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## State lawmakers may call special session to fund education

Associated Press and Staff reports

With the state Supreme Court's cooperation, the General Assembly could hold off making appropriations for education until after next year's regular session.

A special session could make it easier on lawmakers trying to fund a school system that must be overhauled by order of the court, top legislators said, but the court

would have to postpone until July a final ruling in the decision.

The court, which returns from summer recess this week, has been asked to clarify whether the legislature must put a new education system into effect by the end of the regular session in April or by July 15, the date when new laws normally take effect.

The court touched off the education reform effort June 8 by declaring the entire public education sys-

tem unconstitutional. It set an April deadline for a solution.

But Sen. Michael R. Moloney, D-Lexington, said if the court gives the legislature an extension, lawmakers then could return in a special session and pass legislation that would contain the education appropriations.

Moloney and Rep. Joe Clarke, D-Danville, the legislature's two top budget writers, said that could be a possible approach to the dilemma

lawmakers face in trying to draft a state budget for 1990-92 while the plans for restructuring education are still up in the air.

Two-thirds of the \$3.5 billion state General Fund goes to the state's schools, including the eight universities and 14 community colleges.

What makes funding even more difficult is that the legislature must pay for growing non-education needs without new taxes, some-

thing many lawmakers don't want to consider until after the primary election in May.

But the idea of postponing the education appropriation is "just pure talk," Moloney, chairman of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said last week.

"If we haven't reached a decision on what we're going to do in education, we can go ahead in the regular session and pass a budget

for all of state government except elementary and secondary education," he said.

A budget surplus from the regular session could be added to any new taxes that might be enacted to help education during a special session.

Clarke, Moloney's counterpart in the House, said, "It would put you in a position that when you raised the money you needed at that time,

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## Audible crosswalk installed

By ELIZABETH WADE  
Associate Editor

The first audible crosswalk signal for visually impaired citizens in Fayette County was installed last week, and UK officials hope to see more around campus soon.

State Rep. Ernesto Scorsone, a Democrat whose district includes part of UK, was instrumental in implementing the signal.

Scorsone said if the city and state determine that the audible signals are successful and safe, additional systems will be installed in other areas of Fayette County, including the Lexington campus.

The new signal, which was installed at the intersection of Nicholasville and Stadium roads across from the Senior Citizens Center on the southeast corner of the Lexington campus, cost \$1,000, including installation, Scorsone said.

The signal makes a pulsating "chirping" sound that can be heard over traffic.

Scorsone has been working on the project for more than two years, and he said the audible signals "make the community more accessible" to Fayette County's almost 15,000 visually impaired citizens. UK also has many students who are visually impaired.

Jake Karnes, director of UK's handicapped services, said there are about six fully blind students and about another 15 partially blind students at UK.

He said the issue of installing the audible signals surfaced in the past but requests for the machines were denied.

"It was considered about 15 or 16 years ago and we made the request and it was denied," Karnes said. "Now the environment is much more positive about doing something."

Karnes said he contacted Lexington-Fayette Urban County Councilwoman Debra Hensley last year when visually impaired students voiced their concern over the issue.

## TWO YEARS OF SAVING LIVES



The S-76 helicopter has transported 2,249 people to hospitals within a 150 mile radius of Lexington. The helicopter

celebrated its two-year anniversary of providing emergency care transportation yesterday with an open house on the UK helipad.



John Charles, a political science senior, says the UK Medical Center's aeromedical service saved his life.

## Helicopter important part of Chandler Medical Center

By TONJA WILT  
Campus Editor

On the Monday after finals week, the last thing most students want to think about is returning to UK.

But for UK student John Charles, getting to UK's Albert B. Chandler Medical Center was a life-or-death situation, and the Medical Center's helicopter got him there.

Last May, Charles was driving down Frankfort Pike in Woodford County when he lost control of his car when it began to hydroplane.

"We took out about 50 feet of farm fence and a telephone pole," said Charles, a political science senior. "The fence somehow came through the car and smacked me in the stomach and in the neck."

With internal injuries, a compressed artery in his neck and

three main nerves in his arm crushed, Charles was transported to Woodford County Hospital and then was shuttled to the Chandler Medical Center by UK's Aeromedical Service.

The Aeromedical Service, which has transported 2,249 patients since the program began, celebrated its second anniversary yesterday with an open house at the helipad adjacent to Commonwealth Stadium.

The aircraft originally was expected to perform only about 350 flights a year, said Terry Gregory, the helicopter's chief flight nurse. But 1,120 flights were made during the first year.

"We do the most flights in the state. We do have the most sophisticated equipment in the state," Gregory said.

"We have a larger aircraft, which allows us to perform cer-

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## Kentucky students' test scores improve

By MARK R. CHELLGREN  
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky students did surprisingly well on a new series of achievement tests last school year and rank higher than the national average in most categories, Department of Education officials said yesterday.

In only three of 19 categories did Kentucky students fail to reach the national average. Even in tests for 10th grade students, a longstanding problem area in Kentucky, the state showed marked improvement.

"I think it is something for us to get excited about," Superintendent of Public Instruction John Brock said during a news conference.

The exams, given to all students in third, fifth, seventh and 10th grades in April, were the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills, a standardized achievement test in the areas of reading, language, math, spelling and learning skills. Third graders were not tested in learning skills.

The CTBS replaced the often-criticized Kentucky Essential Skills Test, which was abandoned after four years.

Unlike the KEST, which was designed to reflect the progress of students in designated areas, the new test can be used to rank Kentucky students against others nationally.

The ranking was impressive in spite of fears that test scores would be very low, Brock said. "We are pleased, in fact we are very, very excited, to report that did not happen in Kentucky," Brock said. "We did not have the expected decline in scores."

Only in third grade reading and seventh grade spelling and learning skills did Kentucky scores fail to meet the national average.

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## The Courier, Herald-Leader vie for student subscriptions

By JONATHAN MILLER  
Contributing Writer

Some faces come and go every school year, but a few faces seen every year are those of the newspaper salespeople from the Lexington Herald-Leader and the Louisville Courier-Journal.

They bombard students passing in front of Kennedy Book Store and the Student Center with sales pitches designed to increase sales from previous years.

But many UK students, exhibiting the collegiate trait of making their own decisions, disregard the sales pitches and decide for themselves.

Some students prefer The Courier-Journal because of the nine Pulitzer Prizes awarded to the paper, according to Courier-Journal salesman David Ewton.

The Herald-Leader has been awarded only one Pulitzer Prize, for its 1965 probe of the UK basketball team.

Despite the Pulitzer Prize dispar-

ity, some students prefer the Herald-Leader for its coverage of local activities.

According to Doug Watts, district manager of circulation for the Herald-Leader, the Herald is able to cover UK campus activities and local events better than the competition.

"I like the Herald because of the local events they're able to cover," said Chris Wells, a communications junior from Jessamine County.

But students consider reasons besides local coverage when choosing publications.

"I don't like the design of the Herald's front page. That's why I chose The Courier," said Amy Fleming, a psychology sophomore from Jefferson County.

Tina Henderson, a political science junior from Fayette County, sided with The Courier, saying that the paper is more liberal and less biased on political issues.

"The Courier covers prep sports better," said John Simmons, an ac-

counting senior from Henderson County.

However, according to Julie Hartridge, an education senior from Fayette County, "The Courier's ink rubs off onto my hands."

Watts said the Herald-Leader uses special ink designed not to rub off onto the reader's hands.

Whether it's sales pitches or student decisions doing the job, a lot of newspaper subscriptions are being sold.

"Our sales are equal to last year's sales," said Joe Coffman, state sales supervisor for The Courier-Journal.

"The market is best the first three days, then every day after, subscription (sales) start to slide," he said.

But while The Courier's sales are equal to the previous year, the Herald-Leader's business has increased by 10 percent, Watts said.

"We were expecting to receive 32 subscriptions this fall, but as it turns out, we're up to 352," he said.



Jay Sears, a business freshman, was one of many ton Herald-Leader and The Courier-Journal outside students who heard sales pitches from the Lexington Student Center Free Speech Area.

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## Education session may be called

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It would be identified as being entirely for education because we would have solved all our other funding problems."

Clarke said that if the idea were adopted, the legislature might wait

until a special session to fund higher education, but he stressed that it was just an idea.

UK President David Roselle said last week that he would leave calling a special session about higher education to those in Frankfort.

"I'd leave that to the legislature and the governor to figure out," Roselle said after last week's UK Board of Trustees meeting. "That's not my job to tell them to go about doing their jobs."

## Kentucky students' scores improve

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One reason the scores were expected to fall was that the KEST scores were compared to 1981 averages. The latest test is compared to 1988 averages.

The scores also reflected another encouraging trend, Brock said. While in previous years, test scores declined in higher grades, this year the reverse happened.

"Just looking, you see that we get just a little bit better as we move up," Brock said.

In fact, Brock said the tests showed Kentucky had the highest scores ever in 10th grade subjects. Not all of the news was good, Brock said.

Test scores showed that students in the poorest areas of the state,

the 5th and 7th congressional districts, had the lowest scores.

Brock said that is proof to him that Kentucky does have an unfair education system as cited by the state Supreme Court in its ruling that the school system as currently constituted penalizes students from poorer areas.

"In general, the districts with the highest rankings have a tradition of excellence; they have strong parental and community support," Brock said. "Historically, they have higher levels of funding than the other districts and fewer economically deprived students," Brock said.

While the poorest districts fared

the worst, Brock said the overall improvements demonstrate that school initiatives put in place in the past few years are helping.

"Given Kentucky's level of spending for education, given our relatively high proportion of economically disadvantaged students, and the brand new test that we're administering, our youngsters performed remarkably well," Brock said.

The test results are provided in aggregate form for each of the 177 local school districts. The districts, however, are not ranked individually. They are grouped in general rankings.

## Helicopter proves valuable service

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certain types of patients that other programs cannot transport," she said.

Hospital officials say the helicopter allows some people to get better medical care. "What we are doing is extending the arm of the University of Kentucky hospital," said Amy Brannen, assistant hospital director.

"We are giving the patients a high level of care, one that would not normally be available to them," Brannen said.

The aircraft, which is leased by the University from Petroleum Helicopters, is an S-76 and is considered the fastest and safest aeromedical helicopter in the United States.

"We have the capability of carrying more crew with the patients and still have the lift power and the capability of flying," she said.

Although there is a limited amount of time in each emergency the helicopter services, two decisions are made before each flight, said Frank Butler, hospital director for the Chandler Medical Center.

"The pilot makes the decision on whether or not they can get there and back safely," he said.

"Another decision to be made is whether or not the patient needs the (aeromedical) care. If we have two yeses, then we go. If we have one no, then we don't," Butler said.

The efficiency of the aeromedical program is not attributed only to the helicopter, Gregory said.

"It is not just the helicopter, but that we accessed the right services at the right time, and they (the Medical Center) have a good trauma service here and good intensive care nurses," she said.

"The helicopter has helped bring that particular system all into focus," she said.

Charles feels fortunate that the helicopter was available on the rainy May day to save his life.

"From what I have been told (concerning) the extent of my injuries, I had a lot of internal bleeding, and so apparently every second counted," Charles said. "Had it not been for the helicopter, I wouldn't be doing this interview right now."

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- (3) At least 90 hours of "liberal" courses;
- (4) At least 45 hours of classwork completed on the Lexington campus;
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Should you know any individual who you believe meets these requirements, then we would appreciate your urging that person to come to Room 271 Patterson Office Tower in the College of Arts and Sciences to pick up an application.

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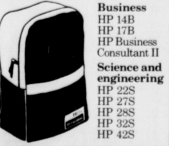
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# SPORTS

Barry Reeves  
Sports Editor

## Murray hopes career has sweet ending

By BARRY REEVES  
Sports Editor

Andy Murray is not a person who looks to the future much, but the UK senior fullback has his exit from UK football mapped out in his dreams.

"I try not to look too far ahead, but I really want to end my career in New Orleans playing in the Sugar Bowl," Murray said after practice yesterday afternoon.

"I think every player in the SEC has that same dream. The Sugar Bowl is the place to finish if you're in the SEC."

James Andrew Murray wants his team to win the Southeastern Conference and go to the Sugar Bowl so much that he would sacrifice a possible professional career if his dreams came true.

"I would rather go to the Sugar

Bowl or any other major bowl than play in the NFL," said Murray, a 6-1, 242-pounder from Louisville, Ky. "Every football player dreams of playing in the NFL, but I am serious when I say that I would rather go to a major bowl."

Murray was recruited by coach Jerry Claiborne following UK's 9-3 season and victory in the 1984 Hall of Fame Bowl.

He thought he was entering one of the fastest rising programs in the country, but UK has won only five games each season since his arrival in Lexington.

"Yeah, I thought I was coming into one of the top programs in the South when I signed," he said.

"But I can make up for the four years with one season. A major bowl would make me forget all about those four seasons. No doubt."

Fullbacks that play for Claiborne do not see their name in very many headlines, but that suits Murray's personality just fine. In fact, it is difficult to get Murray to talk about himself.

"I am a team player. If the

coaches don't call my number for an entire game and we win, then I am the happiest person in the world," Murray said.

"Personal goals don't mean anything if you don't win, and I just want to win. It's that simple."

It may be difficult to get Murray to talk about himself, but his teammates and coaches are anxious to give their opinion of the starting fullback.

"Andy makes all the difference," UK tailback Al Baker said last week. "Every good team needs a good fullback, and I think we have one of the best (fullbacks) around. He's more than just a great fullback, he's a true leader. He leads by example. Following Andy is an honor."

"He's been the kind of guy a coach dreams of working with," UK running back coach Greg Nord said. "He's one of the guys who will not let anybody quit."

"He does everything you ask him to do. Even if he thinks it's wrong, he will still do it."

Murray takes great pride in UK winning the 1989 College Football Association Academic Achievement Award. UK joins Duke University, the University of Notre Dame and the University of Virginia as the only other schools to receive the award.

"It was a real honor for UK and Coach Claiborne to win the award. It just shows the world what kind of person Coach Claiborne is," said Murray, who graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

"Coach Claiborne wants to make his players good citizens first, good students second and good football players last."



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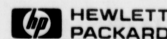
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# DIVERSIONS

## Showtime

Worsham Theatre's offerings for fall semester range from cult films to Oscar winners

Kip Bowmar  
Arts Editor

### WORSHAM THEATRE SCHEDULE

Fall, 1989

#### September

6-10 Rain Man 7:30, 10:00\*  
13-17 Woodstock 7:00\*; Easy Rider 10:00  
20-24 Midnight Cowboy 7:30\*; Hair 10:00  
27-10/1 Head 7:30\*; Alice's Restaurant 10:00

#### October

4-8 Mississippi Burning 7:30, 10:00\*  
11-15 Falcon and the Snowman 7:30\*; Biloxi Blues 10:00  
18-22 My Beautiful Laundrette 7:30\*; Brazil 10:00  
25-29 Friday 13th, Part I 7:30\*; Friday 13th, Part II 10:00

#### November

1-5 Dangerous Liaisons 7:30, 10:00\*  
8-11 Woody Allen Week:  
Take The Money and Run 7:30\*  
What's Up Tiger Lily? 10:00\*  
15-19 The Accused 7:30, 10:00\*  
29-12/3 The Assault 7:00\*; M\*A\*S\*H 10:00

#### December

6-10 The Graduate 7:30\*; Ruthless People 10:00

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By CHARLES McCUE  
Assistant Arts Editor

Picture this scenario.

You and your date go to the Super-Hyper-Grand-Multiplex Cinemas, with 123 screens, where you have to pay \$50 apiece for the tickets, plus \$80 for refreshments. It's not really a cheap date when you have to use your credit card at the concession stand.

A better picture is going to the Worsham Theatre in the Student Center, where you only have to pay \$1.95 to see a movie.

"OK," you say, "what's the catch? Are the movies so stupid they never should have been made, like 'Psycho Sluts From Hell' and 'Crazy Mutant Dismembered Sperm Whales Invade Chicago?'"

Well, not only is the theater inexpensive, but the movies are thought-provoking, enlightening and award-winning.

The Worsham Theatre's fall lineup is packed with movies ranging from Oscar winners, such as "Rain Man" and "Mississippi Burning," to films chronicling the hippie movement, like "Alice's Restaurant" and "Woodstock."

The season begins Sept. 6 with "Rain Man," starring Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman. Hoffman won the Best Actor Oscar for his moving role as Cruise's autistic brother.

After "Rain Man," the theater will show a series of films dealing with the rebellion movement of the 1960s and '70s. Movies that will be

shown include "Easy Rider," "Hair," "Alice's Restaurant" and the Monkees' film "Head."

At the forefront of these films is "Woodstock," a documentary that celebrates the 20th anniversary of the now-famous music festival that was held in upstate New York.

Two standouts for October are the cult films "Brazil" and "My Beautiful Laundrette," both imports from England.

"Brazil," starring Terry Gilliam, is a warped, satirical look at futuristic life in the great English tradition. "1984" was never this entertaining.

"My Beautiful Laundrette," which stars Daniel Day-Lewis (of "A Room With A View" fame),

deals with homosexuality and racial tension between Anglos and Pakistanis in London.

On that note, another great movie about racism, "Mississippi Burning," opens in October. The Oscar-nominated film stars Willem Dafoe and Gene Hackman as FBI agents investigating a racially motivated killing in Mississippi.

To add some humor to the otherwise serious lineup, the theater will show "Friday the 13th," parts 1 and 2.

Other films at Worsham this semester include "The Falcon and The Snowman," starring Sean Penn, and Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues."

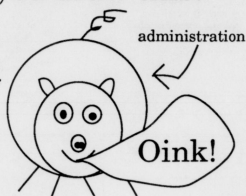
November opens with "Danger-

ous Liaisons." The movie, which stars Glenn Close, Michelle Pfeiffer and John Malkovich, is a great version of the French film, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," and is my pick as one of last year's best films.

The Worsham Theatre also will have Woody Allen Week, with showings of his early films, "What's Up Tiger Lily?" and "Take The Money And Run."

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**NEWS BRIEFING:** Loralyn Cecil, a psychology senior, relaxes on the fountain in front of Patterson Office Tower Friday by catching up with campus news.

## Trade deficit hits four-year low

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$27.72 billion from April through June, the smallest quarterly imbalance in four years, the government reported yesterday.

The Commerce Department said the gap between imports and U.S. exports showed a 2.3 percent improvement from the first three

months of the year, when the trade deficit totaled \$28.38 billion.

The improvement stemmed from a 3.4 percent increase in exports, which climbed to a record \$90.87 billion. This more than offset a 2 percent rise in imports, which also hit a record of \$118.58 billion.

The April-June trade deficit, the difference between imports and exports, was at the lowest since a \$25.7 billion deficit in the first quarter of 1985.

For the first six months of the year, the deficit was running at an annual rate of \$112.2 billion, down 11.7 percent from the \$127.2 billion deficit registered in all of 1988.

Yesterday's report on merchandise trade as calculated on a balance of payment basis confirmed an improvement already noted in the Commerce Department's monthly merchandise trade reports.

## Cost of stamps will rise in 1991

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The cost of a first-class postage stamp will likely rise to 28 to 32 cents early in 1991, Postmaster General Anthony Frank said yesterday.

That means two more Christmas at the current 25-cent rate for first-class letters, Frank said on NBC-TV's "Today" show. Frank had said previously that

the Postal Service would apply for a rate increase sometime next year, to take effect in 1991, but had not specified the amount.

He said yesterday that the increase would be 20 to 25 percent, later specifying a range of 28 cents to 32 cents for the new rate.

The cost of mailing a letter rose from 22 cents to 25 cents in the

spring of 1988 and a new increase effective in 1991 would continue the recent policy of increases every three years.

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## Will state's leaders recognize the needs of the universities?

Since the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled in June that the state's primary and secondary education system is unconstitutional, there has been a good deal of optimism among politicians, educators and civic leaders that the state finally is ready to give education the attention it deserves.

While the Supreme Court's case did not apply to higher education, university officials have publicly expressed hope that higher education also will get a lot of attention in the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

But privately, many appear cognizant that with all the issues lawmakers will have to discuss during the 60-day session, higher education could very well get the short end once again.

And since Gov. Wallace Wilkinson was not very kind to higher education in the 1988 session and still appears to be strongly opposed to any tax increase to help higher education, university officials would do well to consider other sources of revenue, such as tuition, in case 1990 is a repeat.

In addition to the state, higher education's major sources of revenue are tuition and private gifts. Private gifts are up at UK, and the University continues to look to the private sector for even more money. But since many gifts are earmarked for special projects, it's difficult to get money for all programs from private sources.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that the eight state university presidents asked the Kentucky Council on Higher Education in June to come up with alternative tuition-setting policies.

Currently, tuition at Kentucky's eight universities and 14 community colleges is set by comparing the tuition at benchmark institutions and Kentuckians' ability to pay.

The formula has been a fair one since it was implemented earlier this decade, but if the state does not hold up its end of the bargain and demonstrate a commitment to fund higher education more adequately, the CHE may be forced to change the formula.

The alternative tuition-setting policies take a different approach to setting tuition, but all of them definitely would raise the cost of going to college in Kentucky.

None of the alternatives are seriously being considered right now, the presidents say, but the mere fact that they are looking at alternative ways to set tuition should send a signal to the state's policy-makers that higher education needs more funding badly.

If the General Assembly decides not to adequately fund higher education again for the next biennium, universities could be faced with two options:

- Keep tuition low, make higher education accessible to all Kentuckians and hurt the quality of the programs.
- Raise tuition, make higher education available to fewer Kentuckians and keep the quality of the programs high.

Unless the state's leaders realize the dire situation higher education is in, universities could be forced to make that decision.

Despite the dismal funding it has received this decade, the quality of higher education is improving in Kentucky. Programs and professors are gaining national attention with their research, and more of the state's top high school students are choosing to pursue their undergraduate degrees in the Bluegrass state.

More people are interested in higher education than ever before, and many of the regional universities and community colleges are running out of room for everyone.

It would be tragic, therefore, if the state's leaders choose to ignore higher education next winter, thereby forcing universities to make some very hard and unfair decisions in the near future.

Elementary and secondary education are important and must be reformed, but the state must not forget that education is a continuum. We can have the greatest elementary and secondary programs in the nation, but unless we have quality higher education programs, the best and brightest students will leave the state, and many will never return.

Education is the key to improving this state's economy. But unless higher education is a part of that plan, it will never get off the drawing board.

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Aspiring columnists can either drop their samples off at the Kernel, located in the basement of the Journalism Building or send them to Michael L. Jones, Kernel Editorial Editor, 035 Journalism Building, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042.



## Advice 101

SGA publication confuses people more than it helps

Hello and welcome to my column.

Those of you who read me last year and were concerned that you would not be able to read through the whole of this one without looking for an assault rifle and where I live—feel free to read this one.

I don't think that I'm going to offend any students. On second thought, I really can't resist.

I saw something the other day that I think everybody should hear about—not just the freshmen.

Our student government published a small pamphlet called *For Freshmen Only*, and appropriately enough, distributed it to incoming freshmen.

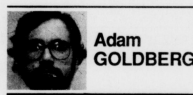
It included a campus schedule, some nifty terms to know, hints on what songs to request at a college party, etc.

It is kind of a neat idea. I mean, a "Hello and welcome to campus, we're your student government, and this book should help you become acclimated" would be an appropriate thing to say to an incoming freshman class.

So, with grand intentions, the Student Government Association compiled and printed more than 3,000 copies of the booklet, gave one to each freshman and left a cool-looking stack in the SGA office.

Someone who passed English 101 should have proof-read it.

Someone with some sense should have counted the number of dormitories in the list that described which dorms are co-ed and which are single-sex. It was only marginally accurate—last time I



Adam GOLDBERG

checked, Kirwan Tower was still standing right next to Blanding Tower; somehow SGA decided that it wasn't.

Some touchy issues were broached as well. In a small article entitled "SEX," birth control and sexually

transmitted diseases were discussed. The one-paragraph article was punctuated almost exclusively with commas.

It began, "Sex is something that alot of UK students do, and by no means are we saying go out and do it."

One sentence talks about "... the consequences and possibilities of disease and birth control."

Still other portions could have been written by a refugee from a primitive tribe in South America who has never spoken a word of English. "The decision to be sexually active and with whom is a personal decision everyone must

make on their own; however, if you do decide to do this, please know that there are places on campus where you may get contraceptives and guidance."

I'm not making this up! The very useful publication is just full of usefull information. "Don't cheat on a test"; "Don't wash whites with darks"; "Take an aspirin before you party";

A section titled "Campus Jargon"—and I assume by jargon they mean "confused unintelligible language... often marked by long words" (*Webster's New Collegiate*

Other tables really helped me out also. "Cat Chat" told me that "Buz-zin'" means "The stage in drinking reached before total oblivion." Note the spelling of oblivion.

I really needed to know what a "Shack Queen" is or what "stress" means. Like where have I spent my life where nobody used the word "stress"?

The booklet ends with a "Top 10 NEVER list for Freshmen." Among the important tips is "3. Never look back when you trip, someone may be gaining on you."

But by far my favorite talks about "Student Rights."

I bet that you didn't know that "As a student UK, you do have certain rights. One of these includes sexual harassment by University faculty, staff, supervisors, and administrators."

I don't know about you, but the next time I see a good-looking female University employee, I am going to go up to her and demand my rights!

Just who, you may ask, is responsible for this garbage? Well, according to Our Illustrious SGA President Sean Lohman, the culprit who wrote and compiled most of it was communications sophomore Allen Putman.

I want to take this splendid opportunity to personally thank Allen for a very informative and exceptionally amusing afternoon spent reading freshman orientation materials.

Adam Goldberg is a computer science sophomore and a Kernel columnist.

## President welcomes students to campus

Welcome to the beginning of another school year at UK.

The faculty, staff and your fellow students are pleased that you have decided to continue your education at UK.

What you do with your college years really will have an impact on the rest of your life, and we are all delighted to be your educational partners.

UK offers the opportunity to advance your learning—to know all you can about the world around you. You have the responsibility to accept the challenge to increase your knowledge; make additional friends and to realize your full potential.

Your first obligation is to study. Hit the books. Do the work. Value your time. Get to know your way

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around the library. Ask questions. Be prepared.

Your second obligation, and no less important, is to become involved in activities and with friends.

The resources, the breadth of opportunities and the experiences of your faculty and fellow students are far beyond what you have previously experienced.

Reach out. Expand your interests. Seek out people who have ideas and experiences that may differ from your own.

Attend concerts and lectures. Listen to music new to you. Enjoy

art you haven't experienced before. Go to a football game.

Confront new beliefs. Become informed about the important issues

facing your state, nation and world. Make the learning experience a total experience.

For those of you returning to campus, we are pleased to have you back! During the months you were gone, a number of exciting things have been going on, including the development of a Strategic Plan and a Master Plan.

The new buildings for robotics and agricultural engineering are nearing completion.

Also, just before the start of school we announced that the University received a record amount

of research grants last year, a real tribute to the quality of UK's faculty.

Upper classpersons, you may want to further your efforts this year in selecting a career. Visit the UK career center. Give increased attention to independent study and refining your career goals and objectives. Think about graduate school.

I truly hope all of UK's opportunities add up to an enjoyable, productive and rewarding experience for you. We encourage you to take full advantage of all that UK has to offer.

David Roselle is the President of UK.

## Letters

### Baseball has no integrity

I am going to scream the next time anyone writes or mouths the words "Integrity of Baseball." For heaven's sake, baseball is a game,

an arm of the entertainment industry. It doesn't have an integrity separate from the integrity of its elements, namely, owners, players, referees, playing fields, etc.

If one thumbed through the pages of baseball history, one can find examples of assaults on the "Integrity of Baseball" from every

element of the game: strikes by players and referees; moonlighting by players; owners' avarice; changes in equipment, in rules, in playing field conditions and what not.

The loud mouths have cried about these changes and tried to

stir up emotions by pleading on behalf of the "Integrity of Baseball." Such tactics are not necessary because the game has proved itself to be able to accommodate and adapt, no thanks to these self-proclaimed defenders of the game.

I hate to burst the bubble of

baseball aficionados. Baseball is no different than any other sport. All sports have gone through or will go through gut-wrenching crises and most would be none the worse for the experience. Oh my! Wimbledon has finals on a Sunday!

It is irrelevant to the game's existence and enhancement wheth-

er Pete Rose is inducted into the Hall of Fame. Aren't you able to see that this affair is but a speck in the larger scheme of things, even within baseball?

Raghuram Ekambaram is in the department of civil engineering.





