what's exciting about this is that the two departments are working together in what will be an annual event," said Pat Cooper, director of UK's Women's Studies Program.

"I think it's really important for Women's Studies and African-American Studies and Research to work together."

The colloquium is open to all. Dinner is optional, but reservations are needed.

The faculty presentations will begin about 7:15 p.m.

Brown says O.J. was 'frightening' on night of sister's murder

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson had a "spooky... frightening" look in his eye during a dance recital hours before Nicole Brown Simpson was murdered, and sat by himself in the back of the auditorium, staring at his ex-wife, Ms. Simpson's sister testified yesterday.

Another witness, Candace Garvey, said Simpson appeared to be "stimmering" during his daughter's recital.

"When he stared at me, I felt like he was looking right through me," Garvey said, "and it scared me a little bit."

Defense attorneys, trying to cast doubt on the damning testimony from Garvey and the victim's sister Denise Brown, showed the jury a home video of a jovial Simpson immediately after the June 12 recital. It shows him

scoping up his son, kissing Brown and sharing a laugh.

Jurors watched a large video screen as the tape — made outside Simpson's daughter's school by another parent — was repeated again and again, and freeze-framed at some sections during questioning.

"To see that videotape is an amazing difference," acknowledged Garvey, who attended the recital with her husband, former baseball player Steve Garvey. When the tape was first shown, outside the presence of the jury, Simpson rocked back in his chair and gestured toward his face as if to point out that he looked neither glazed nor spooky, as his former sister-in-law had claimed.

After court, defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. reported that Simpson returned to his jail cell and said, "Thank heaven for videotape." The defense contends

witnesses' memories were altered by time and emotion.

Brown, who dissolved in tears almost from the moment she began her second day of testimony, gave an anguished account of her last moments with her sister, their fond and final farewell — "The last thing I told her is that I loved her" — and her claim that Simpson behaved strangely at the recital, in which his daughter Sydney, then 8, participated.

"He had a very bizarre look in his eyes, it was a very faraway look," Brown said. "It was actually really kind of spooky. It was a frightening look."

As she spoke, Simpson shook his head and smiled in disbelief.

Brown continued to describe his look as "glazed-over, kind of frightening, dark eyes. It just didn't look like the O.J. we knew." In the recital hall, she said, Simpson did not acknowledge his

ex-wife but greeted other family members. He took a chair and sat in a corner apart from the others, she said.

"Every time I turned around he was staring at Nicole," Brown said.

Brown, 37, has publicly declared her belief that Simpson killed her sister and Ronald Goldman hours after the recital.

At the end of the evening, she kissed her younger sister goodbye for what would be the last time. "The last thing I told her is that I loved her," Brown said, weeping uncontrollably.

Brown wept harder as she said of her sister: "She was happy."

"We'd made so many plans," Brown said. "We were going to take the kids on a camping trip, we were going to go to Yosemite, and we were going to a Club Med. We were going to just do everything with the children."

UK student who was shot is discharged

Staff report

A UK student shot behind Pizza Hut on South Limestone Street last week has been discharged from the UK Hospital after examinations revealed the bullet did not shatter the tibia bone in her right leg.

UK topical human studies senior Jewell Melbiser said last night that she will return to the hospital today to receive further treatment for the wound she suffered Wednesday night as she was going to a friend's apartment.

Melbiser said she was approached by a black male in the parking lot, and when she started to run, he shot her in the leg. A witness near the scene saw two black males running away.

Meanwhile, Lexington Police homicide and robbery Detective Dan Gibbons said yesterday his department had not found any further leads or suspects in the shooting. Three other assaults have occurred in the area since Dec. 15.

Gibbons, however, said an investigation has been unable to determine if the same suspects were involved in all four assaults.

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