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## Wilkinson pledges more funds for community colleges

By **TONJA WILT**  
Campus Editor

Kentucky Gov. Wallace Wilkinson said last night that he will ask the General Assembly to appropriate funds in the next session to bring the state's community college system to catch it up to the state's eight universities.

"We cannot continue to expand the educational opportunities these colleges provide to our citizens and at the same time steadily reduce their share of the money we appropriate for higher education," Wilkinson told several hundred people last night at the Raddison Hotel at a banquet celebrating the Community College System's 25th anniversary. "Therefore, I intend to ask the General Assembly in 1990 to approve a 'catch-up' appropriation as a line-item in the executive budget to eliminate this growing dis-

parity in the funding of the Community College System in Kentucky.

"I believe that providing an educational opportunity to every Kentuckian regardless of economic status means guaranteeing a 14-year education," Wilkinson said. "Therefore I also am going to recommend another level of funding that will guarantee at least the first two years of higher education for any student who lacks the financial resources to pay for his or her own education."

Wilkinson also criticized the formula to fund higher education, but he did not offer any alternative ways to fund it.

"I do not believe in automatic-pilot formula driven funding," he said. "Quite frankly at this time I do not have a better recommendation, so if one does not have a better recommendation, then you see

what's there. I don't have a better proposal so in the absence of a better solution, I ought not be critical of it."

Wilkinson's announcement followed a report issued yesterday morning by the Commission on the Future of the University of Kentucky Community College System on ways to improve the future of UK's 14 community colleges.

Kentucky's community colleges enroll 25 percent or 33,063 of all of the state's college students and are larger than any four-year college, but they receive only 8 percent of the state's higher education appropriations, former Kentucky Gov. Bert Combs said at a press conference.

UK's Community College System also is funded at only 67 percent

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Former Gov. Bert Combs presents the Commission on the Future of the University of Kentucky Community College System at yesterday morning's press conference.

## UK libraries get access to Library of Congress

By **JONATHAN MILLER**  
Staff Writer

UK's library system has been selected for a pilot project to test electronic access to the Library of Congress.

UK was chosen because it proposed to offer statewide access, which would send data electronically to rural parts of the state, according to Sandee McAninch, head of government publications in the Margaret I. King Library.

The project marks the first time that the Library of Congress will open its databases to the public, McAninch said.

James Billington, a librarian at the Library of Congress, met with librarians throughout the country who expressed interest in getting access to the Library of Congress' files.

"The Library of Congress wants to see how the public reacts and learn what files are selected out of a total of 20 files," McAninch said. "If there's valid interest, they will then prepare an appropriations bill to present in front of Congress."

If passed, Congress will allocate

money to support the library in providing unlimited access throughout the nation.

The six-month experiment will put UK's library system on-line to the nation by offering direct access to its automated bibliographic, status of congressional legislation, and copyright and referral information.

"It's like sitting in front of a computer at the Library of Congress," McAninch said.

She said that the Library of Congress' bibliographic database, or catalog, contains all books copyrighted since 1968, and a pre-1968 database is being developed. Manuscripts, maps, computer files and other materials also are cataloged.

The bill-status system shows the progress of legislation introduced in Congress.

A student using the system would be able to see which committees handled a bill and where it died.

The copyright system is a legal file which "contains the copyrights of motion pictures, arts, music, and

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**BLOOD BROTHERS:** FarmHouse social fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi sorority holds their annual blood drive yesterday, hoping to raise 400 pints of blood. Left, Nelson Parrish, a biological chemical engineering sophomore gets his blood pressure checked.

## Professionals should manage state's education, Nunn says

By **MARK P. CHHELLGREN**  
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Former Gov. Louie B. Nunn said yesterday that the state should create a new, professional council to administer education at all levels, from preschool to doctoral programs at universities.

Coincidental to the creation of the new super council would be the abolition of the current State Board of Education, Council on Higher Education and the job of secretary of education, Nunn said.

"Let full-time, trained profes-

sionals plan, study, recommend and submit for legislative approval a coordinated educational plan for higher education and one geared to accommodate our new elementary and secondary educational system," Nunn said.

Nunn made his comments yesterday to the Task Force on Education Reform, the panel created to revise Kentucky's public school system to meet with the Supreme Court ruling that the current system is unconstitutional.

All former governors were invited to appear before the 22-member task force. Only Nunn, Julian Car-

roll and Wendell Ford, now a U.S. Senator, could make yesterday's meeting of the task force. Other governors are expected to make later appearances before the group.

Nunn, the only living Republican who served as governor, said the work of the task force is unprecedented.

The job of rebuilding a school system that is constitutional and adequate is "the most serious task, the most far-reaching endeavor, the most enduring consequence" of his

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## Florida anti-abortion forces defeated

By **JACKIE HALLIFAX**  
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Gov. Bob Martinez's legislative effort to seek limits on abortions crumbled when a special legislative session adjourned without passing any laws yesterday, three months after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling gave states a go-ahead for new restrictions.

Florida's House and Senate adjourned yesterday afternoon, just

one day after convening.

"A right, having been established, is not easily removed," House Speaker Tom Gustafson said. "Once the right to choice was established and clearly understood ... the right to privacy established and clearly understood, people do not willingly give up those freedoms."

Lawmakers in the House and Senate shot down proposals that would have curbed abortion in many ways, including cutting pub-

lic financing and toughening clinic regulations.

The session, first in the nation after the Supreme Court ruling, had been viewed as a bellwether. More than 10,000 demonstrators descended upon the quiet Southern capital to wage the first pitched battle since the July decision that upheld Missouri's abortion limits.

The governor's original goals included banning public financing for

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## UNLOCKING THE CLOSET

### Campus homosexuals form group to give support, attack prejudice

*Editor's note: Some of the sources' names in this article have been changed to protect their identities.*

By **TONJA WILT**  
Campus Editor

A group has formed on UK's campus to educate the public about gays and lesbians and to create a safe environment for homosexual students, staff and faculty members.

GLUE — Gays and Lesbians United for Education — an unofficial and newly formed campus organization, was founded to offer support to area homosexuals and to educate the public.

"We should be able to provide support for people who are just realizing that they are gay," said Chris Florence, a religious studies major. "This group is more interested in taking an active role in changing attitudes, to tell them that they are not some evil type of sinner."

Ray Stump, the group's

founder, said he is encouraged by the response he has received about the organization from other homosexuals.

"I've had a lot of good responses (since) I came out and said I was starting a support group," said Stump, a social work senior. "I feel like the best thing to do is to educate people."

Yesterday was declared as worldwide as National Coming Out Day. No activities were held on campus, however, because GLUE's members said that they did not want to risk being turned down as a officially recognized campus organization.

One of the major problems GLUE's members say they face is confronting with discrimination against homosexuals at UK.

"We don't have a sexual discretion clause, the only positive clause we have is that teachers cannot discriminate in their grad

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## Gandhi's grandson to speak

By **MICHAEL L. JONES**  
Editorial Editor

The Student Government Association Senate allocated \$1,647 at last night's meeting to bring Arun Gandhi to campus. Gandhi, the grandson of the India leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, will speak on civil rights in America, India and South Africa at Memorial Hall Oct. 26.

In other action, the Senate:

- Allocated \$1,500 for the Black Issues in Higher Education Teleconferences.

The five teleconferences, sponsored by the Black Student Union, will cost about \$4,900 and additional funds have been donated from the Office of the Chancellor for the Lexington Campus and the Office of Minority Affairs.

The teleconferences will be shown in the Worsham Theatre from 1 to 3 p.m.

The first conference on Faculty rights already has been shown, but the second, "The State of Black Health Care," is scheduled for Dec. 6.

• Allocated \$1,300 for a lecture/graphic workshop to be taught by nationally acclaimed architect and graphic artist Mike Lin.

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# DIVERSIONS

Kip Bowmar  
Arts Editor

## Beach Boys give solid performance

By BRIAN JENT  
Executive Editor

Most bands might find it hard to please a crowd of all ages ranging from about 5 to 70 years old. But that was not the case Tuesday night as the harmonious sounds of the Beach Boys combined with the rich brass of Chicago to satisfy a diverse audience that reached into the upper decks of Rupp Arena.

The Beach Boys set the mood for the evening with their opening number "I Wish They All Could Be California Girls," which had everybody up and dancing.

The group then pleased the audience with their standard surfing and cruising classics along with their recent hits. They proved that even with the passage of time, their songs will never get old.

Among the songs the crowd liked most were "Good Vibrations," "Kokomo" and "Little Old Lady from Pasadena."

They reached their climax with "Surfin' Safari," "Surf City" and "Surfin' USA."

Chicago's show was done in a more mellow fashion, using a three-piece brass section that would

have made any marching band proud. Flashing lights added to a tranquil and psychedelic mood that captivated the audience.

After opening with "Along Comes a Woman," the group reverted to its older hits, creating a more relaxed atmosphere than the one established by the Beach Boys.

The best part of their performance was the instrument solos in the middle of the songs. Danny Seraphine's drum solo lasted for five minutes and added a sense of intensity to the performance.

The harsh guitars, however, detracted from the band's mellow aspect.

"Twenty-five or six to four" was the crowd favorite, but it was a poor reproduction of their old version and distracted from such temperate favorites as "Saturday in the Park," "Colour My World," "I Don't Want to Live Without You" and "Hard to Say I'm Sorry."

The two groups combined to perform individual hits for the finale of the show. The groups' duet highlighted their strengths and kept the audience dancing to the end, which concluded with the Beach Boys' "Fun, Fun, Fun."

## Humor carries 'Look Who's Talking'

By JULIE ROWLAND  
Staff Critic

Take an ensemble cast, an extremely creative writer/director, amusing quick witted dialogue, and add a baby and you get Tri Star Pictures' new release "Look Who's Talking."

The film, written and directed by Amy Heckerling, is full of creativity. "Look Who's Talking" is an amusing and highly realistic movie that no one should miss.

The cast includes John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Olympia Dukakis, George Segal and Abe Vigoda - all strong actors and actresses who give themselves to their roles. The adult-like thoughts of baby Mikey is the voice of Bruce Willis.

"Cheers" veteran Alley plays the role of Mollie, an uptight accountant who gets a little too involved with one of her clients. Albert, George Segal, deceives Mollie, telling her he loves her and will leave his wife. The two of them then have sex in her office.

The sexual interaction is illustrated as the sperm is shown

swimming to her egg. Willis' voice is then introduced, saying, "Come on kids!" to the other sperm as they close in on the goal. The "talking sperm" are one of the more creative and better parts of the movie.

As Alley progresses through

pregnancy and the embryo inside of her talks, she has conflicting emotions about her pregnancy which manifest themselves in dreams.

Though Travolta's character seemed a little too nice at times, especially for New York, he

handled the role well. Heckerling has tapped into a good source of human enjoyment. The strength of the cast and the humor of the director carry the film. With all the ingenious aspects, the film has something for everyone.



Kirstie Alley and John Travolta in Amy Heckerling's new romantic comedy "Look Who's Talking." PHOTO COURTESY OF TRI-STAR

## College of Architecture film series offers creative alternative to mainstream movies

By NORA CUMMANCE  
Contributing Writer

Looking for an alternative to mainstream commercial films shown in concrete bunkers that are strategically placed at the end of shopping malls and a ticket cost of about \$10?

The College of Architecture Fall Film Series may be the answer. The series, organized by Tony Roccano and Jed Quarter of the College of Architecture, features 23 diverse and obscure cinematography movies.

"The film festival is a counter-

balance to the impoverished culture," Roccano said. "I see it as an opportunity to invent and seek out culture."

Since the fire at the Kentucky Theater downtown almost two years ago, there has been an absence of alternative, foreign and off-beat movies in the Lexington area, Roccano said.

"Movies today have too much literalness of everyday life," he said. Several of the movies in the series are silent movies.

"Mimes bring out things we're not used to seeing," Roccano said. "I've seen some of these mo-

ves 20 times, and I still find something new and different in them."

Many of the silent films are from the 1920s and '30s.

"This is not just a nostalgia trip," Roccano said. "Early filmmakers do much more. So many of the films today are empty on every level."

In "Man with a Camera," which will be shown Nov. 15, the filmmaker explores new possibilities by cutting and pasting the film in nontraditional ways.

Another movie is filmed as the camera is thrown through the air. The film features the live footage

as the camera falls to the ground.

Although there is no underlying theme, "the general spirit of the films is a poetic one," Roccano said. "The poetic sense is the thread that runs through the films."

Because the film festival has no budget, most of the movies come from UK's and other schools' film libraries. The last two films - "Flying Machines" and "Universe" - are from the NASA library.

The series, free to the general public, started Aug. 30, and runs to Dec. 6. The films are shown at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday nights room 209 Pence Hall.

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# SPORTS

Barry Reeves  
Sports Editor

## Receiver Neal Clark walking-on(to) success with Cats

By BARRY REEVES  
Sports Editor

If will and determination were the only factors in choosing an All-Star team, then UK receiver Neal Clark would be first team on everybody's All-America list.

"Neal is the kind of player every coach dreams of working with," Paducah Tilghman High School coach Allan Cox said in a telephone interview. "He works his butt off to be the best at whatever he is doing. And he is the best example of what happens if you work hard."

"Neal is not the fastest guy in the world or the biggest, but he is the kind of a guy the will always be a winner because of his attitude and work ethics," said Cox, who speaks with his former player about once a week. "I am just proud to be associated with Neal."

After graduating from Tilghman High School in Paducah, Ky., in 1987, Clark made the UK football team as a walk-on in the fall and was immediately redshirted. Last fall Clark needed only 10 more plays to letter.

But last spring Clark, on the

verge of being put on scholarship, had to leave UK for the U.S. Army Reserves because of financial reasons.

"Basically, I didn't have enough money to keep going to school, so I had to look for some outside income, and I thought the Reserves was the perfect opportunity for me," Clark said. "I would only have to miss one semester of school, and because of a special NCAA clause I would be able to return in the fall and play."

And after a 16-week stay at Basic Training and Advances Individualized Training, Clark's back and better than ever.

"I think I am a lot more focused on what has to be done since getting out of the Army," said Clark, a 5-9, 170-pound sophomore. "The Army taught me a lot about team unity. I mean, football's a total team effort. I learned that you have to work hard for everything or it's not worth having. And I think I have applied that to football."

And UK receiver coach Joe Phillips wishes all his players were more like Clark.

"Oh yeah. I wish all of the kids

would all go through the Army and come back," Phillips said. "Since Neal got back he's been a real pleasure to work with. I mean, he does everything you can ask of him and asks for more. I don't think he knows how to rest."

"I don't think anybody will ever outwork Neal Clark at anything," Phillips said. "Even when he's not on the field, he's studying routes or defense or something. He is always prepared mentally."

The Army in Clark is also wearing off on some of his fellow receivers.

"He makes us all work harder," receiver Phil Logan said. "Neal is a very hard worker. And I appreciate that because the harder he works, the harder we have to work. He's a very positive influence."

Even Clark's opponents and former enemies are now some of his closest friends. UK defensive back Larry Jackson, a track and football standout and nearby Mayfield High School, was Clark's main rival in high school.

"Larry and I were real big rivals when we got to UK because Mayfield and Tilghman are big rivals

and we were No. 1 and 2 in the state in track," Clark said. "But now we are the best of friends. In fact, when we first got here everybody (on the team) would go watch us race on the weekends because we were so close."

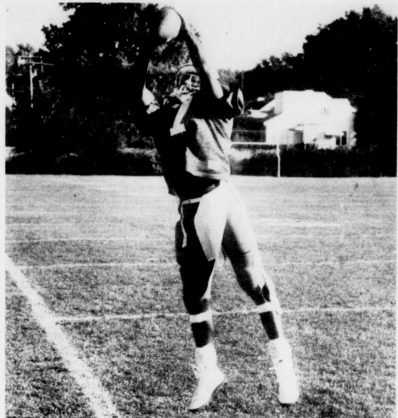
"Neal is a really great guy," Jackson said.

"He's a real hard worker and a really caring and outgoing person. He stayed with me this summer when he was in town working out with the team."

Track always has been Clark's best sport, but he enjoyed football more. Clark, who ran the 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter races in high school, received track scholarship inquiries from schools including the University of Tennessee, Kansas University and Southern Illinois, but he declined all offers to get a chance to play football.

"Neal always thought he could play Division I football, even though he didn't receive too much attention from the big schools," Cox said.

"But I guess he's proving the theory wrong — a little guy with a big heart can play."



STEVE SANDERS/Kernal Staff

Sophomore receiver Neal Clark leaps for a catch during a recent UK practice. Clark, a walk-on, is running second string to John Bolden.

## Bat Cats hope their talent lands them a place in the show



By CHRIS HARVEY  
Senior Staff Writer

Almost every American boy dreams about getting a chance to try out for a major league baseball team. Most spend hours bouncing a ball off the side of a house or taking swings at the local batting cage, hoping they may have a chance to wear Yankee pinstripes or Dodger blue.

Well, UK Bat Cats are no different.

"Since I was a little kid playing in the pee we leagues, I've wanted to be drafted," UK pitcher Tom Robeson said.

Robeson and the rest of the UK baseball team took the first step toward that goal yesterday by participating in UK's fifth annual baseball Pro Day held at Shively Field. "Being drafted is what I've been working for since I started playing," senior second baseman Vince Castaldo said. "It's everybody's goal."

During Pro Day, players were timed in the 60-yard dash and graded

on throwing and hitting skills by 15 big-league scouts. Pitchers were graded on speed and accuracy, and catchers were graded on their quickness and accuracy in throwing to second base.

Gary Randle, a scout for the Major League Scouting Bureau, said most scouts grade baseball players in five areas.

"We normally grade their arm strength, their fielding, speed, hitting ability, and overall power," said Randle, who prepares a report that goes to all of the clubs.

Most scouts ask players they are interested in to fill out a card to give the scout a better feel of the player and his personality, Randle said.

A player's mental attitude is one of the most important characteristics in assessing a player. Detroit Tigers scout Wayne Blackburn said.

"Sure, we look at if he can throw, run and bat, but he's got to have a good attitude ... a real desire to play," said Blackburn, who has been in major league baseball for

more than 55 years as both a manager and scout.

Most of the scouts at Shively Field yesterday said several of UK's players may have enough talent to be drafted by a major league team.

"In the state of Kentucky, this is the best stop we make talent-wise," Texas Rangers scout Mark Giegler said. UK coach Keith Madison "really gets the most out of his talent. They're right on par with some of the big schools across the country."

Giegler said that hitting is the most important aspect for him when grading a player. "They've had above average talent in the

years that I've been there," he said.

Thirty-nine UK players have been drafted by major league teams and five have made it to the big leagues. Some of the more notable ones include been Paul Kilgus of Chicago Cubs who won the National League East this year.

This season UK is touting Castaldo, sophomore first baseman Mike Harris and junior catcher Rick Norton as the top pro prospects.

Madison said that Pro Day, which began 4 years ago, is one of the reasons UK has been among the nation's leading colleges in having the most number of players drafted the past couple of seasons.

## Lady Kat Invitational begins today

Golfers hope to survive 17-team field and win 6th straight title

By JULIE ESSELMAN  
Special Projects Writer

While younger generations are the most likely groups to break with tradition, the young UK women's golf team is intent on maintaining a certain continuance with the past.

When the Lady Kats tee-off today in the 12th annual Lady Kat Invitational Tournament at Spring Lake Country Club, they will be shooting to uphold a six-year tradition of winning their home tourney.

"I think our team is really strong," said Margie Muzak, the only senior on the UK squad. "If we all do our job, I think we'll win the tourney again this year."

The Lady Kats have won their invitational tournament since 1983 and twice have captured the individual title. But they face some tough competition from the 17-team field this year, including the University of Alabama, which UK defeated along with Duke University in a three-way sudden-death playoff to win the Lady Tar Heel Invitational in North Carolina earlier in the season.

Play in the LKIT begins at 9 a.m., and the tournament will continue through Saturday.

Although UK's team is relatively young this season — Muzak, two juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen — there still is much tournament experience among the players. And the Lady Kats are confident this will help them keep the trophy in Lexington.

"I think everyone's playing well," said sophomore standout Tonya Gill. "I definitely think we have some possibility to win."

But Muzak is a little more adamant about the team's abilities.

"I think if we're on our game, there isn't anyone in the SEC who can beat us," she said.

The Lady Kats have had a successful fall season so far in their first two tournaments.

After winning the Lady Tar Heel tournament, at which Gill and junior Jayne Lohr tied for second, the Lady Kat team placed third in the Memphis Women's Invitational, a disappointing finish that was offset by Gill's individual victory, the first of her collegiate career.

Gill was four shots out of the lead going into the last day of the Memphis tourney but birdied the 18th hole to shoot a final-round 70 and win by a shot.

"I've played so well the last two tourneys. I'm really wanting to keep it up," Gill said. "I'm very pleased with the way the season has gone."

Gill and Lohr, who placed sixth in the Memphis Invitational, (both preseason All-Americans) have been the top players on the UK squad this season, and UK coach Bettie Lou Evans is counting on them to lead the team again this week.

But Evans said it is just as important that the team get good play from the rest of the players.

Each UK team member will play in their home tournament, but in college golf the scores of only five players are considered in the team competition.

Evans, who quit smoking this year, hopes her players make some smoke of their own by lighting up the golf course with low numbers.

"I expect Tonya and Jayne to



MICHAEL MUX/Kernal Staff

Lady Kat golfer Jayne Lohr practices her putting yesterday at the Spring Lake Country Club, site of the 1989 Lady Kat Invitational.

continue to play well," Evans said. "Our future will be determined by the rest of the team."

While Muzak, Gill and Lohr played in the first two tournaments of the fall season, Evans has played four different golfers in the final two spots on the traveling team.

Sophomore Ann Kroot and freshman Lisa Weismuller competed in North Carolina, while sophomore Dolores Nava and freshman Mandy Quattlebaun played in Memphis.

Evans said she is hoping to find consistent, good play in

those positions to round off the Lady Kat team. She may get that with Nava, who has represented her native Argentina in international play, and Weismuller, a state high school standout from Lexington, both of whom qualified earlier this week for the LKIT.

Our fourth and fifth players are the key to this team," Lohr said. Evans said her team has "re-grouped" since the Memphis tournament, practicing mostly on their game around the greens.

"It's mainly short game, short game, short game," Evans said.

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# VIEWPOINT

## New federal law protecting flag is unnecessary

When the Supreme Court ruled this summer that burning the American flag is within an American citizen's constitutional rights, it set off a furor across the country among those who consider Old Glory a national entity as worthy of protection as a human life. For those who have fought in defense of the United States, the flag is even *more* valuable than life because it represents our country and everything it stands for - primarily freedom.

But there lies the irony of our national representatives' recent efforts to make flag-burning illegal despite the ruling of the highest court in the land. When they first realized the uproar the decision had created among many of their constituents, they made stirring patriotic speeches and demanded a constitutional amendment to prohibit this wholly un-American act.

Eventually most recognized the folly of rushing into amending the Constitution, which has occurred only 26 times in more than 200 years. But last week the Senate passed a bill that will make the burning of the American flag wrong. Is that right? They did this superficially in the name of patriotism but really with the hope of gaining easy political points with their constituents.

No one is questioning our representatives' patriotism, but we are wondering about their common sense - or lack of it.

First of all, there is no reason to criminalize flag-burning because it simply is not a problem in this country. Sure, Gregory Johnson burned the flag in Dallas at the Republican National Convention, touching off the debate, but is that one isolated incident any reason to rush into needless legislation?

Some may say flag-burning should be illegal to show the value and importance of the flag to the United States. But that argument fails as well because the majority of American citizens *already* respect the flag and wouldn't even think of burning it. And those who would burn it only make a spectacle of themselves and destroy any arguments they are trying to make, as was the case of Johnson.

In representing the United States, the American flag represents its Constitution, a main tenet of which is the freedom of expression. In declaring the constitutionality of flag burning, the Supreme Court reassessed this most valued right. So the decision in effect strengthened American society, while the action of the Senate, by putting this right in jeopardy, has weakened it. How would we have reacted if the Soviet Union had jailed a citizen who burned a Soviet flag? Probably with outrage - at an unjust suppression of rights.

The flag *does* deserve the utmost respect and dignity, but a law prohibiting its burning only lessens the flag's inherent value by weakening the right to freedom that it represents.

## Fan never loses faith in Cubs or lady luck

You can call it luck.  
You can call it destiny.  
If you want, you can call it God's will.  
Me, I have a bad habit of calling it "Christi Lee."

More on that later.  
It was early in the Year of our Lord 1984 when I first afforded myself the technological miracle that is Telectable of Lexington.

Since that time they have worn out a printer or two sending me notices of payment due, payment overdue and payment due *now* or we'll shut you off, Bozo.

Since that time Challenger exploded in our minds and skies, they found the Titanic, God gave up on Jimbo Bakker and Ronald Reagan has taken on the relatively harmless title of ex-president.

Since that time the Cubbies have won their division twice.  
That is a sort of miracle in itself.

I am not one to belabor the obvious. I have no passion for pointless repetition of dubious dramatic irony, nor do I desire to spend relentless hours or columns rehashing what might have been.

OK, so maybe I do.  
Why couldn't they win?  
They were so close, so very close!

Why didn't Don Zimmer take Mike Bielecki out before he walked the bases loaded? Why didn't Andre Dawson hit the ball somewhere other than into an enemy's glove? Why didn't Ryne Sandberg - my hero - pull off one more miracle instead of making the last out for the Cubs this season?

(Heavy dramatic sigh.)  
Why didn't I read the history books before I got involved in this Cubs fan stuff?

I routinely ignored major league baseball until WGN-TV came into my apartment. I could have gone on ignoring it, but I was busy ignoring classwork and dieting at the time, and I simply had to pay attention to something.

In retrospect, the Cubs were just the thing.



James A. STOLL

Chicago Tribune columnist Mike Royko put it this way:

"Cheering for the Cubs, like life itself, is a losing cause. That's why we have cemeteries and Wrigley Field."

I didn't buy it at the time, and I don't buy it now. But then, I'm a young man of 28. Royko, on the other hand, is older, leaner and more experienced.

He was familiar with the Cubs long before those Telectable guys installed my miracle and starting printing out my multiple billings.

It hurt when they lost, it really did. Not deep and not for long, but in a peculiarly moving way, the wound was mortal.

Why couldn't they just get to the World Series?

Why didn't they win that first, crucial game in Chicago? Why didn't Candlestick Park sink into the Pacific Ocean? Why didn't some inventive Cubbie change into some long, needle-sharp spikes and slide into Will Clark's ankle at first base?

(Heavy dramatic sigh.)

Why didn't I find something more enjoyable to do with the glorious, peaceful, otherwise uneventful fall afternoons that was Monday?

The answers to these and other pointlessly obvious questions of dramatic irony can be found in the words of a poet. Billy Joel, to be exact.

"It took a while for him to notice."

It took a while for him to see, He was never in control here, It was always Christi Lee."

Go, Christi, Go, Cubbies. Yeah, team.

Next year, folks. Just you wait.

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## Baseball

### There is more to it than the average person thinks

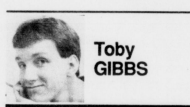
Hey, Reds fans, it's World Series time again, and for the first time ever, I find myself loathing both teams. When the Athletics battle it out with the Giants, I'll just kick back and root for bench-clearing brawls and career-ending injuries.

I enjoy the fall classic regardless of who plays, though I always have just a hint of sadness as the Series ends. When it is over, I know the country will have to go six months without its national pastime.

During those six months, I was nostalgic for the finer points of the game. I miss those venerable old broadcasters with their inimitable on-air styles, especially my two favorites: Cincinnati Reds announcers Marty "Hey, Reds Fans" Brennaman and Joe "The Old Lefthander" Nuxhall.

During the season, I become nothing less than a "Brennamaniac." Who else, after all, would refer to the Astros as the "Astronomicals"? And words can't describe Joe Nuxhall, the beloved Foster Brooks of the baseball world.

And if all that isn't enough, Marty also is a tireless public servant. He doesn't wait for the commercials to tell you what to do. Instead, during the action, he'll tell you the brand of hot dogs, chili, gasoline, white-wall tires, ham, and deli meats you need to buy. I'd be



Toby GIBBS

lost without the guy.

Marty often touts a brand of beer that's "beechwood aged" for that "clean, crisp taste." I don't know much about beer or "beechwood aging," but if the stuff really tastes like old, rotting logs, I think I'll pass.

But I've seen people at the ballpark who crave that clean, crisp bat taste. Here's an example:

I went to a Reds-Mets game in June. It was hard to enjoy the game given the booze-guzzling herd of backwoods mastodons behind me who decided to simulate the chug-a-lugging of an entire brewery. In the process, they spilled so much beer on me that the group later asked if they could collectively suck on my shirt.

This lovable crew of lushes must have thought that Riverfront Stadium is a giant bar that features baseball on the side. Call me a party pooper, but I'd like to enjoy the great game of baseball without some obnoxious, beer-swilling sot trying to use my head as a drink

coaster.

But I guess you get that when you sit in the poor seats. I didn't realize exactly how high up I was until a vendor came by selling popcorn, peanuts, and oxygen masks. Someday, when my Kernel columnist salary enters double digits, I'll be able to sit in the same county as the players.

But in the meantime, I can just dream of life on that elusive front row. Ah, the front row - a veritable utopia, where white-satin maidens slowly fan baseball fans with giant ostrich feathers, pausing occasionally to hand-feed us peeled grapes - grapes that have been beechwood aged for that clean, grape taste.

And if the baseball action and the top-notch eats aren't enough, who can resist the prospect of getting free stuff at the ballpark? In June, the management gave us all complimentary coffee mugs on Reds Mug Night.

As a child in Atlanta, I received a bat during Braves Bat Day. What could be nicer? There's nothing like Mug Night, Bat Day, Cap Day, Team Picture Day, or Big Bag O' Bees Night to really get the fans into the spirit of the game.

At a nippy Reds-Astros game in late September, this fan didn't come down with the sniffles. There

was no way it could happen on Vic's Vapor Rub Night.

Thanks to the foresight of Reds owner Marge Schott, stadium personnel came by between innings to smear vapor rub on the chests, chins, and upper lips of chilly ballpark patrons. Cold and flu season was kept at bay.

The reason? It's because those clogged nasal passages were cleared by a vapor rub that's been beechwood aged for that clean, crisp, menthol taste.

The world's greatest sport comes to its annual close in a little more than one week. I greatly enjoy football and basketball, but they just can't fill baseball's shoes. So I'll spend fall and winter counting the number of days until April. Then, I'll once again hear Joe Nuxhall with his stand-by sign-off: "This is the Old Lefthander being thrown out at third and throwing up at home."

I'll get my free rump roast on Reds Perishable Meat Night. But most importantly, I'll cheer, jeer, boo, eat, sing and enjoy our national pastime for another great year.

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## Dispensing with egos only way for Americans to fight homelessness



Kara WAITS

ington, D.C. as a living hell.

"We went through hurricane Hugo, the KKK, people shouting racial slurs, a food shortage, and thieves. We had three showers in 3 1/2 weeks, and we saw kids living on the streets of D.C."

Looking straight ahead, Leon continued: "You know, there are more homeless people in D.C. than anywhere else. People live there and ride around in limos while others push grocery carts in the streets. They see it every day, yet they won't get off their asses and do something about it. They sit behind their desks and say that they spent the night out with the homeless and they know how it is on the streets. They're lying. You can't know how it is 'til you live here."

I also talked to John, who has been homeless for about three years. John's red hair and blue eyes seemed rough, yet his smile seemed quite welcoming.

When asked about how people react to his appearance on the street he said, "It's like you're a stray dog

Why is the emphasis being placed upon *who* should have to give money to the homeless? Are the days of personal contributions over? We must stop pointing our fingers and take a look at ourselves. Giving money is only one way to help these outcasts.

in a strange place. You're one person against a group. They say we're insane."

While sitting in the Horizon Center, I thought about the many complaints recently shared in the Kernel concerning the homeless. The critics of the UK Student Government Association say money should have been allocated for the Housing NOW! march, while SGA supporters maintain that funding should go directly to the homeless in Lexington.

I wonder how many of these "so-called experts" really know what being homeless is all about. People are taking a stand about something they might not even care about - it just sounds good to complain about a cause of some sort.

Why is the emphasis being placed upon *who* should have to give money to the homeless? Are the days of personal contributions over? We must stop pointing our

fingers and take a look at ourselves. Giving money is only one way to help these outcasts.

I found that they want to be accepted as a part of society. They want to be given a chance at living a decent life. It should be pointed out that I learned these things through talking and spending time with the homeless, not by sitting in a meeting complaining about money.

We treat the homeless like common beggars because of the kind of lives they lead. I doubt they chose to be homeless. In fact, Leon and John both agree, "It's not easy. It's cold and lonely." John added, "People will kill you for a Lifesaver."

It's time we stop fighting each other and work together to help the homeless.

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## Community colleges

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cent of the full formula funding recommended by the Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

"The community colleges are only funded at 67 percent of that formula while the other state universities are funded at 84 to 97 percent," Combs said.

Combs said that the state's leaders must realize that education is a continuum and not to end their efforts to reform the state's educational system at the 12th grade.

The committee's recommendations included:

- Increase activities that prove greater access to higher education.

- Increase responses to business/industry needs with technical degree programs, job specific training/retraining, and services.

- Increase the emphasis on basic skills education and training to foster an attitude

of lifelong learning.

- Develop and formalize additional partnerships for the purpose of community development.

- Provide for statewide advocacy and networking of the various community colleges.

- Strengthen the effectiveness of the local advisory boards.

- Implement additional leadership development activities within the community college system.

- Provide leadership to coordinate postsecondary programs and services offered in community colleges and vocational-technical schools.

- Continue to refine measurements and evaluation of the colleges' effectiveness.

- Correct the disparity in funding between the community college system and other institutions of higher education.

- Provide 100 percent formula funding to meet the demands of Kentuckians.

# Florida legislators defeat abortion bills

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abortions, requiring viability tests on the fetuses of women at least 20 weeks pregnant and requiring physicians to tell women seeking abortions about the development of their fetuses.

Martinez conceded his initiative had faltered badly.

"I don't think it's a moment for rejoicing," the first-term Republican governor said. "If anything, it's a moment of sadness."

But national leaders of the pro-

choice movement seized the opportunity to call the failed session a sign of a turning tide.

"Florida has just sent a message to the nation," said Elanor Smeal, president of the Fund for a Feminist Majority and a former president of the National Organization for Women. "Political leaders are getting a public opinion message that they cannot, should not, restrict or interfere with women's rights any longer. And people don't want any more restrictions on abortion."

Patricia Ireland, national vice president of NOW, was jubilant.

"What we're seeing this session is a shift by women's rights supporters from the defensive to offensive," she said at a news conference. "This is one of those junctures where the political climate has clearly changed. This is creating a new wave of feminism that we have not had since the 1960s."

Ken Connor, president of Florida Right to Life, said the fight is not over. "What's next is we go back

to work. We field new candidates who affirm the sanctity and dignity of human life," he said. "We explore the potential for a constitutional amendment."

The governor had held out hope that tougher standards for clinics - among the least controversial of the bills - would pass. But a Senate committee killed three bills on clinic regulation yesterday, after five other bills died in Senate committee. In the House, six bills met a similar fate in subcommittee yesterday.

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