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Epps involved in campus dispute

Basketball player may face University charges for act

By Brenna Reilly
News Editor

A flag football championship game turned into a fight Tuesday night after Anthony Epps, a UK varsity basketball player and members of one of the teams, got upset with a referee over disputed calls in the game.

The football game for the Men's Independent A Division championship between the Suave House Team and the Blue Shark Team ended when Epps, a junior, allegedly punched Chris Weller, an intramural referee, after the two exchanged words over a play.

Geography junior Scott Medley, who was watching the game, said the dispute started when Weller threw a flag on a play against Epps' team for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Weller then called another penalty by throwing down his Pittsburgh Steelers hat, because he was out of flags, Medley said.

"Epps took the hat and dragged it across the field with his cleats," Medley said.

Medley said Weller came back down the field and asked Epps about his hat.

The two then allegedly exchanged words.

Epps grabbed Weller's shirt and then his neck, Medley said.

"Then (Epps) struck (Weller) on the left side of the cheek," University spokesman Mark Derickson said.

Another referee called the Seaton Center

from his walkie-talkie and UK Police arrived at the scene.

Weller filed an assault complaint with the UK Police Department, but indicated that he does not wish to prosecute.

The Blue Sharks were winning the game 6-0 when it was stopped, Derickson said.

David Stockham, dean of students, said his office has received the police report about the incident and will investigate.

UK Sports Information Director Brooks Downing would not comment on the incident but said, "sounds like your typical flag football game to me."



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Brooks Downing
UK Sports Information Director



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THE MOLE PATROL

UK Physical Plant Division workers Larry Morris (in the hole), John Gambill (far right) and Tim Barrett, who have dubbed themselves the "mole patrol" pull electrical cables for the William T. Young Library near South Campus.

Credit Union gets new web page

By Charles Cooper
Staff Writer

The UK Federal Credit Union has joined the information superhighway with a new site on the World Wide Web.

Offering information about members services and applications for loans from the credit union, UKFCU has taken a new step toward customer service, bank officials said.

"We've had Internet access for under a month and we've already had three or four accounts just by people surfing the net," said Kathy Clark, vice president of marketing at UKFCU.

The main purpose of the web-site is to offer customers 24-hour access to information about the credit union and attract new members.

However, they also hope to take some of the things they do on paper and put it on the net — reducing the clutter of paper.

All you need to access the service is a computer, modem and Internet access.

You can access the UKFCU home page directly through the UK home page or by typing: <http://www.uky.edu/UKFCU>.

Right now the project is in phase one.

The credit union is hoping to use its web page to attract new members and get information out about its services.

In the future they plan to offer services like on-line banking.

Customers will be able to access account information, like checking and savings information, right from your computer.

They also are planning a student page in the future, which they hope will appeal to students.

UKFCU plans to make the student page more graphics-oriented and have topics that relate more to students — such as student loans, car loans and other general information.

Phase two, planned for 1997, will offer customers many advanced features such as "Internet banking" which will allow members of the credit union to access their checking and savings account balance, submit loan applications and many other functions you would normally do over the phone or at the bank.

"We don't know if it will be through the Internet or a direct service," Clark said, "but we want to check out the security options."

UKFCU is looking for suggestions on how they can improve its web page in the future.

If you have any suggestions on how it can improve its service, there's a section when you can e-mail them.



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AWARD WINNER Juliann Sebastian, director of clinical affairs, talks with Kim Horne, a nursing senior.

Nursing associate professor awarded position in honor society

By Stacy Schilling
Staff Writer

An associate professor and director of clinical affairs in the College of Nursing was honored for her activities in the Delta Psi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau at UK.

"I was extremely honored and very happy about being elected," Juliann Sebastian said. "It's a real historic time for this society and it's exciting to be involved in this organization."

The ceremony, which was held in Detroit, was part of the House of Delegates celebration. New elected officers received a Hawaiian Lei consisting of purple orchids which is the flower of the society.

During the ceremony, Sebastian along with the other new officers, had to repeat the oath of office.

Followed by the ceremony was a reception where members had the opportunity to meet the newly-elected officers. Sebastian was elected into the position of vice president of Sigma Theta Tau International, which is the international honor society of

nursing. Sebastian said she will receive a certificate for her job after she has completed her office in two years.

"I feel very privileged and proud to be in the society," Sebastian said.

"It's a way to share with the public how nurses contribute to public health."

Sebastian said she has been a member of the Delta Psi chapter at UK since it first began 15 years ago.

"I got involved in the chapter because I believed in the goals of the organization and look forward to working with other nurses who were committed to nursing scholarship," Sebastian said.

Sigma Theta Tau is the second largest nursing organization in the country and members are not only from the United States, but also five other countries as well.

Sigma Theta Tau's mission is to promote the development, dissemination and utilization of nursing knowledge.

The group is committed to improving the health of people worldwide through increasing the base of nursing practice.

NEWSbytes

WORLD Leaders agree on Bosnian peace plan

DAYTON, Ohio — Under U.S. prodding, Balkan leaders agreed yesterday to end 3 1/2 years of savage fighting and carve Bosnia into two ethnic zones.

President Clinton renewed his pledge to send 20,000 U.S. peacekeepers to the former Yugoslav republic despite congressional opposition.

The dramatic agreement, which remained elusive up to the last moment, came after 21 days of hard bargaining among the leaders of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

"The people of Bosnia finally have a chance to turn from the horror of war to the promise of peace," Clinton declared in a Rose Garden announcement of the accord — a major foreign policy success for the administration.



Clinton

The three Balkan presidents initialed the pact yesterday afternoon in a ceremony at Wright-Patterson and shook hands stiffly.

A formal peace agreement is to be signed next month in Paris.

"We've reached a day many believed would never come," said Secretary of State Warren Christopher, presiding over his crowning achievement as America's chief diplomat.

The agreement provides for Bosnia's division into two entities, a Muslim-Croat federation that will control 51 percent of the territory, and a Serb republic that will hold the remaining 49 percent. It calls for a central government with a democratically elected president and parliament and bars indicted war criminals from holding military or elected office.

NATION Gingrich: Clinton being difficult

NASHUA, N.H. — House Speaker Newt Gingrich accused the White House of "absolutely tawdry" budget politics yesterday and declared the Republicans "will not compromise" in the crucial negotiations that begin next week.

Gingrich also said that President Clinton, in a telephone call, had affirmed a commitment to balancing the federal budget in seven years.

But Clinton's spokesman said the White House was sticking to its stance that the budget-balancing effort must be coupled with consideration for the administration's spending priorities.

Outlining GOP plans to Republican governors, Gingrich said negotiations would begin Tuesday or Wednesday and he voiced optimism a deal could be reached before the temporary spending agreement expires Dec. 15.

But he also told the governors to prepare for another government shutdown if no settlement is reached by then.

NAMEdropping

DeGeneres says being a stand-up easy

NEW YORK — What's the biggest difference between stand-up and sitcoms? The hours, Ellen DeGeneres says.

"It takes a little time to adjust to this schedule, because there is a whole side to me that is a lazy person," she said of the transition from club comedy to TV.

"I did stand-up, you know? It's not that hard! It's like an hour a night — and then you can sleep all day," she told USA Weekend magazine.

"And suddenly I'm working, like, 20 hours a day."

Compiled from wire reports.

Modern studies student found dead at his home

Staff report

A University student was found dead Monday, the result of an apparent suicide.

Curtis Gardener, a modern studies freshman, was found at his Lexington home.

The incident is still under investigation by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police.

"This is really very tragic," said Gladys Pramuk, Gardener's adviser in modern studies.

"I'm being a freshman, I hadn't seen him much except for group functions."

Services for Gardener are planned for Friday at 10 a.m. at the Trinity Hill United Methodist Church, 3600 Tates Creek Rd. in Lexington.

The College of Arts and Sciences will hold a grief intervention session today at 11:00 a.m. in 310 White Hall Classroom Building.

"All are welcome," Pramuk said.

Pramuk said it is important for all students to know that there is always emergency counseling.

It is available at the Counseling and Testing Center in Frazee Hall.

Jonathan Golding, coordinator for modern studies, said Gardener's death has had an effect on a great many members of the modern studies community.

"This has hit the whole program very hard," he said.

"It is quite a shock and our hearts go out to the family."

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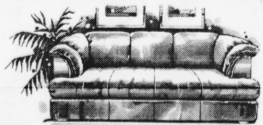
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SPORTS

DON'T KNOCK IT

Members of UK's boxing team have a shot at nationals this year

By John Kukulsky
Contributing Writer

The undisputed king of college boxing, the U.S. Air Force Academy, has been crowned national champion 10 of the past 12 years. George Ginter, UK's boxing coach, believes his team could deliver a knock-out punch to the king and assume the throne. "I'm not making any guarantees," Ginter said, "but we have an outside shot at winning the national title."

The team's title hopes rest on the shoulders of four underclassmen. Returning All-American Brant Duttie is a sophomore, co-captains Ryan Carroll and David Mullins are freshmen and Tulegan Dusembar will be a freshman next semester.

Duttie, a marketing sophomore, had no prior boxing experience before coming to UK. Last year, while boxing at 119 pounds, he was the Midwest region representative at the national championship in Colorado Springs, Colo., thereby earning All-American status.

Ginter believes Mullins could be the best collegiate boxer in the country. Mullins is one of the few members of the team that has previous boxing experience. The Nicholasville, Ky., native boxed in a Junior Olympic program in Lexington when he was 13 and 14, but said he got "burned out" after a while.

Mullins, an undeclared freshman, ran cross country and track in high school, but decided to return to boxing when he got to UK. He is confident about win-

ning the national title this year.

"I will win. I guarantee I will win it," Mullins said. "It's not bragging if you can back it up."

UK's other co-captain, Ryan Carroll, also boxed for Ginter as a 14-year-old. After moving to Delaware, Ohio, Carroll excelled in football. He was recruited by several small colleges in the Midwest as well as Division I-AA school.

In college, Carroll decided to leave football for boxing, a wise decision according to his coach.

"Ryan could be the best heavyweight in the nation, despite being only 5-foot-11," Ginter said.

Carroll decided to stay with boxing because of the individual nature of the sport.

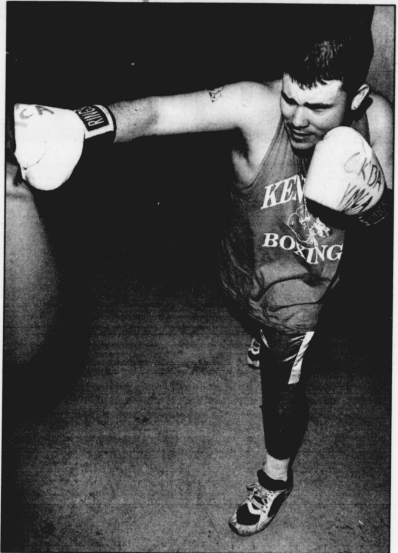
"No matter what happens, it is all individual," Carroll said. "If I win, I know all the conditioning paid off. If I lose, I know the guy had to be pretty good to beat me."

Carroll hopes to box as long as he can. He will see how this season goes and then try out at the Olympic Trials in April. If things go well, he will consider turning pro this summer instead of keeping his collegiate eligibility.

Dusembar is another newcomer with previous experience. A native of Kazakhstan, a nation formerly part of the Soviet Union, he boxed in the Soviet Junior Program as a high schooler.

He said that the main style difference between Soviet and American boxers is the higher number of left-handers here.

Dusembar was able to come to UK as a result of a sponsorship from an agricultural equipment company in Kazakhstan (he likens it to John Deere). The company will pay for his education and he



JAMES CRISP/KY Kernel staff

DON'T KNOCK IT Ryan Carroll, a political science freshman and a co-captain of UK's boxing team practices his technique.

must return and work for the company.

He has been in America for a year, working with private tutors. His acceptance to UK is contingent upon the score of an upcoming ACT.

Ginter believes that Dusembar has a chance at winning a national title.

Jerry Menfee, a criminal justice sophomore, is in his first semester of boxing. A strong safety on his high school football team, he also prefers boxing because of its emphasis on individual performance.

"You're on your own team in the ring," the 180-pound Menfee said. "It's do or die. You can't blame anything on anyone else."

Chad Goetz, a 132-pound psychology junior, is in his second year with the team.

He is hoping for a return trip this year and a possible trip to nationals.

Kent Fletcher, a civil engineering sophomore, is in his first year of boxing. A state finalist in wrestling and a soccer player in high school, Fletcher has always

been a good athlete. Christy Halbert has one of the team's more interesting stories.

A graduate student in human sociology, she originally came in contact with Ginter and the team while doing research for one of her classes.

A former contestant in the Toughman competition and a scholarship volleyball player at Western Kentucky University, she began to work out with the team.

"I have never felt the adrenaline rush I feel in boxing," Halbert said.

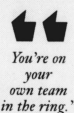
"The problem many boxers face is being able to control that rush."

UK competes in the National Collegiate Boxing Association (NCBA), a sub-group of USA Boxing which is based in Colorado Springs.

The team will host an exhibition on Dec. 2, but the venue has yet to be announced. The season will not begin until next semester.

Several weight classes are still open to anyone interested.

The team practices at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Central Kentucky Boxing Gym at the High Street YMCA. For more information, call Carroll at (606) 245-3782.



You're on your own team in the ring.

Jerry Menfee
criminal justice sophomore

Maryland will be Smithless in the Tip-Off Classic

By Chris Easterling
Assistant Sports Editor



HELENA HAU/KY Kernel staff

I GOT IT UK's Antoine Walker (24) and Mark Pope vie for a rebound during the Cats' game with Athletics in Action. UK battles Maryland in Friday's Tip-Off Classic.

Life after Joe begins for 15th-ranked Maryland Friday night in Springfield, Mass., when the Terrapins begin their first season since losing national Player of the Year Joe Smith.

Maryland will battle top-ranked UK in the Tip-Off Classic.

The game will be the first of the year for the two teams, both of whom have been chosen by many writers to finish first in their respective conferences — Maryland in the Atlantic Coast, UK in the Southeastern.

"It's quite an honor to play in the (Tip-Off Classic)," Maryland coach Gary Williams said via teleconference yesterday. "There's only two schools who get to do that every year."

Smith left college after his junior season. He compiled a 20.1 point per game career scoring average before Golden State made him the top pick in last June's NBA draft.

"With Joe, he gave us a very athletic player in the middle," Williams said. "He was only maybe 6-foot-9 at the most, but he played a lot bigger than that."

Mario Lucas, a 6-foot-8 senior, will be

the new starter at center. Rodney Elliott, at 6-foot-9, and 6-foot-10 freshman Obama Ekezie will back up Lucas in the middle.

"Hopefully they'll make each other better to the point where we'll get better at that position," Williams said.

While the loss of Smith is big for the Terps, Williams does have his other four starters returning from last season's 26-8 squad.

"(The returnees are) guys that have played quite a bit the past two years," Williams said, "and that's a plus."

Those players include forwards Exree Hipp, who averaged 13.6 points and grabbed 4.2 rebounds a game as a junior last year and senior Keith Booth.

The Terps also return one of the top backcourts in the nation in seniors Johnny Rhodes and Duane Simpkins.

Rhodes, a 6-foot-4 point guard, has started all but one game since arriving at Maryland. He averaged 14 points a game last season, while Simpkins chipped in 10.5 a contest.

"They have a great deal of experience," Williams said. "They know each other well, so they don't have to say a lot to each other to know what's going on out on the court."



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Brosnan a stylish new Bond

By Marilyn Wilson
Contributing Critic

Bond is back. Or is he? Pierce Brosnan is the new 007 in the latest James Bond thriller, "Goldeneye." I was more than a little curious to see if Brosnan is capable of following Sean Connery as the world's most dashing secret agent.

Brosnan's look is reminiscent of a younger Sean Connery with something of a quirk of amusement around the mouth. Dark. Sometimes dangerous.

"Goldeneye" has a complicated, somewhat fatuous plot. But the plot is not why most people attend a Bond film. Cool is the reason. And Brosnan is cool.

During a particularly silly chase scene when Bond is driving a tank in pursuit of a car, Brosnan shows his mettle. The chase drags on and on, while Brosnan plays it straight. He knocks over several buildings and destroys half the cars on a Russian street.

When the tank rolls to a halt, Bond shrugs his shoulders and tugs his tie, not a hair out of place. Brosnan shows his amusement with a curl of the lip.

Brosnan is understated, the perfect pose for a latter-day comic book hero.

Bond manages to destroy two Russian capitalists, characters reminiscent of Boris and Natasha Badinoff of "Bullwinkle" fame. He also kills scores of bad guys without wrinkling his perfectly pressed Saville Row suit.

Not bad for a former television detective ("Rem-

ington Steele"). The two leading female characters are no longer one dimensional "Bond girls." They are women fully in control of their lives.

Famke Janssen hisses and leers her way through the film playing the vile Xenia Onatopp, who squeezes her lovers to death with her thighs. All the really good lines belong to Onatopp, and she makes the most of them.

The "good girl" is top European model Izabella Scorupco who plays a Russian computer wizard and Bond's lover.

Albert R. Broccoli, who produced other Bond films brought "Goldeneye" to the screen. And, even though the many action sequences are exciting, there is little dialogue. The old Bond movies seemed to have lines more lines with humorous quips.

Broccoli relies almost entirely on visual stimulus. In future films more dialogue and less special effects could be in order. Modern audiences raised on MTV will still "get it."

The film is a kind of "Moonraker" with updated special effects.

Most people will enjoy the film, if they like action movies. And although Brosnan in a good performance, Bond prefers Connery.

The good news is that Bond is back. He still orders his martinis shaken, not stirred, he still introduces himself as "Bond, James Bond," and the ladies still find him devilishly attractive.



MOVIE review

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'Goldeneye,' the new James Bond flick, stars Pierce Brosnan as the new 007.

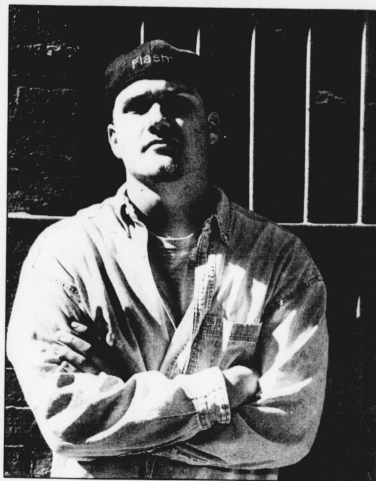
RATINGS

★★★★ Excellent

★★★ Good

★★ Fair

★ Poor



POSITIVE INFLUENCE Local rapper Flash, Jonathan Floyd, a UK health communications senior, will be performing at the Wrocklage with Nonchalant on Saturday night.

Rapper gets flashy

Staff report

Local rapper Jonathan Floyd, known as "Flash" onstage will perform Saturday at the Wrocklage with Nonchalant.

Floyd, a UK health communications senior, recently completed a demo tape with Abstract Visions Entertainment, based in Lexington. The demo includes tracks like "Daddies Lil' Girl," "Situation," "Shag-Nasti" and "Freestyle (Live)."

Floyd's rap style is a breach from the popular gangsta style rap.

The Lexington native focuses on positivity, rather than glorifying violence.

Such a varied array of musical influences has pushed Floyd's music past the typical sample of beats into experimentation with acoustic instruments.

Floyd's unique style landed him on an Atlanta stage this past summer as a performer in the Lollapalooza tour.

WHAT'S your sign?

By John Abbott

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Your turkey doesn't look particularly appetizing, so you decide to carve up Grandma and eat her instead. The meat's a little tough, but it's actually quite good.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) This is your mission: you must kill Hootie. Leave the Blowfish alone, for they are innocent creatures under Hootie's hypnotic spell, forced by his black magic to play crappy music. But Hootie needs to die.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) For once, the plate of turkey is passed around the table so that you get the first crack at the white meat.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) The turkey you ate was badly undercooked, and you contract a horrible case of turkey worms, causing you to writhe in excruciating pain

for a week.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) The cranberry sauce you ate was, unbeknownst to you, laced with LSD. In the middle of dinner, the turkey gets up, opens its eyes, and screams at you for putting it to death.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) On the way to Thanksgiving dinner, your car breaks down in the middle of nowhere. You eventually make it to a gas station, where you share a Thanksgiving feast with the gas station attendant consisting of a large cherry Slurpee, a couple of microwave burritos and a bag of potato chips. At least you didn't have to spend the holiday with your irritating relatives.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) You can't make it home for Thanksgiving, and you have no friends who will invite you over to their homes to have dinner, so you celebrate Thanksgiving alone, in your room,

eating some smoked turkey you bought in the lunch meat section at the grocery store, some cranberry-flavored Kool Aid, and some chocolate-chip cookies you cut in the shape of pumpkins. Close enough, right?

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) You become really tired after stuffing yourself full of turkey and lie down for a nice after-dinner nap. You wake up to discover that you have been asleep for five straight days.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) As everyone gathers around the table to dig into the turkey, you stand up and announce that you are gay, and that the "friend" you brought home with you is your homosexual lover of three years. Everyone gasps with shock. Then you say, "Oh, I was just kidding. I just wanted to see the looks on your faces. Heh, heh, heh." You are thrown out of the house.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Defying

all expectations, you actually manage to use the four-day weekend to catch up on all the homework you've been putting off instead of wasting a lot of time hanging out with your friends and sleeping until noon every day. Congratulations!

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) You decide to skip Thanksgiving. I mean, you're a worthless, boring, empty-headed Aquarian — you have absolutely nothing to be thankful for. Maybe you could celebrate Sucksgiving instead, because you suck a awful lot.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Now, do you want to spend a whole lot of money going to a psychologist so you can get over your necrophiliac tendencies, or do you want to invest that money instead and just live with the fact that you like getting intimate with dead bodies? I'd go with the latter option.

Top 10

Here is a list of the top ten things the Kentucky Kernel newsroom staff are thankful for:

1. AOPF for giving us the great couch.
2. Cheese!
3. Rumpelminze (it's so minty).
4. Melrose Place.
5. Hootie's flame clock is at 14 minutes, 48 seconds.
6. SAB
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10. Beer (like there is any other choice).

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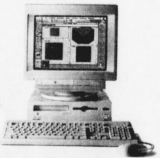
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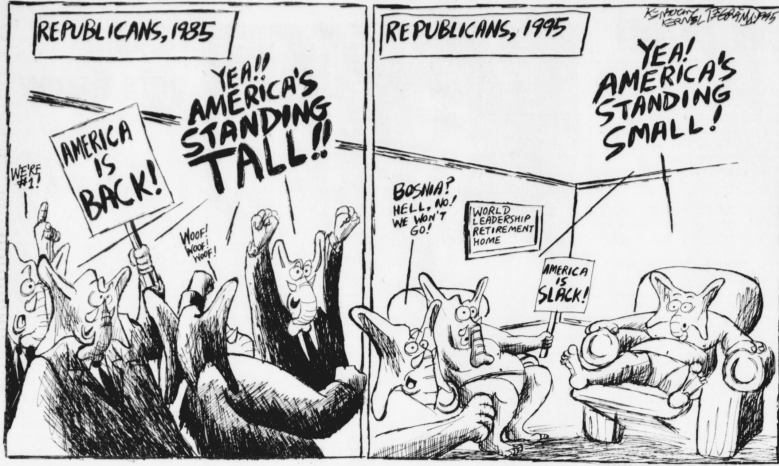


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Seeing their laughable failure to infiltrate the mainstream press and their lack of support among average Americans, the purveyors of political correctness have now decided to attack high schools — and are once again soliciting federal support in their esteemed crusade against the petty habits of a free citizenry.

Rev. Louis Coleman and the Shelbyville Justice Resource Center have filed suit through the Civil Rights Office of the U.S. Department of Education against 18 Kentucky high schools, for what they deem “offensive” mascots.

Named culprits include the “Rebels,” the “Braves,” and the “Indians.” The confederate motif was the main reason for indictment of seven of the vagrant mascots.

The scourge of democracy! How dare any community in a civil war border state display pride in their history!

In all seriousness, no overtly racist themes need be assumed at the display of a confederate battle flag at a high school ath-

letic event. No harm is done by the symbolic glorification of confederate warriors on a battlefield filled only with competitive teen-agers.

In that regard, one then has to wonder why it is so offensive to similarly glorify the strength and devotion of Cherokee, Sioux and Apache warriors.

Mascots are not figurines of mockery and degradation — when was the last time you heard of a team called the Morons? How about the Screwballs, or the Incompetents?

Some insist that ethnic tradenames are being “reduced” by the cartoon trademarks, but by that logic the Notre Dame Irish and the Boston Celtics should be banned as well.

If local school boards decide their mascots are too offensive, fine. But it’s a matter that should stay out of federal hands.

Either way, if you’re so self-conscious about your ethnicity that a sports logo makes you deeply question your self-worth, then you’re the one with the problem.

READERS' forum

Watkins' column condescending and uninformed

To the editor:

From the information that I have been exposed to, Ken Saro-Wiwa was a peaceful man killed for trying to help the living condition of his people. With that out of the way I turn my attention to Boyce Watkins.

What an amazing coincidence. While researching your latest topic on the Internet, I discovered that one of your paragraphs and the following sentence of the next paragraph were word for word identical to a portion of an article I read under the search topic of Ken Saro-Wiwa. If this is where you obtained your information, then you should have at

least acknowledged the source.

As for Venezuela having a dictatorship, elections were held on December 5, 1993. Rafael Caldera, of the National Convergence Party, beat out Claudio Fermín, of the Democratic Action Party by only 7 percent.

Legislative elections also were held on this day in which the Democratic Action Party won 18 seats, while the National Convergence Party won only 6 seats.

This voting style has been demonstrated in our own country many times! Is this your definition of a dictatorship?

For this article to serve its intended purpose, you should have tried to write it in a way that condemns the alliance of big companies and small countries and the subsequent corruption of government officials — unless, of course, you had other motives. Let's not forget that blaming the United States for the Nigerian

police killing their own people is like blaming Japan for our government building roads in Alaska to cut and sell trees to them at a loss.

More than 80 percent of Nigeria's total revenue come from the oil industry; and even though I don't believe that is worth a person's life, someone in his own country did. Yes, Shell has been negligent and sloppy when it comes to environmental concerns in that part of the world, but why do you hate America for it?

Instead of using phrases like “Good morning boys and girls,” or “...continue to fantasize about how European colonization of third world countries has made the world a wonderful place to live,” why don't you drop the sarcasm and simply inform your audience of the facts. People don't like to be talked down to and your message might be better received if you treat your readers as adults.

William Puckett
Civil engineering graduate student

TALKback!

Readers are encouraged to submit letters and guest opinions to the Viewpoint page in person or by mail.

Address your comments to “Letters to the Editor,” Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor; 035 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building; UK; Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042. Send electronic mail to kernel@pop.uky.edu.

Letters should be no more than 300 words; guest opinions should be about 850 words.

All material should be typed and double-spaced, but hand-written will be accepted if it is legible.

Include your name and major, as well as your address and telephone number for verification.

We reserve the right to edit all material.

I'm thankful that nobody actually is reading this

The third Thursday of November looms, so now it is time to thank those little people who were kind enough to fill the big news pages of the Kentucky Kernel this semester with stories of misery (i.e. UK football) and joy (i.e. UK basketball).

Let me say thank you to all, and here's why:

I'm thankful I'm too poor and too cheap to buy a car.

Thanks to UK's parking system (or lack, thereof), the students who shell out cash for an automobile, car insurance, gas and assorted vehicular extras probably still have to walk from a parking space at Commonwealth Stadium to campus, which is about as far as I have to walk from my apartment.

And they pay for a parking permit.

Nya-nya-nya-nya-nya.

Then again, I'm thankful because I don't truly need a car in order to get a job, in order to pay the bills and feed my family.

Because if I did, and honestly couldn't afford an automobile, Lexington voters swept the rug from under me, sending me to my knees this November election by not supporting LexTran.

Local voters voted down a tax for the public transportation services, which provides the only source of transportation for an estimated 3,000 people.

Hope you say a prayer for them before you eat your Thanksgiving stuffing.

I'm thankful Paul Patton was elected governor. The slim majority of Patton's supporters will yet again get what they truly deserve.

Interpret that statement as you will because that's as far as I will go. I'm news media remember, which automatically adorns me with a campaign banner of impartiality.

Yeah, right.

I'm not thankful to be here today, attending classes a day before slaughtered turkeys are carved into generous helpings across the country.

In other words, I'm not thankful that the University Senate has failed to support a fall semester break for students so far.

If a spring break is deemed necessary, then chances are the same level of stress over academics and extracurriculars is mounting on the student body at this point in the semester.

Favored professors, on the other hand, get year-long academic sabbaticals when they need to unwind just so they can write that book they've been putting off doing or get that paper finished for that research journal nobody reads.

Excuse me, but I could use a



Steve Trimble
Kernel Columnist

Although their resolve often turns frail under pressure, many of the senators at least make an effort to scrutinize where the Senate sends not its own, but the students' money.

However, I can't blame the student voters for the cronyism in the executive branch. After all, you don't get a chance to elect the high-ranking, appointed positions, who just happened to be good friends of the SGA president before he was elected.

Ahem.

I'm thankful for UK football coach Bill Curry: good coach, good man and, yes, good decision C.M.

I'd like what they say professors in this shameless pitch to suck up before they get them, ahem, arithmetic on my grade.

Ever little bit helps, you know.

I'm thankful for the administration's insight, which created the much-needed dismount policy for bicyclists earlier this semester.

Of course, I'd be much more thankful if somebody in the Dean of Student's Office (i.e. Dean of Students David Stockham, Associate Dean Victor Hazard) could come up with a way to enforce it.

So far, the dismount signs have been uprooted, stolen and lumped along the sidewalk, and bicyclists continue to swiftly steer around, in between and into pedestrians on their way to class.

Call me pessimistic, but I'd call that a clear-cut example of a policy failure.

Finally, thank you for leaving campus yesterday, which means so very few members of the student body will ever read this.

It also gives the rest of us parking today.

Staff Columnist Stephen Trimble is a journalism sophomore.

INFORMED SOURCES "I TOOK a few slaps in the face, so much so that in accordance with the Old Testament I've got to strike back until his jaw falls off."

Lech Walesa, after ex-Communist Alexander Kwasniewski unseated him and won the Polish presidency.

Coverage of shut-down has been one-sided

Several columns in the Kentucky Kernel have addressed the shut-down of the United States government in the wake of its failure to pass a budget bill.

As usual, however, the analyses have been one-sided and shallow, consisting solely of blaming President Clinton and congressional Democrats.

This whining, however, betrays the Kernel's usual blind allegiance to rightist rhetoric, rather than any real understanding of the issues at stake. Let us examine the facts, then.

First, it is crucial to understand the specific source of the current impasse. The constitutional task of budget creation falls not to the president, but to Congress, and it is the failure of the Republican leadership that only 3 of the 13 appropriations bills have been passed six weeks after they were due. When the rest of these bills

are finally passed on to President Clinton, they likely will be vetoed, and for good reason.

Then, the real process of debate and compromise will begin, resulting in a modified budget that both sides can live with. As is common in such cases, congressional Republicans sent a short-term “emergency spending bill” to President Clinton, but they decided to load it with conservative riders, including increases in Medicare and a demand that the budget be balanced in seven years.

Republicans know full-well that their demands would not muster the three-fifths votes necessary to

override a presidential veto, so rather than debating the appropriations bills, Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole have presented the temporary spending bill as an ultimatum, betting that the president would rather sign this extreme legislation than allow the government to shut down. This unprecedented tactic amounts to nothing less than blackmail, and Bill Clinton has rightly refused to cave in.

My dispute with the Kernel goes beyond this rather technical point, however.

For, eventually, Congress will be pressed to join the budget negotiations in good faith, and here we need to understand the differences

between Republican plans and Democratic objections. The Kernel staff places its focus upon the budget deficit. Democrats would rather “blame the Republicans than work to tackle the national debt” accuses the editorial. Similarly Les Johns warns us that Democrats are “intent on salvaging the status quo.” Once again, however, a different reality lies beneath the bombast and bravado.

Let us, in contrast to the Kernel writers, examine the facts.

First, it is often forgotten that the budgetary “crisis” so vigilantly attacked by the Kernel was created by the Republican policies enacted during the Reagan and Bush presidencies. Reagan's imposition of supply-side economics, consisting of tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations, combined with a military build up not seen since World War II, created budget deficits

unprecedented in United States history. As a direct result of these policies, gross public debt rose from \$900 billion to more than \$4 trillion between 1980 and 1992.

These policies also reversed three decades of income growth among all American citizens. Between 1950 and 1978, personal income rose for every income bracket in the United States since then, however, income disparities have increased greatly: in the 1980s incomes for the richest 1 percent of Americans increased 63 percent, accounting for more than 50 percent of all income growth in this period.

In 1993, the top fifth of the population took home 48 percent of the income, compared with 3.6 for the bottom fifth.

The larger questions of the current debate thus concern, not the extent or potential risk of the United States budget deficit, but rather who benefited from its creation and who is now being asked to pay.

The proposed Republican bud-

get, for example, includes a \$25 billion capital gains tax cut, three-quarters of the benefit from which would go to taxpayers making more than \$100,000. By contrast, all federal outlays last year on food and nutrition programs, a key target of vicious Republican budget cuts, amounted to only \$37.8 billion.

There is, of course, an alternative. Rather than enshrine income disparities through further tax cuts and cruel spending cuts, as the Republicans suggest, the deficit can be reduced by decreasing defense spending, and by raising taxes on those who benefited from the failed “roo-doo” economics” of the 1980s. To suggest, as the Kernel staff does, that the current budget battle represents a division “between a Republican congress intent on saving future generations from a mountain of debt and a Democratic president intent on salvaging the status quo” is to buy into and propagate the disingenuous politics of the Republicans.

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McVeigh attorney wants to move trial

By Paul Queary
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Attorneys for bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh asked a judge yesterday to move the trial outside of the state Oklahoma, arguing that intense local media coverage of the attack would make a fair trial impossible.

"There exists in this district so great a prejudice against Mr. McVeigh that he cannot obtain a fair and impartial trial at any place fixed by law for holding court within this district, or, in fact, within the state of Oklahoma,"

attorney Stephen Jones wrote in the motion.

Attorneys and clerks hauled in thousands of pages of newspaper tear sheets and other exhibits on a small cart to file within the court system.

U.S. District Judge Wayne Alley has set trial for McVeigh and Terry Nichols for May 17 in Lawton, about 90 miles southwest of the site of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Alley ruled that finding an impartial jury in Oklahoma City would be "chancy," but defense attorneys maintain that Lawton's

jury pool would be equally suspect.

Jones has said that more than half of 400 Lawton-area residents polled believe that McVeigh is guilty, and most of the rest were undecided about whether or not he is responsible.

Jones and Michael Tigar, the head of Nichols' defense team, have proposed there be alternate trial sites in places including Charleston, W.Va., San Francisco and Denver.

Nichols and McVeigh have been indicted on federal murder and conspiracy charges in the April 19 bombing, which killed

169 people and injured more than 500.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against both men, although only McVeigh is accused of actually driving a truck bomb from Kansas to Oklahoma City.

Both men are accused of planning the attack. Yesterday, attorneys for Nichols and McVeigh challenged federal death penalty laws as unconstitutionally vague and asked Alley to bar prosecutors from seeking capital punishment.

The federal government has not executed anyone in more than 30 years.

Couple killed mother to get her baby

By Cliff Edwards
Associated Press

ADDITION, Ill. — Jacqueline Annette Williams had three children and wanted one more. The baby boy she took home, however, was not her own. He was stolen from the womb of a murdered woman, cut out by scissors, authorities said.

The newborn appeared healthy, said the police officers who found him, belying his violent entry into the world four days before his due date.

Williams, boyfriend Fedell Caffey and her cousin killed Debra Evans, then sliced her body open and plucked out the boy, prosecutors said. They also stabbed Evans' 10-year-old daughter to death, and abducted and later killed her 8-year-old son, they said.

"This is unimaginable," said Joe Birkett, chief of criminal prosecution for the DuPage County state's attorney. "You could not give a horror writer a better

script."

A judge on Monday ordered Williams, 28, Caffey, 22, and Levern Ward, 24, held without bond on charges of murder and aggravated kidnapping. They could face the death penalty if convicted.

Evans apparently didn't realize the danger late Thursday when she let into her suburban apartment the couple and Ward, a former boyfriend who fathered her 17-month-old son, Jordan.

Caffey fatally shot and stabbed the pregnant woman, then he and Ward killed her 10-year-old daughter, Samantha, Birkett said. Caffey then cut open Evans' body with scissors, and Williams extracted and resuscitated the baby, authorities said. Relatives said Williams has some training in nursing. Jordan was found unharmed early Friday in the bloody apartment.

The three abducted the newborn and Evans' 8-year-old son, Joshua, police said. Hours later, they allegedly slashed the older boy's throat and dumped his body

in an alley.

Williams, who can no longer have children, had been pretending she was pregnant so she could claim the newborn as her own, prosecutors said. The state took custody of her three children.

The baby, named Elijah as his mother had intended, was said to be doing well at a hospital Monday. Upon his release, Elijah will be taken to a relative's home, where Jordan is staying.

All three have long criminal records. Williams' includes convictions for theft and forgery. Caffey for attempted theft, domestic battery and unlawful use of a weapon.

Ward was released from a prison work camp in January after serving a three-year sentence for striking a police officer while trying to enter the home of a former girlfriend.

One neighbor, Chris McElroy, said he called police after an altercation that ended when Williams walked out of the home with a bloody face.

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