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COUNCIL

City postpones vote on parking ordinance

The Urban County Council voted to postpone a reading of a proposal that would allow cars to be towed upon receiving a fourth parking ticket.

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Wait: DeCamp fears ordinance would not pass, motions to postpone vote

By Steve Ivy
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who parks downtown has at least one more month before they may have to worry about having their car towed after four unpaid parking tickets.

The second reading of an ordinance that would allow cars to be towed after receiving a fourth parking ticket was on the docket for Wednesday's Fayette Urban County Council meeting.

But 3rd District councilman Dick DeCamp, who supports the ordinance, made a motion to postpone the second reading of the ordinance until the March 7 meeting, thereby

postponing a vote that could put the law in the books. The motion to postpone passed 7-3.

DeCamp said he made the move to postpone the reading because several council members who are in favor of the ordinance were absent from the meeting.

"The second reading would need eight votes for the ordinance to pass," he said. "With three members present who were in opposition, we wouldn't have had the votes tonight."

DeCamp said Dr. David Stevens, councilman-at-large, would have been the eighth supporting vote, but Stevens did not arrive at the meeting in

time for the second reading.

Scott Crosbie, councilman-at-large and Lexington mayoral candidate, was among those who voted against postponing the reading. He said the council needs to explore other options.

"We need to start being more innovative," he said. "We've not even considered going to the state legislature and asking for legislation that would prevent people from renewing their drivers license if they had too many outstanding tickets."

Crosbie also said the ordinance change would not send the right message about people coming downtown.

"Think about the possible

expense for people this would affect," he said. "If your car has been towed and stored for 10 days, the cost could be several hundred dollars."

"We need to find other ways besides hammering UK students and the surrounding community that make our downtown thrive."

If it passes

The proposal would allow cars to be towed upon receiving a fourth parking ticket. The proposal will be back on the docket at the March 7 meeting.

TOWN AND UNIVERSITY

UK tries to learn from Yale's plan

Changes: School overcame similar problems

By Kristin Durbin
STAFF WRITER

Yale and the University of Kentucky share a common goal. Michael Morland, vice president of Yale University for New Haven State Affairs, told UK faculty and community members Thursday how Yale University developed a "college-town" — just as UK hopes to do.

It wasn't easy, Morland said, and in the past, New Haven's image had been out of sync with reality. "Change is hard," he said.

Morland said he learned lessons along Yale's journey to develop a college-town atmosphere, including the importance of presidential leadership at a university.

"You should have great faith something is going to happen here," Morland said. Don Rowland, Gaines Center director, said Morland's years of experience can help show UK the way.

Morland's discussion, the first in a series of three, shows how a university and community can successfully work together, Rowland said.

Morland said progress should be incremental, and persistence is required with an initiative such as UK's "College-Town Concept."

Morland said in order to create a stronger New Haven, Yale focused on economic development, strong neighborhoods and a vital downtown.

UK's goals are similar. The "College-Town Concept" plan recently announced by UK president Lee Todd and Lexington mayor Pam Miller will be focused on area development and preservation of existing neighborhoods.

UK trustee and former Gov. Edward Breathitt said the plan will succeed with committed people in the community and at UK.

"The mayor and president have got to put it together," he said.

Questions?

Seating for the next two seminars about UK's "College-Town Concept" is already full, but anyone with questions should call 257-1537.

BOOKS

Alum's parents donate Soviet military library

A massive collection: Couple collected books in Russia for more than 40 years

By Melanie Beckwith
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In 1962 while stationed in Moscow, a United States Air Force colonel and his wife began collecting books about the Soviet military.

In the next 40 years, Colonel William F. Scott and his wife, Harriet East Scott, amassed approximately 12,000 volumes during their frequent trips to Russia.

In December, the Scotts, whose two sons graduated from UK, donated the massive collection to the university.

Stuart Kaufman, an associate professor and director of graduate studies in political science, who helped bring the collection to UK, said the current interest in Cold War history will bring outside scholars to UK who wish to utilize this rare research library.

"It can help us understand why there was an arms race and help us prevent similar problems in the future," he said.

The rarity of many of the books in the collection makes it unique, he added.

"(Many of these books were) published in the Soviet Union 20 to 30 years ago, when it was hard to get access to that information," he explained.

This massive library contains such volumes as the writings of

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RECRUITING

Morriss expresses optimism about his first signing class

Help needed: Coach expects immediate contributions from some; others will exercise "grayshirt" option

By Tom Soper
STAFF WRITER

Football Coach Guy Morriss is happy with his first recruiting class at UK.

"Today is a good day for us at UK football," he said at a news conference Thursday. "It's a good culmination of a long year of hard recruiting, and we feel very good about the class that we have signed."

NCAA sanctions cut UK's scholarship allotment to 16 for 2002, but 21 players were signed.

Middlesboro linebacker Durrell White will attend UK on an academic scholarship, and four others, "grayshirts," will enroll in January, 2003. They will begin weight-training but will not be permitted to train or practice with the team until August when they'll be placed on scholarship.

Junior-college transfer Kamaal Ahmad, a linebacker, will count toward last year's scholarship total, which sets the count for 2002 at 15.

Morriss said a number of players will need to contribute.

"Obviously Kamaal Ahmad and (wide receiver) Chris Bernard, coming out of (junior-college) should be ready," he said. "We're counting on those two guys, and they were recruited to come here and play right away."

"We're counting on Chad Anderson to come in and play some. He's a year older and he's gotten more mature. Jared McGowan, the big lineman out of Mississippi, has a chance to see some time next fall, and Yancey Reynolds, the junior-college All-American from Georgia Military, was recruited to be a starter."

Anderson chose UK over big-name schools like Michigan, Ohio State and Miami (Fla.).

Morriss added that all the signees would have an opportunity to fight for a starting job.

Many experts and fans get caught up in where a school's recruiting class ranks nationally, but Morriss said he doesn't pay too much attention to that.

Tom Lemming, a recruiting analyst for ESPN.com, did not include a UK signee in his list of the top 100 prep prospects for 2002.

"I don't really believe in ranking them," Morriss said. "I don't think this is an exact science, it's kind of a crapshoot. I think you should judge a class two or three years down the road."

Morriss said UK's membership in the Southeastern Conference and its overall package influenced recruits, but the main reason was simple.

"These kids want to be here," he said. "They're excited about coming and playing for the Blue and White."



What is a "grayshirt"?

The "grayshirt" means the student-athletes will enroll at UK in January 2003 without a football scholarship.

They won't be able to train or practice with the team but can be placed on a weight program and use the training facilities.

They will be placed on scholarship in August, 2003 and will have a full five years to complete their eligibility.

The four signees that will use a "grayshirt" are Bowling Green linebacker Brad Booker, Glasgow defensive back Randy Driver, Louisville Ballard wide receiver Maurice Marchman and Johnson Central defensive lineman Paul Webb.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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— Steven Wright, American Comedian

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CAMPUS NEWS

Dees event cancelled

Civil rights leader Morris Dees was unable to speak at UK last night as scheduled because of travel difficulties. The Student Activities Board had sponsored the event. Mark Moore, director of contemporary affairs for SAB, said there would be an attempt made to reschedule the event, but nothing has been confirmed as of yet.

Vietnamese guitarist coming to UK

The Student Activities Board is hosting Tinh, a Vietnamese guitar player who tells stories of his life during the war in Vietnam while playing music, at 7 p.m. Monday Feb. 11 in the Worsham Theatre. The theatre is located in the Student Center. The show is free and open to the public.

Tylenol scholarships available

Students preparing for health-related careers can now apply for one of 160 grants from the Tylenol® Brand Scholarship Fund. This year's fund will total \$250,000, including 10 grants of \$10,000 each. Applications will be available from February 15th through March 31st and must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2002. Interested students can find information and applications on displays in the following participating retailers: Albertson's, CVS, Eckerd, K-Mart, Kroger, Rite Aid, Target, Wal-Mart and Walgreen's stores and on the Tylenol Web site at www.tylenol.com. Recipients will be notified by July 15, 2002.

Mortar Board accepting applications

UK's chapter of the Mortar Board, a senior national honor society, is accepting applications for membership. Those wishing to join must have at least 90 hours at UK and a 3.0 GPA. For more information about the organization or to fill out an application, go to their Web site at www.uky.edu/studentorgs/mortarboard/. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Women's commission to meet Friday

UK's President's Commission on Women will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 in 107 Breckinridge Hall. The meeting will include a report of the University's top-20 initiative and various sub-committee reports. The meeting is open to the public. More information can be found at www.uky.edu/PCW.



GIRL CORRUPTED: The most coveted video in Hollywood isn't that Oscar screener of "The Lord of the Rings" — it's a Saks Fifth Avenue security tape of Winona Ryder from the day of her Dec. 12 bust for allegedly pocketing \$4,760 worth of high-end goods (including two Judith Leiber handbags and some pricey hair clips). Due in part to evidence allegedly caught by security cameras, L.A. prosecutors took an unusually hard stance toward the two-time Oscar nominee, charging her Feb. 1 with four felonies: grand theft, commercial burglary, vandalism (apparently of security sensors on the items), and possession of a controlled substance. At her arraignment Feb. 5, Ryder, 30, pleaded not guilty to all charges. If convicted, she could face nearly four years in jail. That would end her age of innocence.

Diversity commission to meet Friday

UK's President's Commission on Diversity will meet at 7:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 8 in 231 Student Center. The meeting will include a discussion about University statistics, issues and initiatives related to diversity. The meeting is open to the public.

Online Career Fair set for Feb. 11-22

During Feb. 11-22, registered students and alumni can link to the Virtual Career Fair Web site through the Career Center homepage at www.uky.edu/CareerCenter. From there, students and alumni can search for employers alphabetically or by industry and enter those groups' virtual booths. There they will find a link to the organization's Web site, employment opportunities and contact information. To register, students and alumni must visit the Career Center Web site, www.uky.edu/CareerCenter, by Feb. 7 and fill out an online form.

NATIONAL NEWS

Former Enron CEO defends himself

WASHINGTON — Former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling insisted to skeptical lawmakers Thursday that he knew of nothing improper about the complex web of partnerships that brought down the company, draining the savings of millions of investors and employees. Four of Skilling's former colleagues at the energy-trading conglomerate remained silent and refused to testify, invoking their constitutional privilege. Back in August, when he resigned his post, Skilling said, testifying under tough questioning in his first public accounting of the collapse, "I did not believe the company was in any financial peril."

1,300 people will sue New York City

NEW YORK — From rescue workers who say they have lung problems to business owners who say their shops were damaged, 1,300 people have given notice they may sue the city for a total of \$7.18 billion over the aftermath of the World Trade Center attack. The claims involve injuries or damage caused not by the attack itself but by the alleged negligence of the city during the recovery and cleanup. The vast majority are from firefighters who say the city gave them inadequate respiratory protection at the smoldering trade center site. Not all of those who served notice will sue. Some, for example, may instead seek money from the federal victims compensation fund. But the notices preserve their right to bring a lawsuit.

Compiled from wire reports

BOOKS

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former USSR leaders, military encyclopedias, cookbooks, propaganda-type storybooks, periodicals, Russian history books and military tactics manuals. The Scotts also donated maps, charts and poster sets from the Soviet Union that explain how to properly build a bomb shelter in the event of an American bombing raid.

The Scotts became interested in the Soviet military when Harriet Fast Scott read that in the 1957 launch of the Soviet Union's Sputnik I had caught the CIA and other government agencies off-guard even though the Russian press had previously announced it.

In 1962, she joined her husband in Moscow, where he was assigned as a senior air attaché for the United States Air Force. The Scotts became well-known experts on the Soviet military.

The Scotts built their library as they traveled throughout the Soviet Union, visiting areas that normal American

tourists did not have access to. William Scott recalled that twice while traveling, Russian police confiscated the books in his wife's possession.

Gordon Hogg, the library services director at the King Library, said it is the only collection set apart for the purpose of researching the Soviet military.

"It is a very valuable interpretation of what the Soviet military presented to itself," Hogg said. "Before being donated to UK, scholars made private appointments at the Scotts' home to use the library for research. During the Cold War, the collection was used by the CIA."

"UK is extremely lucky to have acquired it," Kaufman said. "I'm looking forward to digging into it myself."

To see the collection

The Soviet military collection will be made available to the public in about a year. The collection will most likely be housed in King Library's special collections.

VISIT

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Planned to take effect in the fall of 1997, the proposal called for 24-hour visitation in Blanding II on a trial basis during the fall semester. If the plan worked well, 24-hour visitation would have been extended to more residence halls in the fall of 1998. To live in Blanding II, students would have been required to have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and a specified minimum of credit hours.

The proposal never passed because it did not meet the deadline, said James Kuder, vice chancellor of students.

"Because of the need to notify incoming students, there is sort of a deadline," Kuder said.

"If you wait too long, we just really can't do it. We need to be up-front with parents and students."

In addition to missing the deadline, Kuder said the feeling toward visitation on campus was different in 1997 and that might have blocked changes.

"The University really wasn't interested in a change at that point," Kuder said. "There is a more positive feeling toward changing the policy now."

Kuder said the administration could make a change in the policy, but it's important for students to create a proposal and present it to the administration for approval.

"There are a lot of people who are all trying to work on this issue, so it's slow," Kuder said. "But I am very interested in ideas for change, and I will listen to RSC."

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That's where I've found my talent. If it crawls, I can eat it . . . They taste like dirt if you chew them.

- MARK HOGG, "THE WORM MAN"

Slimy, dirty and wriggling, worms bring in the money

By Joe Anderson
STAFF WRITER

Picture a scene: You've just walked into a campus party. It's fairly standard Friday night fare, as hip-hop bumps from a stereo, people mingle and sip beer. But the boring turns bizarre as you walk into the kitchen, where a man gobbles slimy, 7-inch worms by the handful.

Meet Mark "The Worm Man" Hogg, who lives in Versailles, holds the world record for eating worms — on the "Regis Philbin show," he ate 96 worms in 30 seconds. "I'm sure I could eat 140 in 30 seconds," he says. "I don't want to do my best, though, because no one would ever challenge me."

After washing them, Hogg eats his worms alive and whole. "They taste like dirt if you chew them, and it just slows you down," he says. "Hogg calls his favorite trick 'the spaghetti.' He places one end of the worm between his lips, it dangles for a moment in the air, squirming and glistening. Then — slurp — the worm vanishes down his throat.

"You can only feel them wriggling for a second," he says, "though, if you eat a hundred of them, you can feel them in your stomach. It feels like butterflies down there." Hogg regards his unusual diet with pride, saying that worms are 82 percent protein, and are low in fat. He recommends them to the uninitiated, citing their nutritional value. "They're pretty good with scrambled eggs," he says.

Hogg began his worm-eating career while serving in the army in Panama, where he ate them as part of survival training. He also tried cockroaches and grilled monkey, but found his niche with night crawlers. "That's where I found my talent," he says. "If it crawls, I can eat it."

Hogg's wife Holly is also his manager. His eating habits didn't faze her when they first met.

"I thought it was kind of cool," she says. "I used to fish with worms when I was a kid, and they didn't bother me." She has never eaten a worm, though she once had one in her mouth when they did the Regis show together. Hogg is now a worm-eating professional. He has appeared on TV eight times, on the "Guinness Book of World Records" show, "Ripley's Believe It or Not," "Mauri Povich," "Entertainment Tonight," MTV, Regis and in Canada. Appearances on "The Tonight Show" and "Late Night with Dave Letterman" were canceled because of fear of protests by animal rights activists.

His TV appearances led to paid trips to England, Spain, Portugal, Canada and Hollywood. He grows dreads when he speaks of the five-star hotels and the limousine rides.

He leaves in March for a five-year contract doing shows at The Venetian, a new casino in Las Vegas.

In the meantime, he wants to come to parties around UK, and get paid to eat worms.

He said if you want your next party to stand out from the rest, he's an opportunity.



Yummy

Mark "The worm man" Hogg charges a flat fee of \$200 to appear at a party. His fees increase for different services. His contact number is (859) 879-6649.

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LAUGHTER

Comedians are a Tuesday-night riot

Crack up: Students enjoy new SAB event, and comedians enjoy the UK atmosphere

By Amy Jo Gill
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The vacuum should hit the carpet of the Cat's Den before next Tuesday night. There may be students rolling on it.

The SAB-sponsored Comedy Caravan made its premier this past Tuesday, and it didn't seem a waste of time to the students who came out.

"It was hilarious," said Scott Jones, a physics freshman. "I laughed my ass off."

Brent Guillian agreed. "The show was really good," the undeclared sophomore said.

A pre-show surprise done by SAB's Dave Bailey and Mike Tabben sent some students home with free popcorn, T-shirts, a pair of concert tickets, and a "sordid beverage glass."

The Caravan was officially kicked off by WLEX's Lee Cruse. Students learned how to deal with "stupid people" and the mysteries of Berea, "the land time forgot."

Next up was John Hope. Hope stepped up to the plate and struck a homer with his crude, yet funny act. Hope, the self-proclaimed "dude at the party that is the pain in the ass," intertwined crowd interaction with his struggling points and cover-ups, but kept students laughing nonetheless.

Headliner for the night was WQK's Bob and Tom regular Lord Carrett. Carrett has appeared on Showtime, Comedy Central and even an episode of TLC's "A Dating Story."

The combo of his smooth transitions, stage presence, "bitchin' shoes," ex-wife woes, and "rock-a-billy" hair made for a roomful of ruckus.

"Students had a good attitude and got all my good jokes," Carrett said.

Carrett has also performed in the past at Comedy Off Broadway and Two Keys Tavern and prefers the "clear-headed, non-jaded" audience that UK students make up.

The show put together a

mixture of comedy genres, producing all-friendly comedy sure to put a giggle in your gaggle.

As for next week, Carrett said the comedian Spike Davis will be a treat for students.

His high energy and very silly," Carrett said. Davis has been featured on DEF Comedy Jam. He will perform with "the man, the city in Ohio" Cleveland, as a celebration of Black History Month.

Future Comedy

Comedy Caravan will continue to have shows at 8 p.m. Tuesday nights at the cat's den, which is located in the Student Center. Tickets are free.

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*UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

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*Math Tutoring(123), 5:00-10:00pm, Kiwan Tower
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*History Tutoring, (107/106/109), 8:00-10:00pm, Kiwan Tower
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Life

Sesame Street

In the crazy world of today, everyone is looking for the easy way out, the quick buck, and free money — none of which exist. Well they may, if you believe you can earn \$50,000-100,000 from home by visiting snagadream.com. But that's bullshit. Everyone knows you have to work hard and fight for everything in life. It's this very fact that had me down the other day. I pondered how nice it would be to live in a world where money was irrelevant. So I ask you, "Can you tell me how to get, how to get to Sesame Street?" because I'd like to go and live there.

Why would I want to live with Muppets? Well I'm glad you asked.

Have you ever seen litter (other than around Oscar's can) lining the sides of Sesame Street?

There are never any potholes in the road, which stems from the fact that there are no traffic problems. I'm sure I've never seen Big Bird waddle down the street worrying about being picked off by a Lex Tran bus.

Diet concerns go down the tubes after spending some time with the Cookie Monster. I mean, all he ever eats is cookies — and he's a happy monster with no self-confidence problems, never complaining about looking fat.

There's no need to worry about finding a good job. None of the monsters have a job, unless there is some sort of federal funding for monsters I don't know about.

If you ever have any problems, all you need to do is talk to Elmo. That cracked out little red fur ball always makes me smile.

If you think your life sucks just wander down to see Oscar. You may just realize, "Hey, I don't live in a garbage can or talk to worms for fun. Maybe my life isn't that horrible after all."

The weather there beats the hell out of what we put up with here. "Sunny day's washing the clouds away."

Last but not least, where else could you be named Snuffleupagus and not be made fun of?

Is it Utopia? Is it perfect? Is it where you would want to live? That is for you to decide, but it is Sesame Street.

— Jared Whalen
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READERS' FORUM



Expressions

Israeli-Palestinian situation poorly represented by Yossi Olmert

On Feb. 4, the Patterson School of Diplomacy hosted a lecture by Yossi Olmert, an attache of the Israeli government. The title of the lecture was "The Impact of Terrorism on the Middle East," but attendants were soon to discover that another issue was on the table. Once introduced, Olmert, though stating that his opinions were his own, proceeded to prove that his agenda only included supporting the Israeli stance against occupied Palestine and its people. His discourse was a well thought out concoction of curved facts, demeaning gestures and incomplete information. Throughout his speech, those who sat in the audience were attentive and respectful. But, at the end of his lecture, the moment of audience questioning, he disrespected every questioner by interrupting constantly, making light jokes and sometimes avoiding answering the questions altogether. As an experienced orator, Dr. Olmert should have realized that there would be opposing views set against his own biased opinion towards the Palestinian issue. What worried many of the students was the lack of an impartial view that would take into account the other facts of the issue at hand. In order to make a fair assessment of a situation as complex as the Israeli-Palestinian issue, college students must hear both sides, not just the inflammatory remarks of one man. Therefore, to all of those UK students who read this op-ed piece, please do not rely on the intentions of one government figure. Dig deeper, probe facts and learn both sides of any story before making a judgment. As for the School of Diplomacy, I think that if an international topic is going to be discussed, then an international view should be taken. If not with one impartial view, then with a series of lectures corresponding to the subject-matter.

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Prisoners have hearts, too

Given that Valentine's day is next week, I felt it appropriate to talk about the infinite and enduring compassion we Americans feel for one another.



Josh Sullivan
ASSISTANT DIALOGUE EDITOR

So abundant it is that it can transcend racial and religious differences. It's so limitless that even socio-economic boundaries and cultural divisions present no obstacles. (I'll buy it if you will.)

Well, it seems we've discovered one barrier our boundless American tenderness can't pierce. Prison walls. I am, of course, referring to the California prison inmate who received a heart-transplant: much to the chagrin of irritating news talk show hosts all over the airwaves. The man who received the organ is a two-time felon, and many Americans seem to be convinced that his convictions should eliminate him from the lengthy waiting list for transplants. Outraged media characters and citizens alike have been quick to cry "injustice" over the incident.

As far as I'm concerned, only a few simple facts need be considered in order to justify granting this man his right as an American to receive necessary medical treatment. First off, just like everyone else on the transplant list, he waited his turn. He was not given any special privileges or considerations — so should he have been denied simply because he's a felon?

Well, a prison inmate doesn't lose his or her American citizenship after being convicted of a crime. In fact, the law allows them to enjoy every American right not necessarily eliminated by their imprisonment. And when their sentence elapses, all those rights are restored with respect to the conditions of their release.

In America, whether it's wrong or right, we use imprisonment as a means of rehabilitation, not revenge. We subscribe to the notion that people can repent of their errors and become respectable citizens. That's why there's such a thing as parole, which is what our good friend may receive some day.

Denying him a transplant would have been the equivalent of a death-sentence, and the courts already decided that he didn't deserve that fate.

A guest on the "O'Reilly Factor" whose daughter had died and donated her organs said she couldn't believe the organs could be used to save a criminal's life.

I would ask how she and those who agree with her feel about the thousands of alcoholics who willingly destroy good, working lives but receive transplants none-the-less? Is that not more of an injustice?

Many people seem to be outraged that taxpayer money was spent on the transplant surgery. Sorry folks, but that's the price you pay to live in this country. Taxes are a necessary evil, and we have little or no influence on how that tax money is spent.

Besides, we Americans are gung-ho as hell when it comes to stocking up the jails. We love sending minor drug offenders to prison to serve longer terms than rapists, don't we? If you want to bitch about prison related tax fund squandering, take a look at the ridiculous amount of inmates who are imprisoned for petty drug offenses. According to the Federal Bureau of Prisons stats, fifty-five percent of all prisoners in the United States are serving time for drug offenses. That's a waste of taxpayer money if you ask me, not saving someone's life. If we didn't have the most crowded prisons in the world, we might not have to spend so much tax money running them.

Which brings me to my next point — our strictly controlled substance laws ensure that many inmates serving time on drug charges are neither violent offenders nor dealers, but simply abusers. What if it turned out one of them needed an organ transplant? Should they be left to die as well? They'd be subject to the exact same circumstances as the California inmate.

Beyond that, what about the 10 women former Kentucky Governor Breton Jones had released from prison near the end of his term? The women were convicted of murder or attempted murder after killing their abusive husbands, who in most cases had a history of raping them and beating their children as well. Jones saw fit to overturn their sentences, and if I may be so bold, rightly so. What if one of these women had needed a transplant while in prison?

Would we be prepared to debate and draft a huge bill distinguishing which type of inmates should receive organ transplants necessary to their survival? How would we even go about deciding which crimes constitute imminent death? (How could the Kentucky legislature get beyond restricting squabbles and First Amendment attacks to even begin?)

The fact is, we let judges decide what sentence criminals deserve, not the public or media goons. So leave it at that.

Josh Sullivan is a journalism junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



The Issue:

In connection with the Citizen Kentucky project and the upcoming race for mayor, some students were asked to list five of their challenges for Lexington and UK in the near future.

What they said:



Sarah Adams

Major: Agricultural communications
Hometown: Paducah, Ky.

- Five Challenges
 - Lack of public transportation
 - Lack of student activities
 - Poor student housing
 - City is too spread out
 - It's too hard to get around

Who can help?
Lee Todd, governor, sports teams



Billy Toombs

Major: Agricultural communications
Hometown: Stanford, Ky.

- Five Challenges
 - Police bias against students
 - Alcohol sales ending at 1 a.m.
 - University parking
 - Dry campus
 - Student representation in city

Who can help?
Informed students, Lee Todd, mayor, city council



Greg MacLeary

Major: Journalism
Hometown: Nitro, W.Va.

- Five Challenges
 - Campus parking and traffic
 - Animosity toward students
 - Art and cultural activities
 - Student housing
 - Revitalize downtown

Who can help?
City planners, mayor, city council and wealthy citizens



Valerie Fonorow

Major: Agricultural Communications
Hometown: Chicago, Ill.

- Five Challenges
 - Little to do for students under 21
 - Bars close too early
 - Lack of parking
 - Campus traffic problems
 - Lack of student-friendly jobs

Who can help?
If students become more involved in their community, their voices could influence politics

Interested students welcome to join in the discussion

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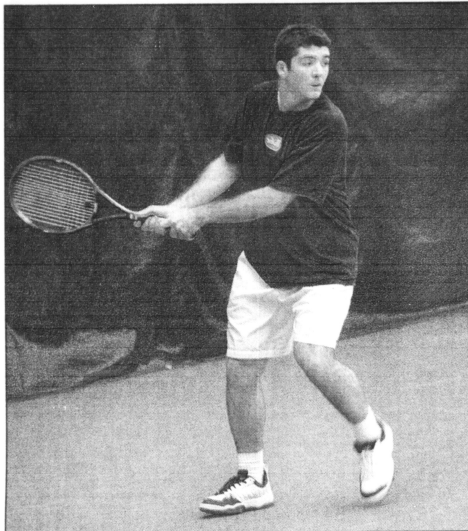
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SECOND SERVE

Tennis Cats attempt a Bruin bounce back



Best bet
Jesse Witten, a freshman ranked No. 10 in the nation, is UK's top singles player and plans to make an impression at this weekend's USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships in Louisville. Witten defeated Jean-Julien Rojer of UCLA, the No. 18 singles player in the nation, Thursday.

FILE PHOTO

UK competition: UCLA, Stanford among best at USTA/ITA Indoor Championships in Louisville

By Alex Williams
STAFF WRITER

The UK men's tennis team fell to No. 3 UCLA for the second time in three days Thursday at the 28th USTA/ITA National Indoor Tennis Championships, but will serve it up again at 7:30 p.m. today at the Louisville Tennis Center.

The Cats (5-2) look to rebound from consecutive losses to the Bruins against No. 8 Southern Methodist.

Sophomore Evan Austin, who lost to No. 13 Marcin Matkowski, said the team is ready for nationals.

"We're ready as physically and mentally as we can be," Austin said. "We came back to school early from Christmas break and got two good tournaments under our belts."

UK Coach Dennis Emery agrees with Austin's notion. "We tried to come back two weeks early and play some extra tournaments," Emery said. "We're just trying to keep the guys healthy and fresh."

With 13 of the teams ranked in the top 25 — and the likes of Georgia, Ole Miss, Tennessee and Illinois — competition will

be fierce. And that's without mentioning the defending indoor champions UCLA and Stanford, who claimed the title in 2000.

The Cats may have claimed a moral victory with the losses to UCLA because it showed they could compete with the nation's elite. "Personally, I thought we would get killed and embarrassed, but it turned out to be our best match of the year," said freshman phenom Jesse Witten. "It showed we're not a causal team. We're a team to be reckon with."

Witten, ranked 10th, was one of only two victorious Cats on Thursday. Witten defeated No. 18 Jean-Julien Rojer and Rahim Esmail defeated Lassi Ketola.

K.J. Heppenstall of Stanford is the top-ranked singles player in the field and UCLA's Matkowski and Rojer are ranked No. 1 in doubles. Unranked Austin and Karim Bensmansour take their 8-3 record into competition for the Cats.

Witten, who lost two weeks ago in the singles final of the SEC championship, has a great chance to make a name for him-

self nationally with a good showing, according to Emery.

"Jesse has done well in every situation he's been in this year," Emery said. "I really like how he expands to every situation he's playing in."

One player Emery said can make a difference for the team is Rahim Esmail. Emery said he can add another dimension to the team.

"Rahim has made great strides," Emery said. "He has stepped his play up as well as anyone of late. Instead of having a top six, we feel like we have seven great players."

With a team format instead of individual seeding Austin admitted the team feels more compelled to play better.

"When it's individual you do your own thing, but team events you try harder because it's for your school and own team," Austin said. "It's just added pressure."

After Tuesday's performance against UCLA it certainly had to surprise other teams around the country, including UCLA, that the Cats have what it takes to be competitive against the nation's elite.

"I definitely think we match up well at every position," Austin said. "This early in the year we can give them all they can handle. It's a good time for us."

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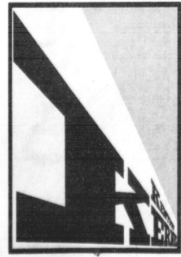
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