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Education reform discussed across nation

Ford addresses questions raised by curious students

By Gary Wulf
Associate News Editor

Ensuring American students are prepared for the changes in the 21st century will be a focus of the 105th Congress.

Twenty-seven students and administrators from UK's Lexington Campus questioned Sen. Wendell Ford (D-Ky.) yesterday on congressional plans for improving education. Six other community colleges from around the state participated in the discussion via satellite. Before the floor opened for questions, Ford addressed President Clinton's plans for education.

"In the next 50 months, on a national level, we will be preparing for the next 50 years," he said.

A healthy economy sparked Americans to concentrate on education as the number one priority, Ford said.

He emphasized that Congress will be setting goals, not standards.

"It is the desire by this administration and Congress to do what they can to prepare students for the global competition to come," Ford said.

The Kentucky Education Reform Act brought back bitter memories for a couple of the students who shook their heads at the idea of portfolios. Ford defended the portfolios by comparing them to chicken livers that didn't taste good, but were healthy.

"You may not like portfolios. You may not like some of these standards, but what these people are going to do for you is good for

you," he said. Ford said later that Kentucky is drawing the attention of other states. He said the Commonwealth has surpassed Indiana in many education categories.

"Kentucky has absolutely grabbed itself by the bootstraps and made some changes," Ford said.

Finance senior Chris Miculis shared his college experience at UK and changes he would like to see occur.

"I would like to see more interaction between the work force and the classroom, especially in higher education," Miculis said.

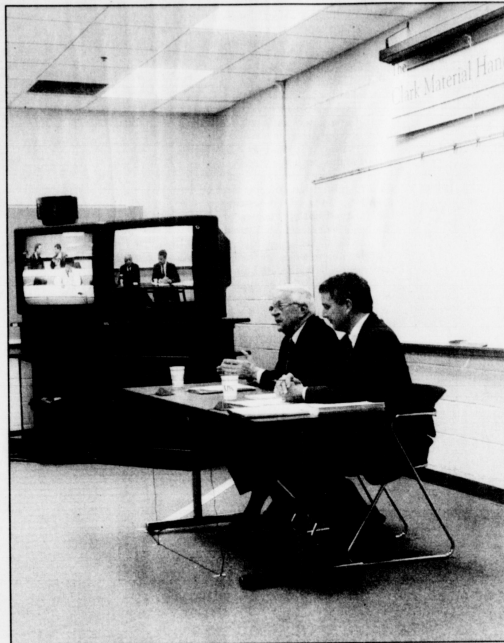
Miculis suggested elementary and high school educators — not UK 101, a class which prepares students for college life — should prepare students for college.

Graduate students voiced concerns about cuts in teaching assistant programs. Ford said while working to pass a balanced budget, Congress has to choose which programs to fund.

"How do we get more for less? ... I'd never seen a project work where government was the sole source," Ford said. "It has to be a partnership, where there is local, county and state ... where everybody is a part of it."

While discussing education funding, Ford supported the idea of a balanced budget. In order to achieve it, Congress must "pick and choose" what to fund, and education is what senators and representatives choose.

"You're struggling to get your education and I'm struggling to make sure you do," Ford said.



LINKING EDUCATION Senator Wendell Ford (D-Ky.), left, discusses the future of education in the United States with UK students across the Commonwealth.

Education secretary plans improvement

By Mat Herron
Features Editor

No excuses. Tougher standards.

These are the non-negotiable guidelines of President Clinton's new education reform plan for the next century.

Diving into the plan during his address at the Carter Center in Atlanta Tuesday afternoon, Education Secretary Richard Riley discussed the fine points of a plan that pulls no punches in seeking to improve the quality of U.S. elementary, secondary and higher education.

"If there was ever a time to push higher education to the next level, that time is now," said Riley, as students from UK and community colleges from around the state watched the speech on television.

UK and Lexington Community College students gathered in 252 Gatton College of Business and Economics along with Kentucky Sen. Wendell Ford, Student Government Association President Alan Aja and former Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins.

Challenging curriculums are in, dumbing down class material is out if the U.S. educational institutions want better performance.

Riley did not make light of the progress — increased college attendance in southern universities and hiring of teachers — but said the accomplishments leave no room for rest.

The percentage of high school seniors who drop out or do not attend college at all is unacceptably high, he said, and tuition plays havoc with families' finances.

Reevaluation of drug and alcohol policies, tutoring in the information superhighway, better teacher preparation and mastering basic subjects such as reading and math were key areas in need of attention.

And not by the federal government. "Politics stops at the schoolhouse door," Riley said.

"Education is now the fault line of who is part of the American dream. We have to do what's best for our children."

In preparing teachers for the trials of the classroom, Riley said liberal arts departments and education colleges need to fuse their efforts to graduate high-quality instructors.

Critics argue the plan costs too much and that some citizens are not meant to go to college.

Clinton and Riley vehemently disagree. "(Clinton) is not about to put a ceiling on the dreams of every American to work hard and go to college," Riley said.

SGA Vice President Chrissy Guyer said UK professors often feel more pressure to conduct research than actually teach students.

"They're not promoted as much if they don't produce research," said Guyer, whose mother teaches fourth-graders at Tamarack Elementary School in Owensboro, Ky.

"I don't think she feels society values teaching as much as it should."

The National Board of Professional Teaching will certify 100,000 teachers in the next 10 years, Riley said.

Pell grants are at an all-time high, and a new incentive allowing parents to deduct \$10,000 a year from their taxes is on the horizon, Riley said.

All this is not being done just to acquire a diploma.

"Good citizenship has its roots in education," he said.

Senator supports HOPE scholarships, Clinton's plan

By Chris Campbell
Assistant Editorial Editor

Who's to say that education is the nation's No. 1 priority? Only the senior senator from the Bluegrass and a 43-page booklet from the office of the president of

the United States. "Kentucky is really beginning to move and preparing for the 21st century," Sen. Wendell Ford said.

Hoping to prove the state's improvement over the past several years, Ford was quick to speak of the advancements the Kentucky Education Reform Act has made on high school and elementary students. He said KERA has done a good job preparing these students for higher education.

"We are setting goals, not standards," he said. "The KERA standards are higher than the Goals 2000 standards put out by the federal government."

HOPE scholarships look to be the future of financial aid for students looking for a college education. Take for instance the University of Georgia, where 97 percent of the students are on HOPE scholarships.

The scholarship provides a maximum \$1,500 tax credit to pay for tuition and required fees in a student's first year.

If the person maintains a B average and proves to work hard and stay

off drugs, he or she will receive another \$1,500.

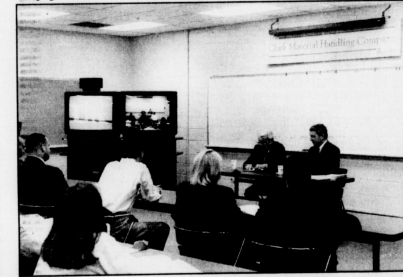
Ford said \$98 billion has been set aside for tax breaks, and "we need to see that it becomes available." According to the booklet put out by the Clinton administration, the tax credit will pay the full cost of tuition of most community colleges and by 1998, 4.2 million middle-income students will use HOPE scholarships as a resource to pay for college.

The senator gave vocal support to UK's community colleges, an issue in hot debate lately. He compared the UK community college system to a hen looking over its chicks, in that UK has to constantly feed the community colleges in terms of technology and support.

"I am for the community college system," Ford said, joining local politicians including Ernesto Scorsone and Kathy Stein in support of the system. "I am in favor of the community college system as it stands right now."

When it got down to the bone, Ford sounded optimistic about the prospects for Kentucky education and the role UK will play in it for the future.

"There is a real desire to make it work for you and those who come after you," he said. "If you want me to give your vision, well that's me choosing what you want to do. That's not how it should be. Instead, if you have a vision, I want to help you get there."



Council wants GPA increase

By Leona Hacker
Staff Writer

"We'll see your .1 and raise it .1." This is essentially what UK's Panhellenic Council has told its international governing board.

New standards set by the International Panhellenic Conference will ask sororities to raise their grade point averages by .1 each term, but UK's Panhellenic Council has decided to shoot for a .2 increase. At the same time NPC and UK Panhellenic have placed emphasis on recognizing academic achievement and ranking academics as a priority.

The NPC has made this its official "Year of the Scholar." The NPC works with its member sororities to improve Greek life, keep high standards and promote good scholarships. All these previous endeavors promote development of character and deep friendships among its members.

"The UK Panhellenic Council is excited about the NPC goals for this year," said Amy Dunn, Panhellenic publicity chair. "We agree that academics are of the utmost

importance and we are striving to surpass the NPC goals."

The council plans to focus on new member education and supply help in the fall and spring semesters in order to improve overall GPAs.

It is also going to offer tutors during dead week to help members with difficult subjects.

During finals older members who know the subjects will answer questions over the phone and in person on certain nights to offer help to the sorority members. "We are planning an outreach program to train older members to teach time management, stress and offer test-taking tips," said Amy Waggoner, Panhellenic Council's vice president of scholarship.

Each chapter will hold a scholarship meeting once a month to focus on the plan and continually try to improve it. The overall Panhellenic GPA is 3.0687 and the non-Greek UK women's GPA is 3.006.

Assistant Dean of Students Susan West said the council is also trying to increase its recruitment and retention rates.

"We also want to promote Greek pride and improve the image of the sororities," West said. "They are trying to promote relations between Nubian Council, Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council and have them do more activities together."

Wethington redefines UK's role in community

By James Ritchie
Senior Staff Writer

As a land grant institution, UK's mission is to serve the entire state, President Charles Wethington told the Donovan Forum yesterday.

The forum is made up of members of the Donovan Scholars Program, which sponsors education programs, including a fellowship, for older adults.

"We are not the University of Lexington, we are the University of Kentucky," Wethington said. And though the University is an integral part of the Lexington community, he said, its mission must be comprehensive.

He told the forum that many of UK's problems would be solved if policy makers would see it that way.

Gov. Paul Patton is one official who understands what must be

done to improve higher education, the president said. Because Kentucky is not a rich state, a "greater-than-average" effort is required to be competitive, Wethington said.

If Kentucky puts the same amount of effort toward education as other, richer states, it will not be able to keep up, he said.

UK is steadily improving, Wethington said, and that is how it should be.

"You'll see us moving the University forward very deliberately," he said.

The president reviewed several of the University's accomplishments:

Enrollment on the Lexington campus has remained constant over the last five years by choice, while the quality of incoming freshmen has increased. This year UK set a new school record of 3.4 for the average high

NEWSbyte

STATE Judge decides cockfighting still illegal

FRANKFORT — A judge ruled yesterday that cockfighting is still illegal in Kentucky, an issue supposedly decided in 1994 by the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Franklin Circuit Judge Roger Crittenden threw out a lawsuit filed in March 1995 by Montgomery County cockfight promoter Marvin Watkins. He argued that the Kentucky State Police had no authority to raid his arena because the General Assembly had legalized cockfighting.

Cockfighting supporters have long argued that a 1980 amendment to the state's legal definition of "animal" exempted birds. Then-Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. vetoed the bill a day after the deadline for doing so, but the law was never changed to reflect the amendment.

Crittenden ruled that the veto was late, and that there was reason to believe the veto document was invalid. But he said the Senate accepted it and has not resubmitted the bill legalizing the practice. "This case really centers on the actions taken by the legislature in accepting the veto from Gov. Brown," he wrote. "After the veto was returned to the proper officer, the legislature acted as if the veto was effective and constitutional."

Compiled from wire reports.

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DiVERSions

'Breaking the Waves' parts the seas

By Dan O'Neill
Arts Editor

In art few works have the ability to convey their intended message, conjure vivid emotion, provoke thought and still entertain through material actually worth discussing. In film this occurs even less. When it does, however, it tastes as good as a plump steak to an Ethiopian. Denmark's bold new film *Breaking the Waves* is film's choicest cut in some time.

The story begins with the marriage of Bess, a sweet, innocent Scottish girl and Jan, an eccentric "outsider." Some of the older, stern villagers and clergy, including Bess' family, disapprove of the relationship, thus initiating the paradoxical parallels to religion.

Bess spends time away from the central characters on the church floor praying aloud in a conversational manner, speaking God's response in a deeper, altered voice. In one instance she cries out for God to return Jan so they can be together. Her wish comes true in the most twisted of manners when Jan has a work accident, paralyzing him and threatening his life.

Relegated to a hospital bed, in a state of longing, Jan asks his wife to "experience" other men and then report back with the intimate details. From there, Bess goes through a series of desperate, seemingly mad measures to do what she believes will keep her husband alive.

What results is a brutal, prob-



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BREAKING YOUR WILL. Academy Award nominated actress Emily Watson stars with Stellan Skarsgård (above) and Katrin Carridge (below, left) in the extraordinary film 'Breaking the Waves,' playing at the Kentucky Theatre.

ing examination of sex, religion and the dangers of belief.

Academy Award nominated actress Emily Watson captures her shy, naive character brilliantly through a repertoire of cute yet confused facial expressions. Her male counterpart, Stellan Skarsgård, gives a near-equal perfor-

mance as Jan, beautifully raising questions of his character's true motivations.

Acclaimed Danish director Lars Von Trier (*Zentropa*) wrote and directed his finest and by far most accessible work to date. His use of a hand-held camera gave the film a raw, almost documentary look as it often shifted in and out of focus.

Von Triers' trademark bizarre style only became present in the way he broke the film into different segments. With seven chapters and an epilogue, each was separated by minute-long postcard shots of scenic landscapes with different rock songs as background. At first, the interjections came across as campy and comical, but ultimately they added to the film's biblical

profundity.

Breaking the Waves challenges delicate subject matter and does so relentlessly, allowing no sympathy for its characters. The film tells a poignant, character-focused story while managing to point out the hypocrites of the church in a subtle and tactful manner.

Breaking the Waves draws emotions rarely felt in any film performance; its script and performances transcend all others from recent years. Looking at it from a broad perspective, this is not "a film for everyone," yet everyone should see it.

As I left the theater a feeling came over me comparable to that left by *The Godfather* — one of draining epic proportions, one of intense authority, one of greatness.



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Campus brings noted author to sign book

By Julie Anderson
Senior Staff Writer

Publishing a novel may make writing one look easy. So was the case for Jim Grimsley. For 10 years his first novel sat dormant before its 1992 publication.

Like every good American writer rejected by society, he sent his work to Europe, where a German publisher relished its dark plot: a young mother with five kids, an abusive father scrapping together the meager essentials, the flip reality to the proverbial American dream.

Grimsley admitted to the stark mood of *Winter Birds* in an interview several years ago. "*Winter Birds* was so intense, and even though I believed in it, I'd sort of bought into people's talk about it,

about how dark it was."

Soon the book found its way to France and at last back to the United States where it was runner-up for the PEN/Hemingway Award and it was first in the 1995 Sue Kaufman Prize for First Fiction from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Although at heart a confessed fiction writer, Grimsley has found sustained employment as an in-house playwright at 7Stage Theatre in Atlanta. In a press release, Grimsley noted the financial limitations of the book industry.

"I became a playwright in residence in 1986... The plays worked financially more quickly than any of the fiction I was writing."

By 1988 Grimsley won Newsday's George Oppenheimer Award as the Best New Play-

wright. Since his first bout with getting published, Grimsley has found a publisher to produce his next two books, *Dream Boy* and *My Drowning*.

Dream Boy follows the sexual and religious struggle between two boys in the country.

"... The majority of gay novels are about urban settings," Grimsley said. "And they're not about adolescents. What's out there now is the Northeastern prep school point of view. It was never about my life."

My Drowning, released this January, focuses on the poorest people.

"A lot of people have written about poor people, but I don't think the very poorest people have been written about the way you really see them. The attitude in literature toward that class of people until now has been that poor people were just like everybody else, only with fewer things. Nobody dealt with just how animalistic your life can become when you don't have anything," Grimsley said.

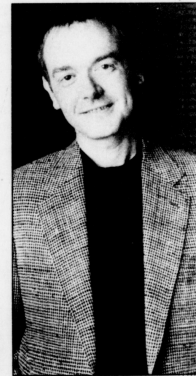


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DREAM BOY Author Jim Grimsley will read and sign books at the Warehouse Theater tomorrow at 7:30.

WHAT'S your sign?

By Suzanne Raffeld

Aries (March 21-April 19): Coffee is magnetically attracted to your body because you constantly spill it all over yourself. Sometimes the coffee is very hot, so you end up with some nice second-degree burns. You start looking like a refugee from a burn ward with a spill problem. But because of your caffeine addiction, you refuse to stop drinking coffee and just have to get used to your new look.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You begin to pick up small children by their ankles and shake them up and down, and collect any change that falls out of their pockets. This act not only garners you some extra money but also helps you release your aggression on those who are half your size.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You become afflicted with temporary insanity on Thursday, which will last approximately two weeks.

During that time you embark on a luxurious crime spree, robbing stores and maiming various people at your leisure. This is fun for a while, but after you are restored to your normal mental state you start feeling bad. But don't worry; the following week you will become a sociopath, so your feelings of guilt will be abated.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You die. Then you come back to life, but you're sort of gross looking. Your brief stay in the after world did not treat you well and now you have the scars to prove it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): For some unknown reason, your body will shrink to three inches on Saturday morning. You scream for help, and in a brief, irreplaceable moment in time, your roommate steps on you, crushing all your internal organs. Ouch.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You've swallowed one too many pieces of gum when you were a small one, and now your stomach

has metamorphosed into a big, gummy mess. You can no longer eat, but your stomach is a neat topic of conversation to bring up at parties.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A barking little dog bites small chunks of flesh out of your right leg. Your karma with small animals has never been swell; this incident means it's not going to get any better.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): While cooking you manage to set your self aflame. But because your roommate doesn't like you, he/she doesn't help you and sits back to watch you burn.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sunshine beams down on your every step and you win a couple hundred dollars from a contest you entered. Not very exciting but not real traumatic either.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You become so happy that with the slightest provocation, you break into song and dance. Soon,

people begin to recognize you as the "dancing moron." You're now your own circus sideshow, but because you lack any talent you are unable to make a career out of being a moron. You're not cute or funny, and you can't carry a tune.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have a prophetic dream in which a mystic being decides whether to treat you kindly or to torture you with various pincher bugs. Unfortunately it decides to do the torture route and you become agitated and shaky for a couple of days, but hey, you'll be fine in a couple of weeks.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You accidentally kill your neighbor's puppy. But because your neighbor thinks you are an abcess on the face of humanity, she doesn't believe you and murders your goldfish. This starts a small scale war between the two of you — first by eliminating each other's pets and then moving to plants. In the end, your neighbor wins.

Struggling Tide next up for UK

By Chris Easterling
Sports Editor

UK hits the road tonight for the first of three consecutive

Kentucky at Alabama
Tonight, 8
Coleman Coliseum,
Tuscaloosa

Kentucky (24-3, 10-2)
National ranking: No. 3

Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
F Ron Mercer	17.7	5.2
F Scott Padgett	9.3	5.5
C Darnell Maguire	5.4	4.8
G Allen Edwards	10.1	3.9
G Anthony Epps	8.1	*4.6

Reserves: C Nazr Mohammed, 8.9 ppg; F Jared Prickett, 8.0 ppg; G Wayne Turner, 4.9; G Cameron Mills, 3.7; G Steve Masiele, 1.0.

Alabama (14-11, 4-8)
National ranking: None

Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
F Darnell Alexander	12.5	5.9
F Thalamus McGee	5.1	4.1
G Damon Gators	4.0	2.7
G Brian Williams	12.8	3.0
G Eric Washington	16.1	6.0

Reserves: C Jeremy Hays, 4.8 ppg; FG Ricky Fooks, 3.2; F M.C. Marquis, 2.5; G Wade Wilmoth, 1.5; G Blake Thrasher, 1.2; C Scott Hamilton, 0.9; G Dejuan Shambley, 0.0.

* assists per game.

TV: WKYT (Channel 27)-Live.

games away from Rupp Arena, beginning with a game against Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

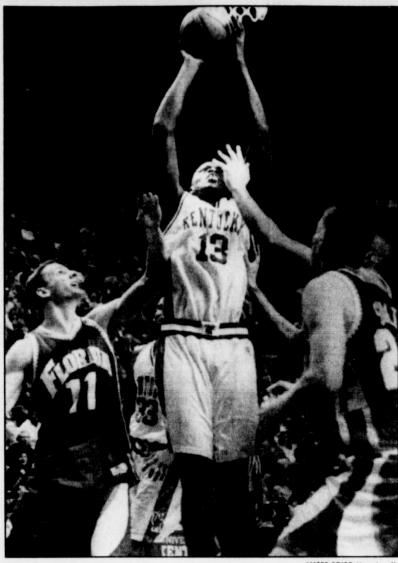
"This team is ready to get back on the road," sophomore guard Allen Edwards said. "We had a nice little run here at Rupp, but I think as a team, we play better on the road because there is so much adversity to overcome. "I think (the road) brings us together and makes us work harder."

After Alabama, UK (24-3 overall, 10-2 in the Southeastern Conference) will travel to a couple of the more difficult venues in the SEC — at least for the Cats — Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium and Tennessee's Thompson-Boling Arena.

The Cats are coming off a four-game stretch at home, where they dominated their opposition. UK defeated its visitors — including nationally-ranked Villanova — by an average of 33.3 points a game.

The Crimson Tide team the Cats will face tonight has been one of the SEC's most up-and-down teams.

After starting out 10-0, Alabama has lost 11 of its last 15 to fall into fifth place in the conference's Western Division. Alabama (14-11, 4-8) owns one impressive victory, a 70-67 home win over the nation's current second-ranked team, Minnesota. The Golden Gophers have lost



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

I CAN'T SEE Nazr Mohammed has been a force for the Cats in the middle, despite not starting the last four games.

only once since that Thursday night in Tuscaloosa. "If you get them on a hot night, they can beat any team in the country." "Alabama, typical of what we've seen in the last few years, is very athletic," UK Coach Rick Pitino said.

Men's volleyball team having success in '97

By Noreen Tionson
Contributing Writer

They bump, they set, they kill. They are one of UK's hidden surprises. The men's volleyball team is one of many club teams at UK.

The men's squad has been around since the early '80s. Coached by Rob Holley and led by captain Brad deSilva, the team is one of UK's more successful club teams.

So far the season has been successful for the club. Although it has yet to crack the Top 25, they have defeated nationally ranked teams.

UK won a pre-season tournament at Vanderbilt and took a game from No. 4 Florida. In addition, the Cats have beaten Notre Dame and Kansas.

The men's volleyball team travels all over the country to different volleyball tournaments, visiting schools such as Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee and Florida.

This year the team will be competing in the National Tournament in Arizona.

Holley is confident his team will do well in Nationals this year.

"We have a lot of talent and good players this year. We have a lot of excellent hitters and setters," Holley said. "It's just up to getting to our potential. This year's team is more well-rounded (than last year's). We're better

defensively and we're also quicker."

The loss of an outsider hitter is the only significant loss from last year, Holley said, but Trey Crawford, a sophomore outside hitter, has stepped into the position nicely.

"I really love to play for this team. I feel we have good chemistry and a lot of talent. A lot of young talent and veteran experience, so it's a real good deep team," Crawford said. "We're also lucky to have Rob as our coach. He's very dedicated and has a lot of goals for our program."

The volleyball team hopes to make it in the Top 20 by the time nationals roll around.

"If we work hard, we can get to our goal, but we have to work very hard because we are going against very good and experienced teams," Holley said.

The team is hosting the North-South Volleyball tournament this Saturday at the Seaton Center. UK will compete with top teams from the North and the South.

"We really need school support. We would love people to come out, watch us play and see what we're all about," Holley said.

"Men's volleyball is very exciting — a lot of big hitting and big blocking. Men's volleyball is all about power and in this game, power equals winning."



UKstats

Team statistics

UK	Opponents
.475 Field Goal Percentage	.397
.691 Free-Throw Percentage	.649
.360 Three-Point Percentage	.314
84.2 Points Per Game	60.9
40.5 Rebounds Per Game	33.1
15.4 Off. Rebounds Per Game	12.3
20.2 Assists Per Game	12.4
15.4 Turnovers Per Game	23.5
5.0 Blocks Per Game	2.6
12.2 Steals Per Game	6.8

SCOUTINGreport

BACKCOURT



Mercer

Brian Williams, the Crimson Tide point guard, has averaged 40 minutes in the last two games. Williams has scored 122 points during the second half of Alabama's SEC games, while only tallying 52 during the first half of the same games. Eric Washington is Alabama's career leader in three-pointers attempted and made. He is just coming back from a sprained left ankle.

FRONTCOURT



Washington

Demetrius Alexander is 'Bama's lone scoring threat in the frontcourt. He ranks among the SEC leaders in three different categories — scoring, rebounding and free throw percentage. Three players have averaged in double figures since Derek Anderson went down with his injury, led by Ron Mercer's 17.8 points a game.

BENCH



Mohammed

In Alabama's 25 games, 10 or more players have seen action 15 times. The bench accounts for 30.8 percent of the Tide's total points and 29.5 percent of their rebounds. Nazr Mohammed has five double-doubles for the season, including double-doubles in the last two UK games.

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Alabama Coach David Hobbs has never had a season where the Tide had fewer than 10 losses during the season. The streak will not end this year. The Tide dropped 11 of 15 after starting 10-0 and reaching the Top 25. UK has won its last four games by an average of 32.3 points a game since losing at South Carolina.



Hobbs



ALABAMAstats

Team statistics

UA	Opponents
.416 Field Goal Percentage	.398
.743 Free-Throw Percentage	.641
.362 Three-Point Percentage	.316
71.1 Points Per Game	64.8
39.3 Rebounds Per Game	36.6
12.0 Off. Rebounds Per Game	14.0
11.6 Assists Per Game	11.6
14.1 Turnovers Per Game	14.6
3.2 Blocks Per Game	2.7
6.8 Steals Per Game	6.7

After slow start, Jackson ready to run for title

By Aaron Yellon
Contributing Writer

If you're ever running around the track inside

Nutter Field House and a blue flash blows by you, don't panic.

It's not a comet or an asteroid crashing into Lexington — it's only Chris Jackson.

Jackson is one of the fastest runners on the UK track and field team and perhaps in the nation. His nickname, "K.F.H.," gives an accurate description of his running ability.

Jackson's teammates gave him the name after they saw a newspaper article entitled "Kentucky's Fastest Human" hanging in his dorm room.



Jackson

He earned the moniker after winning a third-straight state championship in the 100- and 200-meter dashes his senior year in high school.

Jackson's achievements in high school are made more impressive considering he didn't really take running seriously until his junior year in high school.

"As far as track goes in middle school and the beginning of high school, it was just something to do," Jackson said.

"That 'something to do' paid off for him in the form of scholarship offers from UK and Clemson. UK was even recruiting him for a spot on the football team, but a serious shoulder injury in high school gave him second thoughts about life on the gridiron.

"I had to make a decision whether I wanted to go out there and get beat on or do something

less stressful," Jackson said. "But I sometimes have regrets about it and wonder what I could have done if I hadn't had the shoulder operation."

The way Jackson has progressed so far, it looks like he made the right choice in staying with track. His transition from high school to college was slow, Jackson said, but he eventually found his role on the team.

On the indoor track, Jackson's specialties are the 60- and 100-meter dashes; he also runs the 200-meter outside. But Jackson and his coaches are concentrating more on the 60-meter, which they call his best shot at getting to the Olympics.

"Chris has the potential to compete nationally and even (in the Olympics) in the 60-meter if he improves his techniques," UK sprint coach Edrick Floreal said.

"The natural ability is definitely there, but guys at the next level compete using more technique than natural talent alone."

Jackson also is looking forward to the possibility of following teammate Tim Harden to the next Olympics. Harden competed in the '96 games; Jackson is gearing up for 2000.

"If my times keep progressing and getting faster, I'm going to give it a shot," Jackson said. "Based on the 60-meter, I do have a shot at that."

As for now, Jackson wants to stay focused on the most important championship meets of his career, the Southeastern Conference and NCAAs.

"Knowing Chris is doing this good before the major meets tells me he has a whole lot more saved away in the bank," Floreal said.

SPORTSbytes

Pitino expects star to leave

Kentucky coach Rick Pitino believes sophomore Ron Mercer is taking his game to a new level — the NBA.

"Since the Villanova game, I've noticed a significant change in Ron Mercer," Pitino said at a news conference yesterday. "I think he's making a conscious effort to guard, to rebound, to create passes for his teammates."

"But there's good and bad news in every situation. You're all covering him for the last time so enjoy it. If he keeps on doing what he's doing, I'm saying, I enjoy coaching him and I hope you enjoy covering him."

Merced said he hasn't made any plans for the future.

"I haven't thought too much about it," he said. "Right now my main focus is to continue the winning and reach our goals. Until after that I won't make a decision."

Mercer leads the third-ranked Wildcats in scoring (17.7 points) and field-goal percentage (48.8), is second in steals (1.8) and third in rebounding (5.2).

Louisville holds off Cats

The University of Louisville women's basketball squad stymied a fierce Wildcat comeback in the closing minutes to win 64-52.

Despite falling behind at halftime 46-19, the Cats made a desperate charge to draw within nine, lead by Nicki Hay's 14 points, 11 in the second half. *Compiled from staff wire reports.*

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ViewPOINT



Expanding stadium overlooks more important issues

There are very few things in this world that make me laugh out loud. After all I am a reserved person; just ask any of my friends.

But I keep hearing something, which busts my sides open wider than the Ohio River.

Apparently the Athletics Association is looking into the possibility of expanding Commonwealth Stadium from 57,000 seats to 64,000 seats.

Additionally the expansion would include the construction of private luxury boxes.

Wait a minute. This is the same stadium that was filled to capacity only once last year.

This is the same stadium, which hasn't housed a team with a winning record in the last several years.

So they're expecting 7,000 more people to come to every home game.

They want to expand Commonwealth Stadium?

If someone does the math here, don't they realize that a stadium that doesn't sell out games won't make expansion profitable?

If I remember correctly, Louisville was the only home game that sold out last year and it didn't even sell out until game day.

Two games saw crowds of less than half of the total capacity.

So UK wants to add 7,000 seats? You do the math.

Now that we're talking math here, let's do a little statistical analysis as well.

This is the number of swimming pools now in operation on North Campus since the closing of the Memorial Coliseum pool: zero.

This is the number of indoor basketball courts that are for the use of students and faculty: six.

This is the number of outdoor basketball courts available on the UK campus, which can be used by the public as well: seven.

This is the number of free-weight rooms available for student use: one.

This is the approximate number of people who are enrolled at UK during a typical year: 24,000.

Do these numbers seem a little out of balance to you?

You're not the only one.

In fact, you can ask almost anybody who has had to wait for two hours to get on a court or try to work out with 500 other people trying to use the same 25 machines.

The student body may not be filled with budding Mr. or Ms. Universes, but I'm willing to bet that a large percentage of us like to work out every now and then.

By now you're probably asking the same question I am.

That question is: Why is UK considering an expansion of Commonwealth Stadium when there are plenty of other athletic projects that need to be undertaken on campus?

Any way you slice it, the athletic and recreation facilities on this campus are sub-par.

If you don't believe me, take a visit to our friendly rivals from the north, Indiana University.

When it comes to football, both schools are similar; they usually finish in the middle or bottom of their conference and they both usually don't sell out their football stadiums.

But IU hasn't seriously considered expanding its football stadium.

Instead, it heard the voices of their students who bemoaned the lack of recreational facilities.

And the result?

A new state-of-the-art recreational facility, which houses more than a dozen indoor basketball courts and several weight training facilities.

It makes the Seaton Center, a nice athletic facility on South Campus, look like an old YMCA.

In particular, the Memorial Coliseum pool is being cleared away to make room for an addition to CATS, the free tutoring service for student athletes.

They would rather give money to the student athletes on campus than they would to regular students.

While I recognize the importance of student athletes to this campus, I'm sure that the university could work out some sort of compromise where both groups would benefit from improvements.

Wouldn't it be nice if UK considered upgrading its facilities for the regular students?

There would be no more waiting forever to get on an indoor basketball court when the temperature drops below freezing (and, that never happens here).

Students living on North Campus wouldn't have to walk 20 to 30 minutes to use a swimming pool or to lift weights or use a Stairmaster.

But this isn't likely to happen. UK would rather see several thousand more empty seats at a home game than it would nicer facilities for the people who live here.

So I guess we're not likely to see any new recreational facilities on campus anytime soon. Or more parking structures.

Or dorms on North Campus that don't pose fire hazards. Or a better (fill in the blank).

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Matt Ellison
Kernel Columnist

It's UK's land

Discussions about development in Lexington can be fun. People either jump on the "growth is good" bandwagon or go for a ride with the "development destroys Bluegrass forever" folks.

This is one subject where most definitely take a side and have an opinion. Few are left standing in the middle of the latest area up for development.

UK could be the next big enemy for the anti-development people and they are preparing to hit the University with their best shots.

Since an Atlanta company known for building shopping centers complete with those evil Wal-Mart stores submitted the highest bid for 43 acres of UK's South Farm at the intersection of Nicholasville Road and Man o' War Boulevard, ideas of what the company might actually do with the land if the UK Board approves the sale have arisen.

If a developer believes it will profit from providing for a growing number of consumers and meeting their demand for retail service, why do some act like the developer has proposed leveling Rupp Arena or Calumet Farm?

This land up for sale is cut off from the rest of South Farm by Man o' War Boulevard. It's not good for the College of Agriculture's uses.

It is a heavily traveled road and more people are building homes a little further out, so why not locate businesses there? That seems to us to be an acceptable land use, nothing which should cause concern about the destruction of valuable Bluegrass green space to yet another development.

This sale, if approved by the Board, also generates the most profit for the college — money it needs to finance future research development. Eighteen million dollars is a lot of money, especially at a time when the amount of university money seems to be in question.

If a company is willing to invest that much money in a parcel of land, they must anticipate a consumer need for what they plan to provide.

Protecting areas from development and keeping retail areas centralized is about as silly an idea as trying to keep all shopping downtown. People are not going there. They want to be able to get things close to where they live and they should be able to.

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READERS' forum

Sorority girls need to chill about repairs

To the editor:

When I picked up the Kentucky Kernel yesterday, a gripping headline caught my eye on the front page. The sorority sisters that live on Columbia Avenue were suffering from a horrible nuisance. At first I thought, what kind of terrible nuisance could any sorority girl suffer from? Are their meals not served to them on time? Is there not enough sisterly love going on between them? Or are there just too many fraternity guys knocking on their doors asking them to date parties?

No it was something even worse. Mud, gravel, dust and early morning work. Yes the construc-

tion on Columbia Avenue was interfering with the little princesses pampered lives.

One girl complained that the construction started at 8 a.m., which was too early in the morning. Another complained that they had to walk in mud and gravel and that her room was dusty. Well I believe it is time for the sorority sisters to take action. It is time for them to call up their daddies. While on the phone, they need to ask him to make the big bad construction workers stop waking his little princess up at 8 a.m. Also daddy needs to send a new pair of hiking boots so his little girl doesn't have to go traipsing through the mud in her high heels and party dress.

Oh, but wait, daddy also needs to send a maid over to make sure

his little girl doesn't have to live in a dusty room. Oh my, what horrible things would happen without daddy. While this is one option another even more practical option is for the sorority girls to wake up and venture into a little thing called the real world. A world where yes, normal people get up at 8 in the morning and go to work. A world where people walk through mud and gravel every day.

While you may not be able to leave the caring arms of your daddy just yet, you better get on the phone and ask him for those new hiking boots before you dirty one of your high heels.

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Dumb and dumber part 2 — it's called news writing

While channel surfing this weekend, I caught an interesting episode of "Firing Line" hosted by that most blue-blooded of blue-bloods, William F. Buckley. He and his guests were discussing the "proper intellectual level" at which a reporter or journalist should write. Because I'm new to this journalism thing, I thought I'd watch the discussion.

One of the guests was a high-powered editor in charge of more than 220 newspapers and periodicals. He had just issued a list of "forbidden words" that could not be used in any journalistic piece under his direction. These words were banned because they were words too "difficult" for the average person to understand and, therefore, would be a detriment to the reader's understanding. There was a lively discussion about the merits of this action and in the end no one's position had

changed. Should a writer or journalist always write for the lowest common denominator? If we as a society did that in our public schools, we would be accused of "dumbing down" the curriculum. Likewise should a writer be allowed to wander into examples of linguistic dexterity like James Joyce? If we do that in our schools, most students would be hopelessly lost and our educational system would accomplish nothing. On first brush, it would appear that the latter choice is the most damning; however, as always there is another side to this argument.

There are entire graduate courses focused on simply reading

James Joyce's novel *Ulysses*. Obviously if Joyce followed our advice, then the world would have lost this "masterpiece." What is the answer to this problem?

Last Friday, I was talking to a graduating Colorado State University student about the benefits and costs of writing computer codes using object-oriented (OO) programming techniques. In OO one deals with objects rather than actions, which is what is done using traditional programming methods. We discussed this at length, but it was not until he said one thing that I finally understood what this was all about. Done properly, objects programmed in an OO paradigm will share characteristics with

other related objects. So for a class of objects like "FRUIT," each variable, for example "APPLE," will share some property, such as being "PICKED." Now, you may wonder why am I going on about this stuff? Well if "APPLE" and "ORANGE" are both a kind of "FRUIT," then they share a common bond — the bond of being picked.

They can therefore tap into this common experience, making certain complex ideas more easily expressed.

Let me give you an example: Bill Buckner. This probably means nothing to you unless you were a Mets fan, a Red Sox fan or a PBS fan with a particularly good memory.

These two words tell a story of a doomed Boston Red Sox baseball team, playing the New York Mets in the sixth game of the 1986 World Series. The details are unimportant, but the implications

are: if you try telling someone about something via the written word, you must tap into that reservoir of common experience so that your readers are able to relate to you as a person telling a story.

Using words one would find in a game like Balderdash won't get you anywhere today but would probably have worked just fine in 19th-century Britain.

In this column, I am writing to the student body in general and to graduate students in particular. I assume they have varied experiences in which we share a common bond as Americans in the 20th century.

Some people will have heard of Bill Buckner while others will not.

Is a funny joke funny if you're the only one who gets it? Would my first article have been made better by telling you that Beck and Butthole Surfers was the music I

was listening to on my ride home from Wellington? Would it have made the point of the piece muddier or clearer?

My rule is to write to communicate an idea using whatever means are necessary, without compromising the honest development of the idea.

I make no effort to "puff up" or "dumb down" anything I write. It is my editor's job to tell me if my writing is OK.

As a former vice president once said, "Verbosity leads to inarticulate, unclear things."

Finally, this isn't just about writers or journalists. It is about all of us and how we communicate with each other as individuals, groups and nations.

We need to find our shared experiences, feelings and aspirations in order to communicate with each other, much less discuss salient points of disagreement.

Guest Columnist Chris Clarke is a columnist for the Rocky Mountain Collegian at Colorado State University; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

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Students needed to fill UK101 slots

By Brian Dunn
Staff Writer

The Dean of Students Office is looking for students who remember how fall orientation helped them to adjust from high school to college.

The office has 100 openings for fall orientation leaders and 37 openings for student assistants in UK 101 classes. Each year new students spend the Saturday and Sunday before the fall semester with about 40 other students and two co-leaders, said Becky Jordan, assistant dean to students. The co-leaders' job includes welcoming the students to campus, helping them get to know each other and teaching them about some aspects of campus and academic life.

For the first eight weeks of the semester, Jordan said freshmen can also take UK 101, a class that discusses study skills, awareness of university resources and transitional issues first-year students face in college.

Linda Kiesel, a university extension special-

ist who taught UK 101 last fall, said most importantly UK 101 tries to form opportunities for relationships between students, faculty and staff.

"(UK 101) opens up cultural perspective and humanizes the university for students," she said.

The Dean of Students Office is now accepting applications that are due by Spring Break for fall orientation leaders and student assistants. Student assistants also are responsible for serving as orientation leaders, Jordan said because freshmen will be assigned to fall orientation groups based on their UK 101 assignments.

Glen Powell, a biology senior and a student assistant for the last two fall semesters, said he became an assistant "to work with incoming students and help them with the transition." Powell also wanted to speak in public and to work on his mentoring skills. A student assistant the last two fall semesters as well, Doug Wilham, a mathematics junior, said any chance

to be helpful to people was a benefit.

"My main job was to provide a student's perspective," he said.

Wilham was student assistant to Loys Mather, an agricultural economics professor, who said student assistants add credibility to what the class is trying to teach.

For example, said Mather, Wilham shared his weekly schedule with the students. "Students would think 'Somebody is actually doing this,'" Mather said. "It makes it believable. I enjoy being part of the process in getting freshmen accustomed to the University."

Student assistants and fall orientation leaders get some great experience, Kiesel said.

"(Being a student assistant) is a resume builder, but more important, it's a character builder," she said.

Student assistant and orientation leader applications are available at the Dean of Students Office at 513 Patterson Office Tower or call 257-6597.

More to engineering student than perfect MCAT

By Halli Wu
Contributing Writer

Although known for a perfect test score, there's more to UK environmental engineer Faridoun Osman than academic performance.

Osman, an environmental engineer, earned a perfect score on the Medical College Admissions Test, the admissions test to medical schools and now plans to attend Harvard Medical School.

But he is not just a person who has conquered one of the hardest professional tests. In Arabic Faridoun means "unique." If nothing else, he is definitely unique. Serious, but with a sense of humor, he can intimidate you or he can charm you. And like Leonardo Da Vinci, his range of interests covers just about everything. His tastes, for instance, run beyond mathematical formulas. Osman paints and said he wants to get a doctorate in art or art history.

"(Art is) a part of my personality," Osman said. "It's my way to express myself. Art brings out the essence of something, something

you don't see normally."

An engineer and an artist, Osman likes practical things and avoids those that can not help him grow as a person.

Why did he want to be an engineer? Of course, his father, who is a civil engineer, had a profound influence on him.

But the practicality of engineering also lured him to the field.

As for medical school, "I want to learn more, to challenge myself," he said.

Osman also loves to read and sometimes he reads several books at the same time. Osman does not like fiction books, though, because they are not real. He reads textbooks on anything that interests him: philosophy, physiology, anything.

As for music, he likes Sting and Mozart and any music that has a beat. He plays the piano by ear.

"I admire his passion in any topic," said mechanical engineering senior Ryan Lawrence. "He is

very encouraging, and he always tries to see the good in what you've done. He has a lot to offer to society."

The oldest of five, Osman was born in Afghanistan and lived there until he was about 10 years old. At the age of 7, the former Soviet Union invaded his country.

As citizens of a country that had never been annexed before, the Afghans refused to go quietly.

"We rather die than be slaves to anyone," Osman said.

Osman thinks the Islamic religion also helped unite the Afghans against the one enemy.

A devoted Muslim, Osman described the Afghan war as a holy war.

Although the Soviet Union had since collapsed, an internal civil war is still raging in Afghanistan.

"I would like to help to restore my country, and try to open the eyes of the world to what's going on in a million people had died," he said.

Today, Osman has at least 17 members of his family still involved in the war in Afghanistan.

In 1982 partly because Osman's father was offered a job in Hawaii, and partly because of the war raging in Afghanistan, the Osmans came to the United States.

Kind of a traumatized child, Osman said he had trouble making friends in Hawaii. Lawrence said of Osman. His stay in Hawaii did enable Osman to pick up some Japanese. Besides Japanese and English, Faridoun also speaks some Pushtu, Arabic and French. Although not too fluent in those languages, "I still can find my way around," he said.

After seven years in Hawaii, Osman moved to Louisville with his family. Osman graduated from Seneca High School and attended the University of Louisville before coming to UK, where he received a degree in environmental engineering. He now works as an environmental and mechanical engineer at the Medical Center Physical Plant division.

Osman's supervisor, Andy Gathy, said "(Osman) is a tremendous, diligent, and accurate person."

made private donations.

During a question and answer session, Wethington addressed the concerns of the forum.

When asked if the University had plans to grow, the president said equilibrium is probably the best option at this point.

Economically the Lexington campus cannot currently support a significant increase in enrollment. But Wethington said he would like to see higher enrollment in the community colleges, which recently have been experiencing a decrease in enrollment.

The president said he wants to retain the community colleges as part of UK because they fit in with the school's statewide mission.

In addition to providing a good opportunity for students who want to go to college but can't attend one of the state's four-year schools, the community colleges also provide training and retraining for business and industry.

Private giving reached a new high this year at \$39 million. Forty-three thousand people

Wethington

President hopes to see higher enrollment

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school grade point average of incoming freshmen.

Soon the W.T. Young Library will be complete.

"We can't have an excellent university without an excellent library," Wethington said.

UK is developing a more inclusive learning environment. "I'm very pleased with what kind of leadership we've received from students, faculty and staff," Wethington said.

"I'm absolutely convinced that we're making progress."

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University receives million dollar donation for College of Engineering

Staff report

Up to four new professorships in mechanical engineering will be established thanks to a \$1 million donation from a UK alumnus.

Ervin J. Nutter, of Beaver Creek, Ohio, said the gift has been on the family agenda for a number of years.

"I feel the College of Engineering is really budding and starting to develop into a first-class engineering school," Nutter said.

UK President Charles Wethington and Thomas Lester, dean of the College of Engineering, were present at the meeting.

"This gift, in the form of an estate trust, will establish the Ervin J. Nutter Professorships in Mechanical Engineering," he said.

"This gift provides the foundation for the mechanical engineering program's future effort to recruit and retain talented teachers and researchers."

Nutter and his wife, Zoe Dell, have contributed \$3.5 million to the University, university officials said. His gifts funded the design and construction of the Nutter Fieldhouse and the E.J. Nutter Training Facility.

This gift will not be donated until after his death.

Wethington said Nutter's impact on the University has come in less obvious ways.

As a student, Nutter helped install the electrical wiring in the Administration Building, Wethington said.

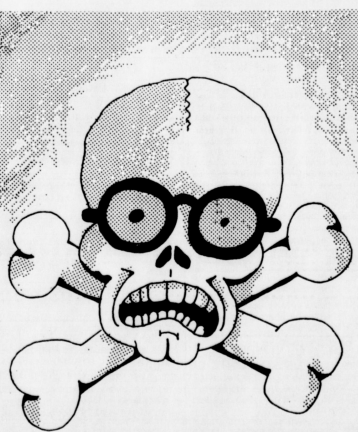
Nutter earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from UK in 1943. Ironically, he already held his professional engineer's license from Ohio, where he had become the youngest person in the state's history to pass the PE exam.

He later was a civilian engineer in the Wright-Patterson Air Force Equipment Laboratory, became its only civilian branch chief, and was responsible for testing Air Force aircraft and equipment in adverse environmental conditions.

In 1950, he used \$360 to organize Elano Corp., a firm that manufactures castings, pipings and various components used by the aerospace industry. He later started several other businesses. He sold Elano Corp. and its affiliate companies to General Electric Co. in 1985. He continues to operate KBJ Ranch in Beaver Creek.

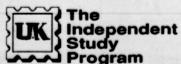
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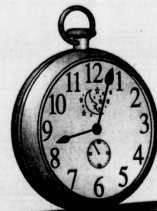
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