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## Patton's plan moves toward special session

### Task Force passes education proposal 13-1

By Chris Campbell  
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FRANKFORT — Kay McClenney: "We don't have a case where the community colleges have thrived under the control of a university."  
Sen. David Williams: "It hasn't worked but that doesn't mean it couldn't."  
McClenney: "If it could, then why hasn't it?"

The debate over the fate of the community colleges could not be explained any easier than the comments given at the meeting of Gov. Paul Patton's education task force yesterday.

Two days of meetings, which included much discussion and debate over higher education reform in the committee in preparation for the May 5 special session, culminated into a 13-1 vote for Patton's plan.

Legislators from around the state gathered with members of the governor's Task Force on Postsecondary Education to review information submitted to the committee in preparation for the May 5 special session of the General Assembly.

Aims McGuinness, consultant to the Task Force,

was first on the hot seat to give his opinions and information.

"There's a dramatic difference in mission," McGuinness said. "The institutions are not in touch with the communities. Today, if you look at mission statements, they are in line with what they should be doing, but it is only a fraction of what they should be doing."

While much of the morning session was spent on McGuinness' argument for separating the community colleges, it wasn't until McClenney, vice president of the Education Commission of the States, took the microphone that the debate became heated.

"Community colleges in Kentucky are but a shadow of what they could be if they were separately and differently governed," she said.

McClenney pointed out four popular concerns about the transition from UK governance to the Patton administration's establishment of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

Issues included quality suffering because of a separate new board running the colleges and tech schools, accreditation, community colleges becoming techni-

cal institutions and the harming of the students because of proposed changes.

McClenney dismissed all the concerns, saying that UK should, "do what the universities do best, something that does not include running the community colleges. The transition should be seamless and invisible."

There is no rational basis to say that the level of education would decline."

Patton voiced his approval of separating the colleges, agreeing that both the community colleges and tech schools would be better off under a different board.

"I personally think these entities would be better off under independent control and I think the University would be better off as well," the governor said.

McClenney faced opposition from legislators and Task Force members who questioned funding, accessibility and misinformation given to the general public.

Rep. Greg Stumbo, Democrat and Majority Floor Leader of Prestonsburg, was the most outspoken of the members, who exchanged blows with McClenney over the importance of the community colleges and UK's role in them.

"Community colleges will have a voice, which they

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### Community college students speak out

By Chris Campbell  
Assistant Editorial Editor

FRANKFORT — If the opinions of students are at the core when making the decision about the community college governance, no one can say they haven't been heard.

During the Task Force on Postsecondary Education's meeting Tuesday, representatives from Owensboro, Elizabethtown, Hazard and Hopkinsville Community Colleges shared their views on the future of higher education and what UK's leadership means to them.

One problem for the legislators: whom do you believe?

Ben Carr, chancellor of the UK Community Colleges, brought three students on his behalf in opposition to the governor's plan.

"This is truly a great and momentous day," Carr said. "One, we have spent two days talking

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## UK rewards top achievers

By Kathy Reding  
News Editor

"And the award goes to..."  
These words echoed from the Student Center Grand Ballroom multiple times last night as students were honored for achievements earned during the past academic year.

"This program is always one of the highlights of the academic year at UK," said Joe Burch, vice president for University Relations, who presided over the ceremonies.

The finalists for the Otis A. Singletary Award for outstanding senior male and female were David Johnson, political science, Nancy Humphrey, political science, Alan Aja, communication and sociology, and Wendy Hyland, political science.

Hyland, this year's Student Government Executive Director for Academic Affairs, and Aja, the SGA president, were the recipients of the \$1,000 award established in 1978.

"We very much appreciate the contribution you all have made to the University of Kentucky," Burch told the finalists.

The award, along with those for outstanding freshman, sophomore and junior, were sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

Rachel Bomberger, a nursing major, received the Outstanding

Freshman Award. Engineering sophomore Kimberly Glenn won for her class, and Alhiza Rice, a chemical engineering major, was the junior winner.

Additionally, four seniors were awarded \$10,000 Singletary fellowships for graduate and professional study, including Colleen Frazer who will pursue graduate studies in materials science, Heath Lovell who will begin his master's degree in electrical engineering and Jacqueline Wright and Callie Owen, both of which plan to attend the UK College of Law.

For outstanding service, John Young, a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity who led students on a trip to Eastern Kentucky during spring break to make housing repairs, received the Van Meter Service Award from the Office of Student Activities.

"It is you who are enhancing the reputation of this University for students who have yet to enroll," Burch told all the recipients.

Earlier yesterday the UK Alumni Association honored six professors at its 1997 Great Teachers luncheon.

Three of the six honorees are from the Lexington Campus and three teach in the Community College System. All nominees for the award come from students; winners receive \$1,000. From the Lexington Campus, the recipients



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**OUTSTANDING** Alan Aja, Wendy Hyland, Nancy Humphrey and David Johnson (left to right) were named finalists for the Otis A. Singletary outstanding senior awards by Winn Stephens (center) of the Student Activities Board last night. Aja and Hyland were the recipients of the awards.

are Susan De Carvalho, Alan DeSantis and Clayton Paul.

De Carvalho, a UK professor since 1989, became the director of graduate studies for the Spanish and Italian departments this past

fall. She also founded the UK Spanish Club.

DeSantis has been an assistant professor in communication.

"In every class that we have taken from him, he never lets us

forget the importance of tolerance and understanding in our multicultural world," wrote a student who nominated DeSantis.

"Dr. Paul has a courteous and respectful manner that makes stu-

dents feel at ease," stated a nomination for Paul, a professor in electrical engineering and the department's director of graduate studies. He has taught at UK for 25 years.



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**GOOD REPORTING** Haynes Johnson, a Washington Post reporter and author, lectured last night on "America and the Crisis of Change."

## Veteran reporter discusses 'Crisis'

By Mat Herron  
Features Editor

Haynes Johnson has reported on three things in his 40-year journalism career.

Everything, anything and all of the above. With 11 books, three national best sellers, a Pulitzer Prize and regular appearances on "Washington Week in Review" and "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," the son of Pulitzer winner and New York Sun reporter Malcolm Johnson came to the Washington Post in 1969, and has since lent his byline to almost every major news event in the last four decades.

Lecturing at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts last night for the 16th annual UK Edward F. Pritchard Lecture, Johnson discussed the "crisis of change" occurring in America today, a time he said could be the best for the United States.

"I call (the lecture) 'America and the Crisis of Change'" said Johnson in an interview before the event.

"And by that I mean we are in this extraordinarily paradoxical condition where we find ourselves with virtually no enemies, no challenges of anything like that last 60, 70 years, stronger in almost every possible way — we are still the exemplar of the world."

But even with the country's status as a world superpower, Johnson said, doubt emerges as to its purpose, and the political system faces a formidable challenge not seen since the Civil War.

"In a peculiar way, World War II, the Great Depression, the Cold War gave America ... a sense of unity and purpose, identifiable enemies even if they weren't really the enemies," he said.

"All that's gone."  
On campaign spending, Johnson said the system desperately needs reform and pointed to the cost of the 1996 presidential and congressional elections — "Two billion to re-elect 95 percent of the Congress."

But the money scandals apply not only to campaigns but also to health care and the political system in general.

Changing the system, he said, falls on the backs of voters.

"In politics, those with the most money get what they want," he said.

"They are not just the Clinton scandals or the White House scandals, they're endemic. It's awash in money and the raising of money, and being bought by money."

An author many books — *Sleepwalking Through History*, *The Bay of Pigs* and recently *The System*, published last May and co-written

with famous Post political reporter and analyst David Broder — Johnson said writing books brings greater rewards in the future.

"I'm always touched, as any writer would be, when you go around and people say, 'I loved *The Bay of Pigs*,'" Johnson said. "People mention *The Landing*, which was 10 years ago."

He exalts the "camaraderie" of the newsroom, though, whereas in novel writing, "you are essentially a loner."

And journalism, he said, is essentially journalism, no prefixes and lofty ambitions attached.

"I would shun these labels of things. There's no 'new' journalism. Good writing is good writing," said Johnson, quoting James Reston of the New York Times: The trouble with journalism is you're in danger of making the deadline but missing the point.

Mary Russell, the press secretary for Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson who worked at the Post the same time as Johnson, described him as "one of the most sensitive reporters and writers of his age."

Russell, who with Johnson covered primaries and election campaigns in 1968 and 1972, said his reporting looked at the "human condition" — the good points and bad points.

"He tried to understand what was happening and where all sides were coming from."

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**STUDENTS**

**Evidence presented supports both sides**

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from outside this state." Many legislators on hand made remarks concerning the lack of student voice that had been projected to policy makers before yesterday's meeting.

The three students against Gov. Paul Patton's plan to separate the community colleges from UK spoke of the advantages UK has given them and how much the UK logo on a community college diploma helps in the job search.

"If [Hazard Community College] had not existed in its current form, I would not have had the opportunity to go to college," said Mary Hoskins, a nursing major and SGA president at HCC as well as a single parent and a member of Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

Estella White made mention of the minority students who attend Hopkinsville and a poll conducted by a group at the institution of,

about higher education and I think that's a record, two, because I get to disagree with two experts

major importance to her personally. "Twenty-five percent of the students at HCC are minority," said White, a business technology major. "These students would not go to college if it were not for the University of Kentucky affiliation."

White submitted an HCC student poll to the Task Force, which showed zero percent support for the governor's plan. Eighty-nine percent are against the plan and 11 percent had no decision. She also submitted 700 signatures of HCC students and community members showing displeasure with the plan.

But others had different views to bring to the discussion. Patton brought to the floor four surprise witnesses in support of his plan.

California native Holly Daknis was open about saying the system would be better off in someone else's hands than UK's. She also said the three students who opposed the plan should not represent everyone.

"Nothing they said represented my feelings," said Daknis, an Elizabethtown Community College student.

"I have never seen a job application that says you have to be a University of Kentucky graduate to work here."

Daknis also said the threat of teachers leaving their jobs because the system changes should not be of concern.

"I believe they are there because of their love for teaching, not because they're part of the University of Kentucky," she said.

But Carr said the proposal Patton has laid out has already affected the institutions and student enrollment.

"This is not a student-centered plan," he said.

"What has already been proposed has hurt our enrollment and preregistration for the fall. We've had students say they will not return if this proposal is passed."

Other speakers said that when employers interview a person trying to get a job, the employer should look at the individual person and his or her talents, not the name of the institution on the diploma.

"I am a small business owner. I am looking at the person, and interview (him or her)," Deborah Laslie, student, said. "I am not looking if (he or she has) a UK emblem on a diploma."

"There is an existing political bureaucracy in Lexington," she said.

Carr addressed McClenney's comments, but said while there may be a bureaucracy in place, creating a board in Frankfort would only be detrimental to the system.

"The community colleges are now in an academic bureaucracy," Carr said. "If this plan is approved, it will move this to a political bureaucracy."

Patton also offered two compromises at the Task Force meeting. He said he would delay the combination of the community colleges and the Tech schools until 1998.

Patton said he would also consider including a grandfather clause, allowing current community college students to complete their studies under UK.

Leges would help free up the opportunity to gain more research and build a better Kentucky work force, most of the business people said they agreed with Patton's proposal.

"We feel the missions of these different institutions can be better served with a different organizational system," Reed said. "Can we achieve this kind of cooperation with the current system? That's hard to say."

Funding once again seemed to be the key issue to the legislators, and Streepey said while he supports the plan, the money is certainly missing to help everyone.

Sen. Tim Shaughnessy (D-Jefferson), asked for legislators to look at the recent UK-U of L merger of the social work research program as a model of how to work together in addressing the technical engineering needs of statewide businesses.

"Instead of UK helping Streepey and Reed from U of L," he said, "maybe they should work together."

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**TASK**

**Legislators comment on UK control**

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today do not have," McClenney said.

Stumbo disagreed, saying that the colleges currently have the "clout" of UK and "the community colleges have the University of Kentucky."

McClenney replied, "I know people who would say the otherwise that the University of Kentucky has the community colleges."

Occasional humor interrupted many of the heated arguments, but one thing remained true throughout the day, a solution was

needed, and many agreed one is not present.

"I am not comfortable voting without knowing what's available," Sen. Joey Pendleton (D-Hopkinsville) said. "I think the young people need the ability to chose. I'd like to see more detail."

Rep. Charlie Warner (R-Florence) was interested equally in the decisions that will affect citizens of the commonwealth.

"Our desire is to meet the needs of our people," he said. "I want to be sure that we have something that is going to work for the people of Kentucky."

Funding was a major concern to many, and on the front lines of the debate was Dan Seum (D-Louisville), whose major constituents consist of Jefferson Community College. He made little of the fact that community college students make up 66 percent of the total UK campus,

while receiving only 16 percent of budgeted dollars.

On the other hand, Ben Carr, chancellor of UK community colleges, said the lack of funds is something UK cannot control.

"There is one misconception that I need to clarify," Carr said. "UK does not fund the community colleges, the legislature does."

He said the University has put in requests for additional funds through the Council for Higher Education, and when decision time comes, it is the legislators who are not giving the money to help improve the colleges, then blaming it on UK.

The debate over the governance of the community colleges raged on throughout the day, and McClenney came to the conclusion that a bureaucracy is running the colleges, which hinders UK and the community colleges from reaching its goals.

**Businesses put merit of UK name to the test**

By Chris Campbell  
 Assistant Editorial Editor

FRANKFORT — What's in a name?

At what point does having one university's name instead of another get you a job?

When this question was asked in regard to the importance of UK's governance over the 14 community colleges and Kentucky Tech schools, business leaders were put to the test and probed for answers.

"I wouldn't say that it's UK per se," said Cindy Reed, education program coordinator for United Parcel Service based in Louisville. "It's about what the students can do and what they have learned and the curriculum that we look at when hiring our workers."

UPS is the largest employer in the commonwealth.

Curriculum and personal talent and achievement were the factors many of the business leaders cited, saying they don't look for a UK logo — or anyone else's, for that

matter.

"It's the skills, whether it comes from Western Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky, UK, it doesn't matter," said Malcolm Chauncey, chairman of the Louisville Workforce Development Council.

"We're interested in quality."

Even Lexington business leaders said they agreed with their Louisville colleagues.

Ben Streepey, the vice president of Lexmark, said that, while he hires many UK graduates, a UK diploma wasn't that important to get hired.

"We are looking for the curriculum and experience, not for the UK logo," he said.

Though business leaders say they are not influenced by labels, many students still believe a name does carry weight.

Kenny Rambo represented

Elizabethtown Community College on behalf of the opposition to Patton's plan, saying that the world of today is one of "objectivity."

"When a student goes out into the world with that associate's degree, they take with them the reputation of the University of Kentucky," Rambo said.

"If this plan is approved, they will go out and won't have that reputation."

But other students were quick to judge the UK name.

This sentiment was made most prevalent by Todd Pruden, of Owensboro Community College, who plainly said, "What reputation does UK really have?"

If stripping the community col-



Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Ben Chandler won approval for a special grand jury to investigate alleged wrongdoing in the 1995 gubernatorial election narrowly won by Democrat Paul Patton.

In his motion granted Monday by Franklin Circuit Judge William Graham, Chandler said the year-old investigation into Patton's election has "escalated into many diverse areas" but still centers on organized labor.

Uncooperative witnesses will be forced to appear before the special grand jury.

Chandler's motion for the Frankfort jury revealed some of the investigation's findings for the first time.

Patton said he would take the stand if called upon to do so. Chandler declined to comment on the governor's taking the witness stand.

Republicans have questioned the ability of Chandler, a Democrat, to make a fair investigation of a fellow Democrat, Patton.

Chandler said this concern is unnecessary.

"Tell them to get a life," Chan-

andler said in response to the questions about Republican statements. "My record speaks for itself."

The unusually detailed motion by Chandler and his assistant attorney general for special prosecutors, Paul Richwalsky Jr., indicated the probe still centers on organized labor and its involvement with Patton's campaign.

"Investigators have focused on evidence of payment of monies, campaigning outside of union membership, allegations of vote buying and other activity which would demonstrate illegal and improper collusion between the campaign and the AFL-CIO labor federation, Chandler and Richwalsky said.

Republican Larry Forgy, who was defeated by 2.2 percent in the gubernatorial election, alleged — without offering evidence — that Democrats bought votes in the campaign.

If the campaign and the labor federation were found to have colluded on campaigning outside the union membership, the cost of that could be assessed to Patton's office, sending him over the spending limit that he and Forgy agreed to observe in return for a

state subsidy.

And if Patton were found to have known of such collusion, he and Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, who was elected on a slate with him, in theory at least theoretically could be subject to removal from office.

Unnamed employees of the labor federation "have refused to provide any information to investigators regarding their roles in the election," so they must be compelled to testify, Chandler and Richwalsky said.

William E. Johnson of Frankfort, an attorney for the AFL-CIO, said, "It's not my nature, as a rule, to have clients of mine subpoenaed to testify."

Chandler and Richwalsky said interviews "have failed to adequately explain and resolve" December 1995 allegations by Common Cause Kentucky and the state Republican Party of collusion by the Patton campaign, the Teamsters union and Danny Ross, labor liaison in Patton's office.

Ross held the same job when Patton was lieutenant governor and running for governor. After

Patton won the May 1995 primary, Ross left to run a pro-Patton campaign for the Teamsters, which he and the union have said was independent of Patton's campaign. Soon after the election, he returned to work for Patton.

Ross said then that he had only brief, social contact with people in the campaign, but Chandler and Richwalsky said they have "located" extensive communications between the parties involved.

Ross and Teamsters officials couldn't be reached for comment. Ross' attorney, former state Cabinet Secretary Mark Guilfoyle of Walton, said, "Danny has cooperated fully and answered all their questions."

Patton's press secretary, Melissa Forsythe, said Patton "has said he's confident that no one under his direct control has done anything wrong."

"We have cooperated and will continue to cooperate," Patton ordered state police to investigate Forgy's charges. When his administration's impartiality was questioned, he gave Chandler full charge of the probe.

Assistant Editorial Editor Chris Campbell also contributed to this article.

# OLD THREADS, NEW TWIST

By Nicki Steckhan  
Contributing Writer

Something old, something new, something borrowed and a mood-moo.

The old is the vintage clothing, the new is its condition, borrowed are the trends from decades past and a mu-mu is, well, a mu-mu (basically a big, shapeless dress).

In Lexington, there are three vintage clothing stores, all of which carry everything from pirate shirts to platform shoes and boot-cut corduroys.

The oldest of the three is Boomerang, which opened in October of 1991.

Lollie Nabors, daughter of the store's owner, Phyllis Nabors, said she and her mother opened Boomerang because they saw a demand for vintage clothing.

"There was a market for it, but no stores," she said. "(My mom) has always liked vintage clothes because things aren't made as well today."

Another of Lexington's classic-clothes stores is Zebra Lounge on West Maxwell Street.

Taking its name from a risqué jazz club that was popular in the 1930s, Zebra Lounge carries more than styles that are exclusive to the 70s, groovy though they may be.

"There is more to vintage than the '70s," said Tommy Jones Jr., the store's owner. "The '70s (styles) are based on the '40s. We have clothes from the late '50s, early '60s and on," he said.

Designers have been copying styles of vintage clothes for decades, especially suit makers, Jones said. They buy old suits and tear them apart to see how they are made. The only difference is the designers of the '90s are admitting it, he said.

Though the suits and other vintage clothing may be old by definition, the garments don't look like it.

That's because of dead stock (no, it's not a combination of The Grateful Dead and Woodstock. Dead stock is the name given to the merchandise retailers bought but couldn't sell.

"The '70s (styles) went out so fast that there were a lot of clothes they couldn't sell," Jones said. "So they put them away for 15, 20 or 25 years and they just sat there."

Dead stock is where a lot of the clothes in vintage stores come from. Some come from consignment and others from estate sales.

"Vintage comes from the people who wore it," Jones said.

"Vintage, but new" is the way Ron Meece, the owner of Zing, refers to the clothes in his store.

"They're old, but original," he said. "A lot of them still have the original tags on them."

Meece, who paid his way through school buying and selling antiques, has always had an interest in vintage clothing.

"Even as a kid, I liked to be

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## NEW TWIST



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**Vintage comes from the people who wore it.**  
▼  
**Tommy Jones Jr.**  
owner of the Zebra Lounge

So he bought a department store (and its merchandise) that had been closed for 25 years and started his own business.

"It's doing really well, but it keeps me really busy," Meece said.

Also keeping him busy is the fact that he does most of his own buying.

"Except for my Levis. I have people that search for Levis for me," he said.

But Levis aren't all he carries. Alicia Kozak, a UK senior in social work, shops at Zing for jeans, corduroys, polyester shirts and sometimes dresses.

"This is my favorite store," she said. "His prices are the best, and he has the best stuff — not just any crap," Kozak said.

Meg Wilson, a psychology senior also likes the clothes at Zing, though not necessarily for her.

"I've been to Zing once," she said. "It was pretty fun to look around, but I don't think I would buy anything to wear, unless it was to a costume

party. The prices seemed pretty reasonable."

Costume-party rentals are available at many vintage stores. They get a lot of business from renters who are going to theme parties.

But college students and renters aren't the only people who shop vintage. Meece, Jones and Nabors all said they also have an older clientele.

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# DiVeRSions

## 'Anaconda' squeezes creature-features dry

By Julie Anderson  
Senior Staff Critic

*Anaconda* is a movie about the food chain — anacondas reign at the top, humans in the center, monkeys and bears hold up the bottom.

We discover the nitty-gritty details of the food chain when a 40-foot, gravity-defying, sleek reptile feeds on a documentary filming crew searching for the Shirishama Indians in the Amazon.

Cale (Eric Stoltz) provides funding for Danny (Ice Cube), Terri Flores (Jennifer Lopez) and the other characters who have sex (and, of course, die first) on this journey. Meanwhile, the crew eats mostly boar.

Without providing the names of who lives and dies in this Hollywood production, where everything must conclude fine and dandy, I cannot offer much more

into the plot's complexity or the sequence of events, except the Shirishama Indian myth.

The Shirishama myth foretells of a waterfall with a monolithic snake. The deceased master myth interpreter, Joseph Campbell, who assisted George Lucas who ties the link to the Shirishama myth to Hollywood, not to the Amazon. Unlike most myths, there is no hope, lesson or redemption — just a big snake (no biblical parallels).

*Anaconda* also is about mediocrity achieved with a mostly capable, talented cast speaking dumb lines.

Take for example, these gems of dialogue: "Is that real dynamite?" or "Come on baby!" or "You knew their were snakes here!"

Certainly there is a charm to second rate films full of crappy dialogue, *Basket Case* and *Paint It Blood Red* always warned my less

cerebral parts.

Yet there is a difference between *Anaconda* and other bad movies — *Anaconda* takes itself seriously. My bias leans to great acting coupled with a grand script or shoddy acting teamed with slipshod dialogue.

The film boasts several veteran actors, including Stoltz, who in a press release related his motivations for taking a bad role: "I wanted to do it (the movie), because I've never really done this style of film and I think it's important to try everything."

Eric, does everything include slumming?  
Stoltz's past films include *Mask*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Kicking and Screaming* and other movies worth renting. It's hard to believe that Stoltz willingly pursued a 40-foot snake in the Amazon. People forever amaze me.

By the end, the snake proved to be my favorite character: it didn't talk and it was exciting and scary.

Also, I should confess that I saw *Hamlet* after *Anaconda* (it was a long day at the movies). This juxtaposition might have jaded my taste. Or perhaps it sharpened it?



DEATH CERTIFICATE Jennifer Lopez watches patiently as a 40-foot anaconda attempts to squeeze the life out of Ice Cube in 'Anaconda.' This latest version of the creature-feature plays at Lexington Green and Man O' War.



MOVIE review

★★★  
(out of five)

'Anaconda'

Columbia Pictures

Directed by Luis Llosa



## Indy bands set to energize Lynagh's

By Mary Dees  
Senior Staff Writer

Johnny Socko and Fambooye will invade Lynagh's today for what promises to be an energetic and diverse performance.

Johnny Socko, an Indianapolis/Bloomington based band will bring its brand of ska-esque music to Lexington's little Irish style pub. However, the band's goofy style of music ranges way above ska to funk and beyond.

The group's music style has often been compared to a mix of Parliament (George Clinton, pre-P-Funk) and the Clash, a combination likely to brew an interesting sound with the ability to amuse nearly anyone.

But Johnny Socko's sound might better be compared to that of a typical ska band mixed with that of an angry funk. Its lyrics are also just as — if not more diverse than — its sound. These lyrics won't make you wonder about the great questions of the earth but will make

you reminisce about their early days on the playground.

"Vinnie's Hooch," track No. 2 from one of Johnny Socko's latest CDs, *Oh, I Hope It's Roast Beef*, is the very essence of a third grader's favorite playground chant. "I don't care about jack shit, I just want to pick my nose" is the prominent lyric of this song.

"If I Didn't Have a Goiter", which could be the band's token love song, won't be the next classic, but will definitely make you laugh. (If you don't know what a goiter is, look it up; it adds greatly to the meaning of the song.)

Fambooye, also an Indianapolis based band, will open with Johnny Socko. Fambooye also deals with a large range of sounds — anything from a funk/hip hop sound to just a hint of ska.

Juice Magazine called Fambooye's latest album a "succulent concoction with traces of Prince, Parliament, Stevie Wonder, Steely Dan and the Red Hot Chili Peppers."



FUNKBOOY Fambooye (above) and Johnny Socko (left) offer a host funk and ska sounds for their show at Lynagh's tonight.



LOOKING ahead

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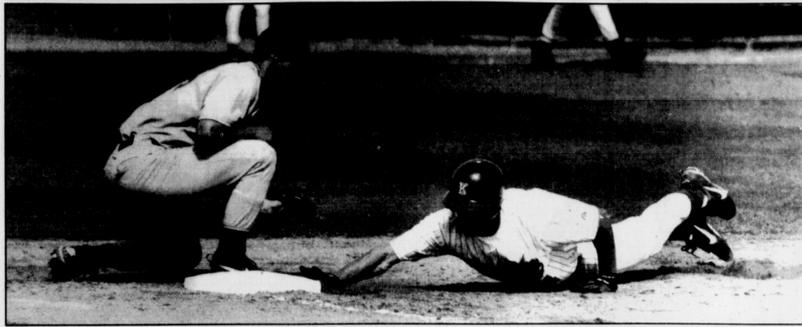
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# SPORTS



MATT BARTON Kernel staff

**BUNCHES OF HITS** Justin Bunch (No. 24) was one of six Wildcats to collect two or more hits in yesterday's 18-4 win over Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis at Cliff Hagan Stadium. Bunch, the Cats' left fielder, went 2-of-5 at the plate with a triple and two runs batted in. UK collected a season-high 17 hits against IUPUI.

## Tuesday still perfect for Cats

By Chris Easterling  
Sports Editor

If only the Cats could play all their games on Tuesdays.  
The UK baseball team hit a season-high four home runs — three of them in the first inning — as it defeated Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis 18-4 yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium.  
The 18 runs marked a season high for the Wildcats, as did their 17 hits. It marked the most runs UK has scored since a 17-7 win over Vanderbilt last April 28.  
It was the sixth win against no losses for the Cats on a Tuesday. In those six wins, UK is averaging 12.3 runs, while allowing only 4.3 runs a game. And seldom-used bench player Franco Datillo has two home runs on Tuesday, which also happen to be his only two career homers.  
"We're playing better baseball," UK pitching coach Chuck Bartlett said.  
"The competition (on Tuesdays) generally

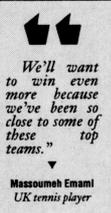
isn't what it is on the weekends. It's good to see them come out and play hard after struggling on Sunday (in a 11-4 loss to Tennessee).  
UK made quick work of the Metros (7-28). The Cats' second hitter, Aaron McGlone, belted a two-run home run in the first. The hit extended McGlone's hitting streak to nine games.  
After Josh Loggins walked, Jay Tedesco hit his fifth home run of the season to make it 4-0 UK with still no one out.  
IUPUI would not get the first out of the inning on the next batter, either, as Jason Colemire hit a solo homer to right to increase the lead to 5-0.  
Wildcat starter Tim Rowland pitched effectively in improving his record to 2-5. Rowland allowed seven hits and three runs — only two earned — in five innings of work yesterday. He struck out one Metro batter and walked two.  
"He went through a real rough stretch there," Bartlett said of Rowland. "He's starting to get the ball down."  
IUPUI also didn't help its cause by committing

five errors on the afternoon. The five miscues tied a season high for a UK opponent.  
**Notes:**  
▼UK (13-25-1) will be back in action today at 6 p.m. at Cliff Hagan Stadium, with the Dayton Flyers providing the competition. Josh Paxton will get the start for the Wildcats.  
▼Tedesco's first-inning home run was the 200th hit in the senior's career. The round-tripper was also the 31st in his career, moving him into sole possession of sixth place on the school's all-time home run list.  
He had been tied with Mitch Knox prior to the homer.  
▼Former Wildcat mascot Brent Claiborne was back on campus yesterday, participating in the Papa John's Pizza Toss promotion in between the fourth and fifth innings.  
He missed on four attempts to throw a tennis ball through a hole to win a Papa John's pizza. Claiborne currently is the Cincinnati Bengals' mascot.

## Women's tennis falls to No. 18 LSU

By Dave Gorman  
Staff Writer

The UK's women's tennis team yesterday fell to No. 18 LSU 5-4 at home in its last match of the season. The No. 29 Cats tried unsuccessfully to avenge last year's loss to LSU by the same score. With the loss, UK's record sank to 11-11 going into the Southeastern Conference tournament, which begins tomorrow.  
Things looked hopeful for UK when it broke even in the singles matches, 3-3.  
Massoumeh Emami lost to Suzanne Rodriguez of LSU 6-3, 6-0 at the No. 1 singles spot.  
"She was really quick and ran down a lot of balls," Emami said.



Massoumeh Emami  
UK tennis player

"She made me play a lot, and I didn't finish it off. She's a great player, one of the top in the nation."  
Kelly Brown struck back for UK with a win over Laura Olave 7-5, 6-3 who put up a great fight, but Christy Sigurski and Caroline Kirk followed with two losses.  
"We played good tennis, we're just not finishing off our opponents," Brown said.  
Sigurski was defeated by Jennifer Barr 6-1, 6-3 and Kirk came up short against Jamie Velton 6-3, 6-3.  
"I myself had a very bad day and hopefully I'll play better in the SECs," Kirk said. "I think the team fought really hard, they just had more energy than we did today."  
Kathy Herring turned it up a

notch, giving Ana Moras the boot 6-4, 6-2. Courtney Allen tied the team score 3-3, taking care of business by defeating Rasheed Torre 7-5, 6-1.  
Soon after, the tides turned and LSU won 2-of-3 three doubles matches to win the match.  
Kirk and Herring lost to Rodriguez and Olave 8-1. Brown and Sigurski fell to Moros and Barr of LSU 8-3.  
Senior Allen won her last doubles match of her UK career with Emami, topping Valotten and Caroline Lucas 8-1.  
With the SEC Tournament coming up on Thursday the Cats are hoping the season-ending loss will help serve as motivation.  
"We'll want to win even more because we've been so close to some of these top teams," Emami said. "It'll be like our last chance to pull off a big win. We're all pretty positive about it because we know we've been so close before.

We are hoping that things will go our way in the SECs.  
Looking back on the team's accomplishments this season, UK coach Mark Guilbeau is proud of the improvement in his team.  
"I think everybody has improved. In fact, if I were to give away one award, it would be the most improved player award," he said. "I think I would give every single player, all eight of them, that award. It's a team deal, and I think all eight players have improved a great deal."

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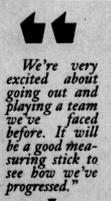
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## Softball team faces Marshall today

Wildcats have lost four straight games

By Aaron Yellon  
Staff Writer

The UK softball team looks to snap a four-game losing streak today with a double-header against Marshall University.  
The last time these two teams met was in February at the UNC Spring Training Classic in Raleigh, N.C.  
In that meeting, UK squeaked out a 1-0 win against the Thundering Herd, but since then Marshall has improved and currently holds a 28-20 record.  
The Cats, on the other hand, are coming off a dismal weekend, losing all four games, dropping them to 8-32 record.  
Head coach Beth Kirchner said she thinks her team also has improved despite what the record indicates.  
"We've moved some people around a little bit and we're starting to gel on defense," Kirchner said.



Beth Kirchner  
UK softball coach

"I think we've improved, hopefully at the same rate or greater than they have."  
Aside from the disappointing record, the Cats also are concerned about star freshman Lindsay Houser, who suffered a hand injury against Ole Miss. Although the X-rays came up negative, the injury will limit Houser to playing only defense against MU.  
Kirchner said the injury will also force Houser to play at third base, instead of her traditional role as catcher.  
"We have her scheduled at third base — I don't know if she could take the repetitive pounding and throwing of catcher," Kirchner said.  
"We really don't want her hand to get hit again."  
Because of Houser's bat, UK will need extra offensive contributions from Susan Moore and Lorie Horner.  
Moore is batting .271 and leads the team in hits (32) and doubles (9). Horner has 21 hits and leads in the RBI department with 10.  
Marshall is coming off a four-game series against Chattanooga,

winning three of the four. The Thundering Herd are led by senior Carrie Hinkle, who is batting .333 with 55 hits and 15 RBI.  
Senior third baseman Aimee Anderson is another Herd cat the Cats need to pay careful attention to. Anderson has knocked in a team high 28 runs and is batting .283.  
Along with a strong offense, MU also is equipped with an impressive pitching staff. As a team, Marshall is only giving up 2.24 runs per game.  
UK will have to hit better than its team average of .189 if it expects to pick up a ninth win. Although the statistical odds are stacked against the Cats, Kirchner is looking forward to the rematch.  
"We're very excited about going out and playing a team we've faced before," Kirchner said.  
"It will be a good measuring stick to see how we've progressed."  
The first game will start at 4 p.m. at the softball stadium. The second will start about 6 p.m.  
After facing Marshall today, the Wildcats will take to the road for three doubleheaders.  
The first two are on Saturday and Sunday against Southeastern Conference foe Florida. UK will then face Wright State next Wednesday.

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## Poor event planning left Lambda holding the bag, and that is not right

UK Lambda chose not to participate in the Speaks Out Sexuality session because we would have validated homophobic views as legitimate, we felt that the focus of the series had changed and the composition of this panel broke the tradition of previous panels.

panels, respectively. These are commonly held beliefs, just as it was stated that this panelist holds "commonly held beliefs on sexuality."

The decision as to the composition of the panel resided with Schach and Wyatt.

We question why they changed the format of the panel for this session.



**Matt Solberg**  
Kernel Columnist

We believe that homophobia has no place in society. If we agreed to be on the panel with a columnist who has expressed homophobic views in his columns, we would have validated those views as legitimate.

We would be stating that those views are just as legitimate as the views of understanding, acceptance and compassion that we express.

We realize homophobic exists. We deal with it everyday. We do not agree that it is right.

We believed that the focus of the Speaks Out series changed with the addition of this panelist. The previous Speaks Out sessions were meaningful discussions among knowledgeable panelists.

We felt this panelist would follow what he has written and gay-bash, name-call, make unfounded accusations and fail to show any respect for different opinions or people.

In Thursday's Kentucky Kernel, this panelist had hoped "we can put the bashing of the past behind us" while calling the sexuality session "a good-old-fashioned bashing contest."

He promised to treat "the panelists with the respect they deserve" while calling members of UK Lambda "a bunch of gutless wonders."

Organizers Jan Schach and Craig Dylan Wyatt called the Speaks Out series a "forum for enlightened discussion and intellectual discourse."

We believed this would be impossible to achieve with someone who makes promises to be respectful and not bash while calling people names and calling the session a bashing contest.

Schach and Wyatt agreed with the possibility that this panelist could not maintain himself.

The composition of this panel broke with tradition of the previous panels: a gay basher was on the sexuality panel, but a racist was not on the race panel, an anti-Semitic was not on the religion panel and a misogynist was not on the gender panel.

Someone against affirmative action, organized religion or women serving in the military was not on the race, religion or gender

Placing a gay-basher on this panel shows the continued political correctness of gay bashing and the ease with which people get away with it.

If someone uses racial slurs, EVERYONE reacts negatively toward racism. If someone uses derogatory names based on sexual orientation, NO ONE reacts negatively toward homophobia.

All seven members of the UK Lambda Board agreed not to send panelists, and faculty members and community leaders refused to participate because of the inclusion of a gay-basher on the panel.

The Inclusive Learning Committee, including Jan Schach, agreed that the decision to place a gay-basher on the panel was a mistake, and that the views of the gay-basher were "inappropriate for the Speak Out forum."

Schach agreed that Lambda's decision was not made out of fear and understood our reasons.

We feel the press release by Schach unfairly implicates Lambda in the panel's demise.

The voice of gays would be present without our participation, and the views of homophobia would be present without this panelist.

UK Lambda's refusal to participate was not a boycott, merely a refusal to send panelists.

It has been said that "UK Lambda needs to stand up to Ben Rich and show him and his views to be ignorant." As a minority, we will not be forced into any position where we have to defend ourselves. If we confront homophobia. It is our choice.

As for proving his views to be ignorant, we think he does a good job of doing that without our help.

The series is called Speaks Out, and we have done just that: Speaking Out that we will not stand for gay-bashing in any form, whether it be from Kernel columnists or campus organizers.

Kernel Columnist Matt Solberg is a political science senior, president of UK Lambda, and a SGA senator-at-large; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

**INFORMED SOURCES** "YOU HAVE to understand that the only way that you can ever make changes is to be a part of the system."

Cadet Su Jin Collier, who might get kicked out of West Point if found guilty of having consensual sex on campus.

## Slow pokes

The University Senate met Monday afternoon to discuss the undergraduate grading policies and what was the result? You get three guesses for this one. Hmm. Let's see. Did they decide the issue and resolve it? Well, no. Did they debate it vociferously? Well, no. Give up? What did they do? Absolutely nothing.

The members of the U senate took a paper poll and then adjourned the meeting without announcing the results.

Even worse, the senate decided to vote without any discussion on the matter. As of press time for this section, the results had not been published.

So much for a quick, decisive decision. What the University Senate decides will affect a cross-section of the University, not just a few colleges who chose to participate in the plus/minus grading.

It disturbs us to think people responsible for deciding the fate of all students would be as cavalier about this situation as they have been. It seems people put more research into picking the winner of the fourth at Keeneland than they do deciding how students will be graded

in the future. We have to ask, why not whip out a quarter and decide our fate?

We have to give kudos to psychology Professor Richard Smith and the few others who acknowledged they did not have enough information to make an informed choice.

Still, we have to ask how many other members admitted they were not prepared to vote on the issue — especially because the Senate decided not to open the decision to all university students.

What's wrong with this? Well, let's see — the Senate is deciding how students should be evaluated in the future, and we are not even considered in the decision.

That doesn't sit well with us and it shouldn't with all UK students.

This Senate has until spring 1998 to decide this matter, and if it doesn't, the matter will revert itself to individual colleges. And we feel this kind of planning doesn't cut it — at UK it must be all colleges or none.

At the rate the University Senate is going, we may never hear the resolution of the plus/minus deal until the new millennium.

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## READERS' forum

### Maternity coverage lacking on a few points

To the editor,

This letter is to clarify some of the issues raised in Mat Herron's "Leave Policy Challenged" article in the March 13, 1997 Kernel as well as subsequent articles and the recent editorial that dealt with UK's maternity leave policy. Although the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides 12 weeks of unpaid leave for all UK employees, UK has different paid maternity leave policies for faculty and staff.

As a staff member, I was told by Ann Fister of the UK Employee Benefits Office that although I was legally entitled to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child through FMLA, UK's Temporary Disability Leave

(TDL), or sick leave, policy states that "Temporary disability leave for childbearing purposes normally shall not exceed thirty (30) working days (six (6) calendar weeks) (UK Staff Personnel Policy and Procedure Number 82.1.18)."

Therefore, any additional leave must be either paid vacation leave (hence Ms. Fister's remark that I could bond with my baby on my own time) or unpaid leave.

Although UK's TDL policy limits the amount of sick leave which may be used for childbirth, it does not place similar limitations on the amount of sick leave that may be used for any other illness or injury.

Staff are able to use more paid sick leave for a broken ankle than for giving birth to a child.

By treating women affected by pregnancy, childbirth or related

medical conditions differently than persons not so affected but similar in their ability or inability to work, UK's TDL policy for staff violates Title VIII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination against women.

Shannon L. Price  
Assistant Project Director  
Kentucky NSF EPSCoR

### Whitaker column right on with Woodland description

To the editor:

I read with appreciation the opinion of Eric Whitaker on escapades around Woodland Avenue. "Those Woodland Avenue revelers mad UK look stupid" after the final basketball game.

I work on the Lexington campus and I live on Aylesford Place, very near the University.

Therefore, living where I do, I was witness to the destruction, the obscenities, the shame that these students brought upon UK.

"Some avid basketball fans" might disagree with Mr. Whitaker, and myself, and think that "kids will be kids," or those students were letting off steam while intoxicated — and believe me they were — are immature, irresponsible cry babies.

In closing I would like to ask the student, or students, who placed the bicycle in the tree in my yard to please remove the same as soon as possible.

That gesture was certainly another example of a lack of respect for yourselves and for UK.

Pat Landis  
staff assistant

## UK fee conspiracy is cheating students out of their money

In my approximately nine-month stay here at UK, I have come to notice many things about this university. And because I am contributing heavily toward the cost of my education, there are a few things that are beginning to bug me.

Specifically, I am becoming tired of new and creative ways UK has for taking my money.

I'm not talking about tuition or room and board or other living expenses.

I'm talking about subtle ways that people at UK have developed to ensure students will wind up contributing more money to UK than they could have possibly imagined.

Let's start with example one. I, like many other students, once had a book overdue at M.I. King Library. No big deal, right?

But instead of sending an overdue notice to my campus address, the university decides to send the

notice to my home address. Never mind the fact that I live 350 miles away, have no car and have only gone back home for major school holidays.

So by sending the overdue notice to my home address, they have succeeded in delaying this overdue book coming to my attention. Of course, by the time my parents wind up putting this notice in the mail to me, a few days have elapsed. What does this translate into?

You guessed it. A little extra money for UK that didn't need to be charged. But that's how it happened and there was nothing I could have done about it.

Now for example two. I have noticed that a great many of the classes here at UK require textbooks written by the professor of

the course. I understand that this is the same at many other colleges and universities, so that's not a big deal.

But how about the fact that as part of one of my courses, I have been required to plunk down \$20.65 for a 350-page paperback book that I will use in writing exactly one short paper?

The information contained in this book is something that could be researched and found in any library or web site. By the way, this book was indeed written by a UK professor.

And another thing: the book that this assignment was supposed to be based on was changed three times. I know because I've got all three books.

Oops, I guess that means more money for the UK Bookstore. Example three: the whole UK

Food Services policies. First of all, the required \$650 semester deposit on the DinerCard is more than most students need.

I'm a rather big eater, and I will struggle to deplete my funds for the second straight semester.

Perhaps this wouldn't happen if all the food service locations took the DinerCard, but in many other they take the Plus Account.

What is the reasoning behind this? We've already paid the money to UK, so why should it be valid in some places but not others?

Example four: the entire parking problem. While it may be convenient for students on South

Campus to park their cars there, K lot isn't exactly down the street for people on North Campus. But students are expected to pay in excess of \$70 per year to park a mile away from their residence.

Of course, parking anywhere seems to be a problem for students as well as faculty.

And we all know how quick parking officials are to write tickets for illegally parked cars.

That seems to explain the logic of having 45-minute meters in places where most classes run 50 minutes or longer.

So instead of making the meters last longer (for which the students would willingly put more money into the meter), they

choose to hit students with expensive parking citations rather than do anything to improve the situation. Just leave everything as it is, and the students will continue to owe UK money.

This is also the same university that is fighting to keep its hands on the community college system. By placing the community colleges under its control, UK has slanted the playing field to ensure that a majority of community college students will wind up finishing at UK, even though there are plenty of other four-year universities to choose from.

Again, this results in more students going to UK, which results in — big surprise here — more money to UK in all of the ways that I previously described.

I might as well start every letter home by saying "Mom, please send money, because UK keeps taking it all..."

Kernel Columnist Matt Ellison is a journalism freshman, his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

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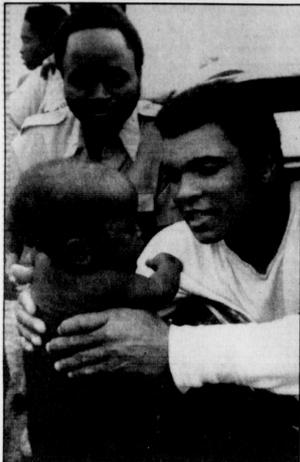
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## Oscar-winning film to benefit charities

By Dan O'Neill  
Arts Editor

The movie experience rarely leads to the feeling that your time spent eating Juiy Fruits and slurping on a Coke is anything but relaxing and entertaining. Friday night, making the trek to the Kentucky Theatre will offer the opportunity to surpass the movie-going formalities by helping a few charitable organizations in the process.

The Lexington Herald-Leader is sponsoring the premiere of the Academy Award winning documentary *When We Were Kings* in an attempt to benefit local organizations the Bluegrass-Aspendale Teen Center (BATC) and the Family Care Center.

The film, which is playing in only a handful of select theaters around the country, depicts Muhammad Ali's arrival and preparation for his classic fight against George Foreman in

Zaire.

The so-called "Rumble in the Jungle" turned out to be one of the most hyped fights in boxing history with the help of eccentric figures Don King, Howard Cosell, Ali and Foreman.

Msiba Ann Beard-Grundy, director of BATC, said of the importance of Ali, "Although he will always be remembered as a great boxer, most people admire him for his incredible courage."

It is that sort of courage the organizations hope to instill in their children. She describes the after-school program as, "a safe haven for children ... most devilish behavior occurs in the idle time between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m." The economically disadvantaged children of the Bluegrass-Aspendale community housing benefit from a variety of mentoring and tutoring programs ranging from nutrition and health to African History.

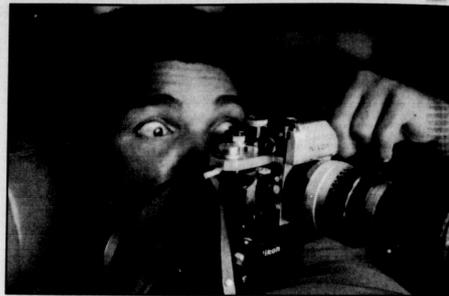


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**THE GREATEST** Above, Mubammad Ali tries out photography and, left, he plays with one of the children of a Zaire Village in the documentary film *When We Were Kings.*

*When We Were Kings* offers a celebration of African history and culture through the presentation of the event, the music and its celebrated central characters.

Grundy summarized the event's mission with, "So often people look for the right thing to do but haven't found

the proper vehicle to do so. This event allows them to learn about a crucial part of American history and also do the right thing."

A catered reception begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by the film, which begins at 8. Tickets for the event are \$10.

## The puck drops here for video-gamers

The NHL playoffs are just around the corner, and what better way for die-hard hockey fans to celebrate than with a 32-bit hockey simulation.

Unfortunately for Sega Saturn owners, such a game has been hard to come by.

NHL *Powerplay '96*, however, is such a game. Although it is already a year old, *Powerplay* remains the best available hockey game in the 32-bit market, and it can be purchased at Best Buy for under \$25.

Published by Virgin Interactive and developed by Radical Entertainment, *Powerplay* definitely gives you the most bang for your buck. It's not flawless, but it's pretty close.

*Powerplay* wastes no time in presenting the sport in a spectacular multimedia fashion as EA Sports tends to do with its games. It's not dressed up with video clips or game highlights. Instead, it cuts right to the hockey action; nothing more, nothing less.

This is both good and bad, depending on what type of gamer you peg yourself as. It would have been nice to see some extra appreciation for the sport, especially since *Powerplay* is sponsored by such big sports names as ESPN, among others. Sadly, these

names are used for nothing more than advertising during the game.

But *Powerplay* makes up for it in graphics and gameplay.

The NHL players and officials are constructed out of polygons and they move in an incredibly lifelike manner. The arena in which the action takes place is very well done, although I would have liked to have seen each team's individual arena depicted in the game. Of course, all of the real NHL players and teams are in place.

The controls are very smooth and dead-on responsive, while the players possess a variety of abilities that remain true to the sport.

Wrist shots, slap shots, drop passes, flip passes, poke checks, body checks, cross checks, hooks, speed bursts and even backward skating are all at a player's disposal and executed with ease.

One aspect that *Powerplay* fails to capture is fighting. Say what you will about hockey and fighting, but *Powerplay's* failure to include such an important part of the sport keeps it from achieving greatness. Fights are one of the sport's biggest draws, why not put them in there?

Also, more sounds would have added a significant amount of realism to the game. Sounds such as skates skimming across the ice and hockey's trademark organ music are noticeably absent from *Powerplay*. It's not that the existing sounds are bad, there just simply aren't enough of them.

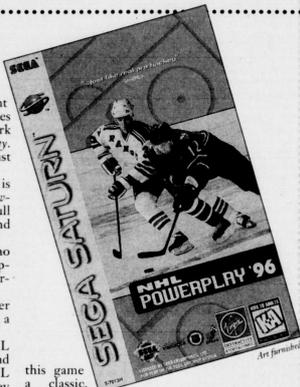
One final category in which this game is lacking is in tracking statistics from game to game. While *Powerplay* gives you the options to play exhibitions, full NHL seasons and World Tournaments, teams' and individual players' stats are not shown or recorded.

However, as stated earlier, *Powerplay* wastes no time with such formalities. This game is about dropping the puck and having fun, and fun it most certainly is.

Two-player games are a blast, and the computer opponent always provides an adequate challenge in a one-player game.

Some may wish to wait for Virgin's next NHL installment because many of the teams' uniforms and rosters are now outdated. At \$25, however, NHL *Powerplay '96* is a real bargain and the best hockey game available for the Saturn.

Although some closer attention to detail concerning the sport of professional hockey would have made



this game a classic, Virgin has raised the standard by which future hockey sims must follow.



Benjamin Hopper  
Kernel columnist

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