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UK breaks tradition with new police chief

*Kentucky's
first female
chief named*

By Brian Dunn
News Editor

New UK Chief of Police Rebecca Langston doesn't deny she's a woman.

She's been one for all 24 years of her law enforcement career.

But UK's new chief of police is the first woman to head any police department accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. In other words, she is the first female police chief in Kentucky history.

UK Vice President for University Relations Joseph T. Burch, the person who chose Langston, didn't consider her gender.

"She was the most qualified applicant we had," he said.

Langston was thrilled to be selected on her own merit.

"I'm delighted to be here," Langston said. "I think it's great of the University not to mind that I'm a female."

Burch said Langston's strong

background pushed her past 10 or more other applicants. He said her understanding for the job and familiarity with the community were key.

Langston became a Lexington police officer in 1973. She ascended the ranks to become captain. In October 1995, she retired as captain to become assistant police chief at the UK police department.

She serves as assistant chief until July 1, when she will replace retiring chief of police W.H. McComas.

When Langston was given the job, she didn't expect UK police officers to find out immediately. But they did. Langston was in a meeting when her pager started spitting out congratulatory messages.

Any changes Langston brings to the UK police will focus on taking care of basic services to the best of their ability, she said.

So far, she's given some thought to realignment of staffers and job duties, but she says that won't come right away.

And she hasn't forgotten the recurring bicycle dilemma of the

last couple of years.

Last year's bike paths and tickets have elicited positive feedback, she said, from both pedestrians and bicyclists.

Langston also addressed the issue of releasing information on crimes and accidents.

She said the need to release information depends on "a delicate blend" between the victim's right to privacy and the public's need to know.

"Any release of information needs to take into consideration for the victim as well as the witness," said Langston, a member of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Violence Prevention Board and chair of the Partner Abuse Committee.

She said she wasn't against the public's right to know, but some cases warrant extra care for victims.

Sometimes the public and the media force police to act too quickly, she said, citing the Olympic Park bombing last summer in Atlanta.

"I think the media ought to be a little more humane," she said. "Sometimes, the media (lose) track."



Langston



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

MOVING ON UP Several students struggled up the Haggin Hall stairwells yesterday in the rush to move in before the start of the eight-week summer session.

Higher education bill sends ripples to UK

*News Analysis: UK
loses grip on capital*

By Brian Dunn
News Editor

UK had its hand strongly gripped around the state capital building.

Until last month.

The capital gasped for air. It wheezed. It coughed. It begged for air and for room.

But UK relentlessly gathered power and support from its outer

parts. It influenced through its community college system. Paducah in the west represented one front. Ashland in the east made another.

UK, with its far-reaching political clout, pinched and wrenched the capital.

Then, the education governor, the bee with the heavy sting, buzzed onto the scene with a new plan for postsecondary education.

He wanted to loosen UK's grip. He aimed his stinger, dove

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Battle for state's community colleges lost

By Ann Boden
Staff Writer

After a bitter battle over the fate of UK's community colleges, the General Assembly passed Governor Paul Patton's plan for postsecondary education last month.

The bill placed 13 of the 14 UK community colleges under the control of the newly-founded Kentucky Community and Technical College System, which will

gain control of the colleges July 1.

Only Lexington Community College remains.

The community colleges will still give out degrees with UK's name on them.

UK will still be able to offer some administrative support, provide academic oversight, recommend change and nominate board members to the body that will oversee the community colleges and technical schools.

But it will no longer have direct control of the colleges.


A vote of 25-13 in the Senate and 73-25 in the House of Representatives passed the measure.

Despite the sizable UK ties in state government and around the commonwealth, many legislators voted against public opinion that favored leaving UK in control of the community colleges.

"We should sometimes overlook our constituents and vote for what is best for the Commonwealth, not for individual


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Analysis

Can UK recover from the wrath of Patton?

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into UK's grip, stung and said, "Back off!"

The governor's plan stripped 13 of UK's 14 community colleges away.

UK would lose its influence in the second tier of cities in Kentucky.

Then, UK, frightened by the governor's sting, pleaded, "But what about the communities. They will no longer have our name on their diploma."

"They will no longer have a ticket to the promised land at UK."

"Fine," buzzed the governor.

"You can spread your precious name, but you can't have the colleges."

The plan didn't mean to cripple UK.

In fact, the plan sets the university up as Kentucky's flag-

ship university. It is top dog receiving an additional \$5.46 million, more than any other university in the state.

Also, the plan intended for UK to reach top 20 research status by the year 2020.

But UK felt the sting.

It whipped its hand quickly from the capital when the bee stung, and the capital enjoyed its first breath of victory.

UK might have winced, but it did not cry.

Then, the education governor, the bee with the heavy sting, buzzed onto the scene with a new plan for post-secondary education."

Proudly, UK conceded saying it stands ready to help the state and the education governor in their pursuit of a better Kentucky.

And UK's influence has been dispersed back to the community colleges, which now stand as more autonomous schools. UK, however, stands to gather its valuable resources such as alumni to concentrate on making

UK a top 20 research institution.

But, as The Courier-Journal on June 1 said, the state's best politician now lives in the mansion assigned to him at Frankfort, not at Maxwell Place on Rose Street.



Legislation Highlights

▼CONTROL: Thirteen of the 14 UK Community Colleges are now under an independent board that also oversees Kentucky's Technical schools. Four board members will be picked by the governor and four by UK.

▼UK NAME: The schools and degrees will bear the UK name although UK will not have direct control of the curriculum.

▼RESEARCH: The legislature set a goal of having UK in the top 20 public research universities by 2020.

▼BUDGET BILLS: An additional \$40 million will be spent on post-secondary education — \$5.48 million on UK.

▼VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY: Some classes for college credit will be available over the internet.

Higher Ed

Community college system just a part of Patton's plan

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communities," Representative Charles Geveden, D-Wickliffe, said. "Remember all of Kentucky is affected."

But UK did win a few minor battles, including one for the biggest piece of the governor's \$40 million funding package for higher education — \$5.48 million.

State Senator Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, rallied support for an amendment that would have allowed UK to retain control of the community colleges.

The amendment passed in the Senate by one vote, but failed in the House.

Scorsone voted for the post-secondary legislation, despite his belief that UK could better handle the community colleges.

He said the bill's true test would come in the first few years following the transition.

Several UK loyal state legislators fought the bill to the finish. Representative Herbert Deskins Jr., D-Pikeville, asked House members to listen to their constituents and keep the community college system under UK direction.

Deskins said it would be wrong to support the bill if UK and the community colleges opposed it.

He added that the so-called compromise on the community college issue between Patton and

UK President Charles Wethington never existed, contrary to a *Lexington Herald-Leader* report.

"There is still internal bleeding left," Deskins said. "We should not rush to judge."

Representative

Hobart Anderson, R-Flatwoods, indicated his constituency largely opposed the measure and said he did not want to see Ashland Community College lose its tie with UK.

Several legislators who supported the separation, like Representative Gross Lindsay, D-Henderson, cited benefits such as independence for the community colleges.

"They will have the independence to serve the community young and old," he said. "Before, they only had what was left over."

Lindsay compared the compromise to the U.S. Constitutional Convention.

He said not everyone agreed, but in the end it was the best for everyone.

House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said the bill would be good for the Commonwealth and was a great

compromise. During discussion of the bill, he said, "This will increase the educational attainment for adults. It will bring stronger research and enhance the quality of life."

He called the act a "Blueprint for the 21st Century."

Aside from the separation, the bill includes goals for UK and the University of Louisville.

The government wants UK to be in the overall top 20 of public research universities by the year 2020 and wants U of L to become a premier research university for a metropolitan area.

Aaron Sanderford and Brian Dunn contributed to this story.



Patton



Wethington

UK community divided on issue

By Rob Herbst
Senior Staff Writer

The huge sigh of relief heard in the Bluegrass following the passage of Governor Paul Patton's plan for postsecondary education came from Lexington Community College.

LCC is the only community college left in UK's stable.

"I couldn't find a single student who was for the proposal," said LCC math instructor Larry Mullins. "If there was some support for the bill on campus, it was very, very minimal."

Talk about the proposal reached a peak when both Patton and UK President Charles Wethington held a teleconference on KET Television, March 24 at 8 p.m.

Mullins had a calculus class to teach after the teleconference but found it difficult to conduct class.

"My students were quite a bit upset with (Patton)," Mullins said. "I had to let my students talk about the issue for 20 minutes before I could start class. And the reaction was very negative."

Brooke Browning, an LCC student who was disturbed by the possible detachment of the community colleges, hopes to eventually transfer to UK.

"I was hoping that LCC would stay a part of UK," Browning said. "If LCC left UK, I probably would have gone back home and go to the (University of Louisville)."

Jeremy Mobley, who has

attended classes at LCC since 1992, also had problems with the proposal.

While Mobley would also like to use LCC classes as a "stepping-stone" to UK, there were other benefits to being an LCC student.

"I completely disagreed with Paul Patton. I think the community college system should stay one unit," Mobley said. "There's some extra little perks to being attached to UK. I can get athletics tickets for UK games and use the gyms and pools just like any UK student."

While students at LCC were vehemently against the proposal, students at UK were divided.

Jeremy Mobley's brother, Casey, a geology senior at UK disagreed with Patton's proposal largely due to financial reasons but said UK students as a whole did not care about the measure.

"I don't think people were real concerned about the proposal," Casey said. "Students don't go out of their way to think about LCC."

While many UK students didn't have a strong opinion on the issue, political science professor Bradley Canon saw a difference of opinion from some faculty members.

"Some members of the faculty had strong opinions on either side," said Canon who has been at UK for over 30 years. "A good number of faculty who were against the bill were against it because it hurt UK's legislative clout."

New budget to pay profs more

▼**FACULTY:** UK faculty members will receive pay increases averaging 3 percent.

▼**MEDICAL CENTER:** The UK medical center is getting \$8.5 million for two new buildings.

▼**ATHLETICS:** A tennis center and expansion of the athlete tutoring center will cost \$4.176 million.

▼**BOTTOM LINE:** UK budget of \$1.2 billion is 3.3 percent higher than last year.

▼**COMPUTERS:** \$17 million will be spent to upgrade campus computer systems.

▼**ETC:** A \$2 million career planning and placement center for students will be built.

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Wildcat athletes to wear Nike apparel

UK athletic department scores big in Nike deal

By Steven Scrivner
Sports Editor

Riding a bus through the streets of Italy during the team's 1995 trip to Europe, several UK players began chanting Nike's famous slogan, "Just Do It," to then-coach Rick Pitino when the topic of a new athletic apparel supplier came up.

Two years and one coach later, UK finally did it.

The UK Athletics Association Board of Directors agreed two weeks ago to a 10-year deal with Nike that will have every UK athlete donning the swoosh.

"It's good for us," senior basketball player Jeff Sheppard said. "We've been wanting Nike for the last couple of years."

When asked if he wanted an exotic Nike design he said, "I'll settle for something plain."

Traditionally, UK coaches had the final say on how to outfit their respective teams, but with Nike dangling big bucks in front of the board's eyes, athletic director C.M. Newton decided it was time to uniform the teams.

"The potential to generate the kind of dollars this could generate from a royalty standpoint was one of the driving things, for me, to look at," Newton said.

In addition to the dollar amount Newton took into consideration, he also saw the impact the deal would have from an image standpoint.

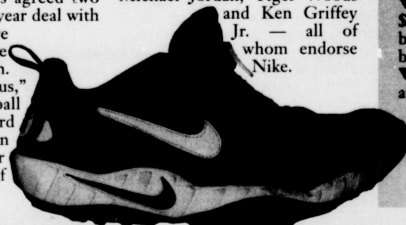
"If you look on campus, most of the students are wearing Nike," said Newton.

By signing on with Nike, UK athletes join a list that includes Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods and Ken Griffey Jr. — all of whom endorse Nike.

The Nike Package

In exchange for the right to have every UK athlete sport the swoosh, Nike agreed to give:

- ▼ A one-time \$250,000 bonus for giving Nike the contract.
- ▼ An average annual payment of \$150,000 to the UK athletics department for each year in the contract.
- ▼ A \$200,000 annual donation to the Cawood Ledford Scholarship fund and/or the school's Athletics In Service community outreach program during the first three years of the contract. From the fourth year on, the donation increases to \$300,000.
- ▼ An annual payment of \$1.2 million to be divided between the football and basketball programs.
- ▼ Each year a UK student-athlete will be chosen to intern at the worldwide headquarters of Nike in Beaverton, Oregon.



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AIA - Cyclone Rangers 6/12, G-Funk All Stars 6/13-6/14, Type O Negative w/ Fear Factory and Drain 6/18, Strutter 6/19

Lynagh's - Jimmie Dale Gilmore 6/12, Austin Lounge Lizards 6/13, Spook Floaters 6/14, NRBQ 6/17, Ronnie Dawson w/ Rhythm Bond 6/18, Gene w/ Janie Grey 6/19

Cheapside - The Vipers 6/12, Zydeco Band 6/13-6/14, The Yonders 6/15, Mary Ann Fleming 6/19, Wishing Chair 6/19

Coffee Stop - Brad Burner 6/16

Kentucky Theatre - John Hiatt 6/18-6/19

Centre College - Brass Band Festival 6/13-6/15

Kentucky Horse Park - Rob Ickes performing with Blue Highway 6/14

Stapp Arena - Fruit of the Loom Country Comfort series 6/20

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Heike Pickett Art Gallery - Jay Bolotin Woodcut Retrospective, 1983-1995 and sculpture by Dennis Whitely through June

U.K. Art Museum - Jim Pine Glyptotek and Four German Brushes - through July 6, Kentucky Colleges Mona Bismark in Art and Fashion - through July 19, American Orientalists - through August 31, A Fine Line: Master Etchings from the collections - through July 27, Bertin to Rodin: Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century French Art from the J.B. Speed and U.K. Art Museums - through Sept. 14

Artist Artie - "Shades of Summer" - runs all month - features art work by four Lexington women

Lexington Art League - All Kentucky University Open - Loudon House - features works of art by college students from across the state - through June 15, Paintings by Clay Waincott: Man-Altered Landscapes, Metro-Lex Gallery 6/13-7/21, Laurie Lindberg: White Fences, Pretty Horses, Bluegrass Airport - runs through 7/31, Photo - International: Landscapes and Landmarks - 6/22-7/28

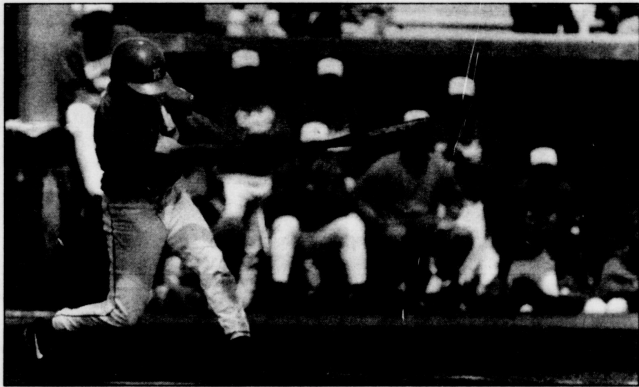
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Actor's Guild - Angels in America: Millennium Approaches - 6/12-6/14, 6/19-6/21 8p.m. and 6/15, 6/22 2p.m.

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File Photo

BATTER UP Three UK baseball players were drafted by major league baseball clubs last week. That brings the total number of Wildcats drafted since 1990 to 25.

Hall of Fame honors Newton with award

By Steven Scrivner
Sports Editor

NEWTON WINS AWARD

UK Athletic Director C.M. Newton was awarded the single highest honor outside of induction into the basketball Hall-of-Fame when he was chosen the 24th winner of the John Bunn Award two weeks ago.

Newton, 67, is a member of the influential NCAA Division I Basketball Committee and is chairman of the NCAA Committee on Basketball Issues. He also served as chairman of USA Basketball's Games Committee (1988-92) and the NCAA Officiating Committee (1992-95).

Newton came to UK after coaching stops at Transylvania and Vanderbilt.

The award was presented by the James Naismith Basketball Hall-of-Fame at their annual awards dinner May 31 in Springfield, Mass.

TENNIS FINISHES FIFTH

The UK men's tennis team finished the season with a 20-8 record and ranked fifth in the nation, tying the best final ranking in school history.

The Cats ended their season with a 4-1 loss to 12th ranked Texas in the opening round of the NCAA tournament held at UCLA.

But two of the team's 20 wins came against Stanford and Georgia - the national champion and runner-up, respectively.

Three Wildcat tennis players finished the season ranked in the top 100 - Cedric Kauffmann (8), Ludde Sundin (27) and Marcus Fluit (68). Kauffmann was named an All-American.

"The team did a real good job of performing to our potential," Coach Dennis Emery said. "We achieved all our goals except one, and that was to win a national

championship. Our goal next year will be to take it to the next step."

Kauffmann and Fluit return next year, and the Cats signed Edo Bowano from Indonesia and Johan Hessoun, a transfer from Troy State.

WILDCATS DRAFTED

Three UK baseball players were drafted in last Tuesday's amateur baseball draft bringing the number of Wildcats drafted in the 1990's to 25.

Scott Downs, Kenny Miller, and Matt Borne got the call from major league clubs last week.

Downs, a left-handed pitcher from Pleasure Ridge Park in Louisville, was selected in the third round by the Chicago Cubs.

In three years at UK, Downs posted a 17-15 record and became UK's all-time strikeout leader with 293. Last season Downs was 7-8 with a 5.11 ERA and was named to the third team of the National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association Super Team. He was originally drafted in 1994 by the Atlanta Braves in the 12th round.

Miller, a slick-fielding shortstop from Joliet, Ill., said he was drafted in the seventh or eighth round by the Mets.

Last season, Miller hit .215 with no home runs and 14 RBIs, but he led all Southeastern Conference shortstops in fielding percentage at .947. He was also drafted out of high school.

Lexington native Matt Borne, a hard throwing right hander out of Henry Clay High School and Aquinas Junior College in Nashville, was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the seventh round.

Borne went 3-4 with a 7.46 ERA and four saves last season. His fastball is clocked consistently in the 90s.

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Summertime

Season brings UK relaxed atmosphere

By LaShanna Carter
 Features Co-editor

Regardless of what the weather has shown, summer at UK has begun.

For many students, summer is a time to focus on academics. Some students enjoy attending classes year round. The only vacation time they receive is two weeks at the end of summer.

The majority of students that participate in eight week summer classes do so because the classes are more manageable.

"Classes are smaller, you get more attention from the teachers, more student involvement, much better than it is during the academic semester," LaDonda Shearer, a pre-pharmacy sophomore, said. "There is not as much pressure."

Tammy Cavitt, a social work senior, enjoys the light-hearted atmosphere.

"The professors are more understanding and they don't require a lot out of you," she said.

Michelle Pinckney, a psychology senior, feels that students can focus during the summer on classes to gain credit hours and to raise their grades. She said summer classes are also less strict and give the student an opportunity to graduate early.

The lighter class load also eases some of the stress even though it is "more work in less time," says Pinckney.

The trio of students said they prefer summer classes to the regular academic year.

Some students would rather attend summer school than stay at home with parents. Students stay in Lexington or on campus because of the lack of things to do at home and to avoid their parents.

Cavitt explains she lives in Lexington during the summer to gain freedom, to grow, and to learn and experience the real world.

Being at UK during the summer does have its consequences, though. The summer is obviously a chance to be or become independent, but it can also be a time of persuasion, Pinckney said.

"Friends can, at times, pressure you to do other things," she said.

Other students enjoy going home for the summer. These students have the opportunity of relaxing, working or simply spending time with family.

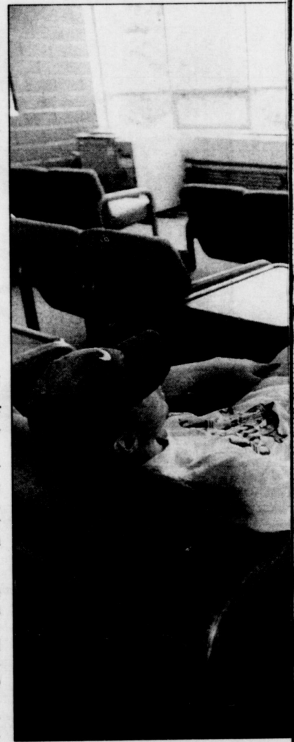
For the students that live far from home, traveling during the semester is almost impossible. The summer is the only time for them to spend quality time with family members.

Students attending both summer sessions don't have the chance to make frequent trips home.

But those students survived the intense pressure of the four-week and now can relax into more of a summer mode.

The summer can bring people together to form new friendships, but it can also be strenuous on old friendships because of distance. Several people that go home for the summer try to rekindle old friendships.

Taking classes in the summer, however, is a way of meeting new people and creating new friendships.



LAI D B A C K Students and parents began the summer eight-week session starts today, and their new homes. Undeclared freshman Mike Paitz (top), undeclared sophomore Justin (middle), and undeclared sophomore Sharon (bottom) play ping-pong (bottom/left), and Sharon (bottom/right) waiting for her son Mike to return (bottom/right).

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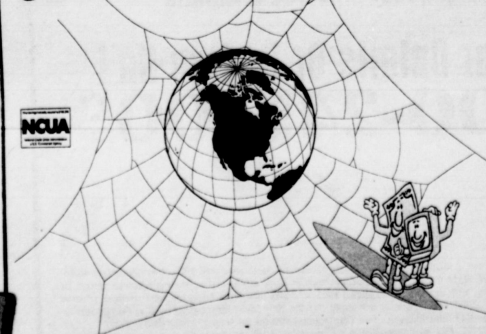
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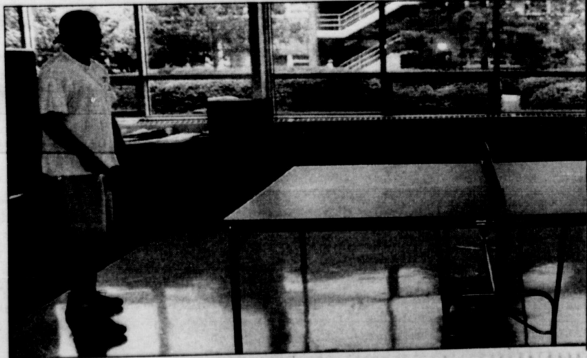
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Time Blues

Living on campus gives students academic focus

By Chad Preston
Features Co-Editor

Anyone who has lived in campus housing at some point in their college career knows and will never forget the experience.

For most UK students, the dorms are an introduction to college life and a glimpse at the real world. Living on campus is a great way to meet new people and make friends, but there are also other factors like the person in the room next to you who plays Meatloaf records loudly and repeatedly and the guys across the hall who somehow manage to have large parties in their room.

In short, campus living during the fall and spring semesters seems beneficial for almost anything but academics.

During the summer, however, campus living can be summed up in one word — quiet.

"The biggest difference for the most part is that the dorm is quieter," says Michael Morris, a theater senior. "The students are

here to learn; there aren't many party animals."

The main reason for this is the small number of students that remain on campus after everyone leaves for summer break. But the students who stay add to the campus mood because they are usually here for one reason.

"You can tell there is more of an academic focus as compared to the spring semester," says Tom Shelton, an RA at Haggin Hall, the only dormitory open specifically for students for the summer sessions. "The students that are here are here for the purpose of taking classes and not just here for the 'college experience' or whatever."

That's not to say there is no student interaction or that it's boring.

The residents still have fun, says Shelton. With the NBA finals being on, they all watch the games in the lobby as during the regular semester.

Also, during the summer, Haggin, the infamous men's dorm is turned into a coed habitat, which some of the residents like, while others don't.

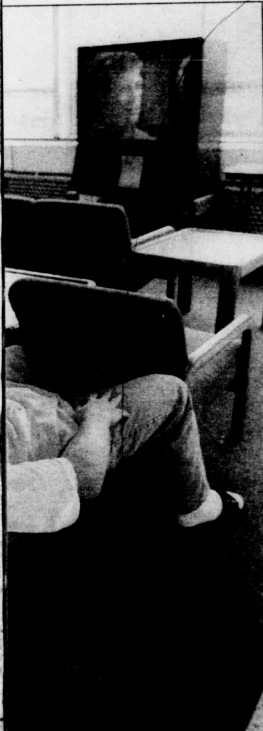
"It's definitely different in the summer, but I like it better because it's coed; you can meet more females," says Elisha Walton, an accounting senior.

"I don't like it because it's a guys' dorm and it stinks," says Camilla Roberson, a vocal music education freshman. Residents said there's not a lot to do besides school during the summer session and campus food services do not have good hours, but all agreed it is better for studying.

"It's only as boring as you really want to make it yourself," Shelton says.

Students are here to learn; there aren't many party animals.

Michael Morris
Theology Senior



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff
The summer routine at UK yesterday. The dorms are getting used to the Paisel lounges in the Haggin Hall. Justin Hedrick and biology junior Sharon DiDomenico takes a break while (left), and (right).



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Swoosh Time

UK athletics signed a deal last week making Nike its official athletic apparel supplier, replacing former basketball head coach Rick Pitino's deal with Converse.

The athletic department will receive a one-time bonus of \$250,000, an average annual payment of 150,000, and an annual payment of \$1.2 million to be divided between the football and basketball programs. Although UK athletics will benefit from this money, the students will probably never see it work for them.

Despite the activities fee paid by full-time students, we pay \$5 per game for football and basketball tickets.

When the \$5 ticket price went into effect for the 1996 football season, student attendance dropped. The team needs support from the students they represent.

Shouldn't that be more important than making an extra buck?

This spring, the athletic department redesignated seats in Rupp Arena that were going unused by students. More students might be willing to occupy these seats in the rafters if they knew that they wouldn't be paying \$5 to watch the Cats play through binoculars.

Nike has given us an opportunity — let's make that opportunity work for the students.



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Value freedom

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we are, having freedom to express our thoughts, what America is supposed to be? Apparently, this incidence has sort of changed my mind about that. I hope that this incident will not happen again in the future and I also think that America needs to revisit the value of freedom of speech.

Eddy S. Leman
biomedical engineering
graduate student

Amendment a plus

As a gay man, I am excited by the Religious Liberty Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that is being pushed by the Christian Coalition. What sold me was the last line: "The government shall not ... deny equal access to a benefit on account of religion."

This means that the same-sex couples married or joined in holy union in faiths that perform such ceremonies will actually get the marriage benefits to which they are entitled. The United Church of Christ, Quakers, Unitarian Universalists, Metropolitan Community Church, Reformed Judaism and even some Episcopal and Presbyterian congregations already support or perform same-sex marriages or unions.

And soon, with help from the Christian Coalition, those same-sex couples will become equal in the eyes of the law.

Liam Miller
Carrboro, N.C.

Student space

The fountain outside Paterson Office Tower is no more.

A UK landmark, used by students for years as a place to study, socialize or relax between classes is gone.

Not only will campus lack an attractive fountain, but it will be without yet another gathering place for students.

We hope that UK will take that into consideration as they continue with their construction in the area.

Several years ago, students lost Clifton Circle to the construction of the W.T. Young Library. Although it was located near South Campus, students could always be found there on

sunny days. Nothing was created as a replacement.

Central Campus has benefited from the hustle and bustle created by the M.I. King Library. When the

new library opens, the library activity will be shifted to South Campus. This will leave only the sitting area outside the Classroom Building for students to congregate.

That's why we think it is important for UK to give the students more consideration this time around.

Even if the fountain isn't replaced, we hope that something will be in place for the students to enjoy and use as a meeting place and an area to study and relax.

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I am from Indonesia. I have been in the United States for five years. My friends and I have been to a lot of places in the world. We speak three different languages including Dutch. My point with this story is that some people need to get more education. If freedom of speech no longer valuable? Isn't being what

Being out increases strength

Dear Mom and Dad,
It's been over a year since I came out to you and I want to commend you on the progress you've made. I know from first hand experience that it takes time to deal with and to accept. It took me twenty years before I accepted being gay, and you've made more progress this past year than I did during most of those twenty.
I know that you were not wanting me to be visible and that you didn't want me to be Presi-

dent of UK Lambda. I do understand your reasons for being concerned: you were afraid that I was setting myself up to get bashed. After having been active for the past year on campus, and not having anything happen to me worse than being called names in the student paper, I hope that you realize that being out is my greatest strength. Those who get bashed



Matt Solberg
Kernel columnist

are generally those who are closeted. They don't want anyone to know, and won't report any harassment they might encounter. Being out and writing for the student paper does increase my visibility, but it also increases my strength. I have no fear of people knowing that I'm gay, and have no fear of reporting any harassment that I encounter.

The only way for people to be less hateful of gays is for gays to be out. Personal contact and education are the ways to reduce ignorance.
I am stronger now than I have ever been. I've met the challenge of being out on campus and of confronting hatred and ignorance. I've done my best to educate people about homosexuality, and have been honored to stand and fight for equal rights as President of UK Lambda.
I don't think you raised me to

ride in the back of the bus, and hope you're proud of me for wanting to drive it occasionally. You've given me your love unconditionally no matter who I am or what I do. That is why I came out and why I'm proud to be your son.

Kernel Columnist Matt Solberg is a political science graduate, SAB vice-president, and a SGA Senator-at-Large. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

Kentucky weather defies all logic

I don't think we're in Kentucky anymore.
Then again, maybe we are. After all, doesn't the saying go, "If you don't like the weather in Kentucky, wait 10 minutes."?
After the dreary winter months (which weren't so wintery this year) I looked forward to being able to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine, or even just warmer temperatures.
It hasn't happened.
I even got over-anxious and bought a lawn chair. Needless to say, it has remained virtually unused, except for the rare days that we had a few precious

moments of sun before the downpours resumed.
After a several days (or weeks) of rain, you start to ask questions. Where are the 80 degree temperatures? Where is the sunshine? Why does it keep raining?
I have a few theories. First, for the last several years, we have been bombarded with information about global warming and the ever-growing hole in our atmosphere. We were all told to stop using products that came in aerosol cans and to be conscientious about other hazardous gases, such as vehicle exhaust. Unfortunately, I am beginning to think that we have plugged up the hole.
Where is this warming trend environmentalists have been warning us about? Personally, I think I'm ready for any kind of warming trend they have to offer. Scientists should spend some time studying global cooling, since obviously global warming has gone on vacation ... probably to some place warm and dry.



Emily Gowin
Editorial Editor

I also have to wonder if God is trying to re-create the Great Flood. Maybe, if it weren't for the drainage systems in our cities, we would all have been washed away by now, except, of course, for the chosen couple who would guide the ark through the waters once known as the Bluegrass State, with two of every animal on board.
Ok, maybe not.
But something has to be wrong. This just isn't normal.
I have heard some predict what this will mean for the rest of the summer months. Most of the guesses have involved a mas-

sive drought, similar to the one in the mid-80s. After the torrential rains we had in March and the consistent rains we've had ever since, wouldn't it be a little too ironic if we had a drought? After all, we have had more rain than Seattle this year. Right now, rationing water sounds a little preposterous.
But I wouldn't put it past Mother Nature. After all, we are still in Kentucky.
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Week-long diversity celebration continues

by Manish Bhatia
Staff Writer

Lexington is celebrating racial diversity in its 19th annual Race Unity Week.

A 5K run, festivities at

Phoenix Park and video presentations were some of the numerous events that spanned the week-long celebration.

The National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is in 1957 inaugurated Race Unity Day as

the second Saturday each June, said Suzanne Zivari, a member of the Race Unity Week Committee.

The Baha'i community of Lexington, numbering about 40, have celebrated this day in Lexington since 1978, she said. Their chief sponsor is the Human Rights Commission.

The events kicked off on Saturday with a 5K run at the UK Arboretum.

As the rains poured and temperatures fell to uncharacteristic lows, the runners braved the elements for a common goal — unity.

Marty Newell, with his 3-month-old son under his jacket

and a 3 year-old clasping his finger, watched as his wife Nina ran the meandering trail.

"I feel Lexington needs to talk more about race," Newell said.

Others like Ernie Bailey and William Redd relished the opportunity to run for a great cause.

In addition to the race, Saturday's events included a performance by Hong Shao on the pipa at Lexington Children's Museum and food and entertainment at Phoenix Park.

Several video presentations promoting racial awareness were a key part of Race Unity Week. These included a video on the life and trials of Lyman Johnson, a prominent African American who strove toward admitting blacks into the University of Kentucky.

On Tuesday, a free video presentation called "Evolution and Human Equality" by Stephen Jay Gould was offered at the Biological Sciences building. An eminent evolutionist and a professor of zoology at Harvard, Gould discussed the origins of mankind and the efforts of "scientific racism" to distort historical data.

Gould asserted that the diversification of the human race at the genetic level occurred in the last hundred thousand years, which is a "geological microsecond." He said there is no such thing as a race gene.

"We only live once . . . and if dreams are limited by without while they are actually within, it is one of the greatest human tragedies of human history," said Gould to an enraptured Harvard audience.

According to Kathy Moore, there are several events planned for this weekend — Spunk at the Phoenix Group Theater on Friday and a family picnic at Shiloto park on Saturday.

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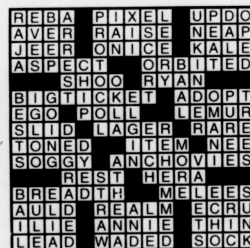
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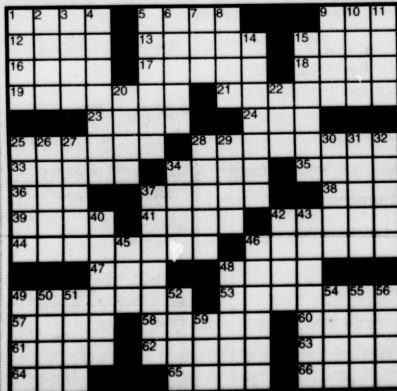
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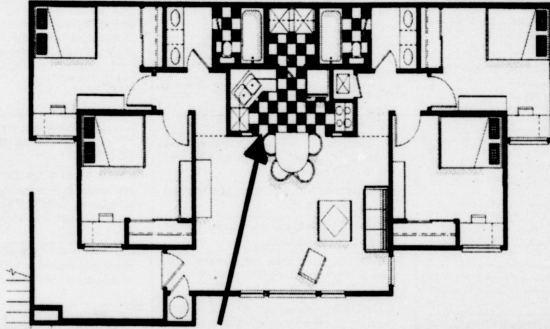
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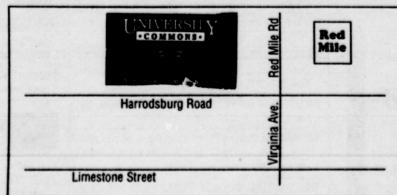
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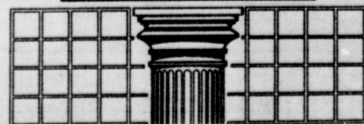
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