

# Kentucky Kernel

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## Counseling, ensuring safety part of dorm duties

### University trying to improve security in residence halls

By JOE BRAUN  
Staff Writer

Just over new security gates at Haggin Hall, some residents have hung a banner in their window: "Welcome to Hell."

Officials in the Office of Residence Life view the new security system, where diner cards are used to get in the front door, as a great achievement. However, it has frustrated some students.

"From a staffing standpoint and an environmental standpoint, I think the security system is a wonderful improvement," said Bob Clay, director of Residence Life.

While student reaction to the new system at Haggin may be negative, Clay said security is the top concern.

"... One down side of security is

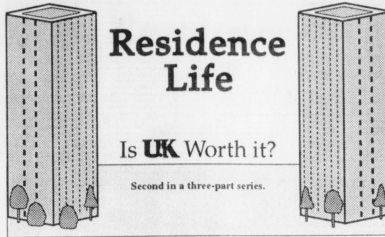
when security procedures are enhanced, sometimes convenience is impacted," Clay said, "and we're aware of that."

"Our goal is not to make anyone's life more difficult, but given the nature of Haggin Hall prior to fall 1991, it became apparent we had to do something," Clay said.

Prior to the implementation of the card system this fall and renovations completed last fall, Haggin had 32 entrances. Security proved hard to enforce.

Two years ago, an alleged rape occurred in Haggin Hall. The student claimed she was raped in a Haggin room Nov. 14, 1989, A Fayette County grand jury dismissed the charges in January 1990.

To try and prevent incidents like that from reoccurring, UK plans to



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install similar security systems in all residence halls.

UK is waiting for a \$3 million-bond issue to have the card system installed in the rest of the residence halls by the summer of 1993, said Allen Riemann, director of Auxiliary Services.

"This project will include upgrading the access security system for all the residence halls," Riemann said. "It calls for putting a card access system on all residence halls similar to what we have on Donovan and Haggis (halls)."

The Kentucky General Assembly authorized the bond issue in the 1990 session, and Gov. Wallace

Wilkinson has yet to act upon it.

"Right now we're waiting for Frankfort to release the authority for us to issue revenue bonds in order to pay off the loan," Riemann said.

The card access system allows students to enter a residence hall through one entrance by running their meal card through a computer trip that unlocks the door.

However, the new system is not a panacea.

Clay said the card system does not work without the people working at the front desk.

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### UK resident advisers adjust to the demands of helping students

By GREGORY A. HALL  
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Mike Rafferty intends to go to medical school. The zoology junior is a Kirwan Tower resident adviser, which requires him to make adjustments.

"If I were a regular resident, I'd schedule my classes earlier," Rafferty said.

Because the unexpected usually happens at night and RAs have to take care of whatever that is, he starts his school day at noon. When his roommate wakes up at 7 a.m., sleep is at a premium.

"It makes it kind of stressful as far as getting sleep is concerned," Rafferty said.

Director of Residence Life Bob Clay said forcing RAs to have roommates is something he would rather not have happen.

In spring 1990, the number of applications to be RAs dropped "slightly," Clay said, in a response to request for records by the Kentucky Kernel.

Clay said he did not know why the number of applications dropped, although the fact that resident advisers now are forced to have roommates "is an issue."

While positive about the job, Rafferty said having a roommate is "definitely a down side." He also said RAs who have roommates are less likely to talk to their residents about problems because having a roommate makes it more difficult to guarantee privacy and confidentiality.

As a result Clay said in Residence Life, the office in charge of hiring RAs and hall directors, intensified recruiting efforts, including

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## Homecoming king will become tradition, SAB officials say

By KELLEY POPHAM  
Staff Writer

Every queen must have her king, but until this year, UK's Homecoming queens have had no king to escort them off the field.

Student Activities Board President K.C. Watts said Homecoming Committee members recommended that the royal court include males. This recommendation came after re-

search concluded many universities such as Ohio State and the University of Illinois either do not have a queen and king or have both.

"It's time to have a king at UK," said Homecoming Committee Chair Laura Gum. "It will become a strong tradition."

Bringing males into the royal court is "a progressive action that brings us in line with what other institutions across the country are do-



ing," said Barry Stumbo, assistant director of SAB. "I think it better meet the needs of all students."

Although awarding a king is the most obvious break from Home-

coming tradition, committee members have made several changes in proceedings.

This year, those nominated to the royal court were required to submit an essay concerning programs or ideas the nominee would advocate concerning student life.

"There were some very strong and well written essays," said Stumbo, who thinks the essays gave nominees the opportunity to "im-

prove the campus environment."

Students and staff at UK and Lexington Community College judged the essays, narrowing the candidates to 20 queens and 20 kings. After conducting interviews, UK administration and faculty members narrowed candidates further to eight queens and eight kings.

Student voting continues through Thursday and will determine the finalists. In years past, the court con-

sisted of five females. This year, four finalists for queen and four for king will be announced during Wildcat Roar Friday at 8-p.m. at Memorial Coliseum.

The winners will be announced during halftime of the UK football game Saturday. President Charles Wethington will present a trophy to the University's first Homecoming king.

### UK student, 22, dies in accident at Gorge

By TYRONE BEASON  
Staff Writer

David Williamson, a forestry junior who died early Saturday morning when he fell from a cliff at Red River Gorge, never had a bad word to say about anyone.

Williamson, 22, was camping with friends near StarGap Arch when he apparently wandered from the campsite. Friends at the campsite last saw Williamson at about 3 a.m. Saturday.

His body was found at the bottom of a 150-foot cliff later that morning.

Williamson made a lasting impression on everyone with his kindness and positive attitude, said Dave Hitchcock, one of his friends.

"He never had a bad thing to say, even if he didn't like somebody," Hitchcock said.

Hitchcock, an art studio senior, said Williamson loved the outdoors. He and Williamson frequently camped at Red River Gorge in Powell County.



WILLIAMSON

"We loved that place," Hitchcock said. "We spent many a weekend at that place."

Lauren Robbins, a friend of Williamson, said Williamson was a "progressive action that brings us in line with what other institutions across the country are do-

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### Group trains dogs to help hearing impaired

By JARED PECK  
Contributing Writer

Linda Webb-Hilliard lost her hearing Oct. 13, 1989.

"It was a normal day. I went home and was talking with my sister. I said, 'do you hear a roar?'"

"She said 'no' and in a few minutes I couldn't hear anything," said Webb-Hilliard, a Lawrenceburg, Ky., native.

Webb-Hilliard said doctors attributed the hearing loss to Sudden Hearing Loss Syndrome and say she may never hear again.

In addition to losing her hearing, Webb-Hilliard also lost her ability to do many of the things she used to take for granted. And with that, some of her confidence as well.

"I've always been independent and now people that are close to me think they have to keep an eye on me," she said.

Webb-Hilliard and three other Kentucky residents — including a UK student — have turned to the Paws With a Cause organization to help give them their independence and a feeling of security.

The group, which trains dogs for the hearing impaired and the physically disabled, is a non-profit organization founded in 1979. The organization has 42 field trainers across the United States.

"What it does for people, the independence and security it gives people, is just fantastic," said Kim Rosenberg, Kentucky's director of Paws. "It really helps people who have been dependent on others to stand on their own."

For the hearing impaired and for those who suffer from profound hearing loss, Paws trains dogs to alert



LINDSAY CAMPBELL/Kentucky Staff  
Kim Rosenberg, director of Kentucky's Paws with a Cause, teaches Wick how to assist the hearing impaired. The national, non-profit group was founded in 1979.

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## UK's Lafferty Hall houses archaeological treasures of world

By SUZANNE REESE  
Contributing Writer

The largest collection of Kentucky archaeological material in the world can be found on UK's campus.

The Museum of Anthropology in Lafferty Hall is known for its focus on Kentucky prehistory. Mary Lucas Powell, museum director and

curator, said the collection is continually growing.

"We are always receiving artifacts from all over the state," Powell said. "Sometimes we have to refuse certain items because they don't comply with our policy."

Powell said the museum now holds nearly one million artifacts. The items were accepted as donations from various sources through-

out the state.

The museum, which William S. Webb and William D. Funkhouser founded in 1931, displays Kentucky's prehistoric beginning and early Indian culture. The artifacts, which date back to the Paleo-Indian era through the 18th century, include Indian-made pottery, a Plains Indian costume and various adornments worn by the Indians.

As part of the museum's outreach program, tours are given to various schools in the region as well as to individual walk-ins. The free tours are "a part of the University's mission to educate," said Betsy Davis, secretary and public relations director of the museum.

The museum, which receives about 5,000 visitors every year, also encourages various regional public

school teachers to check out artifacts through the suitcase loan program.

In the future, Powell said she would like to see the museum's outreach program expand by the addition of a full-time curator and a possible traveling exhibit to take the museum to various other parts of the state.

### CORRECTIONS

Because of incorrect information given to the Kentucky Kernel, the group that sponsored Homecoming queen candidate Kara Kirby was incorrectly identified in yesterday's Kernel.

Kappa Delta social sorority is sponsoring Kirby.

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# DIVERSIONS

## Dire Straits rolls with passion 'On Every Street'

*On Every Street*  
**Dire Straits**  
 Warner Bros. Records  
 By DAVE LAVENDER  
 Staff Critic



It has been six and a half years since Dire Straits released its album, *Brothers in Arms*.

It doesn't seem that long ago. But it indeed was 1985, when Mark Knopfler, a former journalist and lecturer, returned to his British band, Dire Straits.

With Knopfler's two-pack voice quivering between scratch and silk, and his brilliant finger-picked lead guitar, *Brothers in Arms* sold an incredible 20 million copies worldwide.

In fact, the album became No. 1 in 23 different countries, sending Dire Straits on an exhausting 248-show 117-city world tour, which saw more than three million fans in attendance.

For a travel-weary Knopfler, the burden of success outweighed the spoils.

Knopfler commented to *Rolling Stone* magazine: "There's not an accent on the music, there's an accent on popularity. I needed a rest."

Fortunately for the music world, Knopfler thinks of rest not in the Al Bundy, Buster Douglas mindset, but merely as a change of jobs.

In his six-year hiatus from Dire Straits, Knopfler hit the road with Eric Clapton and played on a Joan Armatrading album. He produced an album for Randy Newman, and two tracks for Tina Turner's *Back Every Rule*.

He also composed soundtracks for the movies, "Last Exit to Brooklyn" and "The Princess Bride."

With guitar pioneer Chet Atkins, Knopfler made *Neck and Neck*, an album of duets. The album won two Grammy Awards.

Finally, he recorded a collection of original compositions and standards, *Missing ... Presumed Having a Good Time*, with the Notting Hillbillies, a group made of old recording buddies, Brendan Croker and Steve Phillips, as well as Dire Straits keyboardist Guy Fletcher.

Sporting a studio tan, Knopfler reunited with Dire Straits' keyboardist Fletcher and Alan Clark and John Illsley, the group's bassist, to record a new album, *On Every Street*.

*On Every Street*, Dire Straits' eighth album, is a 12-song set with a pinch of smoky late-night blues, Sun Records style rock-a-billy, country sing-a-long, folk, jazz and chord-crunching rock 'n' roll, all flavored with Knopfler's neatly packaged guitar fill-ins and lead work.

The new album currently is No. 1 in England and No. 15 in the United States.

"Iron Hand," an anti-war folk song, emerges from the fade-out of side two of *Brothers in Arms*.

Abandoned by heavy instrumentation, Knopfler takes the stand alone, pleading his case against war, armed with his voice and an acoustic guitar. A sporadic muffled bass drum and clean National steel guitar come to his defense, before an airy synthesizer provides an eerie backdrop.

The resounding roar of kettle drums thunder to Knopfler's pleas, "The same old fears the same old crimes, we haven't changed since ancient times."

Dire Straits' sixth person on the album is Nashville pedal steel player, Paul Franklin. Franklin also played a key role in the success of the Notting Hillbillies. Not only is his presence felt on the country/rock-a-billy offerings, but Franklin has the rare ability to weave his way comfortably into the rock, jazz and blues tunes.

Keeping time on the album is studio drummer Jeff Porcaro, who has manned the trapset for Steely Dan, Don Henley and Poco, when not working with his own group, Toto.

Vince Gill, the 1991 Country Music Association's male vocalist of the year, also contributed vocals

and guitar to the recording.

Knopfler, who has laid before us some of the most beautiful moments in music ("Romeo and Juliet," "Why Worry") scores with the Latin-tinged, "Ticket to Heaven."

Beneath a beautiful blanket of orchestrated strings, tremolo electric guitar, light brushes on the snare, Floyd Cramer-esque ivory-ticking and Franklin's flowing steel, Knopfler discreetly delivers a knockout blow to televangelism with sarcasm dropping off his whispers. Mix in Gill's angelic harmony, and listeners might just wear out their wind buttons.

Knopfler has succeeded in producing a contrasting, yet brilliant, follow-up to *Brothers in Arms*, although fans may be wondering where the radio hits are on this album.

While similarities can be drawn, this album is in no way a stepchild or mutant prototype to *Brothers in Arms*. Knopfler has moved on musically. By scoring in more subtle ways, Knopfler may lose appeal to a slight portion of the mass audience.

However, one song that the public may receive with open arms is the hard-rocking "Heavy Fuel." The song seems somewhat like a continuation of "Money For Nothing," at least from a lyrical standpoint.

Knopfler satirically slashes the public's perceptions, or misconceptions, of the glitz and glamor life of a rock 'n' roll star.

"My life makes perfect sense," he sings, "drugs, money and violence." Although this song may appear to rehash of the same ideals that Knopfler attacked on "Money for Nothing," Knopfler's innovative guitar breaks camouflage the moly lyrics, and somehow catch this old scene in a new light.

Certain reviewers have picked up on Knopfler's mainstream exodus, calling this album, one of Knopfler's lesser works.

While this critique could prove true to a certain extent, I'd rather listen to a so-called "lesser" Knopfler recording than to most artists' finest compilations.



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Dire Straits' newest album, *On Every Street*, is climbing the charts in both Britain and the United States. Since the group's *Brothers in Arms* album, Mark Knopfler immersed himself in many projects.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROOVEZILLA

Local funk-rockers Groovezilla (above) will open for Royal Crescent Mob tomorrow night at Bogart's in Cincinnati. The show starts at 7. Pictured, from left to right, are Chad Gravit, drums; Scott McEwen, bass; Wendell Rodgers, guitar; and Gerrod Figgs, vocals.

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# RA

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working with the Office of Minority Affairs.

The numbers rebounded last spring, Clay said. He said the drop did not hurt the quality of the RAs selected, "although we recognize that we need to have a good pool of qualified folks always available to us."

Clay said the number of applications outnumbers the number of positions at least 3:1.

This year Residence Life has begun hiring graduate students for hall directors — the administrative head of the hall — who were undergraduates at places other than UK.

"Residence life experience is transferable," Clay said. And he cited the added maturity.

Clay said while UK graduate stu-

dents are eligible for the positions, "the pool of UK graduate students was not sufficient to meet our needs."

The change would hurt the morale of some RAs who aspired to be hall directors, Clay said.

Rafferty said because of medical school, he does not want to be a hall director. Although he said the change in policy was good, he realized the consequences of the decision.

"If you become an RA at UK, your chances of becoming a hall director have greatly decreased over the last year," Rafferty said.

Second-semester freshmen are eligible for RA positions, although Clay said freshmen fill only one of 10 or 12 openings that occur in the spring.

Being an RA requires students to wear many hats — some of which the residents on their floors tend to see as black hats.

One of those hats is enforcing the University alcohol policy.

"Being a policeman is not our primary function," Rafferty said. "But we are encouraged and do enforce University policies."

"They have to be the best friend, yet they also have to be the cop," Clay said. "That's a tough role to play. ... It's a hazard of the job."

Clay said hall directors make about \$8,000 per year. Assistant hall directors make more than \$6,000 per year, including room and board, and RAs make \$3,000 per year, also including room and board.

While an RA's salary may sound like a lot for students, Clay said it actually is minimum wage. He said he would like to pay more, but there is not enough money available for 149 people.

"There's not lots of dollars out there to make a significant difference," Clay said.

Nonetheless, Clay said the experience is valuable in other ways.

"We think we have a commodity that is of value to students," Clay said.

People come back to him and talk about how being a resident adviser helped their careers, especially with time management and communication skills.

Rafferty said the opportunity to help others is enticing. "One gets a chance to make a difference in people's lives," he said.

"We have an absolutely wonderful staff," Clay said. "... They are working here because it helps pay the bills and they do a tremendous service."

# Soviet free press unlikely, media say

By ALEXANDER IVANKO  
National Geographic

MOSCOW — Is a free press really possible in the Soviet Union?

Faced with an economy in near ruins, Soviet newspaper editors say progress toward an independent press depends on who owns the presses and newsprint and who attracts the advertisers.

Editors agree that the failed coup the past August removed the last shackles of control that had put censors in newsrooms and KGB spies among reporters. A 1990 press freedom law ended government censorship and granted individuals and institutions the right to publish.

But glasnost, or openness, is no guarantee of a free press like the First Amendment of the U.S. Con-

sultion. Ridding publications of KGB influence will take time, editors predict.

And editors say that economics, not principles and politics, will determine who survives independence. Already circulation wars rage between old-line newspapers and rival upstarts.

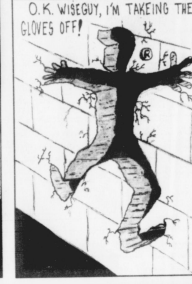
Far-flung Soviet foreign correspondents have been heading home since newspapers and press agencies lost their Communist Party subsidies paid in American dollars.

Some newspapers see Western investors as a way out. British publisher Robert Maxwell and Rupert Murdoch, another media magnate, are reportedly eyeing established Moscow dailies.

The Associated Press distributed this article.

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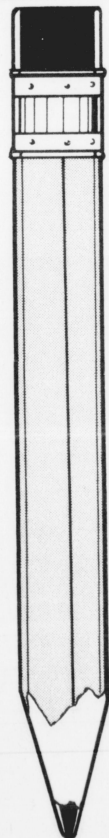
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# Paws

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the owner to a door knock or bell, the telephone, an alarm clock, an intruder and a smoke alarm, Rosenberg said.

"The dogs are trained to go and identify the sound and then come back and make body contact with the person," Rosenberg said. "Then it goes back and forth between the sound and the person and leads the person to the sound."

If the smoke alarm goes off, the dog simply leads the person or family out of the house. Once the dog learns to respond to these sounds it can be taught to respond to any other

sound, from a baby's cry to a microwave.

Linda Laporte, a 35-year-old graduate student at UK, needs a service dog, not a hearing dog. Laporte has rheumatoid arthritis and has artificial knees and an artificial hip and wants a dog to help her keep her balance.

"When I fall, I break something," she said. "I broke my neck last summer. I don't want to fall again."

Laporte has been looking for a service dog program since breaking her neck, but most were too expensive and their waiting lists too long.

"My parents live in Michigan and they sent me an article about Paws that appeared in the newspaper," she said. "I got the article and

Kim's (Rosenberg) name from two other people at the same time, so I figured that meant I should look into it."

Hearing dogs receive about two months of basic obedience and sound alert training at Paws' training center in Byron Center, Mich., and then get the rest of their training in the recipient's home.

Service dogs get six to 12 months training at the center and another six months training in the home.

"Service dogs are more tailored to the individual," Rosenberg said. "If a person is in a chair, for example, the dog will be taught to pull the chair. If a person is ambulatory, the dog is taught to brace, because frequently the person is unsteady."

All service dogs are taught to pick up any object, Rosenberg said. The dogs are given backpacks to carry the person's belongings and a strap with a hook that can be latched onto a door so the dog can pull it open.

"Sometimes bank or store counters are too high (for the person), so (the dog) can be taught to take something, money or whatever, jump up and make the exchange," Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg learned of Paws from a dog show friend who works for Paws at its base in Michigan. She has participated in the program for 18 months and has actively pursued applicants and funds since last winter.

"I've been getting more active with fund raising," she said. "I made up my mind that we are going to get a dog in Kentucky, and I needed to get rolling with it."

"The need is tremendous. It's no problem finding people who need dogs. The problem is finding the funding."

Hearing dogs cost \$4,000 and service dogs cost \$6,000.

The cost includes all training, in the center and at the home, and the dog's certification.

"Certification means they get their harness, whatever it may be, an orange collar and leash and an ID card," Rosenberg said. "It gives the dog access just like a seeing-eye dog. They can go anywhere."

Anyone who wants a dog may apply to the Michigan office or a Paws trainer in their area and get on a waiting list. They also can try to raise the money for the dog themselves.

"People are encouraged to do their own fund raising, because it speeds up the process of getting a dog," Rosenberg said.

Laporte met with Rosenberg for an interview and filled out an application late September. She has raised about \$4,000 in pledges since then.

"I figured it would take about a year and it took less than a month," she said. "I got a lot of help from my friends. They would give me the names of people who thought it was a great idea and I would write them a letter. They have been real dedicated."

Laporte thinks the last \$2,000 will be the toughest to raise, although she has not yet approached any large organizations that might be willing to donate.

"Everyone that was real gung ho has already given money. If I get more money than I need, I'll put it into a general fund that we are trying to establish for other people that need dogs," Laporte said.

Rosenberg visited UK's Delta Zeta social sorority house on Sept. 30 to help raise money for Webb-Hilliard.

Rosenberg brought her demonstration dog, Wick, to show the sorority what Paws With a Cause does.

"Everybody hears about seeing-eye dogs, but this is something nobody's heard about," said Jennifer Briggs, Delta Zeta philanthropy chair. "The dogs can do a whole lot. It was pretty impressive."

The sorority does not have any definite plans yet, but Briggs hopes to get the first fund-raiser started in early November.

"We'd like to get the full \$4,000 to pay for her dog, but I don't know if that is realistic," Briggs said. "It's going to be a year long project."

Webb-Hilliard wants Paws to train the dog she already owns. Paws usually uses dogs from the pound or dogs it breeds itself, but it would rather train the dog already in the home than try to place one that may have trouble bonding with the owner because of the other dog, Webb-Hilliard said.

"When I had my interview (with Rosenberg) in March, I didn't have the dog, but this is the kind of dog (a basenji) I really like, so someone bought it for me as a gift," she said.

The dog was named Pharaoh Rhett Athan because of its Egyptian heritage, Webb-Hilliard said. He passed his temperament test and should be trainable.

"Athan is Arabic for 'several ears,'" Webb-Hilliard said. "I thought if he ever learns to be my ears, the name would be appropriate."

For more information about Paws With a Cause, write Kim Rosenberg, Rt. 1 Box 116A, Versailles, Ky., 40383, or phone (606) 873-4271.



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# Injured 'Blade' ends playing days

By BOB NORMAN  
Senior Staff Writer

Henry "The Blade" Thomas hasn't been quite the same since he went under the blade in 1989 for a blown anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Thomas hasn't been able to cut like he used to in his high school days at Clarksville High School in Tennessee.

But he always figured he would be back. All he needed, he thought, was a little rehab and then some sharpening on the basketball grindstone. Sure he was thin and spindly, but he could move, he could move.

But those hopes deflated when his knee inflamed last week.

His doctor told him that his knee surgery may not have been a complete success. The makeshift ligament — which was pulled from around his knee cap and connected his knee cap and his shin bone —



THOMAS

might not be doing the job. His doctor told him that the bones in his knee are rubbing together and that he may develop severe arthritis within the next 10 years if he plays basketball now.

So Thomas has ended his playing career at UK.

"The decision wasn't that difficult," Thomas, a sophomore, said yesterday as he watched his old teammates practicing. "It was a choice between walking 10 years from now or playing now."

"... It's going to be tough watching the guys practice, though."

Thomas said the end of his playing days have not shattered his current world.

Considering what he has endured, the rest from the game may even provide a relief.

Over the summer, Thomas underwent a MRI — a kind of X-ray of his ligaments — and it showed some problems. The ligament was not holding very strong and bone-on-bone friction seemed very possible.

All there was to do was wait and see how the knee responded to the pounding of practice. It swelled. Thomas had the knee drained before Big Blue Madness 10 days

ago. The swelling came back and Thomas, with the help of family, doctors and UK head coach Rick Pitino, decided his playing days were over.

"I just limped around and it was always swollen," said Thomas, a communications major.

Thomas would still be practicing with the Cats — limp, swelling and all — if his ambitions, or his talents, held the National Basketball Association as a possibility in the future. But, as a redshirt freshman last season, he averaged only 4.4 minutes per game and his career-scoring high was four points against Florida.

The honorable mention All-American at Clarksville High was having a tough time adjusting to his new knee in the collegiate game.

"Your not talking about many choices, your talking about a very serious thing," Pitino said. "... It's a matter of 10 years being able to walk properly, of being able to carry on a normal life."

"What I told Henry was that if you are going to put in all this work for four minutes a game, possibly, it's not worth jeopardizing it. If you started thinking about a pro-

fessional basketball career, then, by some weird use of your imagination, maybe you'd think of trying it.

"But when your are talking about not being able to walk properly in 10 years, basketball — put it aside."

Thomas, impish grin still intact, is now going to thrust himself into helping the team from the bench. He will not play for the team, but as a medical redshirt, he will still serve as a morale booster and a connection between players and coaches.

"(Thomas will be) a liaison a little bit between coaches and the team, telling us who's down and who needs to be picked up," Pitino said of his new agent. "Just trying to keep his spirits up and involved in the program, he can be a valuable asset."

"... He'll sit on the bench but he'll be in Armani suits, not in basketball shorts."

Thomas, if his current ambitions hold, will do well to get used to the Armanis. His new goal will require one.

"I want to become a sports broadcaster," the former UK player said.



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Former UK player Henry Thomas drives dunkcourt last season. Thomas, with an injured knee, decided to quit playing for UK.

# Barnes wins spot on Midwest regional side in rugby tournament

By BOB NORMAN  
Senior Staff Writer

UK rugby player Dave "Otis" Barnes put everything he had into the Midwest Rugby Tournament, and he got an invitation to play for the Midwest regional side to show for it.

In making the regional team, Barnes has put himself into the ranks of Lexington rugby greats Billy Carmichael and Mike Law.

"I'm excited about it," said Barnes, a forward on the team. "That was my goal — to make the team — and I guess I'll try to move up another step."

## Hanson signs contract with GBL's Shooters

By JOHN KELLY  
Assistant Sports Editor

Still donning his practice jersey from the Orlando Magic training camp, former UK forward Reggie Hanson announced before basketball practice yesterday that he has signed a short-term contract with the Louisville Shooters of the Global Basketball Association.

Hanson opted for the semi-pro Louisville, Ky., franchise over joining the pro ranks in Europe, which many former college players use as a stepping stone to the NBA.

Despite not making the cut for the Magic, some Orlando coaches told Hanson that he had the talent to play in the NBA.

"Those coaches at the Magic camp, before I got released, were telling me I have the ability to play in the league," Hanson said. "It's just a matter of getting with the right team. It's best to play over here than take that shot again in Europe. If I leave the country, I won't get any exposure."

"I don't know exactly what that is."

Barnes, a solid, speedy athlete, has long been known for his bruising, powerful style of play and is most noted for a stiff arm that could give a thino a jolt.

The 6-foot, 225-pound sophomore tried out — along with UK's Chris Hollowell and Pat Dougherty — for the Indiana Rugby Union Select Side team two weekends ago. For the second consecutive year, he made the squad.

The IRU select side basically is the Union's all-star team. UK is an IRU member along with seven other schools, among them Indiana and

Purdue.

This time around, Barnes said, he put aside everything that could get in the way of good rugby to make the Midwest his best tournament yet.

And, during the weekend in Bowling Green, Ohio, it became just that.

"It went great," Barnes said. "I played real aggressive and I played a really good defensive game. I had a great time and there was good rugby."

"It was the best tournament of my life."

Barnes played an integral role in Indiana's victory over Michigan last weekend. He scored a try in the 28-4 win.

"We were inside the 20-meter line and we called a crash play where I barrel in and try to run over

people to see if I can get a ruck set up... I held on and called Hollowell to set up for a pitch on the outside, faked to Hollowell, threw off the IRU team and scored."

The IRU team finished third in the tournament and "luckily" Barnes was chosen from all the Midwest teams to play outside center for the regional squad.

The next step for "Otis" is the national competition, which will pit the Midwest against the East, the West and the Pacific Coast regions.

If Barnes plays well in that tournament, he could make the Collegiate All-Americans. The All-Americans then play touring European sides and the team could even travel overseas themselves.

"It's hard to say," IRU president Steve Goggin said of the possibility of overseas travel for the team. "It's

a possibility, but it's not a for sure thing."

Barnes, whether he gets on a boat or not, has to wait until the spring of 1992, however, to begin any traveling whatsoever. That is when the national tournament will happen.

Thus, Barnes will return to the UK team for the remainder of the

fall, with goals of improving his play as well as helping the struggling Cats win some games during the following weeks.

"It's been a learning experience," Barnes said of the Select Side games.

"And I'm looking forward to sharing what I've learned with the UK team."

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## Process surrounding king, queen selection superficial, biased

Along with crisp autumn leaves and changing weather, the fall season brings another inevitable event — Homecoming.

Members of Student Activities Board have been working hard to plan activities that accompany the rich tradition of the University's Homecoming football game.

Activities this year include the annual "Wildcat Roar" pep rally, Homecoming Parade, the "All University Homecoming Tent" party and the crowning of the Homecoming queen during halftime of the football game.

But this year, there are a few twists to the old plan. First of all, SAB has decided it's time that UK had a Homecoming king.

Secondly, candidates now are required to write essays on ideas for improving the quality of student life at UK.

A board of UK and Lexington Community College faculty and students review the essays and, based on them, narrows the field to 20 candidates for queen and 20 for king. Names do not appear on the essays while they are being judged.

Up to that point, the competition is valid and fair.

But after this stage has passed and the competition moves into the next phase — interviews and voting — objective integrity goes out the window.

According to SAB rules, a board of "prominent Lexingtonians" selects 16 semifinalists (eight queen, eight king) at the completion of interviews with the candidates. The semifinalists are selected on the basis of scholarship and on "character, poise, personality and appearance" demonstrated during the interview process.

These criteria seem to be heavily weighted toward the superficial (Hey, nice suit!), which is compounded by four days of voting by the student body.

Along with the traditional homecoming queen, SAB states it is looking for a Homecoming king "who is well-respected, a leader and will proudly represent the University of Kentucky."

But it helps if the candidate is attractive, well-dressed and is supported by a greek organization, which poses substantial voting power.

As a result, Homecoming elections inherently are biased toward popular students who are sponsored by large campus groups.

The addition of essays this year is an attempt to seek candidates who stand for the ideals of the University. But they seem much more like an afterthought — an effort to legitimize what still is nothing more than a popularity contest.

Although SAB is trying to make the competition more equitable, it has a long way to go.

It is admirable for SAB to avoid sexism by offering a spot for both a Homecoming queen and king, but the contest's high-school clique mentality has not changed.

If SAB wants to make positive changes regarding Homecoming, it should abolish the competition altogether.

## Letters

### Bowman only houses geology

To the editor:

I would like to point out one flaw in N. Alan Cornett's column on Oct. 28. If Cornett had taken the time to research his topic a little further, he would have realized that Bowman Hall is occupied by the

Geology Department. There are no administrative offices located in Bowman Hall other than those of the Geology Department.

Tom Schick  
Geology sophomore  
Oct. 28, 1991

### Abortion should be available choice

To the editor:

I have watched, in dismay, the news about Wichita, Kan. I have heard about and seen pictures of the horror stories of young children being pushed in front of cars and trucks entering a parking lot near abortion clinics.

And, most recently, I observed the protesters on Nicholasville Road and read the statement by the man who organized this protest, which stated that he wanted to show how the majority of Lexington felt about abortion.

Being a graduate student in psychology, I am very busy with my work and scarcely have time for a social life, much less time or energy to be politically active.

I hear about this limitation of time daily from my colleagues and believe that this is true for most Americans. My point being that the majority of Americans are silent and, thus, their feelings are unknown.

I feel that my beliefs on abortion are not that different from the invisible (and usually silent) majority's.

I would not want to have an

abortion, and I hope that it is and should be my right to make that decision! It is very sad to think that a "loud and visible" minority in "America, land of the free" would be allowed to take my rights away from me. The answer to having less abortions is not making abortion illegal, but education.

The United States of America, throughout history, has been a haven for those who were poor and oppressed. A place where people had the right to make choices for themselves (like what religion to worship or not to worship).

When I was younger, I was told there were two things that would always be true about Americans. One was "Americans don't like to pay taxes" and the other was "Americans don't like being told what to do."

As I've realized that these three statements are true of me and as an intelligent American woman, I will simply state that I am capable of making my own decisions. "Keep our laws off my body!"

Andrea M. Lonon  
Psychology graduate student  
Oct. 24, 1991



## Parking revolt

### Students can initiate solutions to dilemma

As I am admired and feared Kentucky Kernel staffer, students often stop me on campus wanting to ask my opinion about current events. Students query me on such subjects as: "What is the best political strategy for the Democrats to use if they hope to defeat President Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle in '92?" "What legal strategy would you employ in arguing a civil rights case before the conservative Supreme Court?" or "What would be the best self-defense strategy if you were attacked by the packs of 16-foot high chipmunks which have been roaming South Campus seeking human flesh to devour?"

While my answer to these questions is always the same (Distractions with a handful of nuts and then smack them on the head with a big mallet), there is one student question which continually stymies me. And that one question is this: "What can we do about the lack of campus parking?"

UK campus parking space is at an all-time low this year. Thanks to all the new fences, construction and general growth of the school, it is almost impossible to locate a parking space around any part of campus.

For whatever reason you may come to campus, to go to the library, attend an organizational meeting, or because it is your turn to wax and buff the oak floors at the Charles Wehington's place, you can rest assured that you will be frustrated in your search for a parking space.

Students have adapted to the problem by devising some clever approaches to parking. A few students have begun to drive dilapidated wrecks to school and park them on the front lawn of the Fine Arts Building. The student then merely places a sign next to the car that reads, "Do not touch sculpture — artist at work" and their auto is safe from the vulturish towing trucks.

Another popular tactic is to disguise yourself in stained 1970s lei-



Don YATES

sure suit, fill your car with old blue books and overdue library books, and attempt to enter reserved campus lots by posing as a faculty member. But perhaps the most ingenious scheme was the one my brother invented. He painted his car white, tied a tail on to it and then attached a leash and collar to the grill. When stopped by the parking attendant, he told her he was taking the world's largest shaved dog out for a walk on campus.

Faced with this crisis, the UK administration has reacted with all the alacrity and foresight one would expect from Grover of Sesame Street. When confronted with parking complaints, UK officials usually give two responses. First, they recommend that students should live on, or near, campus so they will have a short commute to class.

Though this may come as a shock to the UK brain trust, some students do not relish the idea of living in campus housing. Some people prefer not to be crammed into a room the size of a "porta-john" and have to live off food prepared with the same individual care and speciality as you could get in the state penitentiary system.

And as to housing around UK, all that needs to be said is that it possesses all the charm of 19th century tenement slums at 21st century prices.

The real answer to the parking shortage, officials say, is to have students park at outlying lots and then ride "Lex-a-Tran" buses to campus. For those of you who have never ridden a campus bus, I would describe it as like being a passenger in the bowels of a Viking slave-galley ship without the witty banter and scenic view.

## Hatred for 'Vic,' New York go hand in hand

By L.S. Glass

My computer hates me. It's OK, I'm not surprised. My old computer, Austro Computer, hated me too, and I suspect that the next computer I get will be so advanced that ala HAL in 2001, it will actively plot my demise.

I call my computer Vic because Vic is the name of someone who lives in New York, and if there is one thing that I hate more than computers it's New York City.

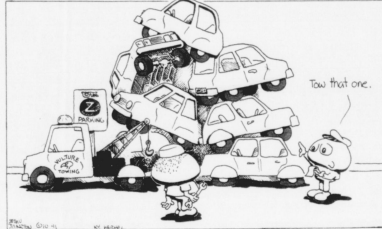
It is true; I really do hate New York City. In fact I find it hard to believe that anyone chooses to live there, and I use the word "live" in the loosest of contexts. I am quite confident that years from now advanced mental health professionals will demonstrate that the desire to live in NYC was a huge mass psy-

chosis directly attributable to watching movies like "Manhattan" and "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Part of this New York City glorification hoax is directly the result of Frank Sinatra songs. Old blue eyes, and you have to wonder if his name was ever young blue eyes or just blue eyes, is always standing around Las Vegas singing about how he wants to be in New York. Look, if Frank wants to go the Big Rotten Apple then he should just shut up about it and grab the next plane out of Vegas.

I don't really want to criticize the man because I hear that he is a friend of the friends of the friends, which mathematically makes him a friend cubed, which means he has enough pull to send you out on the old cement shoe doggy paddle.

During the next planned Sinead O'Connor-Frank Sinatra staged na-



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The bus route schedules have not run correctly since the Wilson Administration and are connected as much to reality as the Republican Party platform. To illustrate this, I have enclosed an accurate schedule for a bus leaving Commonwealth Stadium at 8:30.

8:35: Bus picks up students; passengers sign organ-donor cards and insurance forms.

8:47: Bus stops at Alumni Drive so driver can take a coffee break.

9:10: Bus attacked by pack of hungry 16-foot chipmunks.

9:25: While waiting at red light, bus is towed by overzealous UK parking employees.

10 a.m.: Road trip!

1 p.m.: Bus halts to allow parade celebrating President Reagan's achievements as president to pass; some students wander off to see world's largest shaved dog.

1 p.m.: Bus arrives; death toll tabulated and relatives notified.

The administration has done very little to ease the growing parking crunch. While it is too late to alleviate this year's disaster, I wish UK would begin planning for the construction of a parking building. I realize that such a structure would carry a hefty price tag and would require some financial maneuvering. But I hope my tuition could pay for something other than the 56 flavors

of coffee available at the Student Center Coffee Shop.

What angers me is that every year the administration seizes a few more spaces from students under the promise that they will not infringe upon our parking rights anyway. "Trust us," they tell us, and one day we will reward you students with grants of vast plains of protected parking spaces.

The American Indians lost all their land by listening to such promises. If such a trend continues, I would not be surprised to drive through Aylesford Place one day and see the Board of Trustees offering the neighborhood natives \$24 in trinkets for their land.

The only option we students have left is the one that is available to any oppressed people whose rulers have violated their rights — Revolution! We must defy the parking authorities and their laws, tear up their tickets and dance on the scraps, and confiscate all the parking spaces for the people.

At the very least, I hope that students will honk their car horns the next time they pass parking officials in search of a parking space. Maybe then somebody will get the message that we have had enough.

Don Yates is a second-year law student and a Kernel columnist.

ional anthem sing along, I plan to deliver an exposition about the song, "New York, New York." As long as you promise not to spoil the surprise, I will give you a preview.

These little town blues are longing to stray ... Don't worry. As soon as you arrive in New York, your little town blues are replaced by some big city black and blues as the local chamber of commerce meets, greets and mugs you for all your little town cash.

I want to be a part of it New York, New York ... In New York City, it is more likely that you will wind up as strewn parts (see chapter five, Quaint New York City practices and Self Defense techniques to guard against them).

I want to wake up in the city that never sleeps ... Look, the thing I want when I am trying to sleep is a sprawling Metropolitan insomnia.

Besides, I think we all know why no one sleeps in New York: People are scared stiff, and sleep, like everything else there, is too expensive.

Find I'm King of the Hill. Top of the Crop. Top of the Heap ... I don't know what hills Frank is talking about, but I do know the only crops they have in New York are the kind that are smuggled in. As for this heap business, I assume that is a reference to the fact that their sanitation engineers have been on strike so long that everyone has a pile of Kilimanjaro-like refuse standing outside their door.

I know the chances of any one reading this are slim because I'm typing it on Vic and the screen has begun to waiver. But unless Vic wants to find himself in NYC, being used by a magenta mohawk named Sid to print out punk peep poetry, this better be on the printer ASAP.

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# Social issues vital to students' health

A healthy lifestyle can enhance the college experience. Mom always said, "Get enough rest, sleep, eat right, be careful crossing the street, take your vitamins and eat chicken soup when you have a cold." Right?

We also need to think about social issues when talking about a healthy lifestyle. When an unplanned pregnancy can devastate a relationship, upset future plans and necessitate agonizing decision-making; when sexually transmitted diseases can lead to infertility (in men AND women), genital cancer and death; and when acquaintance rape occurs more often on college campuses than many of us realize, it is crucial to make informed decisions about sex.

We are sexual beings from birth to death. Sexuality includes how we feel about ourselves and our bodies, our interactions and attractions to other people, our attitudes about sex, how we express our sexual feelings and our views about male and female roles in our society.

Sexual intercourse is only one expression of our sexuality. It can provide pleasure and a sense of well-being, intimacy, reinforcement of our self-identity as a man or woman and can produce children. However, sex also can result in an unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease (STD), sexual assault, guilt or confusion. Each of us has a right to choose whether or not to have intercourse, when to have it and with whom.

This is a personal decision, based on our beliefs and values. Yet the decision to have intercourse is often not a pre-planned one. Human emotion, hormones, peer pressure, alcohol and drugs or a combination of all of these often "make the decision" for us.

When making choices concerning sex, the decision-making process can include such questions as: How do I feel about this person? What questions or doubts do I have? What do I expect to gain or lose through sex with this person? What are the risks? Am I prepared emotionally and physically (contraception and protection against STDs)?

As difficult as these issues often are to discuss with a potential or current partner, communication is vital. A given level of intimacy can mean different things to different

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people. Men and women often see the same situation from totally different viewpoints.

With sexual intercourse comes responsibility, and it is wiser and safer to consider all the feelings or consequences afterward. Unless a pregnancy is desired, a reliable form of contraception is necessary with every act of intercourse.

Eighty percent of women using no birth control will become pregnant within a year. Some of the reasons (excuses) people may have for not using a reliable method of birth control include:

- I thought it was a safe time of the month
- We didn't have anything with us
- I didn't think I could get pregnant if he didn't ejaculate
- We don't have sex frequently enough to use birth control
- I didn't plan on having intercourse tonight
- I just didn't get around to going to the clinic for a prescription for birth control pills
- I had too much to drink and don't remember what happened

These reasons, and many more, may seem legitimate at the time, but would they seem good enough when the woman misses her period and has a positive pregnancy test?

The decision she then has to make can be a very difficult one that can profoundly affect not only her, but also her sexual partner and those close to her. Single-parenting, marriage, adoption or abortion are not easily made decisions for a single couple in their teens and in college.

Contraceptives available without a prescription include condoms, the vaginal sponge, spermicidal foams, creams and suppositories and the spermicidal vaginal contraceptive film.

Contraceptives requiring a visit to your health care clinician include oral contraceptive pills, diaphragms, cervical caps, intrauterine devices and the Norplant system.

There are more than 10 million new cases of sexually transmitted diseases every year in the United States. No one is immune. The majority of STDs occur in children

under 25 years of age. Many STDs have minimal or no symptoms in some individuals, yet can still be transmitted.

The facts: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a virus that can cause genital warts. It is the leading viral sexually transmitted disease and the leading cause of abnormal Pap smears. It is now known to be a risk factor in causing cervical cancer, vaginal cancer and vulvar cancer in women and penile cancer in men.

Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) is the virus that causes genital herpes as well as fever blisters (cold sores) on the mouth. Three out of four people are without symptoms or have such mild symptoms they are unaware they are infected.

Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta estimate that there are about one million chronic hepatitis B virus carriers in the United States. People with HBV are at greater risk for cirrhosis of the liver and liver cancer. Five thousand people die each year from hepatitis B related diseases.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is the virus that causes AIDS, or HIV disease. It is estimated that there are 35,000 to 40,000 college students in the United States infected with HIV. It may take three to four months before a person tests positive for the virus after exposure, but this "window" of exposure may possibly be as long as 22 months.

Gonorrhea, a bacterial STD, may be without symptoms in as many as 80 percent of females infected, and in 20 percent of males infected.

Chlamydia, another bacterial STD, is a major cause of infertility if left untreated.

Syphilis cases are increasing again, with the CDC reporting in February in 1990 that it had reached an epidemic 40-year high.

Symptoms of STD, if there are any, may include abnormal discharge from the vagina or penis, painful or burning irritation, sores, lumps or blisters on the genitals, itching on the genital area, abnormal vaginal bleeding, painful intercourse or unexplained skin rashes.

Only total body abstinence, with no skin to skin contact (since some diseases can be passed with close contact even if there is no inter-

course) is a 100 percent guarantee against unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease.

So how do we have safer sex?  
 • Avoid SUI — sex under the influence of alcohol and other drugs. We are more likely to take sexual risks when drunk or high.

• Limit the number of sexual partners.

• Agree to have a monogamous relationship. And remember that short-term or "serial monogamy" is not really practicing safe sex.

• Use a latex condom with sexual intercourse every time. A condom can be even more effective when used with a spermicide containing Nonoxonyl 9.

• Learn the common symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases, and seek medical help if any "suspicious" symptoms develop.

• Avoid sexual contact with infected persons and with those being treated for sexually transmitted diseases.

• Discuss sexual history with a potential partner.

• Avoid a partner who has had many partners.

• Learn safe sexual activities.

• Always use a reliable method of contraception.

We all deserve respect, and in turn must respect the rights and feelings of others. We must be assertive in our goals to maintain sexual health. The book by Dr. Robert Hatcher, et al, called *Doctor, Am I A Virgin Again?* gives us 10 suggested rules of sexual etiquette.

Never use force. Respect the word "no." Avoid potentially difficult situations. Be prepared. Share responsibility in a sexual relationship. Communicate openly about contraception. Respect sexual privacy. Be considerate of others. Sexual harassment is not a joke. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Further information on birth control methods, sexually transmitted diseases and other health issues can be obtained by calling 257-3134.

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## Security

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"We should not rely on a mechanical device to be a security," Clay said. "The mechanical system is just a backup for the human monitor at the desk, Clay said."

There are faults in the card access system. Tailgating, or more than one person entering a building on one card, is a problem at Haggin.

"If that happens we try to visualize whose going through and identify them," he said.

Clay said during his researching of the card system at other universities, he was most impressed by the system used at the University of Delaware. The system proposed at UK is similar to that plan, he said.

Clay eventually would like to

see the entire card-access system expanded and centralized to ensure further campus security.

"The whole goal is to have the whole things wired as a single unit," Clay said. "This system would be operated from a central control spot from within the residence halls," Clay said.

"The card system does wonderful things with respect to access control. You can go beyond just the individual residence halls — we could wire all the doors so that during breaks we can give control of all the doors to the UK Police Department," he said.

Clay said the new card system also would benefit disabled students at UK by permitting easier access to residence halls.

"This system (the card system) can be equipped with proximity readers for disabled students in wheelchairs who don't have the motor control to open doors," he said.

## Student

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Williamson's for four years, said it is hard to believe he is gone.

"It was just utter disbelief," he said about hearing of Williamson's death. "I didn't know how to feel. I still just don't want to believe it."

Williamson always had a smile on his face, said Robbins, a UK mu-

sic junior.

"Everyone was his friend."

Williamson's parents, Rae and Judy Williamson, could not be reached last night. They live in Louisville, Ky.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville. The burial will be at Cave Hill Cemetery.

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## Hatred for Custer leads to site name change

By BOB ANEZ  
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Lt. Col. George Custer is so hated by Indians that it is time to change the name of the Montana battlefield honoring him, says the former chief historian of the National Park Service.

Robert Utley says he resisted the idea for years but changed his mind as he learned more about how Indians view their treatment by white men during the settlement of the West.

"They look upon Custer as a personification of all that was wrong in American Indian policy, all that was brutal, all that was unjust," he said.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation in June that would rename the Custer Battlefield National Monument as the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colo.), the only American Indian member of Congress, was sent to the Senate. President Bush has indicated he would sign it.

The 61-year-old Utley, considered an expert on the Battle of the Little Bighorn and the frontier military, was in Helena this week for a

Montana history conference. Utley said he recognizes the historical value of the battlefield's original name. But "the time is now here to sacrifice that bit of history as a concession to Indian sentiment," he said.

The bill sets up a process for building a memorial on the site to the Indians who died there. The National Park Service estimates about 100 Indians were killed in the fight. The cemetery where the U.S. Army soldiers who died on Last Stand Hill are buried would be named the Custer National Cemetery.

Custer was among nearly 265 soldiers and civilians killed by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the June 25, 1876, battle.

Utley, a former guide at the battlefield site who later wrote the park service's official version of the battle, said the world will never know precisely what happened at "Custer's Last Stand" because no U.S. soldiers survived.

He said the battle marked the beginning of the end of a free life on

the Northern Plains for the Sioux and Cheyenne.

"A stunned nation was prepared

to back any measure to exact retribution for the death of their hero," he said.

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