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Wethington: Budget goal pleasing

Call for 2 percent increase still fell short of expectations

By Anne Jackson
Contributing Writer

At yesterday's Board of Trustees meeting, UK President Charles Wethington said he was pleased with Gov. Breton Jones' budget recommendations for the future of higher education in the state and at UK.

Jones' recommendation will increase UK's operating budget 2 percent in 1994-

95 and 3 percent in 1995-96. The budgets of Kentucky's seven other public universities' also would increase.

The increases could stop a two-year drop in funding, which has translated into budget cuts at universities and higher tuition for students.

"I'm pleased that we are seeing a recommendation for an increase rather than a decrease or holding steady," Wethington said.

Nevertheless, the recommendation fell short of expectations.

"We would have liked to have seen our Council on Higher Education (proposal for) 3 percent the first year and 5 percent the second year approved," Wethington said. "I do have concerns about our operating the institution the way we'd like."

Wethington, however, was surprised that the governor recommended to the General Assembly that universities not increase tuitions. He said this was "a significant change ... for the General Assembly to get into the tuition-setting business. I don't know if the General Assembly wants that responsibility."

The proposed Central and Life Sciences

Library and the UK College of Engineering were the big winners in the budget lottery. Jones included the library in his capital projects list and recommended funding for a new engineering building on campus.

"I was delighted to find the governor had followed through on his recommendation to fund the ... library," Wethington said. "This is the missing piece."

Wethington expects that now the library can get under construction by this summer. Wethington also said he was glad that UK's plan to develop a Top 25 engineering school was supported by the governor.

"I believe it's fair to say that for the economic development of any state there needs to be a very strong college of engi-

neering," Wethington said. "The budget recommendations allow \$7 million to fund a mechanical-engineering building at UK as well as \$800,000 to be pooled in a joint UK-U of L fund."

Wethington said strong engineering schools at UK and U of L should not be regarded as duplication.

"There is engineering enhancement money for both schools," Wethington said. "(UK) has a statewide scope (while) U of L is urban. There never has been a question of closing either school."

In other action yesterday, the Board of Trustees approved a project to repair the Nutter practice/playing fields, the purchase

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Dowdy backpedals on message to board

By Todd Klingesmith
Contributing Writer

Student Government Association President Lance Dowdy has talked with UK President Charles Wethington about last week's decision to keep the University open, but he stopped short of criticizing the decision yesterday.

Dowdy said earlier this week that UK handled last week's emergency with "total disregard to students' safety" and said he was planning on taking that message to the Board of Trustees, along with a request to "become part of the decision-making process as far as canceling class is concerned."

However, he apparently changed his mind and decided not to criticize the move in front of the board during yesterday's meeting.

"I'm not here to discuss whether it was a good or bad decision to remain open last

week," Dowdy said. Dowdy said he and Wethington have met three times over the past week in an effort to give students and faculty more of a say in the decision-making process.

Dowdy, whose efforts were prompted by students' concern, added that Wethington agreed there should be some sort of consultation with students, faculty and staff in the future.

Dowdy also stressed that it would be wrong to place a value judgement on Wethington's decision without understanding all of the factors that would influence such a decision.

Trustees chairman and former Gov. Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt, made a point of supporting Wethington's decision. Breathitt said he understood the decision after talking to Wethington and would bear responsibility as well.

"The president has to make some tough decisions," Breathitt said, adding that as a former governor, he understands the difficulty in making unpopular decisions.



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Student Government Association President Lance Dowdy speaks to the UK Board of Trustees yesterday about the school's decision to hold classes last week despite the declared state of emergency.

University employees have to come to work whether there are classes or not.

"Any snow of this kind will have a major impact on a university," Wethington said. He blamed last Tuesday's closing on a lack of equipment and estimated the overall cost of cleanup and related work at \$185,000.

Wethington defended his decision last week by saying that the University should always be open. "It's not imaginable under any circumstances that the University should be closed," Wethington said. He also stated that 4,000 Uni-

Iowan named to head LCC

Staff report

UK's Board of Trustees selected Janice N. Friedel of Davenport, Iowa, yesterday for the post of Lexington Community College's fourth president.

The decision fills the job vacated by Allen G. Edwards, who left the state's second-largest community college to be president of the Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Knoxville, Tenn., in August 1993.

LCC's interim chief, Anthony Newberry, will return to his former duties as vice chancellor for Academic Affairs in the Community College System, according to a statement released by UK.

Friedel, who will take over the post on April 1, currently serves as vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and Planning at Eastern Iowa Community College District in Davenport. The district serves more than 62,000 degree-seeking and non-credit students on three community college campuses. EICCD is one of 15 community college districts in Iowa.

"I am very pleased the board approved her," said Ben Carr, chancellor for the Community College System. "She brings talents of strategic planning, long experience and

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City recycling directories

By Doug Saretsky
Staff Writer

Lexington officials are hoping residents will redirect their old phone directories from the trash and into recycling bins as part of a project designed to reuse old phone books each year.

The program, in its third year, is known as "Operation Re-Direct" and is an effort for the Lexington Fayette-Urban County Government, in cooperation with GTE, to recycle old telephone books while new directories are being distributed.

This year's program began on Jan. 11 and runs through Feb. 19.

Those in charge of Operation Re-Direct are hoping to collect 75,000 directories, or 150 tons.

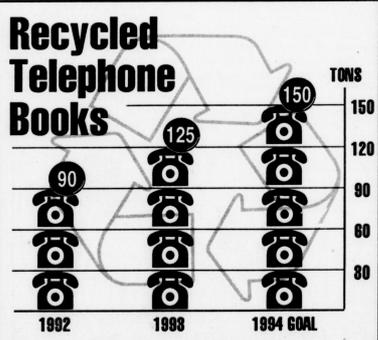
This figure represents 28 percent of the directories distributed in Fayette, Jessamine and Woodford counties.

Directories that are collected will be recycled into home insulation, BFI, M&M Sanitation, Waste Management of Kentucky and Toyota Motor Manufacturing USA Inc. are making donations to pay for the installation of insulation into homes built by Habitat for Humanity.

In addition, BFI, M&M Sanitation and Waste Management of Kentucky are donating collection containers and transporting them to different recycling sites.

Collected directories are delivered to the Lexington Bluegrass Resource Recovery Facility and then transported for recycling.

Containers located inside McDonald's restaurants in Lexington, Nicholasville and Versailles are the primary collection sites for Operation Re-Direct. In exchange for old directories,



SOURCE: GTE, Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Department of Sanitation
BYL HENBLEY/Kernel Graphics

coupons for free french fries will be offered to participants.

People interested in recycling GTE directories also may place their old phone books inside the mixed paper compartment of their "Rosie" recycling containers.

Although inclement weather has hampered Operation Re-Direct, city officials remain optimistic about attaining this year's goal.

"Operation Re-Direct has been successful in the past because of our citizens' solid commitment to recycling," Lexington Mayor Pam Miller said.

"Through programs like Operation Re-Direct, each individual can help us save precious space in our landfill."

Kathy Goss of GTE also has high hopes for this year's program.

"The operation got off to a great start, but the snowstorm brought

everything to a standstill," Goss said. "But the community has done a great job, and I think the response will be outstanding."

There are also a number of apartment complexes participating in Operation Re-Direct to increase efficiency for waste haulers.

Apartment residents are encouraged to check with their management for information on how the directories will be collected.

Collection service is also available for UK. For more information on University collection, contact David Iwig at 257-4878.

Individuals interested in Operation Re-Direct may call the Operation Re-Direct hotline at (606) 258-3012. The hotline is operational Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Clinton pressures Congress to break political deadlock

By Tom Raun
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Proclaiming progress on his promises to break gridlock and revive the nation's economy, President Clinton challenged Congress last night to move promptly on health care and welfare reform.

"Our work has just begun," he declared in his first State of the Union address.

Clinton told a joint session of Congress that both reform efforts could be done this year. "We must do both at the same time."

Upping pressure on Congress to pass the health-care reform plan he proposed, Clinton — who has yet to veto a bill — threatened to veto any measure that does not meet his standard of universal coverage.

"If the legislation you send me does not guarantee every American private health insurance that can never be taken away, I will take this pen, veto that legislation, and we'll come right back here and start over again."

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the president's chief adviser on health care, was seated in the gallery between AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and Jack Smith, the chief executive officer of General Motors.

At the top of his speech, Clinton paid special tribute to former House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., who died earlier this month. O'Neill's eldest son, Tommy O'Neill sat in the gallery near Mrs. Clinton.

Clinton called the late speaker "a giant who presided over this house with such force and grace," drawing the first of many rounds of applause.

In the formal Republican response, Senate GOP Leader Bob Dole signalled a fierce election-year battle lies ahead over health care, as he sharply criticized Clinton's plan.

"More cost. Less choice. More taxes. Less quality. More government control. Less control for you and your family," he said in remarks prepared for after Clinton completed his speech.

"That's what the president's government-run plan is likely to give you."

Dole called instead for a more modest proposal that he said would offer greater access to health care for all.

Clinton took advantage of — and some of the credit for — the improving economy to call for Congress to "continue our journey of renewal" by enacting the remainder of his domestic program.

"We replaced drift and deadlock with renewal and reform," Clinton said.

Turning to crime, Clinton voiced strong support for legislation that would put 100,000 more police on the beat, send three-time felons to prison for life and ban assault weapons.

"Violent crime and the fear it provokes are crippling our society, limiting personal freedom and fraying the ties that bind us," Clinton said.

"Those who commit crimes must be punished, and those who commit repeated violent crimes must be told: Commit a third violent crime and you'll be put away, and put away for good. Three strikes and you're out."

He also urged sportsmen to "join us in a common campaign to reduce gun violence." The emphasis on crime follows polls suggesting that crime has become the No. 1 concern of most Americans.

The president also included a strong pitch for overhauling the nation's welfare system.

He said his welfare reform package will withhold certain benefits to pregnant teens. "We will say to teen-agers, 'If you have a child out of wedlock, we will no longer give you a check to set up a separate household. We want families to stay together.'"

Welfare reform was given added emphasis in the speech after Senate Finance Committee Chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York complained about inattention to the problem. His committee will handle both health care and welfare reform.

But clearly the centerpiece of Clinton's agenda remained his health-care plan — which would extend coverage all Americans, largely by requiring all employers

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The Kappa Alpha Theta house was misidentified in an article in yesterday's Kentucky Kernel.

WEATHER:
•Cloudy today with a 50 percent chance of rain; high between 35 and 40.
•Breezy tonight with a 100 percent chance of rain; low between 35 and 40.
•Breezy tomorrow; high between 50 and 55.

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Potholes proliferate

Associated Press

A giant pothole is probably forming on a roadway near you, waiting to swallow up your tire and challenge your nerves and your driving ability.

Roadway craters are proliferating across Kentucky partly because of plowing after the record snowfall of last week, but officials say the main producer of potholes is temperature extremes.

"It's a freeze-thaw cycle," Jefferson County Public Works Director Dale Hettinger said yesterday.

"We were 20 below zero and it'll be 50 Wednesday," Hettinger said. "All that snow is melting and getting under the pavement and the expansion and contraction creates the problem."

Potholes are reported especially bad along Interstate 75 in northern Kentucky, where motorists already must dodge one construction zone after another.

The pothole potpourri even got attention from state lawmakers yesterday. Transportation Secretary Don C. Kelly reported that Kentucky is in for a chuckhole epidemic this year.

Kelly told a legislative committee that usually Kentucky has less than three dozen freeze-and-thaw cycles each year that damages roadways. But this year, the number already is above the yearly average with some of the traditionally worst periods of winter still ahead.

Laura White, a cabinet spokeswoman, said crews are assessing potholes in each highway district across the state and some patching already was under way. But officials wouldn't be able to place a cost figure on the pothole problem for at least two more weeks, she said.

Hettinger also said he couldn't predict how much re-

pairs to Jefferson County roadways would cost, "but it will definitely be worse than normal."

In northern Kentucky, motorists face a pothole mine field on Interstate 75.

"The (road) workers are going to be completely overwhelmed right now," said Charles Bucklew, president of Eaton Asphalt in Fort Wright. "We're going to have thousands and thousands of potholes."

On Sunday, crews stuffed fresh asphalt into a series of potholes in the right lane of northbound I-75 in Fort Wright and Covington, which road officials said is by far the worst stretch of potholes in northern Kentucky.

But even when the holes are patched, they don't like to stay that way.

The asphalt pops out quickly from the wet road, according to Charles Meyers, state highway construction manager.

The crews had used a cold type of asphalt, usually the only type available in winter because asphalt plants close facilities that manufacture the more durable hot mixture.

The cold mix doesn't stick for long to pavement, especially wet pavement.

Monday morning, Eaton Asphalt reopened its hot-mix plant, and workers began filling holes on I-75 with hot asphalt.

Eaton Asphalt, a subcontractor involved in rebuilding I-75's Death Hill near the Ohio River, needs the hot mix because it will pave a new lane of the interstate within the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, the company is selling hot asphalt to the state and some cities for pothole repair.

Michael Jackson settles suit on charges he molested boy

By Jeff Wilson
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Without admitting guilt, Michael Jackson settled a lawsuit that said he molested a young boy. Terms of the settlement left the boy "very happy," the youngster's attorney said yesterday.

Various reports put the settlement at least \$10 million.

"I am very happy with the resolution of this matter," said Larry Feldman, attorney for the boy, now 14. The boy, Feldman told reporters, was also "very happy with the resolution of this matter."

The settlement probably would end the criminal investigation, experts said, but Jackson's problems were far from over.

Feldman and Jackson attorneys Johnnie Cochran and Howard Weitzman said terms of the settlement were confidential. The three attorneys met privately in the chambers of Superior Court

Judge David Rothman before the announcement.

Before the hearing, a source close to the case said the settlement was "in eight figures." The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

A joint statement from Weitzman and Cochran, and read by Cochran, maintained Jackson's innocence.

"Michael Jackson has maintained his innocence since the beginning of this matter and now, since this matter will soon be concluded, he still maintains that innocence," the statement said.

"The resolution of this case is in no way an admission of guilt by Michael Jackson. In short, he is an innocent man who does not intend to force him to cooperate by threatening him with contempt," it said.

The lawsuit filed in September alleged that Jackson, 35, committed sexual battery, seduction, willful misconduct, intentional infliction of emotional distress, fraud and negligence in a campaign to entice the boy last year.

Based on the boy's allegations,

authorities in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties began a criminal probe that has continued for five months. No charges have been filed.

An out-of-court settlement in the civil case would severely diminish the state's criminal probe because, in California, victims of sexual abuse can't be forced to testify against their will.

"There's little reason the boy's parents would want to see their child exposed to public scrutiny and media scrutiny in a criminal trial," UCLA law professor Peter Arenella said. "It's very likely the boy won't want to cooperate, and the state lacks the authority to force him to cooperate by threatening him with contempt."

Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti had no comment. Santa Barbara County District Attorney Thomas W. Sneddon Jr. said he had no comment on Monday's events in the civil lawsuit and refused to discuss the county's Jackson criminal investigation.



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\$7.5 billion proposed for quake relief

Figure could climb far higher as full extent of damage found

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration yesterday proposed spending \$7.5 billion in federal funds to aid earthquake victims in California and said the figure could well climb higher as the full extent of the damage is determined.

The biggest chunk of the funds, \$3.89 billion, would go to the Federal Emergency Management Administration to help those left homeless by the earthquake.

amount would be in addition to \$879 million in federal contingency funds already released, for a total federal cost so far of \$7.5 billion.

Panetta said the request for emergency federal relief will be sent to Congress today with the hopes that it can clear the legislative process in the next few weeks.

The Clinton administration is seeking \$6.69 billion. He said that

emergency," Panetta said. "What we would ask is that Congress and the American people approach this situation with the same sense of compassion and concern that we have applied to other disasters ... and that Congress act expeditiously to approve this relief."

Panetta said the \$6.6 billion request was a "placeholder" to begin the legislative process. He said the actual price tag likely would climb higher as the damage is determined.

"This is a preliminary request and it is based on the best estimates of the damages that we have at this point," Panetta said.

While Panetta urged Congress to act quickly, conservatives in both

the Senate and House already have said they want to see the increased federal spending offset by cuts in other programs.

Panetta said the administration opposes that approach, as it did a similar effort to offset spending on the Midwest flooding last year.

"We do not think victims of this kind of tragedy ought to be held hostage," Panetta said.

In addition to the FEMA funds, Panetta said, the administration is seeking \$1.39 billion to repair damaged highways and \$1.3 billion to provide disaster loans to businesses through the Small Business Administration.

In addition, other federal funds would be channeled through the Veterans Administration.

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Crime infecting more youth, Lexington police chief says

By Ayana Blair
Contributing Writer

Crime has made a definite shift from adults to children, said Larry Walsh, chief of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County police department.

Walsh said yesterday that he has spoken to different high schools in Lexington and the majority of the students believed gun control

should be stricter. He said the majority of the students at the different high schools he visited believe that gun laws should be stricter.

"The violence is not just occurring in the poorer neighborhoods," said Walsh, who spoke in the Student Center about gun control and juvenile violence in Lexington.

Juveniles have been apprehended for fighting with dangerous weapons at Palomar Center and the individuals came from prominent

families, he said.

One member of the audience commented that he noticed many juveniles have a lack of respect for human life, and Walsh blamed the entertainment industry for generating such an attitude.

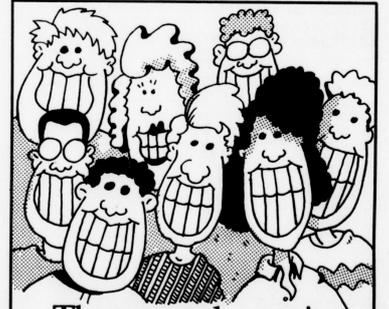
Walsh said the recently passed Brady Bill is not an effective way of controlling violence in the community since individuals still have the means of purchasing artillery.

For example, at events like the Gun and Knife Show at Heritage Hall "scary-looking people and gang members buy artillery like the SKS and the AK-47," Walsh said.

He compared Lexington to other communities. He said that although Vancouver, Canada, has a population of 2 million people, the homicide rate in that city is lower than the rate in Lexington, which has a population of 230,000.

However, Walsh said Lexington's homicide rate decreased during 1993, when nine homicides were reported.

He suggested that members of the community should influence their Congressional representatives to change laws so more juveniles may be incarcerated for their crimes. Some audience members suggested that a focus on morality and religion in the school system also could decrease juvenile violence.



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UK 67 - South Carolina 66

By Ty Halpin
Sports Editor

The No. 9 UK basketball team is back in its familiar habitat. Home from a volatile excursion to Florida and a confidence-building journey to Mississippi State, the Cats play host to South Carolina tonight in Rupp Arena.

The players should be cheered to meet the unranked Gamecocks (5-9, 2-3 Southeastern Conference). But feelings around the team are at best mixed.

"It's colder up here," freshman Jeff Sheppard said. He quickly added: "But it's good to play at home again."

Sophomore Walter McCarty, who is being heavily confided in since a season-ending injury to Rodney Dent, might wish he was abroad.

In his past four treks away from

Rupp Arena, McCarty has averaged 12.3 points a game. The Evansville, Ind., native has averaged just 5.7 points a game at Rupp, but did score 11 in his last appearance against Tennessee Jan. 18.

"I feel a lot more comfortable on the road," he said. "I guess there's not as much pressure on you."

Rodrick Rhodes, who has poured in 64 points and corralled 36 boards in his past four games, is glad to be off the road. The friendly Rupp patrons seem to bring out the best in Rhodes, he said.

"It's tough to go on the road in this conference," he said. "It feels real good to be home. Our crowd

helps me out a lot."

The Cats (14-3, 4-2 SEC) do see eye to eye on how they triumphed at Mississippi State.

"We didn't get rattled," point guard Travis Ford said. "We played with a lot of confidence. We just stuck with our style of play. In our losses, we've played the tempo of the other team."

"We really started to turn it on in the second half," Sheppard said. "We turned up the intensity on our press, and that's what won the game."

"We really needed the win at Mississippi State," guard Tony Delk said. "It built our confidence."

Center Andre Riddick has been somewhat of a disappointment to Coach Rick Pitino. After beginning the year with five straight double figure games, Riddick has averaged just 4.3 points a game since.

"We need Andre to step it up offensively," Rhodes said. "He has the moves on the low post; he just has to use them."

Riddick is undaunted by his poor numbers of late.

"I think I can overpower people," he said. "My strength is beating people to the basket."

Delk also has been a concern of Pitino's. The sophomore thinks teams are zeroing in on stopping him.

"I think teams are focusing a lot more on me now," Delk said. "That's something I have to play through. I have to find another way to get myself involved."

Notes:

*Rhodes said he prefers to be called Rodrick, not Rod as some people have called him recently.

*"I just call him Rhodes," McCarty said.

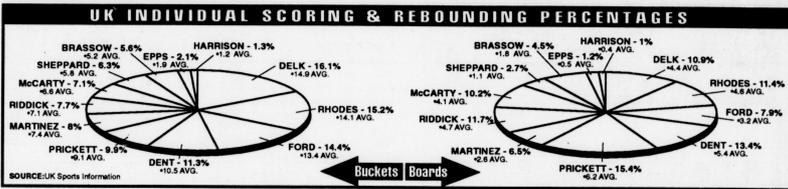
*Some UK players have been stumped on recent scores in the SEC and around the nation.

*"I don't really understand it," Rhodes said. "College basketball is so balanced out now. Just about everybody has a good team."

*"With the way things are now, I guess anybody can beat anybody on a given night," Delk said. "But I'm not sure why some teams have been losing."



UK BASKETBALL



Courier-McEnroe match Feb. 4

By Doc Purcell
Staff Writer

When one thinks of tennis hotbeds, Lexington and UK usually don't come to mind. But next weekend, tennis junkies will have trouble finding a better place to be when the past and present of the men's professional tour converge on the Bluegrass.

John McEnroe, a former top-ranked player on the world circuit and the winner of numerous Grand Slam events, and two-time defending Australian Open champ Jim Courier, currently ranked third among professionals worldwide, will meet at Memorial Coliseum on Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in an effort to raise money

for the construction of UK's new outdoor tennis stadium.

UK's men's tennis coach Dennis Emery expressed enthusiasm about the event and its fund-raising possibilities.

"Courier is one of the best few in the world, and McEnroe may be the greatest player of all time," he said of the match, billed as the Paul Miller Mazda Tennis Challenge. "We would like to see the students get out and support this, and we would like to bring other top draws to Lexington."

Former Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi originally was scheduled to participate in place of Courier but was forced to withdraw after suffering a wrist injury that required surgery.

Given the top-rated players that are taking part, Emery said, the event is expected to raise an estimated \$100,000 for the stadium, which has already received numerous donations from the private sector.

Emery also stated that the new facility will include a state-of-the-art lighting system so night matches can be played, as well as a seating capacity of 3,000, and eight playing courts. The facility will cost about \$800,000.

"It's just something that will make us more competitive in the (Southeastern Conference)," Emery said of the University's need for the new stadium. Emery pointed out that other league schools have some of the nation's finest facilities.

UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton said plans for the facility are still in the preliminary stages, and no construction dates have been set.

Newton said the stadium will be built on South Campus near the Hilary J. Boone Indoor Center.

Tickets are still available for the McEnroe-Courier match and may be purchased at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office.

Tickets are priced between \$15 and \$50.

Sorry, Bills are back

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Here's one for all those Bills-haters who dread the idea of seeing Buffalo represent the AFC for a fourth straight time in the Super Bowl: too bad.

Face it, folks, these Buffalo Bills are a great team.

Their unprecedented three successive Super Bowl flops are well-known.

So is the fact that the Bills are the first team to advance to four

Super Bowls in a row — the first to even come close to doing it, actually — and that's the first measure of greatness.

From 1933 until 1969, when it was the NFL, only the wartime Chicago Bears and the Cleveland Browns of the early 1950s got into four consecutive title games; the Browns made six from 1950-55.

Chicago was 3-1 and Cleveland was 2-3 in those NFL championship games.



Massachusetts tickets on sale

Staff report

A limited number of tickets are available for the UK-Massachusetts game in the New Jersey Meadowlands on Feb. 6.

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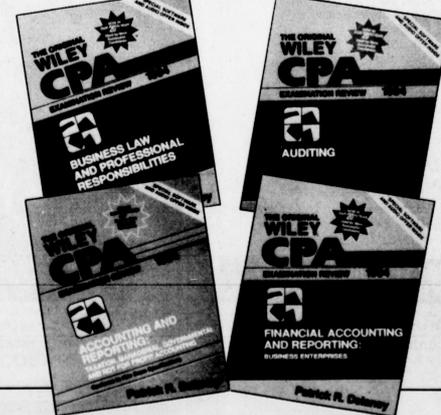
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'Figaro' weds comedy with dignity



Michael Bohner and LaNeia Sweet rehearse a scene in 'Figaro.'

By Matthew DeFoor
Staff Writer

UK Theatre opens up the new year with "The Marriage of Figaro," a classic tale of love, deception and mistaken identities.

The comic opera opens tonight at 8 and runs again Friday at 8 p.m., closing with a matinee Sunday at 2 p.m.

Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" traces the comic but human love triangle between the Count, Figaro and the Countess' chambermaid Susanna.

The all-undergraduate cast is directed by guest director Michael Ehrmann. Ehrmann, from the University of Tennessee, is an experi-

enced operatic director who has headed the Chattanooga Opera, Central City Opera and the Memphis and Virginia opera companies.

Last year, Ehrmann directed UT's production of "The Marriage of Figaro" and UK's production of "Falstaff."

A comedy that is farcical at times, "Figaro" still presents a certain amount of realism.

The different style of music and the depth and quality of the three-dimensional characters lends to the challenge of directing Mozart's

most famous opera.

Catherine E. Clarke, who plays Susanna, Figaro's fiancée, said that Susanna is a complex character.

Ehrmann said the love triangle scenario is an authentic human story despite some of the absurd situations that some of the characters are put in.

"The trick is the absurdity of some of it and the humanity of some of it," Ehrmann said.

"The problem is not to make "The Marriage of Figaro" too slapstick, Ehrmann said.

Even though at times it may seem like a farce, the elegance and dignity of the music solidify the opera into a masterpiece.

Viewers shouldn't expect to laugh constantly, though.

"In opera, it is hard for people to catch all of the little things," Clarke said.

Despite the nature and preconceptions of most operas, Ehrmann said that if you follow what the composer gives you and follow his leads, then it is not difficult to make opera accessible.

"Part of it is keeping the pacing and keeping it moving and yet not letting it move so fast that people can't follow what is happening," he said.

Everett McCurvey, voice professor and opera chorus director, said the style is difficult to perform.

"One of the hardest things to do is to make it come alive," he said.

Annette Silver-Betts, who plays the Countess, said that to make the comedy more clear, the cast has been working on diction and reactions.

Ehrmann said, "The comedy doesn't create problems. It is just the different technique required to do a take, play a line laugh, the timing and things like that."

McCurvey said he hopes that with a strong performance, "The University will see fit to help us build a theater for opera."

"It is special that a university as big as UK is getting to do a show and use all undergraduate students," Clarke said. "I think it is a boost to the cast and to the whole vocal pro-



William Greene stars as Figaro in UK theatre's opera 'The Marriage of Figaro.'

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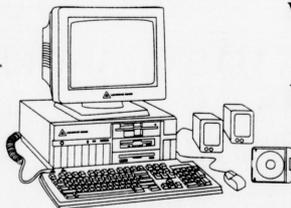
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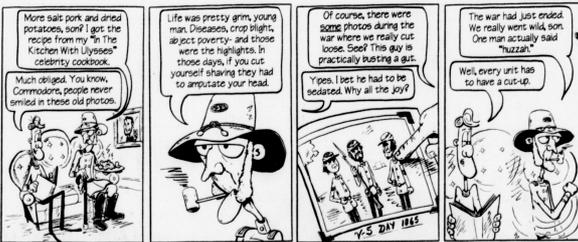
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New search services available at library

By Jackie Sue Wright
Contributing Writer

Searching the library stacks for that last needed journal article is now a little easier, thanks to a new electronic information service recently installed in UK's libraries.

The new service gives students and faculty members access to two new systems called FirstSearch and UnCover.

"They allow searches mostly for books and journal articles from databases all across the country and even some from Canada and Europe," said Rob Aken, electronic information resources librarian.

UnCover actually has been around for about a year but has not been widely used. To use it, one must log into Gateway on the University's computer network and select UnCover from the list of services. Aken described the process as "somewhat self-explanatory after that."

Aken said UnCover allows the user to search journal articles by selecting a key word from more than 20,000 entries in the database. Coverage stretches back to 1989 and is continuously updated.

The service can also check to see what a recent journal consists of.

Aken said there has been a "change in the way information is being delivered in libraries as journals become more expensive for libraries to keep."

With the new systems, users can find an article using UnCover, check to see if the library owns the journal, and then, if it doesn't, the journal may be purchased

from Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries. Aken describes UnCover as "one big collaboration of 20,000 journal titles."

The other featured service, FirstSearch, consists of 30 different databases covering a variety of different topics. Article 1st, one of the databases through FirstSearch, informs the user if UK actually owns the sought-after journal. A book cataloging database of FirstSearch, called WorldCat, also is now available to researchers.

A password is needed to access FirstSearch, and the user must be a student or faculty member affiliated with UK. The University is absorbing the 50 cent cost of each search.

SOLINET, a regional group of libraries to which UK belongs, allows the facilities to work together to buy thousands of searches and receive discounts on the entire program.

"One of the advantages of the network is that the systems can be used from home if one has the proper equipment," Aken said.

Another new service is the Reader's Guide Abstract, which allows for quick searches of popular magazine articles with a computer.

"Articles can be found on sociology, psychology, English and a number of other databases covering subjects across disciplines," Aken said.

Aken advises people to go to the reference desk at Margaret I. King Library or a selected branch to get instruction sheets and a password.

Also, the library will be offering classes throughout the semester to instruct users on how to get the information they want using the least amount of searches.

Government asked to stop drug lollipops

By Harry F. Rosenthal
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A drug manufacturer is preparing to sell a raspberry-flavored narcotic lollipop designed to relax children before surgery.

But the government, which gave its approval to the drug last year, was asked yesterday to reverse the decision. In a petition, a private group said the notion of putting an anesthetic into candy is "needlessly risking the lives of American children."

The drug, to be marketed by Abbott Laboratories, is a candy containing fentanyl, a narcotic that has been used in patch form for three years for treating chronic pain in advanced cancer patients. Before that, it was injected for pain.

"The lollipops, small like candy, look like candy; they are candy," Dr. Sidney Wolfe, director of Public Citizen's Health Research Group, told a news conference. "It is a setup for children being killed," he said.

The lollipops, in three dosage strengths, are to be marketed by Abbott Laboratories under the trade name Fentanyl Oralet. The drug is both a sedative and pain reliever.

There was no immediate comment from Abbott.

The FDA approved the lollipops in October but ordered tough labeling restrictions and a distribution plan to prevent misuse.

Wolfe asked FDA Commissioner David Kessler "immediately to reverse this dangerous and ill-conceived decision ... before any of these narcotic lollipops are used by children and before the first child is killed by this potentially deadly drug-candy. This will inevitably happen if you do not act to prevent sales of this product."

FDA spokesman Jim O'Hara said the petition will be considered. He pointed out that the drug was approved both by an advisory committee and by the FDA's Center for Drugs, Evaluation and Research.

"Preventing potential misuses of this product was a major focus both in the review of the drug and its approval," O'Hara said.

Bill aimed at ridding Bluegrass of bad gas

By Bruce Gray
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky is becoming a dumping ground for bad gasoline and diesel fuel, Agriculture Commissioner Ed Logsdon told a House committee yesterday.

Logsdon said unless the General Assembly approves a bill to require the state to test all gasoline and diesel fuel for octane and ignition standards, Kentucky could have the worst-quality fuel in the country.

Kentucky is one of only four states in the nation that does not test gasoline and diesel fuel.

The House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved a measure that would allow Department of Agriculture inspectors to test fuel quality when they test gas station pump measurements.

"This will give us the means to make sure the gas and diesel fuel in your cars and trucks is safe," Logsdon said.

Service station operators and owners would pay an annual \$50 fee for the testing.

Rep. Jon David Reinhardt, R-Alexandria, said the fee should remain the same during the next few years and warned station owners against using the cost to justify a price hike.

"If they use that (\$50 fee) as an excuse, I think it's a weak one," Reinhardt said.

At least two previous attempts at legislation have failed, including a bill that died in the Senate in 1992.

But Logsdon said a series of experimental tests of fuel across the state last summer should be enough to convince lawmakers that regular testing is a necessity.

Department of Agriculture inspectors took 200 gasoline and diesel samples from 151 gas stations, eight school bus garages, two diesel farm tanks and one bulk plant.

Lab tests showed 17 gasoline samples mislabeled for octane levels and eight fuel samples did not have proper vapor pressure.

In three of the eight school bus garages, diesel samples could be ignited at lower than normal temperatures, indicating a "hot fuel" problem, Logsdon said.

He said stations along the Tennessee border had the worst quality fuel.

Logsdon attributed that to the fact that Tennessee tests its fuel and distributors in Tennessee try to dump their bad gas in Kentucky.

He said the tests would protect station operators who sometimes have no idea the fuel they purchase is bad.

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University workers outshine Lexington in winter wonderland

EDITORIAL

For a change, we would like to start off with a word of praise and thanks to a group of people we don't often praise or thank.

During last week's snow storm which sent people into a tizzy, the University Physical Plant Division gave a first-rate performance, going to work as the first snow was falling to prepare the University for imminent disaster.

PPD employees were spreading salt on the parking lots and sidewalks while most people were busy running to the grocery store to grab the last container of milk the shelves would see for several days.

Once the snow had fallen, paths were cut through it like a maze. True, under the snow was a thick layer of ice that still made walking as hazardous as competitive figure skating (not that we should have been forced to walk on it at all).

But if you attempted a stroll on city sidewalks, you know PPD deserves to be lauded for its efforts.

Speaking of the city, here is the negative part of our editorial. (It was inevitable, of course).

The response to the storm by city officials can't hold a candle to that made by our own PPD — or to most nearby Kentucky cities for that matter.

It is one thing not to own equipment for major storms that come only once every 10 years or so, but one wonders if Lexington could have even handled a storm half this size.

The salt in storage was insufficient, as was the effort to have contracts with private companies for equipment in case of emergency.

The magnitude of the storm cannot be blamed; Richmond and Winchester streets were in much better shape than ones in Lexington.

To make matters worse, city streets that are vital to the University such as Euclid Avenue and Rose Street hadn't even been entirely cleared of snow when other streets were being cleared of ice.

Not that we expect preferential treatment, but one would think that such a major institution as UK would be at least near the top of the priority list — and that it certainly would not be given the backseat that it was.

To the workers at PPD, you have our heartfelt thanks for making the best of a horrendous situation.

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Right-wingers need to give a little respect



Chris McDavid
Editorial Editor

I recently completed a story for our yearbook, the Kentuckian, on the perceived atmosphere of political correctness at UK.

It was an interesting assignment for me because I have gotten comfortable spouting off my loud and opinionated mouth at any given moment, as it is part of my job. I had to relearn how to detach myself from my story and be as objective as I could.

In fact, I had to inform a conservative friend of mine (it could happen) whom I interviewed that I couldn't have one of our normal debates, that I only wanted to know what she had to say. (I thought I would have to pick her up off the floor after that one.)

I wrote what I believed was a balanced piece, but I thought I would explode from pent-up opinion before getting it finished. Fortunately, I'm back in more familiar territory here on the Viewpoint page.

In short, I think the term political correctness is a load of hooey. (I could be more graphic, but I'm not as artsy as Poet's Corner.) It has nothing to do with language usage and everything thing to do with political power.

It is little more than a political tool skillfully wielded by the right-wing to strike fear in the hearts of the ruling class, who are generally white, straight pseudo-Christian men.

There is nothing wrong with being a white, straight pseudo-Christian man, of course. (I still fit some of those classifications.) However, I also recognize the privilege that comes with that.

For a group that is claiming to be so abused by political correct-

ness, it had little problem in holding on to the leadership of the country. More than 90 percent of CEOs of Fortune 500 companies fall into this category — hardly representative of our nation's diversity.

Closer to home, when I walk down the street at night, no one clutches his wallet in fear because of the name of the person he is talking to.

(Inclusive language) shouldn't have to be chic, and it certainly shouldn't ever be dictated. But the power to name one's self is central to the principle of self-determination, and it should be bestowed as such out of respect for a fellow human being.

I am a fairly innocuous-looking white boy.

Yet my boss who is much more polite and responsible person than I am (wow, that's difficult) would provoke exactly that response in many people because he is black.

It doesn't seem like a terribly gripping problem, but it is indicative of deeper sentiments about race, class and sex.

The funny thing is, the right-wing recognizes this more readily than the most well-meaning liberal. That is what enables them to exploit it.

So what is it that the right-wing fears so much? The power of language.

Throughout history, the privilege to assign names has been bestowed upon the ruling class, whether it be the casual "colored," "girlie" or "fairy," or their more derogatory counterparts.

It is easy to come up with a mile-long list of derogatory names for women and racial minorities, but the same can't be said for white men. Most of the insults that can be named have to do with either insinuating the man's sexual orientation or watered-down versions of racial epithets.

The original purpose of creating inclusive language is to put the power of naming into the hands of those who would be named, but fear has mutated it into something else.

Being the fiercely independent people that we are, Americans hate to be told to do anything, which is what has enabled the right-wing to stir up fear among the public on this issue.

No one is being forced to do anything, with the exception of a few private colleges in the late '80s whose efforts to deal with race relations were widely and correctly dismissed as unconstitutional.

For example, the UK-produced "Language Guidelines" is nothing more than a suggestion, yet people, many of whom seem to fear inclusion of any sort, screamed

and censorship. Since when did a suggestion become a First Amendment issue?

Since never. The cry of censorship is a thinly-veiled code word representing the fear held by the status quo.

It is fear of "uppity negroes" demanding the respect afforded their peers; fear of women who are demanding to be taken seriously for their ability; fear of religious minorities who are tired of being passed over as inferior; fear of gays and lesbians whose "special rights" agenda consists of keeping their jobs and homes like anyone else.

It is all about respect. If a person prefers to be called one thing over another, there is no reason not to abide by their wishes unless you don't have respect for that person.

It shouldn't have to be chic, and it certainly shouldn't ever be dictated. But the power to name oneself is central to the principle of self-determination, and it should be bestowed as such out of respect for a fellow human being.

I can never condone censorship, no matter how it is justified. But when we start to give one another the respect we deserve, the problems that have prompted this column will become as obsolete as the argument of "political correctness."

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Brady Bill too weak to slow tides of crime

Tough crime legislation a necessity

Guest Opinion

create socialistic laws like Brady.

If we study our history, we find Stalin enacted similar laws. Also, he developed a national register of all firearms.

With this, he seized all firearms in the Soviet Union almost overnight.

Three strikes and you're out is two strikes too many. We can no longer coddle criminals by slapping them on the wrist and telling them not to do it again. We need to get out the proverbial wooden paddle and give them a licking they won't forget.

night. We remember this as the Prague Spring of 1963.

Nevertheless, it didn't solve crime problems. The obvious solution lies in using tougher penalties for sentencing.

Three strikes and you're out is two strikes too many. Tougher penalties for first-time offenders will prevent them from becoming second- or third-time offenders.

We can no longer coddle criminals by slapping them on the wrist and telling them not to do it again.

We need to get out the proverbial wooden paddle and give them a licking they won't forget.

If we are to see results, we must expand the death penalty. This expansion should be for more serious violent crimes and for repeat offenses.

The Justice Department has published statistics showing that

Examples could be any sharp-edged items. The list could get ridiculous, but banning them would be just as logical as banning guns.

On the whole, the Brady Bill is ridiculous. I have no doubts that Mr. Brady and the sponsors of the Brady Bill have good intentions, but it is clear that any bans or waiting periods won't effectively reduce the number of violent crimes.

If justice is to be served for Mr. Brady, then he or she is not as likely to commit it.

Slowing legal sales of firearms has little or no effect on illegal sales of firearms.

We shouldn't make the same mistake as Prohibition in the 1920s.

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Physical Plant Division employees Ronald Woolfolk and Mike Tatum toss spilled refuse into a garbage truck near White Hall Classroom Building's loading dock yesterday.

Clinton

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to pay 80 percent of the cost. He called for bipartisan support for health care reform and said:

"For 60 years, this country has tried to reform health care. President Roosevelt tried. President Truman tried. President Nixon tried. President Carter tried. Every time, the powerful special interests defeated them. But not this time."

Clinton started off with a joke, referring to the last time he spoke to a joint session — last September 22 when he presented his health-care proposal — and when he was forced to ad lib for a few minutes because the wrong speech was in the TelePrompTer.

"I'm not at all sure what speech is in the TelePrompTer tonight," he said with a grin, "but I sure hope we can speak about the state of the union."

Clinton hailed his first-year accomplishments, including adoption of a major deficit-reduction package, a free-trade agreement with

Mexico and Canada, "family leave" legislation and the Brady handgun control law.

The president noted that his economic package — which passed Congress by a single vote in August — raised taxes on the nation's wealthiest, as he had promised in his campaign.

"So April 15, the American people will discover the truth about what we did last year on taxes," he said. At that, Republicans in the audience began to hoot. Clinton waved them off, saying twice: "Only the top 1.2 percent of American's will face higher income tax rates." Then jabbing his finger for emphasis, he added "And that is the truth."

Clinton said millions of Americans are on the public dole because there is no other way to afford health insurance. Signaling a slight delay in the introduction of a welfare reform bill, Clinton said, "Until we solve the health care problem we will not solve the welfare problem."

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continued educational development.

Friedel is considered a top expert nationally on strategic planning.

She currently is on the National Community College Advisory Committee of the American College Testing Program and is chairwoman of the Midwest Regional Council of the Society for College and University Planning.

In addition, Friedel was one of 49 American educators named as a Kellogg National Fellow.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Friedel to Kentucky and to the University community," UK President Charles Wehington said.

"She brings with her a wealth of experience both in her work with community colleges and with education reform in the public schools."

After receiving a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Iowa in 1972, she earned her

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of property at 206 E. Maxwell St. and the establishment of an endowed professorship in neurosurgery in the College of Medicine's Department of Surgery.

The Board approved the allocation of \$475,000 to solve drainage problems and irrigate the Nutter fields, on which the UK football team practices. The goal is to enhance the rate with which UK uses these fields and to cut down on maintenance costs.

The property at 206 E. Maxwell was approved for purchase at a price of \$142,000. This is one of six properties on the block not owned by the University. This purchase is being made in accordance with a plan approved by the board that UK acquire all the property in the area.

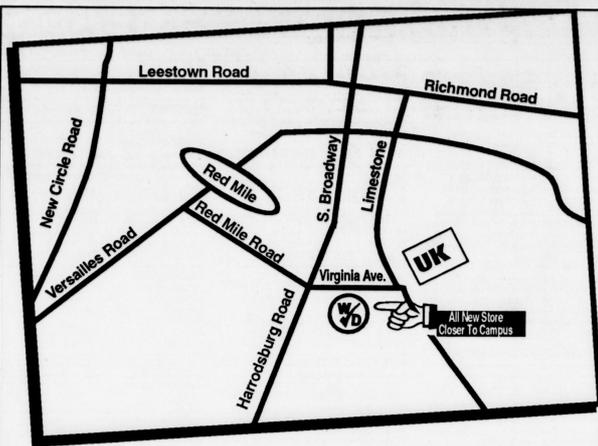
The clinical faculty of the Division of Neurosurgery has given \$126,000 to get the new professorship under way.

master's degree in 1976 and her doctorate in 1980, both in education.

Friedel also received graduate fellowships in women's studies from 1976 to 1979 at Stanford University and the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania studying economic education.

She also finished post-doctorate work at the University of Michigan in 1982.

Friedel is married to Michael Friedel and has two children, Matthew, 10, and Patrick, 8.



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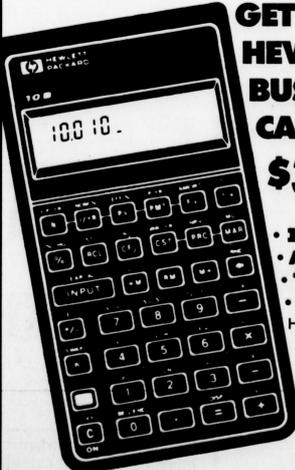
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