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Seeking Jones' support, Clinton visits Capitol



Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton addressed a crowd at the Capitol yesterday. Clinton, who plans to run in the 1992 presidential election, is seeking the endorsement of Gov. Brereton Jones, pictured at left.

By GREGORY A. HALL
Associate Editor

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton visited Kentucky yesterday, proposing to provide loans to all students who want to attend college.

Clinton, governor of Arkansas, visited the Capitol to receive the endorsement of Gov. Brereton Jones. Clinton also attended a private fund-raiser in Frankfort and a press briefing at Flynn's, a restaurant and bar frequented by legislators.

Clinton's national education policy involves a loan program for anyone who wants one to aid in paying college tuition. The loans would be paid back through payments in conjunction with federal taxes or through two years' public service.

"We could solve the social problems of this country and educate a whole new generation," he said.

One of the problems of the current system is the high default rate on loans by former students.

Clinton said his proposal would "do away with the default problem."

Terry McBrayer, a member of the state Council on Higher Education, said the proposal would go "a long way toward solving the default (issue)."

McBrayer, who helped coordinate the fund-raiser at the Civic Center, said he didn't know if Clinton's proposal was a guaranteed solution to defaults.

Clinton listed initiatives he would

champion as president — tax changes to encourage investment in the domestic economy, full funding for Head Start preschool programs and a national system that "guarantees every American a basic system of health care."

The Capitol roundtable was packed, and many among the "who's who" of Kentucky Democrats attended. On the stage were former Govs. Julian Carroll and John Y. Brown Jr. and many state-elected and legislative officials.

With Jones' endorsement, Clinton said he has the support of about 11 governors and 30 former governors.

Jones and Clinton bashed President Bush for what they labeled a failed economic policy.

Noting the recession, Jones said Bush's policies have eroded the middle class, leaving America with a few rich people and lots of poor people.

"The rich are getting richer," Jones said. "The poor are getting poorer. And the middle class is falling through the cracks."

"We cannot solve our problems with that kind of philosophy," Clinton said the philosophy of the 1980s is "killing this country."

He also said that a prevailing, divisive attitude among Americans had to be changed.

"We are coming apart at the seams when we ought to be coming together," Clinton said. "There is no them. ... There is only us."

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Rep. Scorsone proposes bill to repeal student health insurance

By NICK COMER
Senior Staff Writer

The battle over mandatory health insurance for Kentucky college students is expected to rage anew today as a state legislative committee reviews a bill that would repeal the insurance requirement.

The law requiring the health insurance currently is paralyzed by a court restraining order until a class-action suit, brought by two Kentucky college students, against the state is settled.

Rep. Ernesto Scorsone (D-

Lexington) is sponsoring the bill that would turn back the health insurance law. The bill will be reviewed by the House education committee today.

The law requires all full-time students and part-time students taking 75 percent of a full workload at public and private colleges in the state to carry health insurance.

The minimum requirements stipulate that the insurance policy must pay for at least 14 days in the hospital and 50 percent of related doctor's fees.

While he supports improving ac-

cess to health insurance, Scorsone said requiring it places an "unnecessary burden" on students.

"I think people will get insurance if they can afford it," he said.

"The point is, it's not that students don't want insurance. They want affordable insurance, and also they want a package to meet their needs."

Scorsone said the representatives with whom he has spoken have given his bill a "positive" response.

Rep. Roger Noe (D-Lexington), chairman of the House Education Committee, said he expects the bill

to pass in the House but to face "a roller coaster ride in the Senate."

Scott Crosbie, UK's Student Government Association president, has been in Frankfort to lobby for the bill during the past several weeks. He agreed Scorsone's bill could face a roadblock in the Senate.

"It really depends on which committee it gets sent to," said Crosbie. "Our strategy is to get it in the (Senate) education committee."

If the bill reaches the Senate, it could end up in the Health and Welfare Committee, chaired by Benny

Ray Bailey (D-Hindman), who sponsored the law requiring student health insurance.

"The last time I discussed the issue with (Bailey), he still maintained that students should be required to have health insurance," Noe said.

The insurance requirement was to go into effect Sept. 1. But its implementation was blocked in August by a statewide restraining order issued by a Franklin Circuit Court judge in response to a lawsuit brought against the state by Julie Pincombe of Ashland Community

College and Michael L. Kessler, a University of Louisville student.

The two students argued that the law is unconstitutional because it requires college students carry health insurance, while no mandating the same coverage for other groups. The suit later was granted class-action status.

Litigation on the suit is possible later in February, said Crosbie, who is a member of the Board of Student Body Presidents. The board is paying the expenses for Pincombe's and Kessler's attorneys.

Senator proposes bill to check universities

By GREGORY A. HALL
Associate Editor

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Higher education receives about 15 percent of the appropriation money from the state's General Fund. A state senator is proposing a method to make the eight state universities accountable for those dollars.

Sen. Ed Ford (D-Cynthiana) has proposed a bill that would require the universities to report various performance evaluations to the Governor's Office and the Legislative Research Commission.

Many of the reports called for in the bill are already provided by the universities to the state Council on Higher Education.

"The basic reason for this bill is so that we can find out what kind of return we are getting for our dollars in higher education," Ford said.

"Personally, I feel that they are (getting our money's worth)," he said. "But I think this will fortify our institution's credibility with the public when the public realizes just how good of a job they may be doing."

Ford said each institution's goals would be based on their individual missions.

"This is not meant to compare one institution against another," Ford said. "It is to compare an institution against itself as far as fulfilling its mission."

Ford, who is chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said he anticipates bringing the bill before his committee a week from Thursday.

Gov. Brereton Jones called for accountability among the universities in his state of the Commonwealth address last month. Jones also proposed offering financial rewards to schools that accomplish their goals.

Ford said there are no rewards or penalties in his proposal.

"I don't care to put in any penalties, and we have no money to reward anyone," he said.

"The penalty would be a lack of legislative support if they're not getting the job done," Ford said.

Among the requirements are follow-up surveys of alumni, faculty and staff, enrollment and retention rates and research and public service activities.

Ford said he had mentioned his proposal to Jones and that the governor was in favor of the concept.

Ford also met with UK President Charles Wethington on Monday about the bill and other matters.

Wethington said the bill "would cause us to do more reporting than we have been doing."

Wethington's concern was that universities might be forced to hire extra staff to provide the statistics. Ford said that shouldn't be necessary.

SGA to reconsider election reforms

By JOE BRAUN
Assistant Editorial Editor

As Student Government Association President Scott Crosbie works out details for his election reform referendum, the SGA Senate tonight will debate its own proposed referenda and several other bills that could change the structure of SGA elections.

Crosbie will recommend members for a referendum board at tonight's senate meeting. The board members must be approved by the senate.

He said that he would not be able to appoint any senators to the referendum board because it



will be an executive committee and senators cannot serve on executive committees.

The SGA constitution states, "The Board shall be responsible for establishing procedures and regulations for the conduct of the referendum, publicizing the referendum, conducting the referendum and investigating all disputes."

At the meeting, the senate also

will have the opportunity to debate a bill, proposed by Graduate School Senator Adrian Jones, that would add eight senators to 40-member governing body.

The operations and evaluations committee reviewed Jones' bill last Wednesday and passed it to the floor with an unfavorable recommendation.

The bill would add senators to represent the UK Residence Hall Association, Student Commuter Board, Association for Non-Traditional Students, International Students Council, Black Roundtable, Disabled Student Union, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council.

When the bill was read last week at the committee meetings, several members of the committee said they believed senators at large already represent these organizations.

Jones proposed a similar bill last year, but it was killed in committee and never debated before the full senate.

A bill abolishing presidential tickets in SGA elections, sponsored by Senator at Large Jason Vandiver, is another bill the senate will review tonight.

The operations and evaluations committee forwarded Van-

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Dave Easley announces run for SGA president

By JOE BRAUN
Assistant Editorial Editor

Dave Easley, a finance and accounting junior from Lexington, has unofficially announced his desire to run for Student Government Association president in the March elections.

Easley, a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity, is not currently involved in SGA, but he said that should not effect his candidacy.

"I feel I've got as much ability as any person running and just because I haven't been involved in it before doesn't effect my confidence," he said.

Easley said he wants to get more students involved in SGA and its workings.



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"I think SGA does a really good job on campus. However, I think with some fine tuning I think I can elevate it to new heights for students," he said.

"While a lot of people on SGA are greek, as far as minorities, international and non-

traditional students — they might not be represented as well — but we're open minded and reasonable people. We want to make the campus fair for everyone," he said.

Easley's involvement on campus includes past vice president of his fraternity and a member of the Interfraternity Council risk management committee.

Easley has selected Jim Ed

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Voices of the past

Blue Aeroplanes' 'Beatsongs' finds inspiration from '50s poetry

Beatsongs
The Blue Aeroplanes
Ensign Records

By **DAVE LAVENDER**
Staff Critic

On *Beatsongs*, the Blue Aeroplanes' lead singer and principal songwriter, Gerard Langley, talks about his generation by implementing voices of past generations.

Compositionally, *Beatsongs*, es-

pecially the 10 songs penned by Langley, are distant echoes of the Beatnik movement of the late '50s, which was led by poet Allen Ginsberg.

On *Beatsongs*, Langley follows Ginsberg's styles of improvisational, "thought-breath" poetry, while the British band leader drones them in a voice that draws from a definite Bob Dylan influence.

Included in the 12-song set are a Paul Simon cover, "Boy in the Bub-



ble," and "Fun" a song written by an rhythm guitarist Ron Allen.

Composed of Langley; Allen; bassist Andy McCreeth; drummer Paul Mulreaney; guitarist, pianist and organist Alex Lee; and guitarist Angelo Bruschini, the Blue Aeroplanes really take off on the second song of the album.

Mulreaney sets the recording tape rolling on "YR Own World," with a rhythmic rolling of his snare drum, following a count later is the infectious rhythm parade that drives the song. Guest percussionist Alex Acuña assists Mulreaney with an arsenal of percussion ranging from tambourines to maracas.

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Langley's lyrical poetry rumbles from beneath the rhythm track in a pattern of phrasings that are reminiscent of certain early '80s J. Geils Band tunes, such as "Centerfold." Langley milks the melody in his innovative lead vocals, which perhaps are best described in this song as an alternative music rap — a strange yet appealing brew.

Langley sculpts his own blissful Utopia in "YR Own World."

"I'm living in my own world/living where I want to be/living in my own world/together, yes, and separately."

This chorus of wishful thinking dreamily floats along, as the band's harmony vocals echo Langley's lead vocals.

All listeners are advised to fasten their seat belts for this next wistful trip, as the Blue Aeroplanes fly in, out and through thick cover during the 3:10 of "Angelwords."

Like Langley's hazy, ambiguous lyrics and droning Dylan-like vocals, you might just find your mind wavering, while drifting in and out of consciousness.

Langley's lyrics, which grapple with morality and relationships, invite deep contemplation:

"Think like I do/lover or boss/

drink like I do from the fountain of loss/yr an angel/I'm a devil/I know (but then) I'm an angel/yr a devil/I know/I'ts the whole truth/the half truth/and nothing of the truth/I'm a devil."

While Langley's lead vocals are quite unique and digestible, the band soars when Allen steps up to the mike for 3:22 of "Fun."

Mulreaney kicks off the hard-driving tune with another assault on the trap set. During "Fun," Allen's strong melodic vocals search for his identity and independence amidst a sea of heavy-tremolo electric guitar chords.

While the smothering relationship Allen describes does not sound like such a joyous occasion, the tightness of the harmony vocals and instrumentation is cause for celebration. Mix in the soft brilliance of David Mansfield's acoustic violin between chorus and verse and "Fun" becomes, perhaps, the best tune on the album.

Langley's pen is at its satirical best when dipped in rhyme and reason. Langley's quiet yet pointed lashings catch the greatest amount of light on "Cardboard Box." A stream of consciousness that flows beneath an organ, bass guitar leads and sporadically-picked reverb electric guitar:

"Lift my spirit/wear its coat/see its shift/waste your gifts... fast on Sunday/keep the past/keep your castle/swim its moat ... use your vote/here's a key to this cardboard box/

here's a key/to the heart of me."

The band creates a natural disaster on a properly titled "My Hurricane."

The Blue Aeroplanes miss the runway on this long 6:44 miscue. Nature sounds — water and the "caw" of a crow — occupy a full minute of the intro.

As any woodsman will tell you a flock of crows are (1) as annoying as a runny nose in the middle of a lecture; (2) only good to shoot at; (3) horrible backup singers.

When "My Hurricane" kicks in (well over a minute into the song) Langley's sharp-biting humor is rendered inaudible by an army of overpowering guitars that occupy center stage, thus grounding the Blue Aeroplanes.

While in some genres of music, Langley's sharp-biting humor is rendered inaudible by an army of overpowering guitars that occupy center stage, thus grounding the Blue Aeroplanes. Their lyrics are more than just "extra baggage on a late night freight" (as Aerosmith would say).

Overall, the Blue Aeroplanes propel *Beatsongs* on Langley's eclectic compositions. Certain tracks are excessively long for radio play. (Four hour around or above six minutes).

The Blue Aeroplanes are at their best when flanked by acoustical squadrons, particularly acoustic guitars, accordions and violins.

Darryl Van Leer

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SAB chief earns national award

By HEIDI FUGEMAN
Contributing Writer

UK senior K.C. Watts recently received honorable mention as one of USA Today's 1992 Academic All-Stars.

Of the 1,253 students nominated, 74 were singled out for the award. "I'm excited because it's a tremendous honor from a national publication to be named as a top student in the country," said Watts, president of UK's Student Activities Board.

She was nominated for the award by UK psychology professor Johnna Golding.

The title is given to students with outstanding GPAs who have accomplished large projects to benefit their schools or communities. Watts' project has not been one accomplishment, but many during her four years at UK.

As a freshman, Watts joined SAB through the homecoming publicity

committee. She stayed involved during her sophomore year on the Little Kentucky Derby committee, and as SAB member at large during her junior year and, finally, as SAB president this year.

Watts also was crowned UK's homecoming queen in 1989 and currently serves as vice president of Delta Delta Delta social sorority.

Watts, whose home is in Dayton, Ohio, said she originally had wanted to attend Miami University, and her mother had to twist her arm to get her to look at UK.

"I fell in love," Watts said, and she has proved it through her efforts on SAB and her volunteer work in the Lexington community.

"I don't view school or SAB as work. I enjoy it. It's fun," she said.

Watts will graduate this May with a degree in communications, and she said she hopes to stay in the Lexington area. She currently is interviewing and says she is interested in marketing.

Merit Weekend gives students UK preview

By MONICA BRYAN
Staff Writer

UK students may notice an abundance of new faces on campus this spring. About 350 students are expected to visit UK on the weekends of April 4 and April 11 to participate in the Merit Weekend Program.

The program showcases UK and demonstrates what it has to offer these prospective students, in hopes that they will choose to enroll at the University in the fall, said Don Witt, director of advising conferences.

Not only does the program allow superior students from across the nation the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the school, but they also may receive advising and register for fall classes early.

Invitations are sent to freshman students applying to UK

that have scored a 28 or better on the ACT or 1100 or greater on the SAT. The students are encouraged to bring two guests, who may be parents, siblings or friends.

Witt said the merit students will begin their weekends at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts where University President Charles Wethington will welcome them to the campus. They then will meet with two top students from the University, and a faculty member will address the group before the merit students relocate to the White Hall Classroom Building to attend several interest sessions.

The weekend also features a complimentary lunch for students and their guests in the Student Center grand ballroom, tours of campus, and a meeting with advisers for class scheduling.

NKU views options for reducing costs under budget cuts

Associated Press

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. — Northern Kentucky University is reviewing its options for coping with less money under the state budget, which Gov. Bertie Jones will announce tomorrow.

Those options include limiting enrollment, cutbacks in financial aid or reducing courses and personnel.

Budget reductions for state universities "may be a lot worse than any of us realize," said NKU President Leon Boothe.

NKU trimmed its budget by 5 percent — \$1.1 million — late last year in response to reduced state funds. The school responded with a hiring freeze and reduced course offerings.

Though NKU's budget has doubled over the past 10 years, university officials said it has not kept pace with the growth and the cost of doing business.

Boothe said that even without cuts, the level of state funding has put Kentucky institutions three years behind colleges in neighbor-

ing states. NKU's budget has gone from \$26.9 million in 1982 to about \$52.8 million last year. The state's share of the total has increased from \$16.1 million to \$25.8 million.

Dennis Taulbee, NKU's vice president for administration, said the budget has grown because of increased enrollment, increased tuition and construction.

Tuition has increased as a source of funds from \$5 million to almost \$19.5 million in the past 10 years, he said.

University officials already are taking precautions to try to offset the loss of more funds. Last week, the board of regents voted to double student fees to \$110 next semester. Usually, student fees are used for such campus activities as sporting events.

But Boothe said he'll have to wait before earmarking the money because of the uncertainty of the state budget. The fee increase will generate about \$700,000.

German film festival highlights cinema, culture

By TIA SILVERTHORNE
Contributing Writer

UK students can catch a little slice of Germany at the movies tonight.

"The German Avant-Garde Film of the 1920s" will present the sec-

ond installment of unique forms of German cinema and culture, said Wolfgang Nutter, UK assistant professor of German.

Nutter, who organized the event as a supplement to the course he teaches in German cinema, said tonight's films will focus on the is-

ssues of medium conventions that film viewers have become accustomed to, while offering alternate ways of viewing cinema.

"These films, made in the 1920s, are very rare. This is probably the only opportunity many will have to see them in this country. (They) are

very interesting as experimental exercises or reflections on the medium of film itself made during a very interesting period of time," he said.


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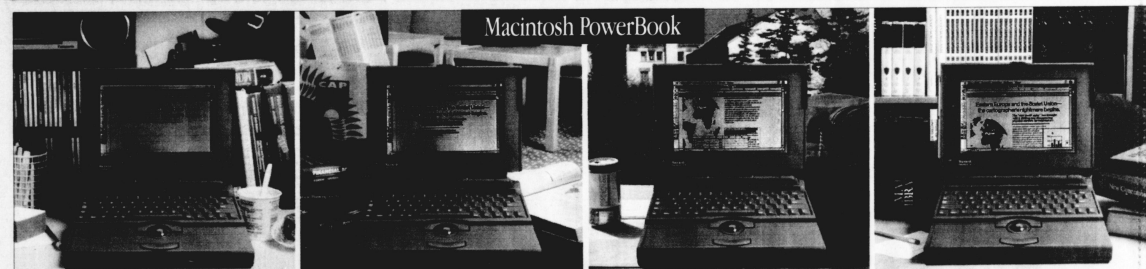
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Better than the first, Jones' reform bill still unacceptable

It is a foregone conclusion that a trustee reform bill will pass in one form or another. The bill, originally proposed by Gov. Brereton Jones and Rep. Ernesto Scorsone, which would have replaced every appointed member of the state's university governing boards, reeked of a power grab by the new governor. It also seemed like overkill in his quest to gain petty revenge on former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.

The bill, however, contained the needed provisions to reform the selection process for board members by setting up a commission to recommend potential appointees to the governor. But by replacing every member of every board there would be a severe lack of continuity in higher education, and the growth of state universities would be stunted as the new board members were trained and educated for their offices.

Compromises in the bill have made it a little more palatable. Half of all current board members would be re-appointed with the new screening commission making the decision on who gets the cut.

Still, removing any board members from office is wrong. It is a blatant attempt on the part of Jones to show Wilkinson that he is governor now and that he can throw his weight around, too. Such political upmanship is what we are trying to abandon.

Jones has made this his first major initiative as governor, and the legislature will go along in order to put its best foot forward with him. After Wilkinson, the legislature desperately wants to get along with the governor's office, and it is willing to swallow a pill that Jones quickly has agreed to make less bitter.

We still don't like the bill's excesses, and we still agree with its kernel idea of reform.

It would just be nice to have a governor who would not use his power for personal vendettas.

Law requiring health insurance should be repealed

The Board of Student Body Presidents went to court last summer and got an injunction to stop enforcement of one of the legislature's most inane laws, one that would require all state university students to have health insurance before they could attend school. While good in intention, the bill would have kept some students who could not afford insurance from going to school.

The status of the legislation is in limbo in the courts, but Rep. Ernesto Scorsone has proposed repealing the legislation, which would settle the matter. We hope the legislature sees its mistake and frees students from the threat of being kept from a college education because they cannot afford health insurance.

Letters
Cats fans need to show respect

To the editor:

This letter is concerning the recent UK-Arkansas basketball game. Even though I am a Lexington Community College student, I love the Razorbacks.

My friend and I were seated in the student section cheering for Arkansas — which wasn't very smart. Even if we were asking for it, my friend and I never expected the rude treatment we received before, during and after the game.

Upon being seated, we watched the teams warm up, and a UK fan walked up to us, telling us exactly what he thought about our team by using a few obscenities. I quickly retaliated by saying, "We'll see who wins!"

As soon as my words were spoken, one of the so-called "ushers" said that if I didn't shut up, I would be escorted out of the arena! There were many other incidents during the game that were atypical and rude for UK fans.

Such acts included hitting me in the head, having obscenities yelled at me, taking my hog mascot and

throwing paper at me. I understand that the game was promoted heavily, and there was even a bit of hatred for the Arkansas basketball program, but don't you think this was a bit ridiculous?

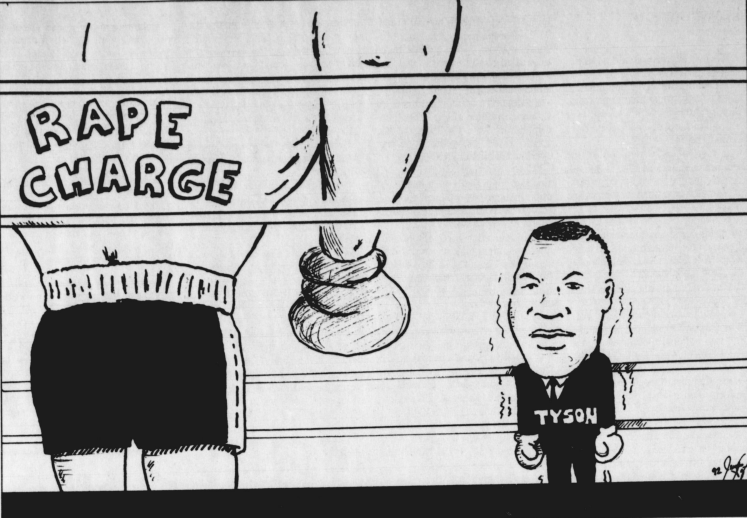
When the game was over, I was approached by a lady in her mid-40s who said Arkansas fans have no class. I believe that UK fans need to go back to the days when basketball was just a game and not an obsession. Too many fans these days take a loss at home in Rupp Arena like someone had just slapped their mothers.

Also, UK students need to realize that the officials didn't beat UK, Arkansas did. Even Coach Rick Pitino said Kentucky's style of play was prone to many fouls. What I'm trying to say is this: Wildcat fans need to treat their opposing team's fans with a little more respect and admit it was the Razorbacks who beat Kentucky, not Don Rutledge.

Ron Robinette
 Undeclared LCC student
 Jan. 30, 1992

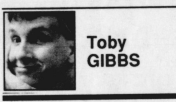
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Six more weeks! Groundhogs beat weather radar

So, what did you do on Groundhog Eve? Sing any festive groundhog songs? Play any groundhog games? Drink any flavorful groundhog nog? Hang gaily colored Groundhog's Day banners and ornaments around your kitchen or rumpus room?



Toby GIBBS

Groundhog Day is quite a shindig in my book, yes-sire-bob. In addition to the obvious seasonal joy the holiday brings (including a special Groundhog Day stew in the Student Center grill), it's one of my favorite days in terms of weather. Why?

Well, that's the day all of the friendly TV "accu-weather" experts toss aside the amazing Doppler Weather Radar scopes and smello-rific satellite maps and instead rely on a rodent from Pennsylvania to let us know what's going on. And for my money, I'll take the word of Puxatawney Phil any day.

Some TV stations have caught onto this rodent angle. The fine folks on Channel 18 trot out Snowbird and his little buddy Myron to let us know when a crippling blizzard is going to shut down civilization. (When I think credible meteorological journalism, I think puppets.) Anyway, most experts I've talked to believe Myron is some type of rodent — a rat, a weasel, a wombat but definitely a rodent. He must be related to Grimace, that freakish McDonaldland missing link that looks like a giant gundrop.

Why the complaints about TV weather folk? A few weeks ago, over a weekend, we were supposed to be hit by four to five inches of snow. The next morning, I checked the window. Nada. Well, I take that back — if you took all of the old snow in the shadows beside peo-

ple's houses and under bushes and piled it together, it might have added up to four inches. So in that sense, I suppose they were right.

They put no conditions on it. They didn't say "40 percent chance of snow" or "60 percent chance of snow." It was going to snow 'till the cows came home. In other words, they were predicting a 100 percent chance of snow (at least). We still saw nothing.

Forecasts like that should be amended in the future: 100 percent chance of snow, 30 percent chance that the weather forecasters have any bloody idea what we're talking about. Then you would know to plan your day by something more reliable, like a flip of a coin or a roll of the dice.

They frequently take the other position when unexpected weather hits. Years ago, when a sea of snow came out of nowhere to blanket the Bluegrass, I didn't believe the explanation that it was four inches of volcanic ash.

I mentioned percentage-type forecasts a few paragraphs back. Those have their drawbacks as well. Ever see a forecast for a 50 percent chance of rain? Well, stop and think about that for just a second. 50 percent chance means it might or it might not. Boy, thanks for the insight! (Author's hint: That was sarcasm.)

I walked into the room knowing

Doppler Weather Radar is now all the rage. I'm not sure what it is or how it works, but on TV it's so sensitive it can pick up county borders. Of course, the weatherman still might predict a monsoon in Kansas or a volcano in Wyoming, but at least he can holler "Doppler Weather Radar" at the top of lungs a dozen times per broadcast.

It might or might not rain. I turned on the TV to find out the specifics. A 50 percent chance is like saying maybe it will rain, maybe it will be sunny and maybe I'll get hit in the head by a meteor.

Weather has come a long way, though. Today, multi-trillion dollar satellite and weather radar contraptions allow your local TV station to receive completely inaccurate information at lightning speed. In the past, with chariots, covered wagons or the telegraph, it would take you days or weeks to have no earthly idea what's going on. Today, you have no earthly idea in seconds.

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If you ask me, tearing off the back of that Doppler Weather Radar machine probably will reveal a little guy on the inside with a deck of tarot cards.

Just in case you think I'm picking on TV weather people, I can't

praise newspaper weather either. Reading USA Today is eye-opening, though, given the delicious colors of the weather map. Of course, when you're trying to cover the entire United States, you're left with very vague information about any one place. Seeing "Kentucky; muggy" in a USA Today doesn't exactly help me plan the day.

Someday, when there's a World Today, we'll probably see things like "North America: hazy."

But newspapers can't hold a candle to TV, where a weatherman can point to Texas and call it North Dakota or get the current conditions wrong. (How hard can it be to predict the present?)

Given this, it's hard to trust the weather forecast. After all, I've never once seen a giant "H" or "L" in the sky — and those are in the forecast every day. Between the puppets and the radar systems that do everything but brush your teeth, I can only recommend one thing: Somebody look out the window.

Senior Staff Writer Toby Gibbs is a UK employee and a Kernel columnist.



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UK seeks outgoing individuals for 1992 advising conferences

By **CHUCK BRYANT**
Contributing Writer

Don Witt is looking for a few good UK students able to handle large groups of people in a single day.

Witt, director of Advising Conferences, said he is looking for a broad range of students to apply for 1992 summer advising positions.

"It's a very good educational experience and a great way to meet people on campus," he said.

Witt encourages all majors to apply, but emphasizes that students applying for the positions should be outgoing and capable of speaking to large groups of people.

Student advisers conduct campus tours, student and parent panel discussions and assist incoming students when they check in.

Resa Wright, a journalism junior, attended the summer conference last year.

Wright said the conference had a great impact on parents, as well as the students who attended the conferences.

"It made them feel comfortable to know that our parents had shared the same emotions that they were experiencing," she said.

Adviser training sessions begin June 1, and the conference is scheduled to run June 15 through July 17.

Applications will be available on Monday in 12A W.D. Funkhouser Building. Students should apply in person. The application deadline is March 6.

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diver's proposal to the full senate.

Vandiver said if the senate approves his bill tonight, it will not go into effect until the 1993 spring elections.

The bill is a by-law amendment that, if passed, would return presidential and vice presidential elections to the way they were handled before last spring — the president and vice president were voted upon separately, rather than together as a ticket.

Last year, then-SGA President Sean Lohman and Vice President Sarah Coursey sponsored a bill that changed elections to include tickets on the ballots. They introduced the bill after students voted nearly 3 to

1 in the 1990 spring elections to have the candidates run as tickets.

"I wasn't a senator when the referendum was passed before. I didn't agree with it then, and I still don't agree with it now ... I always said if I ever became senator, I would change it back to the way it was," Vandiver said.

He said he believes electing the two positions separately would not effect the officers' ability to serve SGA.

"The president and the vice president are two totally separate people in the office. And their duties are so separate, they don't even have to see each other if they don't want to," Vandiver said.

Although this bill would require separate listings on the ballot, candidates would still be permitted to campaign together.

Candidates

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Oberst, a biology senior from Owensboro, Ky., as his running mate for vice president in the election.

Easley also is not presently involved in SGA. He is involved in Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity and served as its pledge educator last year.

He said by not being active yet in SGA he will bring new concerns and new ideas to the organization.

Easley and Oberst said SGA doesn't have control of many campus events that affect students, such as the election campaign controversy, Wallace Wilkinson's position on the Board of Trustees and recent University budget cuts.

"They are being thrown to us, and what we want to do, more or less, is to help either make the best of a bad situation or to help protect the students from the administration," Oberst said.

"... We're definitely not running on a platform that's going to be so radical that we're coming out to attack the administration and take, take, take. ... We just want to serve and try to set up a way to protect students," and their rights.

SGA comptroller Pete November has previously announced his intentions to run for SGA President in the spring elections.

November will run with SGA Senator at Large Lea Ann Davenport as his vice presidential running mate.

State superintendent fights for salary, benefits of position

By **CHARLES WOLFE**
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — John Stephenson filed suit yesterday to recoup the salary and trappings that were stripped from the office of superintendent of public instruction — the office that he now holds.

The suit claims it was unlawful for the General Assembly to transfer authority over the state's schools to an appointed commissioner, reducing the elected superintendent to a figurehead.

That was an element of the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act, which also abolished the Department of Education and gave the new commissioner one-time authority to re-establish it.

The suit asks Franklin Circuit Court to award Stephenson the full salary of a constitutional officer — \$67,378 this year — and office space.

John Brock, Stephenson's predecessor as superintendent, had no ac-

tual duties his last year in office but retained his salary. The law called for the salary to be reduced to \$3,000, the constitutional minimum, at the end of Brock's term.

The salary reduction placed the superintendent on the same plane as the state Railroad Commission, which has few actual duties but is preserved in the Kentucky constitution. Its three members also draw \$3,000 salaries.

However, Stephenson's suit contends that the General Assembly cannot discriminate among constitutional officers.

He was sworn into office Jan. 6, shocking a crowd at the Capitol by declaring himself the rightful head of the state school system.

Defendants in the suit were Gov. Brereton Jones, Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen, state Finance Secretary Joe Prather and the Ohio Valley Education Cooperative.

The constitution requires the governor to ensure that the state's laws

are enforced, and the finance secretary has certain budget-oversight duties. The Louisville-based cooperative also is a subject of controversy because it pays the salaries of Boysen's top administrators, which are well above state scale.

Jones, through press secretary Frank Ashley, said he believed "the legislature acted appropriately" and he supported the reform law.

Boysen had no comment on the

suit, said press secretary Jim Parks.

Prather said he expected the suit after the administration turned down Stephenson's request for a \$2 million operating budget earlier this month.

"It was obvious that John Stephenson's demands in order not to file that suit were ridiculous and could not be accommodated," Prather said.

The suit seeks to have the part of

the 1990 reform law dealing with the superintendent declared unconstitutional. It also seeks state payment for Stephenson's lawyers — Joseph Leary of Frankfort and Theodore Lavit of Lebanon.

Lavit assisted former Gov. Bert Combs in filing the lawsuit that led to the 1990 reform law. That lawsuit was on behalf of 66 poor school districts and resulted in a landmark Kentucky Supreme Court ruling that declared the state school system unconstitutional.

Clinton

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Jones said that Clinton, having been a governor, "understands Kentucky" and its problems.

A number of times, Clinton noted similarities between Arkansas and Kentucky.

Clinton said he had been to Kentucky "many times."

"I feel at home when I'm here." Despite that the New Hampshire primary is only two weeks away, Clinton spent the day visiting some Southern states, including Tennessee.

Clinton said although Kentucky's primary isn't until May 26, it's important to begin early.

"If you look at the way these rules work, it is possible now given the new rules, that a person could run first in every single primary and still not have a majority of the delegates until it's the end of the process," Clinton said. "So there may well be a race on in late May in Kentucky."

Sixty-one delegates represent Kentucky at the Democratic National Convention. Jones said he couldn't give numbers, but he believes a majority of them would

support Clinton.

Clinton also said he wanted to carry Kentucky, should he win the nomination.

"This is a state I want to win in November," he said. "And, I don't think you should come calling late."

As a Southerner, Clinton said that for him to win, it is imperative to establish a "national campaign."

"A Southerner has to be more than a Southerner without running away from his roots," he said.

Clinton toured and spoke at Flynn's. One of the popular restaurant's walls is lined with political posters.

"I love this place. This is neat," Clinton said.

The Arkansas governor noted that he has similar landmarks in his capital "but not with all the political posters. I like that."


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