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UK students scant at rally

Only five of about 200 students protesting state funding at capitol are from UK

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

FRANKFORT — Chants from about 200 students' echoed through the rotunda of the Capitol Building in Frankfort during the Rally for Higher Education yesterday.

Students applauded and shouted when their school name was called to show the legislators who were yelling near their offices.

But when UK was called out, and the cheers lowered. Five UK

students were present as well as the mascot.

"This is a ridiculous turnout," said Student Government Chief of Staff Robbie Hopkins. "It makes me upset."

"Maybe it's that everybody's too busy or maybe it's that nobody cares."

The rally was organized by the Board of Student Body Presidents, which is an organization made up of the student governments from the eight public

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Students from Kentucky public colleges gather in the rotunda of the state capitol yesterday afternoon to rally against tuition increases.

KASHA STEVENSON | STAFF

Candidates challenge election violations

SG Supreme Court to decide appeals by end of week

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Student Government Supreme Court heard arguments on four disqualified Senatorial candidates last night over violations on their signatures sheets.

The Election Board of Claims disqualified the candidates and the court will decide if they will stand with a written opinion later this week.

Senatorial-at-large candidates must obtain 400 student signatures to run for office. The board monitors the election process for violations.

Candidates Meredith Storm and Jessica Hobbs were both disqualified for having another candidate's name crossed out and replaced with their own on the signature sheet.

"We decided to disqualify Ms. Hobbs because we worry that she has used another candidate's signature sheets," said the Election Board's report. "If this occurred it would be unfair to the students who thought they were supporting the candidacy of one person but were then counted toward another."

Both Hobbs and Storm argued that they ran out of signature sheets and borrowed some from another candidate. Former presidential candidate and constitutional committee chairman Will Nash argued on both Storm and Hobbs' behalf that they didn't take the other candidate's signatures only the actual sheets.

A similar issue pertained to the disqualification of candidate BJ Lee, who had several of signature sheets without his name on them.

"If no candidate name appeared above, when the students signed the sheet it was invalid because the sheet's directions state that they are signing for the candidate's name above," the report said. "There can be no consent to the above candidate if the students are potentially unaware of who the candidate is."

SG Senator and presidential candidate Andy Bates argued on Lee's behalf, telling the court that the fact that his other signature sheets bore his name was enough to ensure that students knew who they were endorsing.

The court justices argued, however, that they had to look at the signature sheets on an individual basis.

The court also discussed whether or not the Election Board has the authority to disqualify candidates without showing proof of violations, which is the current system, leaving the candidates to prove there was no violation.

Both Nash and Bates argued that the Board should show proof but Matt Kirby, the council for the board, argued that precedent was on the board's side.

"I think that under what Mr. Nash is suggesting it will cut short the authority that the board has traditionally held," Kirby said.

A final case was not heard because no representative was present. Candidate Sean Cooper was disqualified because he did not turn in enough signatures to run. Cooper contends that he turned in the required 400 signatures but that the SG office misplaced several sheets.

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Flu season strikes UK late

University Health Services flooded with patients

By Shannon Mason
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

If the thought of midterm exams makes you sick, you are not alone.

More than 50 students have been diagnosed with the influenza virus, or the flu, within the past week at the University Health Service's student clinic, said UHS Director Dr. Greg Moore.

"And that doesn't even count the people with colds," Dr. Moore said.

Moore said UHS received more than 500 calls Monday from students wanting to schedule appointments because they had the flu, a cold or a sore throat.

The flu is the most serious out of these ailments because the virus is responsible for about 36,000 deaths a year in the United States, Moore said.

However, college-age students are in a safer zone and are at less of a risk of suffering major complications.

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Tips for avoiding the flu and a list of ways to cope.
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from the flu, he said.

"It's mostly just the really young or the really old" who suffer most severely, Moore said, adding that students with asthma or diabetes should take extra precautions.

Moore said the most important thing a student can do is to be educated about the flu.

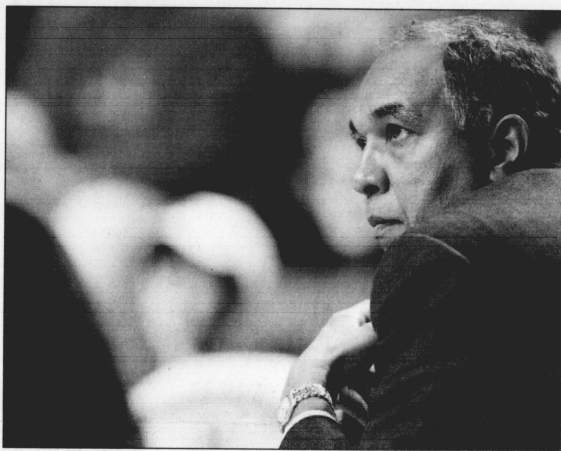
"Most people don't realize what it is," Moore said. "The flu is a respiratory disease that is a virus, and with it you'll have a high temperature, muscle and body aches, a dry cough and maybe a headache. It's not having a runny nose and a sore throat."

Moore advises students who have flu symptoms to drink plenty of fluids, take Tylenol, rest and stay away from healthy people to keep the virus from spreading.

"People who are healthy should stay away from people who are sick, and people who are sick should stay away from people who are healthy," Moore said.

He also said for students to pay attention to how long their symptoms last.

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UK men's basketball head coach Tubby Smith watches his team from the sidelines during a game against Alabama on Jan. 14. Smith is in his ninth season coaching at the university.

In the Big Blue spotlight, Smith garners

CRITICAL SUCCESS

By Derek Poore | The Kentucky Kernel

Tubby Smith is a celebrity in the basketball-obsessed Bluegrass.

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At college basketball's peak, some coaches could lose their footing. But Smith has planted himself firmly at the summit — and he's not about to waver.

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The Orlando "Tubby" Smith Profile

- Born: Orlando Smith, June 30, 1951
- Hometown: Scotland, Md.
- Family: Wife Donna Smith and sons G.G., Saul and Brian
- High School: Great Mills, Md., 1969
- College: High Point, N.C., 1973
- Hired at UK: May 12, 1997
- Career record: 362-131
- Olympics: Won a gold medal as an assistant coach of the U.S. Olympic Team in the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney
- NCAA Tournament record: 27-11 (711 winning percentage; sixth among active coaches)
- Southeastern Conference Tournament record: 21-5

NCAA tourney tickets to be sold during Spring Break

By Chris Delotell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

There's good news and there's bad news for UK students hoping to follow the men's basketball team in the NCAA Tournament.

First, the good news: In each of the past four years, UK has not sold out of its student ticket allotment for first- and second-round tournament games. This means that the chances of a dedicated fan getting tickets this year are very strong.

And now the bad news: The lottery for student tickets will be held early next week, when most UK students will be far away from Lexington, celebrating Spring Break at an exotic locale. This means that unless a student is staying in town next week, the chances of getting tickets are slim at best.

Each year, the NCAA sells UK 650 tickets for the first- and second-round games, according to Executive Associate Athletic Director Rob Mullens.

After coaches, players and staff members receive their tickets, the remaining tickets are given to donors, alumni and students. Each group receives one third of the remaining amount. Mullens said that there are usually about 100 student tickets available.

The timing of the tournament makes it difficult for UK to devise an efficient system for ticket allotment and distribution, Mullens said.

"We find out on TV just like everyone else" he said, referring to

the NCAA Selection Show on Sunday night. "Our options are pretty small. We have a small amount of time for turnaround with having to wait until Sunday night to find out where we go."

Any tickets left over from the student allotment will be distributed back into UK's priority system and are "allocated mostly to donors," according to Mullens.

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SG candidates unveil platform

By Erin Lauther
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Student Government candidates Preston Worley and Scott McIntosh told students last night that they want to increase SG awareness among the student body, expand various services for students and improving campus life.

About 20 students attended the session in Smith Hall. "It's great to see the different candidates' platforms and what they hope to accomplish and also to hear about ideas about things I can do and ways to get involved personally," said Phillip Bruce, a political science major who attended the forum. "It's kind of contagious and makes you want to get out there and do things, too."

The candidates said that they wanted to help keep students informed about SG and other campus happenings with a student-oriented Web site and expanded program on Channel 50.

The duo said they want to offer services on this Web site like discounted tickets to Lexington events, a free pick-a-professor service and information about scholarships, campus events and organizations.

They also propose a plan that would change the structure of dead week.

Worley said the plan would make the Monday and Tuesday of dead week in-class review time, personal study time on Wednesday and finals would start on Thursday and Friday and continue on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the next week.

"Instead of it being five days straight, students would get a break in between finals," said Worley. "Right now, students are having to pick and choose between which finals to study for. It seems like breaking it up offers students a better opportunity to prepare for each of their finals and ultimately get better grades."

Lastly, they called for SG to raise issues about women's safety and improve relations between students and campus and metro police. McIntosh said he wants

women's safety to be addressed by education and what he called "safety teams" — groups of people educated about women's safety working with police.

"36.5 percent of women are victimized during their time at UK, and 95 percent of (those incidents) are acquaintance victimizations," said McIntosh.

McIntosh and Worley also plan to work with campus and metro police to change the way police handle student drinking.

Instead of arresting the student, McIntosh says they would encourage police to use student contact forms that would refer the student to the dean's office for punishment.

While Worley feels all their goals are tangible and that SG has a reputation that needs to be fixed.

"We have a hard job of rebuilding the credibility of student government," said Worley. "But in our conversations with Dr. Todd and other administrators, they are really excited to see students who are still passionate about the university and passionate about making the student experience as good as possible."

McIntosh said their platform, though extensive, is not just empty promises.

"We wanted to offer things that could actually be implemented," said McIntosh. "We are offering things that will foster real change and policy changes; actual things that students will feel the effects of. They're a lot of things we can work on at once because it is going to take long-term change."

"We want to make students aware of what SG does offer them and so that it would rebuild that trust," said McIntosh. "Instead of working for itself, it really works for students. We want students to benefit from student government again."

"The new vision is a student government that is involved with the students and focused on issues that are relevant to students," said Worley. "We want an administration that really has contact with the students, who are there because that's what they care about and not because it's a good resume filler."

Rally

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Kentucky universities, and meant to push student issues, particularly lower tuition, on the legislature.

The rally lasted from noon to around 2 p.m. with members of different universities' student governments speaking. The crowd chanted "fund the future" and waved signs reading "show me the money" next to statues of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis.

Despite the low turn out, the UK students there said they were hopeful.

"Overall it's gone very well," said SG President Becky Ellingsworth. "I think we stayed positive and I think that's the key."

The rally came one day after the Board of Trustees approved a 12 percent tuition increase for next year, the fourth consecutive year with a double-digit increase.

SG Senator Brent Burchett said he was disappointed with the turnout as well especially in lieu of the tuition jump. "I thought the timing would get everybody going," Burchett said. "I think everyone was busy with midterms, I think that played a big part in it."

"Still, there's no excuse when we've got a 12 percent tuition increase."

SG reserved busses to transport students to the capital but didn't use them since no one showed interest. The UK mascot arrived about an hour into the event, to which one student said, "Nice of them to show up."

Burchett, Hopkins and Ellingsworth all said they were surprised and upset that no candidates running for SG president or vice-president for next year came to the rally.

The other student there was UK's student representative to the Council on Post-Secondary Education, Ryan Quarles.

Hopkins said he thought students might be getting frustrated with fighting tuition increases because rallies and other efforts in the past haven't stopped tuition from climbing. He said rallies might not be effective.

"It's all about making the



KASHA STEVENSON | STAFF

Students look on in the Capitol Rotunda during the Rally for Higher Education in Frankfort yesterday.

legislators care," Hopkins said.

"For us to come and yell in their office building and distract them. I don't think that makes them care that much."

Brett Hall, director of communications and planning for Gov. Ernie Fletcher, said this rally was typical of most and that what follows rallies is more important than the event itself.

"If you do it by itself, it's not very effective," Hall said, who could hear the students in the hallway by his office. "It's who you bring to the rally and what you do in addition to it."

"A lot of people come up here and have rallies and go home and wonder why it didn't work."

Burchett sent a similar message after addressing the crowd in a speech.


"If your legislators couldn't hear your voices echoing here today, make sure your legislators hear your voice tomorrow over the telephone," Burchett said.

Ellingsworth shared Burchett's hope that the rally and student efforts could make a difference.

"The budget still has to go through the Senate so hopefully some of the senators attended or heard about it," Ellingsworth said.

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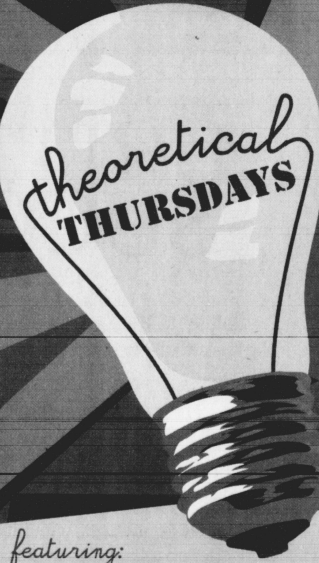
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"If you have the flu, you'll be sick for about four to five days," Moore said. "But you'll be really sick for about two to three. If the symptoms last any longer, students should come into the clinic because it can turn into pneumonia after a while."

Moore also advises students who have the flu and begin "coughing stuff up" to come in to the clinic because that would mean they have fluid in their lungs.

For those students who are trying to keep from getting the flu, Moore recommends frequent hand washing.

"Influenza doesn't travel very far," he said. "Most of the time it spreads when people shake hands and then touch their eyes or nose."

Moore also advises students not to smoke because

smoking weakens the immune system, making smokers more susceptible to diseases.

"And next year, get a flu shot," he said. Moore said UHS has free waterless handwash and tissues available for students as well.

Even though many students have midterm exams and essays to write this week, Moore advises students to get a lot of sleep and eat right.

"I know a lot of students are staying up all night studying and typing papers," Moore said. "But if you're sick, that's not going to work, either."

Moore said flu season hits in the winter because people live closer together.

He said this year's outbreak coming closer to Spring Break might be a good thing.

"Luckily, it's almost Spring Break and people will be traveling to warmer places," Moore said. "That way they can get away from all this."

Understanding the Flu

■ **Flu:** A contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent this illness is by getting a flu vaccination. Each year in the U.S., 5 to 20% of the population gets the flu, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and 36,000 people die from the flu.

■ **Symptoms:** fever (high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, certain stomach symptoms

■ **Ways to prevent the flu:** avoid close contact with people who are sick; when sick, keep your distance from others; if you are sick, stay home; cover your mouth and nose; clean your hands; avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

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Panel talks racial barriers at UK

By John D. Morgan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK College of Law's first black graduate shared his experiences as a student at the university in the mid-1950s yesterday at the King Alumni House.

The lecture was followed by a panel discussion with current international social work students and both were part of a week-long symposium put on by the College of Social Work.

Hinnant, who began at UK just one year after the university began admitting black students to its undergraduate programs in 1955, said he faced a lot of hostility while at UK.

"It did not take me long to realize that some people, some professors, some students wanted me to fail, and were very hostile and negative," Hinnant said. "When you go somewhere and you don't see yourself, you don't feel welcome."

In his 90-member class, Hinnant was one of only 23 to graduate. But he still did

not get the respect he felt he'd earned, he said.

After his graduation, he recalled one professor telling him that every UK College of Law graduate's picture hung on the wall at the college — but Hinnant's would not.

It was 40 years later that Hinnant's picture was finally framed and hung with the rest of his classmates.

Hinnant went to work with State Farm Insurance. He was the first African-American lawyer ever to be employed by the company.

Hinnant said he was able to ignore the "distractions" and worked hard to ensure he would reach his dream of being a lawyer that he'd had since he was seven years old.

"In a democracy, freedom is not won or lost all at once, it is won or lost day by day," he said.

After Hinnant's speech, members of the panel discussed what it is like to be culturally different on UK's campus today.

International social work students from three different countries discussed chal-

lenges of being an international student at UK, but also added how helpful the professors were to them while they were adjusting to the foreign culture.

"Every person has a problem, but international students have more problems than anyone else can have because they are totally onto a different world," said Vinod Srivastava, a social work student from India.

As a part of that different world, international students have to cope with the language barriers that exist.

"You are a different person when you speak another language. You can't be ironic, or sarcastic. You can't have any humor at all," Stefana Moldovan, a social work student from Romania, said.

Still, many of them said they feel welcome at UK.

"I feel at home in Kentucky," said Jitender Thakur, a social work student from India.

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KENTUCKY CRIBS: Checking out on-campus digs



Kenny Moyer
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Welcome to the third edition of Kentucky Crib, a series brought to you by, well, me, and dedicated to bringing you an up-close look at the luxurious lifestyles of UK students.

I'll be your guide for today as we delve into the secret lairs in some of campus' most exotic residence halls. That's right; so just sit back and relax while we embark on this magical tour through South Campus.

Located between the E.J. Nutter Training Facility on Sports Center Drive and the William T. Young Library exists this well-known hotspot for most undergrads. Thirteen residence halls sit on this spacious plot of land, housing roughly 3,117 students, mostly undergraduate freshmen and sophomores.

Everything from UK's signature Kirwan Tower, built in 1966 with 22 floors of co-ed living space, to a brand new Baldwin Hall, peacefully sit as students move in and out all while calling this little patch of land their home away from home.

Also known as the Kirwan-Blanding complex, deriving its name from the five Kirwan and five Blanding dorms all within footsteps of each other, South campus



KENNY MOYER | STAFF

Jameson Morgan, a business freshman, gave The Kernel a tour of this community restroom on his floor of Blanding Tower. The Kirwan-Blanding Complex has been housing students since the 1960s.

palettes of traditional color used in the interior were enhanced with a slight bronze accent.

When thinking about my own dorm experience in one of the older and more '60s-retro South Campus dorms, I couldn't help but notice Baldwin contained no tears in the furniture, scuffs on the floors or disturbing finger paintings on the walls. I guess while spending roughly \$46 million to build these new dorms (or approximately \$67,252 per resident), the university also wanted to make sure the student tenants would be properly house-broken and well-mannered.

Evan Byers, a finance and marketing freshman, allowed me to take a quick peak inside his dorm room located in Baldwin Hall.

The very first thing I noticed were the socks Byers

was wearing as he greeted me at the hall check-in desk. I wasn't actually distracted by the rustic colored socks, but by the fact that I couldn't have imagined ever walking barefoot around my dorm hallways with out fear of stepping on nails or even dried-up regurgitation.

The two-person bedrooms come fully furnished with everything, from adequate desk space to moveable closets, all in a warm wood tone, creating a soothing cottage charm. A porcelain sink is kindly placed in each bedroom as well; however, the shower and toilet are both shared with the residents of a joining room.

After my experience of having to wear shower sandals and use toilet seat covers every time I had to do my business in the dorm I lived in, this vision of four people to a clean bathroom sounds more like heaven than a campus hall.

To top off the romantic feel, the sun's rays are able to gently beam through the windows, creating natural light just perfect for a mid-afternoon nap.

Moving on, each floor contains its own laundry room, study area, lounge area and a kitchen equipped with a full range oven and large refrigerator. These amenities are nice, but I haven't even mentioned the fact that the floors are also co-ed. Too good to be true? Hardly.

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Cats thunder past Marshall

By Ryan Mabry
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK first baseman Ryan Strieby did exactly what he needed to do to seal the win for the Cats yesterday.

"He had to elevate something to the outfield, and he did a great job of that," head coach John Cohen said. "He doesn't have to find barrel there and hit it out of the ballpark."

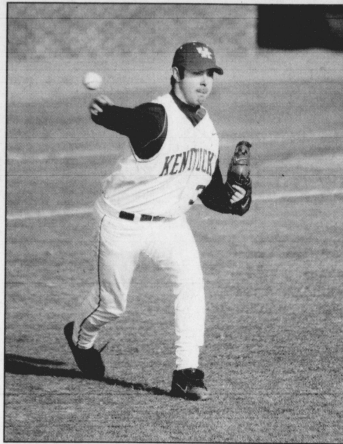
Strieby did just that as he laced a walk-off single down the right field line with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning, giving UK a 7-6 victory over Marshall. He said the difference for him was the velocity of the opposing pitching.

"Last night we really struggled at the plate," Strieby said. "A lot of their (Western Kentucky's) guys weren't necessarily batters who weren't necessarily batters, so we were kind of out on our front foot. We want to hit line drives, and make the defense work for their outs."

Shaun Lehmann started the game-winning rally for the Cats (10-3) with a single up the middle off Marshall reliever Nick Wolle (0-2). Antonio DeJesus followed with a bunt for a base hit. Then, in a scene drenched with irony, Wolle balked to move the runners up to second and third. On Tuesday night, UK lost when Zach Dials batted in the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth inning.

"I didn't see it, but this one must've been pretty obvious because two umpires called it at the same time," Cohen said of the play. "I think that is ironic, it was kind of our turn."

With first base open after the balk, Wolle intentionally walked Collin Cowgill, and



Keith Smiley | STAFF
Sophomore pitcher Greg Dombrowski throws to first during UK's game against Evansville last month. The Cats beat Marshall 7-6 yesterday at home.

southpaw Bryson Meyers entered the game to pitch to the left-handed Sean Coughlin. After Meyers struck out Coughlin on three pitches, Marshall made another pitching change, bringing in Brendon Bump to face Strieby.

The hit wouldn't have meant nearly as much, however, without some brilliant defensive work in the top of the inning. The game had been a seesaw affair since the scoring started in the third, and Marshall threatened to re-take the lead in the top of the ninth.

Marshall's leadoff hitter Chris Monaco got on base with a drag bunt, and advanced to third on a sacrifice and wild pitch. With the infield in, UK's John Shelby picked off a hot grounder off the bat of Rich Russell and gunned down Monaco trying to score. Cowgill ended the inning on the next pitch with a spectacular diving catch of Marshall pinch hitter Brent Mason's fly ball to shallow right field.

"Those were clutch plays right there," Strieby said of his teammates' defense. "You

never know, they could have went up one or two (runs) if they don't make those plays."

DeJesus continued his hot hitting to kick off this campaign, going 4-for-5 with an arsenal of slap hits and bunt singles.

"My job is basically just to get on any way possible," DeJesus said. "Whether it's bunting or just trying to get a walk, that's my whole philosophy — just to get on at any cost."

Cohen is glad to have a hitter like DeJesus in the lineup.

"Speed always pressures the defense, and it forces defenses into making mistakes," Cohen said. "Even when he's not swinging it well, he's got that going for him, so it makes him an explosive offensive player."

Andrew Albers (1-0) got the win in relief, making his second appearance of the season. He pitched an inning and two-thirds, striking out one and not walking a batter. "He really wants to be out there," Cohen said of Albers, who is recovering from tendonitis in his elbow. "You can just tell from his body language. There's no question that we're not going to be as good as we can be unless he's out there as a big part of the pitching staff."

DeJesus said the win would be good for team morale.

"It definitely gives us some momentum — a loss here would have dampened our spirits a little bit," DeJesus said. "But we're playing well now, and we're just ready to get into the weekend and get another sweep."

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As seniors rest, tennis still rolls

By Matt Maquire
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK men's tennis team pulled out two wins in its doubleheader against Indiana State and Murray State yesterday, and the Cats did so without their top players.

Never giving their opponents a chance, the Cats (No. 29) started strong in each of their matches, taking control from the start of doubles play and keeping it well into the singles play.

"Murray State is the best team in the Ohio Valley Conference, and Indiana State is

the best or second-best team in the Missouri Valley Conference," head coach Dennis Emery said.

The core of the team, including seniors Nate Emge and Alex Hume, was given a much-needed rest allowing the young guns on the squad to gain valuable experience in the middle of the season.

The rest of the Cats stepped up, winning 6-1 against ISU and 5-2 against MSU.

"I feel like it was a comfortable victory for the team," freshman Greg Anderson said.

Anderson won his first match 6-4, 6-3 against ISU and followed it up with a dominating performance of 7-5, 6-0 against MSU.

"I don't think there was any nail-biting moments today," Emery said.

allowing the top players to rest would help develop the younger talent.

"I thought we played a good match today," Emery said. "We're trying to get our younger guys some experience and bring them along to play in SEC matches."

Freshman Kyle Virgin agreed.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Softball dominates Colonels

Starting its longest road swing of the season, the UK softball team defeated Eastern Kentucky 8-2, yesterday in Richmond, Ky.

UK's Amy Kendall threw a complete game to get the win, as the Cats improved to 12-6 on the season. Kendall struck out seven Colonels, one shy of her career high.

The Cats took the lead with two runs in the third inning, and they extended the gap with three runs in the fifth. Four straight two-out hits fueled that rally, including a single by Katie Campbell that extended her career-high hitting streak to nine games.

Campbell scored once and finished 2-for-4 with 3 RBIs. She has a team-high 22 RBIs this year.



UK junior infielder Brooke Marantz makes contact during a game last week. The Cats defeated Eastern Kentucky 8-2 yesterday in Richmond.

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Hoops throws 'Dance' party

The UK women's basketball team will host a NCAA Selection Show Party on Monday at Memorial Coliseum for the public.

Fans can join the team as

the Cats learn if they will receive their first bid to the Big Dance since 1995.

The doors will open to the general public at 6 p.m. with the selection show airing on the big screen at 7 p.m.

The concession stands

will be open and serving free refreshments while supplies last. The UK ticket office will be open after the selection show for season ticket holders to purchase NCAA Tournament tickets.

Currently ranked No. 22 in the RPI, UK (21-8, 9-5 SEC) compiled its first 20-win season in seven years, a school-record nine wins in the SEC and a fourth-place finish in the league standings.

UK has appeared in five NCAA Tournaments, the last coming in 1999.

UK went 21-11 that season and earned the sixth seed in the West Region. UK defeated 11th-seeded Nebraska in the first round before falling to No. 3 seed and host UCLA in the second round.

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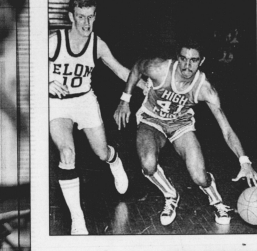
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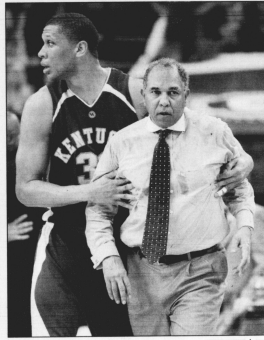


Above: Tubby Smith drives during his coaching days at High Point University in 1972. Left: Smith yells at a player on the bench to get into the game during the Cats' 60-78 win over South Carolina on Jan. 21.

Below: Smith hugs senior guard Brandon Staxton as he is introduced during the Senior Night activities before the beginning of UK's last game of the regular season against Florida on Sunday.



Donna Smith cheers from her seat at a Rugby Arena during an exhibition game against Georgetown (Rt.) on Nov. 9.



Smith downplays Rupp's disputed legacy

By Derek Pao

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

Tubby Smith doesn't know if Adolph Rupp was a racist.

When the legendary UK coach retired in 1972, Smith was still the co-captain of High Point (N.C.) University's basketball team. Smith hasn't spoken out much about the past, because aside from the tradition of UK basketball, it doesn't really concern him.

"But he doesn't all criticisms hurled toward Rupp are completely unfounded," Smith said. "I know him. But then again, I didn't live when the lynchings were going on in the South. Smith said: 'So I never really was privy to it. But if history says that's what happened, then that's what happened. You know what I mean?'"

"It was not unique unto Kentucky," Smith said. "It's not like Kentucky was any less progressive than any other school."

In hindsight, the game's national impact during the height of the Civil Rights Movement is obvious. Smith said he sees the game as just another step toward progress.

"It just so happens that (Owen Western) was predominantly black," he said. "There were those days and those times that were taking place in our society. What better way to have a bigger impact on a national stage. Kentucky the premier program, the winningest college basketball program, competing against them for the first time and getting beat on TV?"

Growing up in Scotland, Md., Smith didn't exactly live in the Deep South. The biggest impact of desegregation was switching schools and coaches during the early to mid-1960s. During integration and from an all-black school, George Washington moved to Great Mills High School, an all-white school at the time.

He doesn't dwell on any injustices of the past. Instead, he gives glowing testimonials on how people should treat each other.

"I think most people, when you treat (them) the right way, will cooperate," Smith said.

As he rose through the coaching ranks, Smith didn't get caught up in the racial debate. When he came to Lexington, the national news was that UK had hired its first black head basketball coach. The next day, it was that UK had hired its first black head coach at Georgia.

"I had already been through that experience. I'm still a minority in the coaching ranks. There's still not a majority of blacks versus whites. It's not necessary that I'm a white person. It's just the way things are. I was never black coach as long before I got here. It wasn't like I was some person. There were black coaches long before I got here."

"The past, true or not, is still relevant to Smith's experience. Perspective is something he's always trying to understand and is perhaps a source of his even tone.

"I like to think that our society continues to get better," he said.

Tubby Smith's basketball resume:

- **High school:** Great Mills, Md. (1955-59)
- **College:** High Point (N.C.) University (1960-1972)
- **1973-77:** Head coach, Great Mills (N.C.) High School (46-36 record)
- **1977-79:** Head coach, Hope College by N.C. High School (28-38)
- **1979-86:** Assistant coach, Virginia Commonwealth University (64-64)
- **1986-89:** Assistant coach, South Carolina (55-35)
- **1989-91:** Assistant coach, UK (36-20)
- **1991-95:** Head coach, Tulsa University (71-43), NCAA Sweet 16 (1994, 95)
- **1995-97:** Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year (1994, 95)
- **1997-97:** Head coach, Georgia (45-59), NCAA Sweet 16 (1996)
- **1997-Present:** Head coach, UK (238-69), NCAA Championships (1998), NCAA Final Four (1998, 2001, 2002), SEC regular season titles (5), SEC tournament titles (5)

It was more than a little out of place. After UK's third straight loss, Orlando "Tubby" Smith saw a nightmare playing out over and over again.

This was another game where we really didn't execute. Smith said after UK's 68-64 loss at home against Alabama on Jan. 14. "We didn't play very smart."

The streak marked the first of its kind since the 1960-61 season. Another three-game slide last month put him back in the same uneasy position, the same unfamiliar territory.

This isn't what the UK basketball coach is used to in his 34th season in Lexington. He's used to winning streaks, including a 26-game run three years ago. He's used to Southeastern Conference championships (five during his UK tenure). And most importantly he's used to leading to those 11 all over the place in the second half and for no reason. "I said in Rupp Arena's media room after the Alabama loss. Starting through camera lenses into the hearts of the Wildcats faithful, it's simultaneously the first and last place he wants to be."

Smith isn't coming shy, but he's much more comfortable in his office in Memorial Coliseum. The power knob isn't the blue-blooded basketball fanatic's dream. It's more a subtle sign of his authority in overlooking the winning program's captain's quarters. He's hardly intimidated.

Still, it's the NCAA — the power hub of the UK basketball universe. There but just enough room for Smith's desk, a few memories, a meeting table and a few conference chairs.

It's October, and UK has just gotten over the traditional Big Blue Madness kickoff, a glorified scrimmage with plenty of pyrotechnics, obnoxious announcers and a crowd of 22,174 fans on hand for the first portion of the season. And with a midweek afternoon practice creeping up in less than an hour, Smith would rather be on the court anyway — anything really than giving another press conference.

Sitting in his office, his surmounting the 2002-03 season from a torn anterior cruciate ligament. "This team 'turning' left UK feeling. Fans hated each other. I felt like I was the only one who was using control of the team." Smith said. "A new president comes in and he can't change his entire administration. He has to work with what he was given."

News said those criticisms were never valid. The first place. Tubby has not only won with his Black players, but he's won with his White players, Newton said.

After Team "Turnout," Smith honed his idea of a quality player:

Some of it had been bad back, but had again threw a kick in his program.

"Some people can handle it, and some people can't," Smith said of his players. "And that's the biggest challenge. It's not to evaluate who can handle it. And that's where our expertise comes in."

Smith believes he couldn't have handled it any other way if he couldn't satisfy the critics with a national title, he couldn't satisfy them period. "I never felt like I had to defend myself in that regard," Smith said. "People that stay staff like that are those who didn't want you around anyway. And no matter what you do, it's going to influence them."

His opinion on that still hasn't changed and probably never will.

"The same people calling for my job now are the ones who were calling for my job before I got the job," Smith said Tuesday on ESPN's "Pardon the Interruption."

Success is relative, and for Kentucky basketball fans, it means winning a national championship just about every year. That might be unrealistic for some, but those are also the standards Smith holds himself and his team to.

"If you're in this profession for a long period of time, you're going to go through struggling times," Dooey said. "The bar is so high in UK, but he's really responsible — he's kept it there."

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IN OUR OPINION

Blame Ky. legislature for tuition increases

When tuition goes up, students are quick to blame UK administrators and the Board of Trustees. After all, they're the ones who set and vote on the specific rates.

But the real culprit for tuition increases is in Frankfort — the Kentucky General Assembly.

Through the budget process, the General Assembly determines how much to put into UK's general fund each year. The difference between that and UK's proposed budget determines how much tuition goes up.

Moreover, it is the legislature that mandated in 1997's House Bill 1 that UK must become a top-20 university by 2020. So when tuition goes up in order to pay for the top-20 goal, UK's not to blame — the General Assembly is.

We're happy to see that the House budget, which passed unanimously on Tuesday, increased UK's base funding more than Gov. Ernie Fletcher's stingy budget proposal would have, including \$9 million specifically for the faculty and staff salary pool raises necessary to meet the projections of the Top-20 Business Plan.

UK President Lee Todd said in yesterday's *Kernel* that the \$9 million allocated for UK's top-20 plan is a sign of the "legislature's support of the plan and their interest in seeing results." But he also said that tuition increase percentages

would have remained in the single digits if the state had provided the \$18 million requested by UK's business plan.

Like Todd, we wish the state had provided the requested amount — the lower the tuition increase, the better. But even if the House fell somewhat short, we're glad to see legislators making good on their pledge of support for the Top-20 Business Plan last month.

Of course, getting the legislature to give UK the support it needs requires showing them that students care about funding and higher-education issues. And, unfortunately, UK students' presence — or lack thereof — at yesterday's Higher Education Rally in Frankfort was an emphatic reminder that UK students couldn't care less.

Out of about 200 students at the rally, only five were UK students — three from Student Government (albeit none of this year's presidential candidates), UK's representative on the Council on Postsecondary Education and Scratch, the UK mascot.

Until students start to pay attention, voice their opinions and vote, legislators will continue to discount students' views and exclude their concerns from the legislative process. And UK's tuition will keep spiraling upward.

Defeat of amendment was right for state constitution

Last week, Democrats in the Kentucky Senate blocked a constitutional amendment that would prohibit state courts from ruling certain ways on several controversial issues, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader.

The amendment contained a hedgepodge of prohibitions that would have prevented judges from:

- Barring the public display of the Ten Commandments in a historical context.
- Upholding local "fairness ordinances" that protect civil rights of gays.
- Requiring the General Assembly to raise taxes or telling it how to spend taxpayer money.
- Allowing lawmakers to be named when the constitutionality or validity of laws is subject to a lawsuit.

There are disputes as to whether or not such an amendment is compatible with the "equal protection" clause of the U.S. Constitution. However, it needn't go that far.

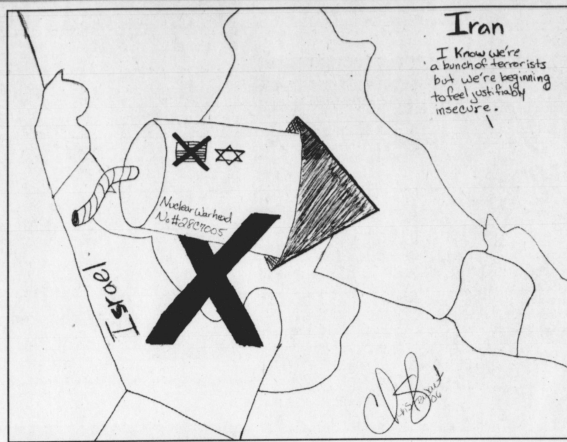
Amending a constitution is serious business, and one would

think that the political party always preaching about the rule of law and fidelity to the constitution would know better. But there's a complete lack of seriousness in the state GOP's actions.

It's confusing, not to say disconcerting, that the legislature would attempt to amend the constitution in such an ad hoc, haphazard fashion.

It's common for everyone, liberal or conservative, to occasionally disagree with a court's ruling. But coercing courts to make particular decisions on cases that haven't even been heard not only subverts impartiality, but the institutional role of the courts in our government.

History and public opinion has shown courts to be far less scandalous and trustworthy than the other two branches of the government. If state Republicans want to effect positive change on the judiciary without disregarding balances of power, we suggest they focus on running candidates who reflect the GOP's philosophical jurisprudence this fall.



CHRIS STEWART, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Web site intends to help station

UK's student radio station, WRFL, has been having some serious problems with its equipment as well as its operating procedures. Unfortunately, some people at WRFL seem to be afraid that publicity about the station and especially about how it operates will lead to the students of UK deciding that they should reconsider their generous support of the station.

It's easy to overlook that WRFL only exists because 78 percent of polled students in 1988 said that they would be willing to contribute part of their student fees to make the dream of Radio Free Lexington a reality. What began as a column in *The Kernel* wound up uniting not just the student body but also the Student Government, the administration of UK and then Lexington Mayor Scotty Baesler to provide a much-needed venue for music fans in the Bluegrass.

Some staff members worry that current students won't understand how important it is for UK and Lexington to have a station that plays music that you can't hear anywhere else. I think they would do understand how important our work is.

I have created a Web site that is meant to help both the staff of WRFL and its listeners learn more about the station. This needs to include its successes as well as its current problems, because WRFL is too important and unique to lose. As a public radio station, we are here both to help the community and to serve it. Part of the mission which WRFL's founders called "entertainment and education" is to be honest with our community when we're having trouble so that we can get the help we need.

FreeWRFL.net is still in its infancy, but it's designed to help community members learn about public radio and WRFL in particular by providing access to information about the station as well as public forums where listeners can interact with those like myself who work there every week to bring you the best programming available on your dial.

MARK KIDD
WRFL staff member
editor, freeWRFL.net

Letter represented misunderstandings

It is a very sad day when we must question the

need for diversity.

The issue of promoting diversity is simply not about "begging" a particular group of people to attend UK. Rather, promoting diversity at UK is an issue of creating an environment that cultivates individuals in such a manner in which textbooks and teachers cannot. To put it simply, UK is not a very welcoming environment for people of color, and despite what some people might think, affirmative action is not necessarily the solution to UK's problem. The solution lies in how UK is to rid itself of the deconstructive attitudes and behaviors that pervade among some of its students — namely, attitudes that would deny even the need to promote diversity.

After reading Chuck Sandburg's letter "Diversity discussions much ado about nothing," I was halfway expecting for him to end by stating, "If Black people don't want to attend UK, they should go back to Africa." This bitterness, lack of understanding, ignorance and posture of selfishness and privilege on the part of some people is what is wrong with UK.

Throughout history, African-Americans (and other minorities) have been systematically excluded and denied from the majority; thus arose the need for organizations such as African American fraternities and sororities, Black Student Unions, the NAACP, Black Panther Party, ACLU, Nation of Islam, SCLC and BET — to name a few. These organizations, in their own way, serve to provide support, resources, entertainment, information, empowerment and guidance to minorities in their continual pursuit for acknowledgement, respect, and equal opportunity.

For Sandburg to declare that it is "plain old rude" to have such organizations holds no credence, especially here at UK, where the majority is not people of color. Just because an organization, television network or event does not overtly advertise its target audience does not mean that people do not know who is being catered to. I end this letter not reciprocating bitterness and frustration, but hopeful that we as so-called educated college students can dig a little deeper before we lend our minds to discussion.

CRYSTAL MCGEE
UK alumnae

Sure, you want an abortion ban. But do you really want to enforce it?

In light of South Dakota's recent passing of a law banning almost all abortions, even in cases of rape and incest, I have a question for my abortion rights opponents.

How much time should a woman who gets an abortion spend in jail? South Dakota's answer is "none." Its law punishes only the doctors who perform abortions.

But if all abortion really is murder — if a days-old, unconscious, one-cell zygote deserves all of the legal protections that you and I have — why are we going so light on the women? After all, someone who hires a hitman doesn't get off scot-free, so why should a woman who solicits the service of an abortion doctor?

It's time for us to think long and hard about how to punish women who have abortions. If one of the left-leaning Supreme Court justices retires or dies and President George W. Bush gets another chance to make a nomination, the high court will almost certainly

have a five-justice majority in favor of overturning Roe v. Wade.

At that point, we'll be seeing state legislatures — Kentucky's General Assembly presumably among them — passing a lot more laws like South Dakota's. Making abortion illegal means, of course, coming up with a punishment for the women who get them. But many abortion-rights opponents seem not to have considered that the logical conclusion of "Abortion is murder" is "Imprison the women who have abortions."

It was a video I saw online (available at <http://www.atcenter.network.com/?p=64>) that got me thinking that few people truly think abortion is murder. Perhaps it's not representative — pro-life readers, let me know — but if it is, it casts a lot of doubt on the rhetoric of the anti-abortion movement.

The video shows an interviewer talking to anti-abortion protesters outside an abortion clinic. He interviews about ten, all of whom say (unsurprisingly) that abortion should be illegal. The interesting part is when he asks what punishment women who get abortions should receive. Only one respondent recommends jail time; the rest say the women should pray, or get counseling, or (gasp!) think about

what they've done. Do these protesters think people who kill postpartum humans ought to suffer the same horrific fate — prayer and counseling?

Or is it that, deep down, beyond the rhetoric about murder (or genocide, as the lovely signs on our campus last semester put it), even the most strident abortion opponents — the ones who spend their days holding up pictures of dead fetuses and intimidating women outside clinics — recognize that there's a substantive difference between "murder" of a first-trimester fetus and murder of a born human? I think this is more likely the answer — and it's why anti-choice policies are ultimately unsustainable.

Americans are generally uncomfortable with abortion — a CBS/New York Times poll in January found 60 percent of respondents in favor of imposing stricter limits on or banning abortion. But my guess (I couldn't find any polling data on the specific topic) is that the majority of Americans are also uncomfortable with jailing women and doctors.

Much of the debate over abortion in recent years has obscured what the actual consequences would be when states pass wide-reaching abortion bans in the wake

of Roe v. Wade being overturned.

Normal women — people "we" know, not the heartless, goddess sluts that women who get abortions are often portrayed as — who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy would end up in jail, as well as the doctors who try to help them. Figuring out who's had an abortion will also entail state bureaucrats poring through the health records of most women between the ages of 15 and 45, which I doubt would win a lot of support. (Imagine you or your future wife going through the pain of a miscarriage and then being investigated by prosecutors to make sure the pregnancy was terminated by natural causes.)

Illegalizing abortion would entail all of this and more. I understand that many people want fewer fetuses to be killed, but will they still think it's worth it once they see the costs of enforcing an abortion ban?

Instead of embarking on a draconian campaign of privacy invasion and imprisonment to stop abortion, we should work on the root of the problem — unplanned pregnancies. Rather than spending their time looking up when and why women are going to the doctor, state health officials could develop comprehensive sex-education pro-

grams that show students how to obtain and use contraception. Funds that would be spent prosecuting women and doctors could instead go toward making birth control available to those who cannot otherwise afford it.

Of course, religious extremists won't support these measures — they're just as interested in making sure no one except heterosexual married couples have sex (with procreative intent, moreover) as they are in stopping abortions. But these are the same people who really would dig through 15-year-olds' medical records and imprison women who have abortions. As they gain power, their true intent becomes clearer — as in the South Dakota ban's horrifying lack of rape and incest exemptions.

Instead of waiting for these reactionaries to impose their out-of-touch agenda on the country and acting shocked — shocked! — when they start throwing women we know into prison, the sane majority in this country should stop them from gaining any more power. They don't represent us, but it would be a tragedy if thousands of women had to suffer in order to make that clear.

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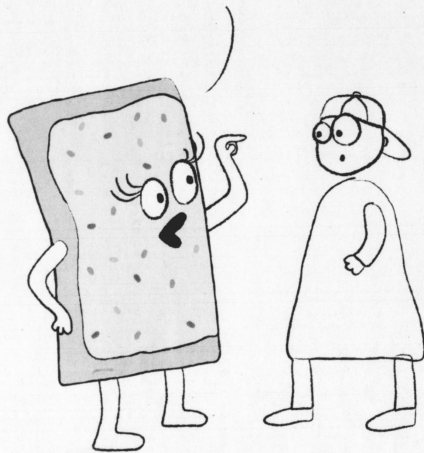
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