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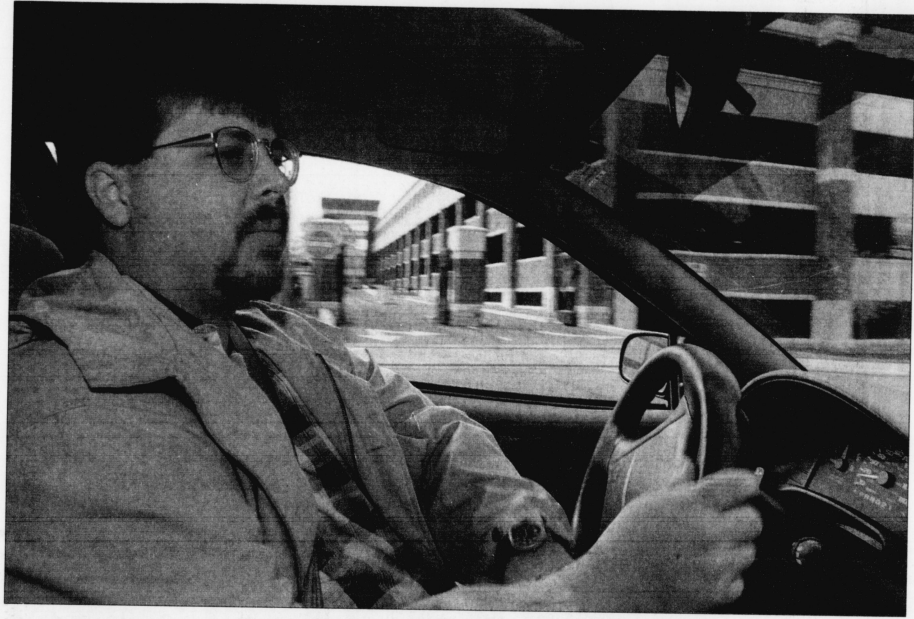
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The first part in a series on finding your place at UK.

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▼ Tickets are increasing every year: where does the money go?
▼ Follow a UK parking attendant through his day.

Ticket to ride



Cruising for spots is a way of life for UK street hoppers

By Delmar Watkins
Staff Writer

They prowl around UK like steel sharks, looking for their elusive prey. And when they find it, they strike.

They are the street hoppers, a breed of people that refuse to pay UK's parking sticker prices and instead stalks the back streets around campus every morning trying to find a parking space.

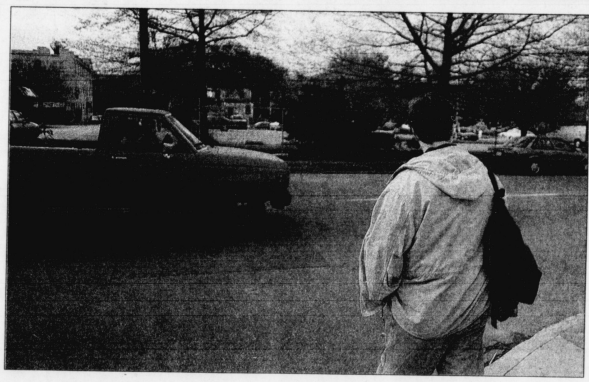
"I've spent eight years around the UK area, and I've found that the best way to park is by cruising the area and finding an empty parking space," said Brian Lauer, a geography senior.

"Cruising for a spot is part of the UK parking game, a lot of people do it," said David Birkhead, college of communications graduate student.

"I found the spot I usually get by blind luck," Lauer said, "but cruising still beats a pass. You just have to figure out where to cruise."

Many UK students do not like having to pay premium prices for the honor of parking in a UK parking lot.

"Cruising for a spot every morning beats having to pay money," Lauer



SPOT CHECK
Geography senior Brian Lauer cruised the street in the South Hill area where he parks. Lauer, who has spent eight years in the area around UK, has become an old hand at finding spots near campus.

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Kernel staff

said. "I had a parking pass behind Memorial Coliseum for a semester, and I found that it is actually better to cruise for a spot."

"Nobody wants to pay around \$100 to get a parking space for a year," Birkhead said.

"If you know what you are doing you can park free all year without parking illegally," he said.

One problem with the great number of people that park on side streets instead of in parking areas is the effect that the street hoppers have on local residents.

"Parking is a premium on Oldham (Avenue), where I live," said Chris Moffitt, a psychology senior. "People from Oldham instead of buying a pass. That isn't bad if they only stay a few hours, but they park there for a long period of time."

"I usually don't have a space to park," he said.

However, the parking conditions at UK reward street hoppers' behavior. By making convenient parking on campus so hard to find, UK forces students to park off campus, Lauer said.

See HOPPERS on 2

UK's Zinser not chosen

W. Michigan not last possibility for chancellor

By Mat Herron
News Editor
and Jill Erwin
Senior Staff Writer

And the winner is ... Elson Floyd.

The executive vice chancellor at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill was named the new president of Western Michigan University on Friday by the university's eight-member board of trustees.

Floyd received six first-place votes in a first-round test ballot on paper, said Mike Matthews, a Western Michigan spokesman.

The chairman of the search committee then proposed a roll call vote, which was unanimous.

After the vote, the trustees used "dynamic," "energetic," and "charismatic" to describe Floyd, who was selected over UK Chancellor Elisabeth Zinser and three other candidates for the position.

The selection process was public "because our Open Meetings Act in Michigan requires that public bodies deliberate in public,"

Matthews said. "Thus, the board did not discuss the pros and cons of any candidates."

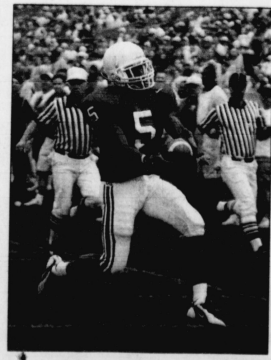
Zinser, who also was in the running at North Carolina State in Raleigh for the chancellor's position, said she was happy for Floyd.

She said she'll visit the University of Milwaukee early next month.

"It was a board decision," Zinser said of the Western Michigan search. "The campus is probably circulating

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LOVE THAT
UK cornerback Marvin Love celebrated after returning an interception for a touchdown during the Blue/White game Saturday afternoon. The Blue team demolished the White team 54-17.



MATT BARTON
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Wildcats end spring football on a high note

By Jill Erwin
Senior Staff Writer

In a scrimmage not so much expected to be a competition as a showcase, the first- and second-string Blue team destroyed the White squad, 54-17.

UK wrapped up its spring football practice with an air show thus far unseen in 1998. Tim Couch was the star, throwing for 316 yards on 14-of-20 passing.

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First play off the blocks, already down by

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'Never an easy issue'

Parking permit costs varying as UK expands services

By Annie Gillespie
Staff Writer

It hurts. This characterizes the feeling one gets while forking over a fortune for a parking permit each year.

Why so expensive? Northern Kentucky University's student permits are \$48 a year, Transylvania's permits just \$18.

Residential and commuter permits at UK: \$128. "The prices for permits are outrageous," said Shelley Ward, a social work sophomore. "I mean, they haven't always been this expensive, and it is not like my parking spot is convenient. I have to walk half a mile to (Commonwealth) stadium to go anywhere."

Joe Schuler is also unsure of why the prices have skyrocketed. "My understanding is that there was a plan implemented five years ago in regards to the parking structure, and part of the source of funding was the increase in the price of permits," said Schuler, executive director of Academic Affairs for Student Government Association. "This leads me to concern because that parking garage is mainly for employees and visitors."

That's only half right, said Don Thornton, director of Parking and

Transportation Services.

A proposal was started in 1993 to improve the parking and transportation on campus, Thornton said. It included a permit increase of \$24 a year for teachers and students. Before the increases were implemented, the department interviewed several people and hired a parking consultant to hear suggestions on how to solve the shortage of parking.

"Parking is never an easy issue," Thornton said. "There are no easy solutions to parking problems on a large campus because there are so many components to consider."

The objectives for the plan of increased prices included increasing the number of commuter lots close to the academic core, improving the existing lots and increasing the efficiency of the transit system, Thornton said.

From their perspective, students said they have seen little improvement in the parking situation.

"I realize that the University is trying to accommodate the cars on campus," said marketing senior Bridget Gillespie, "but I haven't seen any real improvements in student parking over the last four years."

For Nancy Mitchell, its continued overcrowding of stu-

dent lots. "Living across from the Law School, I always see students forced to park illegally," said Mitchell, a Spanish senior. "I haven't noticed any positive change in the parking situation."

Thornton said many improvements have been made in the last five years. Among them are three new areas for commuter parking: Parking Structure No. 5 on Limestone, behind Taylor Education Building and the Scott Street Lot.

There is also extra space in all of the lots because of the migration of cars to the new parking structure, which has 1000 spaces — 600 for employees, 100 for visitors and 300 for students, Thornton said.

The bus systems have also been enhanced, he said. The department has increased the efficiency

of LexTran and CATS buses by 30 percent, adding 30 cycles to the LexTran routes and running the CATS buses at later times. In doing this, Thornton said the department hoped to decrease the

crowds, make it more convenient for buses to run more frequently, and make it safer to have late buses.

Thornton said he understands the dissatisfaction with the price of the parking permits, and he realizes other schools' permits are cheaper. But different schools fund departments differently.

"There are different ways of funding parking. UK parking is funded by its employees, students, visitors. And this fee is not only a parking fee — but a parking and transportation fee," Thornton said. "It costs over \$600,000 per year to subsidize the bus system."

This year is hopefully the last year for the permit price increases, Thornton said.

He said he knows parking is not an enjoyable issue to discuss and no one likes to spend money on a parking permit, but the fee is necessary nonetheless.

"There is no such thing as free parking," he said.

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Hoppers

Those without tags have parking secrets

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"I live in Kirwan Tower but I park on Woodland Drive," said Robert Wagner, a philosophy freshman.

"It is closer to walk to Woodland than it is to get to Common-

wealth Stadium."

The Lexington City Government has tried to solve this problem for residents by requiring parking passes for certain segments streets near campus.

"On Oldham, the street is divided into three sections, and one section is only for residents," Moffitt said. "That helps a little, but there is still a problem."

Local businesses also feel the pressure from UK's parking woes. Fazoli's near campus often

has students parking in its lot that get towed while they are in class.

"It seems to hurt business because there are fewer parking spaces for customers," said Nick Reinhardt, an accounting junior and Fazoli's employee.

The UK parking situation also creates havoc for those people without a pass that simply want to drop off something to a professor.

"It usually takes longer to park than it does to actually do what

you need to do on campus," Lauer said. "And if you park on campus, it costs about a dollar. It is better to cruise and walk."

The parking situation at UK frustrates both those who have to park and those who are affected by the parking situation.

"Everyone who doesn't buy a tag has their secrets," Birkhead said. "I can offer a suggestion: The best way to avoid the parking hassle is to not have a vehicle on campus."

CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is a free service which appears in the Monday edition of the Kentucky Kernel. All registered organizations wishing to publish events and sporting events, must have all information to the Student Activities room 203 Student Ctr. or call 257-8867, or e-mail ukevent@pop.uky.edu one week prior to publication.

MONDAY 4/27

ARTS & MOVIES

- Dept. of Theatre is raising \$ for Oulgnol Theatre Restoration Project for 50th Anniversary Gala opening in '99: 257-3145
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Ctr "Journey to Enlightenment," works created by Victor L. Hagans, MLK Center, Opening Reception 12:30am (thru 5/01)

MEETINGS

- UK Waterski Club Meeting, 8:30pm, 106 Old Student Ctr

WORKSHOPS

- UK Counseling & Testing Ctr FREE Tutoring for Math 109 (3:00-2:00pm) and Math 123 (2:00-3:00pm) sign-up in 201 Frazee Hall in advance

RELIGIOUS

- Newman Ctr Catholic Mass every weekday, 12:10pm, 320 Rose St; 255-8566
- Nurse's Christian Fellowship Meeting: Bible Study #6, 7:30-9:30pm, 205 Student Ctr

RECREATION

- UK Aikido Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft: 278-9283/268-3870

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Office for Experiential Education Orientation, Internships/shadowing/service-learning, 2:00-4:00pm, 111 Student Ctr
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Ctr "Gram & Jam," Center will be open for study from 6:00pm-7 (thru 4/30)

TUESDAY 04/28

ACADEMIC

- UK Four-Week Intersession registration and add/drop continue for students enrolled in the 1998 Spring Semester (thru 5/11)
- UK Eight-Week Summer session registration and add/drop continue for students enrolled in the 1998 Spring Semester (thru 6/10)
- UK Add/Drop for priority regis-

tered students for the 1998 Fall Semester (thru 6/20)

ARTS

- EXHIBIT: Arturo Alonzo Sandoval: A Retrospective, UK Art Museum (thru 6/14)
- EXHIBIT: Critics: Animals in the Collection, UK Art Museum (thru 6/28)
- EXHIBIT: Art and the Everyday World: Pop, Op, and Minimalism in the Collection, UK Art Museum (thru 8/09)

MEETINGS

- Student Activities Board Meeting, 5:00pm, 203 Student Ctr
- Green Thumb Meeting, 7:30pm, 205 Student Ctr

LECTURES

- Donovan Scholars Program Forum: "The District Court: How It Works" Chet Care, 3:30-4:30pm, Lex. Senior Citizens Ctr

RELIGIOUS

- UK Wesley Foundation United Methodist PHAT TUESDAY, 7:30pm, Rm. 230 Student Ctr; 254-0231
- Baptist Student Union TNT Meeting, 7:30pm, Chapel-429 Columbia Ave; 257-3989
- Newman Ctr Student Night, 7:30pm, 320 Rose Ln; 255-8566

SPORTS

- UK Baseball @ Western Kentucky, 7:00pm; Bowling Green, KY

WEDNESDAY 4/29

ACADEMIC

- UK Deadline for applying to The Graduate School for readmission, post-baccalaureate status, and visiting student status for the 1998 Four-Week Intersession in order to register May 11 and avoid late fee

MEETINGS

- AIAA Meeting, 6:00pm, 209 CRMS Bldg
- UK Field Hockey Team Organizational Meeting to prepare for the Fall, 111 Student Ctr, 7:00pm, All skill levels welcome;

Call Sara for more info 325-7478

Student Social Work Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Blazer Hall Cafeteria. All interested social work majors are invited to attend

WORKSHOPS

- UK Counseling & Testing Ctr FREE Tutoring for Math 109 (3:00-4:00pm) and Math 123 (4:00-5:00pm) sign-up in 201 Frazee Hall in advance/257-6959

RELIGIOUS

- Latter-Day Saint Student Assoc Meeting, 12:00pm, 231 Student Ctr
- Newman Ctr Mid Afternoon Prayer Pause, 3:00-3:45pm, 320 Rose Ln
- JSO/Hillel Foundation Dinner, 6:00pm, Commons-meet at the 2nd floor staircase
- Cats for Christ Encounter, 7:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Ctr

RECREATION

- UK Aikido Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 278-9283/268-3870

SPORTS

- UK Baseball @ Louisville, 6:00pm; Louisville, KY (RPEC)

LECTURES

- Donovan Scholars Program

THURSDAY 4/30

Forum: Expanding Our National Canon: "Romance of the Republic" and the Case of Lydia Maria Child, speaker: Dana Nelson, 3:30-4:30pm, Lex. Senior Citizens Ctr

RELIGIOUS

- Baptist Student Union Devotion & Lunch (\$1 all you can eat) 12:15pm, 429 Columbia Ave; 257-3989
- UK Wesley Foundation Dinner & Praise, 6:00-7:15pm, 508 Columbia Ave; 254-0231
- Christian Student Fellowship Thurs Night Live, 7:00pm, 502 Columbia Ave; 255-0313
- Campus Crusade for Christ Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Ctr Worship Theater

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting, 9:00pm, CSF Bldg, corner of Woodland & Columbia Ave

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Office for Experiential Education Orientation, Internships/shadowing/service-learning, 9:00-11:00am, 111 Student Ctr
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Ctr & the Black Student Union "Slam the Exam" Barbecue picnic, DJ Music, Free Speech area and/or MLK Cultural Center, 11:30am-1:30pm

ACADEMIC

- UK Last day of classes
- UK Deadline for undergraduate international applicants to submit 1998 Fall Semester application

ARTS

- College of Fine Arts Downtown Gallery: MFA Thesis Exhibition by Pax Lemmon (thru 5/29)

RELIGIOUS

- Muslim Student Assoc. Friday Prayer, 1:30-2:00pm, 572 Georgetown St; All are invited
- Muslim Student Assoc. Meeting, 6:00pm, 111 Student Ctr

SPORTS

- UK Baseball @ Auburn, 7:00pm; Auburn, AL

RELIGIOUS

- Newman Center Catholic Mass,

SATURDAY 5/02

6:00pm, 320 Rose Ln: 255-8566

SPORTS

- UK Baseball @ Auburn, 3:00pm; Auburn, AL
- UK Men's Golf @ University of Michigan; Ann Arbor, MI (thru 5/03)

ARTS

- Lexington Community

SUNDAY 5/03

RELIGIOUS

- Newman Center Catholic Mass, 9:00 & 11:30am, 5:00 & 8:30pm, 320 Rose Ln; 255-8566
- Christian Student Fellowship University Praise Service, 11:00am, 502 Columbia Ave; 255-0313
- Muslim Student Association Quranic Studies, 11:45am-1:00pm, 572 Georgetown St; All invited

RECREATION

- UK Aikido Club, 1:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft: 278-9283/268-3870

SPORTS

- UK Baseball @ Auburn, 2:00pm; Auburn, AL

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Newman Ctr \$2 All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner, every Sun, 6:00pm, 320 Rose Ln

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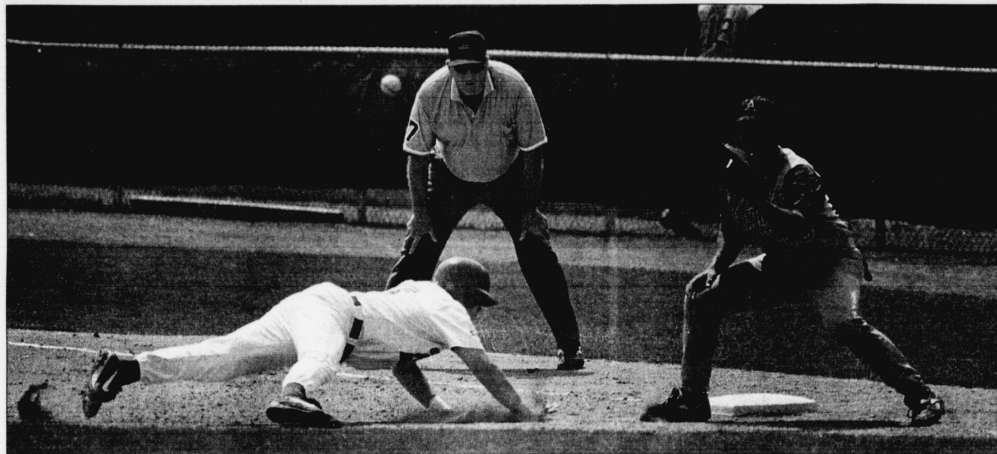
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SNEAKING IN THERE The UK baseball has suddenly sneaked into the Southeastern Conference Tournament race after winning two-of-three games over No. 23 Arkansas this weekend. The Cats won its third straight SEC series. The Cats haven't done that since 1993. UK travels to Auburn this weekend and then closes the season at home versus South Carolina.

Wildcats slaughter No. 23 Arkansas

By Matthew May
Assistant Sports Editor

This is beginning to become habit for the UK baseball team.

UK rebounded from a 17-1 loss Friday night to win both Saturday and Sunday's games and thus win its third straight Southeastern Conference weekend series for the first time since the 1993 season.

On Sunday, the Cats (21-25, 9-15) rode a terrific pitching performance from junior left-hander Jason Chaney to notch a come from behind 4-3 victory over the No. 23-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks. The win, coupled with losses by both Georgia and Tennessee, allowed the Cats to leapfrog into the third and final place in the Eastern Division playoff race.

Trailing 2-0 going into the bottom of the fifth inning, and having been held hitless to that point by

Arkansas starter Dan Wright, UK formulated a stirring two-out rally to get three runs and take a 3-2 lead.

After groundouts by Jason Colemire and Justin Bunch, Andy Bendix singled and advanced to second on a wild pitch. John Wilson walked, then catcher Jason Pasero, who entered to series on a hot streak, fought off a two-strike pitch for a single to right field.

The soft-liner scored Bendix and put runners on the corners for shortstop Andy Green. Green, who homered for UK's only run in Friday's loss, ripped a two-run double to left-center field, giving UK its first lead of the game. The two runs-batted-in gave Green 24 on the season and left him smiling after the game.

"I was just looking for something up in the zone to hit," Green said.

The Cats tacked on what would

be the game-winning run in the sixth inning when John Wilson drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk to score Josh Loggins.

The game was not without drama though as Arkansas (30-15, 10-11) came back to put a scare in the Cats in the seventh. Scott Crossett led off the inning with a single, then one out later, Jack Welsh walked.

Leadoff man Joe Jester then smacked an RBI single to bring the Hogs within one of the Cats. Chaney then hit Brad Hagedorn to load the bases with only one out, forcing UK head coach Keith Madison to bring in reliever Ben Shaffar. Shaffar responded by getting Arkansas' No. 3 and 4 hitters out to end the rally. The Hogs never threatened again, as Shaffar earned his first save of the season, giving UK its sixth win in its last nine SEC games.

Madison was thrilled with his team's performance coming off of Friday's disappointment.

"I'd like to go ahead and win those Friday games, but the big thing today was that we turned those three double plays up the middle that killed their rallies," Madison said. "Our pitchers deserve a lot of credit. Chaney made some great pitches today."

Madison was also complimentary of Shaffar's relief performance.

"He was outstanding on Friday," Madison said. "I didn't want to use him up in a game that was out of hand. I was going to go with Cheate, but Shaffar was pitching well. He was throwing hard and his slider and splitter were working great."

Chaney, who hit some bumps while adjusting to Division I play after transferring from junior college, put another stellar performance on the board to keep the

Cats in the game. He finished the game with six and one-third innings, giving up nine hits, two earned runs and striking out two to get his third win of the season.

"In JUCO you could afford to make mistakes," Chaney said. "You can't afford to make those mistakes in this conference."

Chaney said the rally-killing double plays came from a philosophy he uses when placed in tough situations.

"I've always had a philosophy that I stick with in tough situations," Chaney said. "More is less and less is more, meaning that it is better to slow down and hit my spots than try to blow the ball by people."

With two SEC series left (at Auburn and at home against South Carolina), the Cats are now in the driver's seat to claim the last playoff spot in their division.

SPORTSbytes

UK softball splits with Razorbacks

Susan Moore's two-RBI double capped a three-run fourth inning, as the UK softball team posted a 5-2 win over Arkansas at Lady Back Yard on Friday night.

UK pitcher Keary Camunas picked up the win, giving up one earned run with six strikeouts.

Arkansas took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third before UK answered in the fourth. Stephanie Thompson singled and moved to third on a Jacki Haynes single. Lindsay Houser notched the Wildcats' third-straight hit, scoring Thompson and moving Haynes to second. Moore then blasted a two-out double to right-center field, scoring Haynes and Houser and giving the Cats a 3-2 lead.

The Wildcats added to the lead in the fifth. Tiffany Kruse singled and stole second with two outs. Thompson then added a single to move Kruse to third and stole second as well, allowing Kruse to steal home to give UK a 4-2 advantage before plating one more run.

The Cats broke a single-game record with five stolen bases. Kruse and Thompson each stole two — also a team single-game record.

UK was not as fortunate in game two, falling to the Lady Razorbacks 8-0 in the nightcap.

During the weekend, the Cats also traveled to LSU to face the No. 10 Tigers. However, results for that doubleheader were not available at press time.

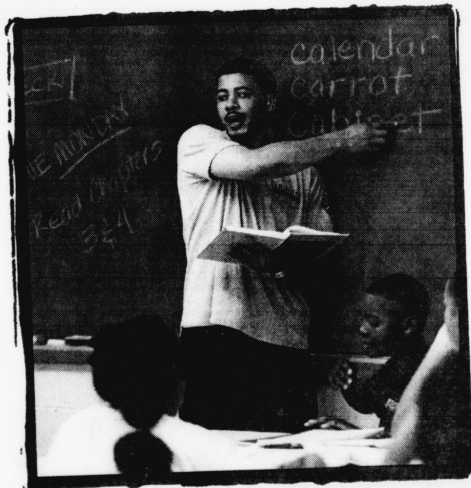
Cats compete in Penn Relays

UK's squad of Mark Miller, Tom Johnson, Jeff Ellis and Dwight Phillips finished first in the 4x400-meter relay at the Penn Relay Carnival in Philadelphia, Pa. The foursome ran the 1,600 meters in three minutes, 7.82 seconds to claim the top spot of the consolation heat.

Wildcat Matt Kavanagh's hammer throw of 210 feet, five inches in the championship bracket claimed him fifth place, while teammate Jamie Shannon threw for 185 feet, six inches in the consolation round.

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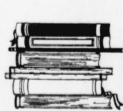
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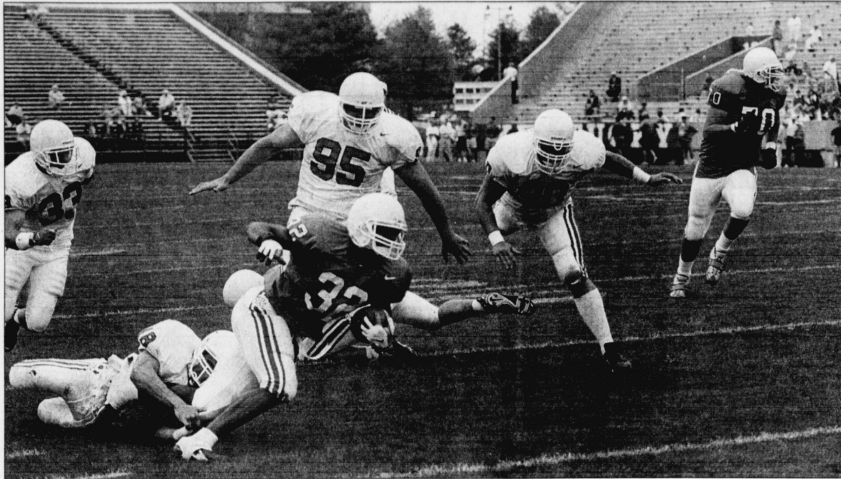
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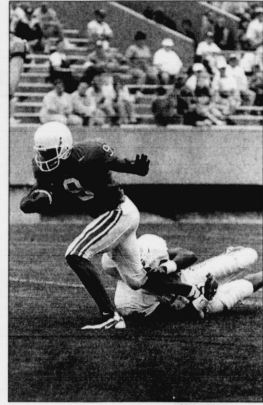
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RUNNING AROUND UK running backs Anthony White (right) and Derek Homer (bottom) didn't exactly run holes through the defense. Homer had 19 yards rushing while White had 14.



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HANGIN' AROUND UK's Jimmy Robinson brings home a pass and a defender with him. He helped the Blue team score 34 points in the annual Blue-White game.



Football

First-team offense puts plenty of points on board

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seven thanks to the White alumni team. Couch hit wideout Craig Yeast on a screen pass. Yeast cut to the left sideline and found open field. He raced the remainder of the 70 yards and tied the game just 14 seconds after stepping onto the field. The White team would never see a tie score again. "If we can just get the ball to Yeast, we know he's capable of going the distance," Couch said. "It's unlimited what this team can accomplish." Yeast said Couch served his purpose in his short amount of work. "The big thing is for Tim to understand what to do," Yeast said. "There's no need to get him out there hurting his arm." Couch competed against the third- and fourth-string defenses, and had his way with them. Head coach Hal Mumme did manage to find a positive in the lopsided scrimmage. "We managed to entertain, and didn't

get anybody hurt," he said. "We got through our last workout without any surgery." The Blue defense continued to impress, holding the White team to -44 yards rushing on 12 attempts. There were a total of seven sacks and three interceptions, one pick each by Marlon McCree, Marvin Love and Jeff Zurcher. "(Matt) Layow tipped the ball into the air, and I broke on it," McCree said. "I give all the credit to Layow and the line." McCree also barely missed a second pick-off when White team quarterback Corry Doyle tried to hit Andre Hayslip. The ball was tipped towards McCree by Willie Gary, but could not make the grab. "The way they're (the defense) playing now, we should get the ball a lot more," Couch said. "The team speed is most impressive. They're getting a lot more pressure up front on the quarterback, and you're having to get rid of the ball a lot faster than you'd like to." Couch didn't play past the second quarter, handing over the Blue team duties to Matt Mumme. Matt answered the call, going 11-for-15 for 156 yards and two touchdowns. His first was on a 5-yard pass to halfback Anthony White. It came after a balanced

series of five rush plays and three passes, the longest being a 25-yarder to Gary Davis. Davis ended the day with four catches for 100 yards. The leading receiver of the scrimmage was Yeast, gaining 156 yards on four receptions. Jermaine White, of the White squad, still managed to pick up 134 yards on three catches. "The ground game was less impressive, with the White team not having a rusher in the positive. The Blue team was led by A.J. Simon with 26 yards on four runs. Derek Homer added 19 yards and Couch and White each added 14. "We had a good spring," Homer said. "Everybody had a great attitude, we all just had to come together." The seniors set a goal for next year's team. "While last year's team wanted to make it to a bowl game, this year's seniors expect more. A more prestigious New Year's Day bowl game is on their mind. Hal Mumme said the team has a realistic shot. "You just want to win enough games," Mumme said. "We're a lot more comfortable now," Couch said. "We have a year's experience, and we know a lot more things. We can take it to another level."

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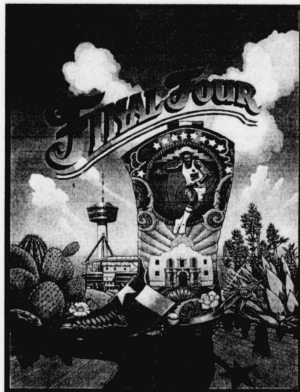
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BIG miss

Action flick lacks talent and vision

By O. Jason Stapleton
Entertainment Editor

It's like *Die Hard* with a Generation X appeal.

That's the best way to sum up *The Big Hit* starring "Markey" Mark Wahlberg in his first film since the critically overrated *Boogie Nights*.

At least this movie doesn't have any pretenses about being good. It's just a typical over-the-top super-action flick.

The Big Hit follows the trend of importing Hong Kong's best directors, giving them big Hollywood budgets and selling them to the gullible mass American audience. As always with these films, John Woo has his hand in the pie — this time as executive producer.

The movie is about nice-guy hit man Melvin Smiley (Wahlberg) and how he isn't at all the killer-for-hire type. Instead of having ice water running in his veins, Mel can't stand the thought of anyone not liking him. This ends up with him being manipulated by his co-workers, fiancée and mistress.

The beginning offers insight into Mel's personal and professional life, as well as a top-notch, though utterly unbelievable action sequence.

This leads into the focal point of the whole plot. Cisco (Lou Diamond Phillips), the leader of the killing squad, comes up with a plan to make some extra money on the side. The only problem with his idea is that it is an unauthorized job. If word of this little heist got back the group's employer, Paris (Avery Brooks), they would be in deep trouble.

Everyone is down with the idea except Mel. His conscious won't let him go through with it, until he realizes just how strapped for cash he is because his two parasitic girlfriends are sucking him dry of any currency he brings in.

Once Mel joins in they go through with the job, a simple kidnapping. Easy money. Cisco assures them. One problem



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NOT THIS TIME (From left to right) Bokeem Woodbine, Lou Diamond Phillips, Mark Wahlberg and Antonio Sabato Jr. star in TriStar Pictures latest film *'The Big Hit.'* The film was directed by Roger Mussenden and executive produced by John Woo.

though ... the kidnap, Keiko (played by first-time actress China Chow) just happens to be Paris' goddaughter.

Cisco manages to turn everything around and make it look like Mel was in charge of the whole situation, and all of Paris' hit men are immediately turned on his tail.

Of course, this just happens right after his mistress leaves him and his future in-laws come in town for a visit.

The film then goes through several funny sequences where Mel tries to impress his fiancée's parents, without them finding out he has a girl tied up in the house, right before all hell breaks loose when the hit squads pull up in his driveway and open fire during Sunday dinner.

In addition to the innumer-

able unrealistic stunts and shoot-outs that Mel survives is the interaction that he goes through with Keiko.

Taking a page out of the *Excess Baggage* script the hostage falls in the love with the kidnapper and vice-versa. As if the movie needed anything else to make it seem silly they need this.

Add the totally worthless acting on top of the already worthless script and the outcome is only slightly better than *Species II*.

Before being approached by director Roger Mussenden, Chow was a model with no aspirations of being an actress, yet she is immediately thrust into a major starring role in a big-budget film. Mussenden also hoped to

revive the career of Phillips, but someone should have warned him that Phillips' career had the plug pulled on its life support systems long ago.

The only worthwhile performance was that of Elliot Gould in the role of Mel's future father-in-law. He actually brought a breath (be it ever so slight) of fresh air and respectability to *The Big Hit*.

This movie also seemed to be trying to play the racial harmony card, because the only ethnicity that wasn't predominantly displayed was Hindu fundamentalism.

That is not to say that being culturally diverse is a bad thing, but in the case of *The Big Hit* it was far too transparent to be seen as anything but a clumsy attempt to make everyone happy. The stunts made the movie somewhat watchable, but was often overshadowed by the noticeably poor cinematography.

The Big Hit had big aspirations, but little punch with which to make those aspirations reach.

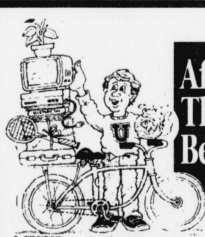


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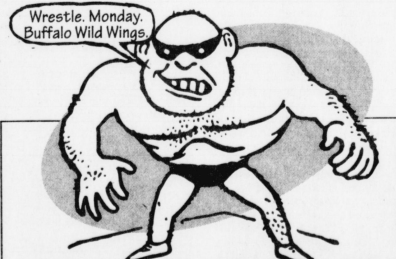
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We gave them hell, but last week's Student Government Association candidates did do a one thing right — they went out on campus and spoke to students, they put up posters and they even scrawled some fifty messages on the sidewalk. You can argue about the degree of their commitment or the amount of time they devoted, but you can't argue that they weren't out there part of the time.

We fear the same can't be said about the committee responsible for revamping the University Studies Program. Early in our opinion requirements meet more or less money to meet the demand.

It's already been 10 years since the USP's inception and after the coming revision it may be another 10 years before we have another chance to look at it. It's critical for everyone to have input throughout the process and not just an up/down vote at the end.

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trators. We fear that one day a press release will come across our desk touting a new USP for consideration and we'll wonder how we got from A all the way to Z.

We know the USP to be a hot topic with each person advocating their own pet concerns and constituencies fighting for their piece of the pie. We know the USP herds students into a number of courses and departments they might otherwise have avoided. We know some departments may win or lose as the requirements meet more or less money to meet the demand.

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The 'Dead Poets' light the way for a lifeless class

Robin Williams teaches lesson that eludes COM 181

O h captain, my captain. Do you remember Professor Keating? Sure you do! He was brought to life by Mork himself, Robin Williams, in *Dead Poet's Society*.

I can't help but dream of a day when all our professors and deans instill the same loyalty and love of learning Prof. Keating did for his young pupils.

Have you found a Prof. Keating at UK? I've had some nice profs here, but history professor Mark Summers comes closest. I can't imagine anyone else injecting such life into HIS 108 and 109. Shirt untucked, hair askew and arms flailing, he would run up the rows of students like a madman to grab a volunteer or just hop up on a desk to emphasize a point.

I always wondered what he would be like as a U.S. Senator — fun stuff I'm sure.

Unfortunately, most professors and deans don't follow Prof. Keating's lead — "I was the intellectual equivalent of a 98 pound weakling. I would go to the beach and people would kick copies of Byron in my face." It's too bad, we need a few more like Prof. Keating to live up UK.

Do you remember Ethan Hawkes character, Todd Anderson, and his "barbaric yalps"? He was so afraid of his own shadow, so afraid of being judged negatively that he was couldn't recite a little poetry at the first DPS meeting and "merely whimpered" when asked for a "barbaric yalp."

Let me tell you, we need more "barbaric yalps." In my ill-fated COM 181 class there was one student whose demeanor reminded me of Todd Anderson. She would stand before our class, clutching the podium nervously and ever-so-quietly speak to the class at little more than a whisper.

I can't fault her for that as I've done it myself and overcoming the fear behind public speaking is what most of the course is about. With a little time and encouragement she and others can find their own "barbaric yalps," but it's too bad that COM 181 didn't offer any help and I'm wondering why.

In my naive little mind, the University should always strive to offer the highest quality in teaching and textbooks to maximize retention and a love of learning.

That's why it is so disheartening to see COM 181 and its students mired in a mediocre, painful by the numbers mentality. For 10 years, professors and deans have had time to perfect this class and for 10 years, they've failed.

Why is that? Why has so much time been wasted? Is it really so difficult to craft a thoughtful, challenging curriculum for a single course? It makes one wonder what hope there is for the entire college that course represents.

Now I tried my damndest to read the course textbook *Getting There: Functional Public Speaking* and it was one of the most frustrating and infuriating experi-

ences I've had, but the title should have tipped me off. Yea, I want to be "functional." Who knows maybe one day myself and others can dream of being "adequate."

To use Prof. Keating's phrase, this book should be "food for worms" and before dismissing my criticism I challenge the faculty and deans out there to try reading it and judge for themselves.

It seems the primary point of the book is to convince students — a skeptical and busy breed — it is in fact meaningful and I'm not alone in that sentiment. There is even a section entitled "Reasons for studying public speaking." No joke!

There are also sections on selecting a topic, organizing materials, developing content, learning to listen and understanding the audience.

Silly me, I thought we were college students who were already able to listen, speak/write for an appropriate audience, choose topics, research them and organize them in an appropriate fashion.

Weren't these things learned in middle school, high school or even UK's ENG 101, 102?

What's worse is that most of this is dull, boring theoretical material that has little place in a practical public speaking course whose primary objective should be to get students comfortable in front of an audience. You can write all about symbols, precepts, schemas, externalizing and activating in a real communication course, but that's not the focus of this class... nor should it be.

The book's content makes one wonder if the writers were desperate to prove the worth of the course, the book and its accompanying workbook to the University community and publishers while fulfilling that all-important publishing requirement for some faculty. I don't know about you, but I prefer a book and a course that proves its worth to students.

This is how bad it is: Do you remember the "poetry scale" that Keating's students ripped out of their English text? Well, this book has a scale of its own — *McCraker's Personality Scale of Communication Apprehension*. In this mini-test, students answer a series of questions to learn more about their fear of public speaking.

Call me crazy — it wouldn't be the first time — but shouldn't we already know about our fears of public speaking? Do we really need to waste time and trees on it? It's time for UK to reevaluate this course, its supporting materials and the persons responsible for it.

There is simply no excuse for such a lackluster program that is hoisted upon students as the primary means of fulfilling a University Studies requirement.

Perhaps the USP committee charged with re-evaluating the program should step in and demand immediate and real improvement if the College of Communications wishes it to continue as a USP requirement.

Tune in tomorrow for more!

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READERS' forum

Greek bashing, now an art form in the Ky. Kernel

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Kernel — thanks for nothing. Once again you have managed to expose the Greek System for the horrible thing it is. Who cares about Greek Week, or Greek Intramurals, or the countless philanthropy events.

Why bother reporting those meaningless little things when you can give yet another fraternity a bum rap. You really know how to ease the minds of the countless number of students who once thought about joining the Greek system, but now fear all the wonderful things you have made us know for.

Let me ask you something, do any of your reporters belong to a social fraternity or sorority? I bet

if they did, maybe you'd understand what it feels like to get bashed week in and week out by worthless crap like you. Why don't you stop trying to be like some professional newspaper and start being one for the students.

Maybe then you won't get so much hate mail!

John E. Belme
undeclared freshman

Dorms ignored by new policy

To the editor:

I find it objectionable that the administrators are patting themselves on the back for making an inevitable decision that will do little to curb student drinking. Although banning alcohol in fraternity and sorority (houses) is a responsible and timely action, it simply does not affect enough students to be useful.

It is also a step that most of the fraternities have would have undertaken on their own by the year 2000. In any given year,

about 10 percent of the students are affiliated with fraternities and sororities, with a smaller percentage actually living on campus in their respective houses.

I would hope that Dean Stockham, the dean of students, is familiar with these numbers. With this in mind, his comment that the majority of underage drinking at UK occurs in the Greek residences is either intentionally disingenuous or incredibly naive. I would invite Dean Stockham to visit Haggin Hall or Blanding Tower on a Friday night to see where most of the underage drinking on campus occurs.

The administration only has to look at the dorms to see that simply banning alcohol in student residences is not the answer to student alcohol abuse. Maybe next time the administration can make an effort to address the problem instead of simply trying to garner positive publicity through an inconsequential policy.

Jonathan Heilton
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'Seinfeld' bids fond farewell as comedy of the decade

For nine seasons, "Seinfeld" has entertained audiences here and in 90 countries around the world. But on May 14, the laughter will stop.

The comedy's uniqueness already has made it one of the greatest television programs of all time.

"Seinfeld" premiered in the summer of 1989 and over the years, it has become the most popular sitcom on television. It has been clear since the onset that the show was markedly different. The fact that NBC will charge advertisers a reported \$1.6 million per 30-second spot during the final episode is a testament to the show's popularity.

Surrounded by talk of "family values" in contemporary television, "Seinfeld" managed to stay above the fray. By no means has the show ever been an example

of a "family program." The characters engage in one non-committal relationship after another. They also display an astounding callousness toward their fellow human beings.

Despite its low moral standards, "Seinfeld" has not been controversial enough to draw the ire of family advocacy groups.

Certain episodes such as "The Contest" — in which the characters placed a bet on who could abstain from masturbation the longest — have drawn heat from these family groups. But "Seinfeld" has not attracted the kind of controversy that has surrounded "Ellen" and "NYPD Blue."

Unlike other popular programs such as "Friends" or its assorted spin-offs, "Seinfeld" never ventured into any sappy, over-

emotional scenes. While "Cheers" may have been an excellent program, it never showed us cutting edge humor. "Seinfeld" was the first show of its kind to present purely cerebral, absurd and often black comedy.

With a television landscape made of shows like "South Park" and "The Jerry Springer Show," it seems this generation of Americans in particular has a flair for off-beat humor. Most of us attended grade or junior high school when "Seinfeld" premiered. The show has lasted throughout our adolescence — proof of its durability. The fact that most of us continue to find it humorous is further evidence of its original, innovative humor.

The characters' utter disdain for vulnerable emotion sets "Seinfeld" apart from all other contemporary sitcoms. These characters, unlike those on "Cheers" or "The Cosby Show" do not care about each other. Over the course of

the show's run, we get the impression that George, Kramer and Elaine associate with Jerry out of convenience rather than out of genuine care and concern. George's reaction to his fiancée's death three years ago reflects such aloofness. George just didn't care.

The show's original humor stemmed from that emotional nonchalance, that focus on nothing. The show never had a central gimmick because it didn't need one. The characters merely discussed on the trivialities of life. The genius of Jerry Seinfeld and company lies in their ability to convey how shallow men can be without ever really caring about it.

While other shows tend to get preachy or self-righteous, "Seinfeld" was about lying, cheating and stealing — doing whatever was necessary to get by in life, with few exceptions. What other sitcom would feature an episode where the main character mugs an elderly woman to steal

her loaf of marble rye bread?

"Seinfeld" stuck out like a sore thumb against every other saccharin, melodramatic show of its day.

In a decade riddled with self-evaluation, "Seinfeld" had its share. Each decade has a defining television program and "Seinfeld" doubtless will bear that honor for the '90s. What does this say about '90s culture? Has our society become so emotionally detached and lazy that we accurately can be portrayed on-screen each Thursday night?

Maybe "Seinfeld" has taught us something about ourselves. Perhaps glimpsing such a depraved world on the television screen made us more aware of the apathy and lack of emotion that plague our own society. While it was a show about "nothing," perhaps "Seinfeld" ended up teaching us a great deal.

Guest Columnist Timothy Duboff writes for the *Cavalier Daily* at the University of Virginia.



Timothy Duboff
Guest Columnist

Whoops! Hatin' it



Camille Blanchet, an education graduate student and ball director at Keeneland Hall, waits to be dunked by students participating in the Pork Fest '98 dunking contest. Hall directors and administrators were among those taking the stage, hoping to avoid being dropped into the water below.

Zinser

Chancellor looks to dean search for now

From PAGE 1

some information of its own, but that was a decision made by

the board, and I am happy for them."

Zinser said she'll turn her attention to the deans searches going on at UK for the College of Communications and Information Studies, the College of Social Work, and the College of Fine Arts.

"These things always are (hectic)," she said. "As I've

said before, I'm focusing most of my energy on our own searches for these deans.

"We're moving forward with these four dean appointments. I'm pretty much just sitting here, with my phone constantly busy, trying to get this taken care of."

She said she was happy to have been a finalist for the position.

"As I've said, my husband and I realize that we've got a great opportunity right here," Zinser said.

Zinser said she will now wait and see what happens after her visit to Milwaukee.

"I always open up my mind to other options," she said. "I'm very proud to have been a finalist in some very fine searches."

House is chock full of hospitality

By Brandy Carter
Staff Writer

The UK Hospital Hospitality House is searching for students who are dependable, talkative and friendly to serve on its staff in exchange for free room and board.

The Hospitality House provides a home away from home for people who have family in Fayette County hospitals. Hospitality House is a non-profit organization which leases its house from UK.

"The house does not charge family members anything to stay in the house, they only ask for a \$5 donation, per person, per night," Elizabeth Smigielski, a former staff member said.

Since its founding in 1982 the Hospitality House has had 59,000 people stay in its beds. The house holds 15 adults over the age of 14. The house contains 11 women's beds and four men's beds.

"The house is set up much like a dormitory with the second floor housing women with five beds to a room and the first floor housing men," Smigielski said.

For Claudette Woods, working at the house has changed her life.

"When I first began working here I didn't know what the Hospitality House was," she said. "I started as an assistant director and today I work as the house director."

Woods said the best part about serving on the staff is "helping people when they are really in a bad place and there is no place for them to stay."

Hospitality House serves people primarily from Eastern Kentucky who do not have access to large hospital facilities.

"Many of the guests who stay with us have family in UK Hospital and Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital," Smigielski said. "The length of time each guest stays varies. We had one person stay as long as 10 months and others who stay just one night."

Keeping things running smoothly are four college students.

"The advantages to working here are many," Smigielski said. "Room, board, parking, laundry, and cable are free and all that is expected in return is that students answer the phone, do some housework, minor cooking, computer data entry and odd jobs."

Students serving on staff at the Hospitality House are only required to work one night a week and one weekend a month. Woods said serving on staff provides students with many valuable skills.

"Working here teaches you how to handle responsibility since you have to make decisions when no one else is around, and it will provide you with the ability to talk to people who are very different from you," she said.

Families of patients can be referred to the Hospitality House through their hospital chaplain or social worker.

"Many guests are repeat visitors because their family members suffer from chronic illnesses such as cancer," Smigielski said.

Many guests arrive on medical helicopters and often are not prepared for the long visit ahead of them.

"We provide necessities such as toothbrushes, combs and shaving cream to people who arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs," Smigielski said.

The Hospitality House relies on donations and volunteers to keep it running.

"Hospitality House is run by a management board consisting of 19 people from the community who handle things like house policies, publicity, fund-raisers, financial decisions and changes to the house," Smigielski said.

Upcoming events at the house are a garage sale in the front lawn on May 16, which will include high priced and high quality items such as furniture, Smigielski said.

Hospitality House will also participate in the Join the Human Race walk-a-thon on May 9 at the Beaumont Centre. The walk is to benefit Central Kentucky's non-profit organizations.

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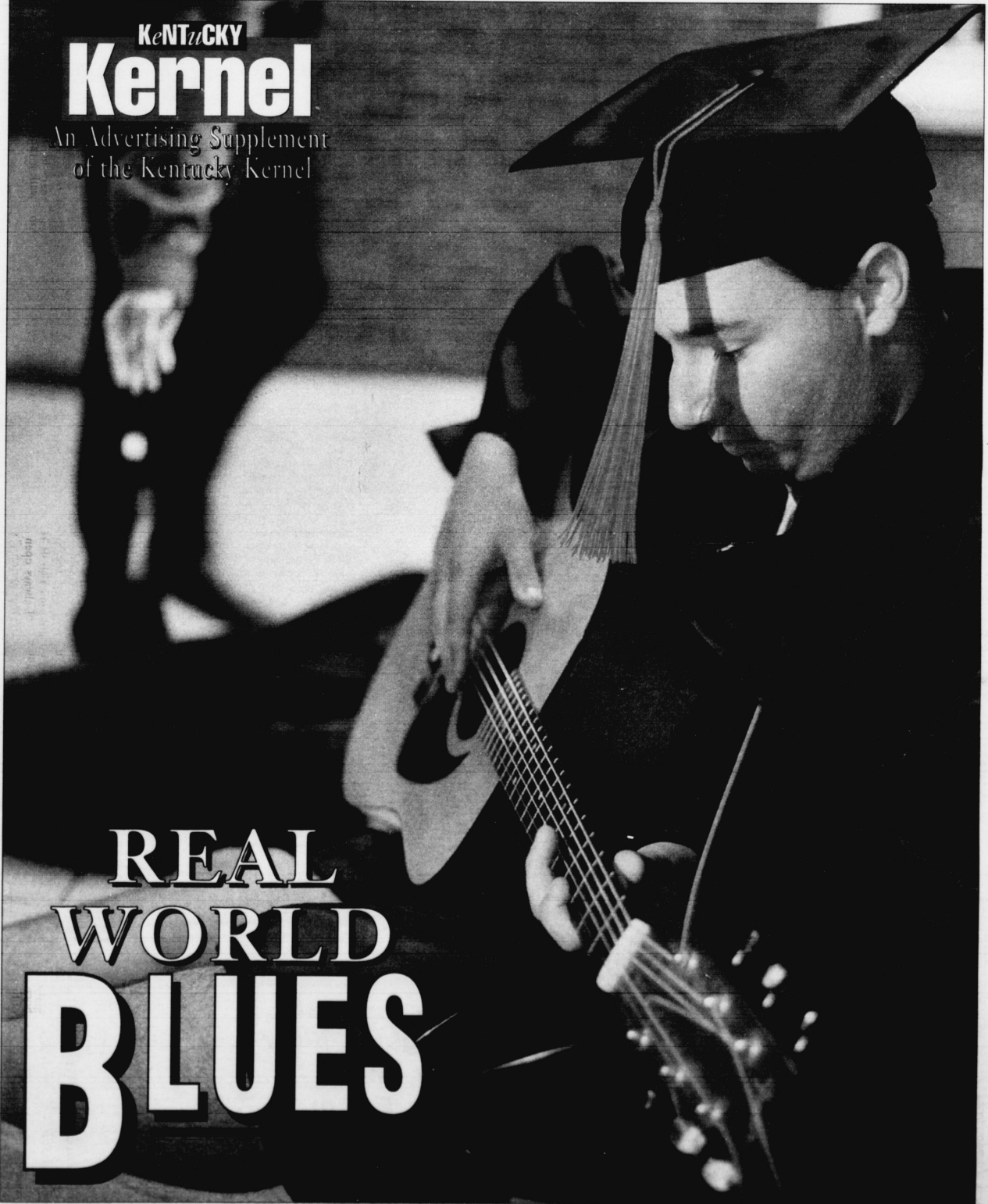
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Graduation: A colossal step into the unknown

D it took me a long time to start this thing. It got turned in late. I had five or six different openings. To say I obsessed over it wouldn't be exactly accurate, but to be certain, I spent more time worrying about it than anyone should about a column for the grad tab.

And you see what all that got me? A crappy lead like this one.

The point — and I am trying to make one — is this: No amount of agonizing, no amount of cut-and-paste and revision, will ever make it any easier to express what it's like to be on the verge of graduation.

Until you're here, you just aren't going to get it. If you're here already, I feel for you.

Not that we who are about to graduate need pity. We don't. (Of course, we don't need all the stupid advice everyone keeps giving us either, but we're stuck with that.)

What we really need — or rather, what we really want — is what we can't have: a guarantee that it's all going to work out. That we'll have jobs we like doing in places we like living in. That we won't be calling strangers during dinner and asking them how likely they are to vote in the November primaries.

But guarantees aren't any fun.

As much as I'd like to have one, I'd feel cheated if I did. I've never taken a leap. Not once in my life. I've never been cut loose and forced to go my own way. Sure, there was going away to school, but that wasn't so tough. Home was an hour away. The tuition was paid for.

This time, the break will be more complete. And knowing that is an exhilarating sensation. I get chills every time I realize that I don't know where I'll be on the Fourth of July. And though I'll admit that part of me wants to hang on for dear life, to be forced kicking and screaming (if you haven't seen the film of the same name, do so before you graduate) from this place, another part of me can't wait for somebody to cut that cord and let me do my thing.

So why the fear? Why the uncertainty? Because no matter how excited I am, no matter how ready I think I am for the next step, I can't get past the fact that this is the first time in my life that I don't know what I'll be doing next August.

Whatever else college is, it most certainly is a safety net. Fell off the academic tightrope last spring? Not a problem.



Brett Dawson
Kernel Columnist

Summer school is waiting to catch you and give you an easy B. Got a crappy summer job? Big deal. It's only a three-month free-fall until you land in the comfort of the first day of classes and the football team's home opener.

UK is a fine net to have. I wouldn't trade my years here for anything in the world. In the time I've spent here I've learned everything from the German word for board (it's Brett) to the difference between the John Deere hats that come with the tractors and the kind you can just walk into a store and buy (not unlike this column, the story behind that is rather long and completely pointless). Somewhere along the way, I even acquired some useful knowledge, though it escapes me at the moment.

The point is, it was enlightening. And entertaining. And it was comfortable. Safe.

Two Saturdays from now, a bunch of us start walking the tightrope without benefit of that net. For those of us who don't have jobs lined up or grad school on the horizon, life around the next corner is about as certain as a Shaquille O'Neal free throw, as guaranteed as getting the right order at Waffle House.

I'm scared to death. I can't wait.

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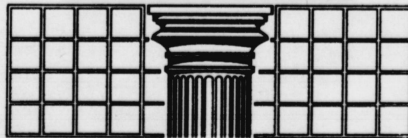
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Real world blues, clues

Options abound in quest for employment, higher education

Net gain Internet offers host of search opportunities

By Matt Barton
Staff Writer

To get a job these days, you have to have the right connections — the right Internet connections.

Many recent college graduates and soon-to-be graduates are turning to the world wide web for their career search.

"I've found a lot of opportunities on-line. You can pick the city you want to live in and it will list all the jobs in your field," said Jay Kraus, a biology senior from Louisville.

On The Monster Board at www.monster.com, applicants can search worldwide for more than 50,000 jobs. Weekly features include a list of companies that offer virtual tours on the web and showcase current openings.

Students can search for jobs by country or company and various resume services are also available. Another popular job site is www.CareerPath.com which lists jobs from Help Wanted ads of the nation's leading newspapers.

CareerPath.com was founded in 1995 by six major newspapers: The Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, San Jose Mercury-News and the Washington Post. It allows job-seekers to develop an on-line resume to send to prospective companies.

Registered users can save their job searches so they only have to specify their search criteria once.

"Since I'm not sure what my immediate plans are this summer, I'll probably use the web to search for an internship," Kraus said.

Alycia Bergmann, a senior in French international economics, is cruising the Internet to search for graduate schools. She picked out the top 10 graduate school in her field of study and then checked out their home pages.

"They even sent me the application material after I requested it on the Internet," Bergmann said.

Several sites like GradSchool.com and SchoolGuide.com offer information about getting into graduate schools. The sites are searchable by programs of study and some link to the schools web pages. Students can even take a practice GRE by downloading sample test questions at www.gre.org.

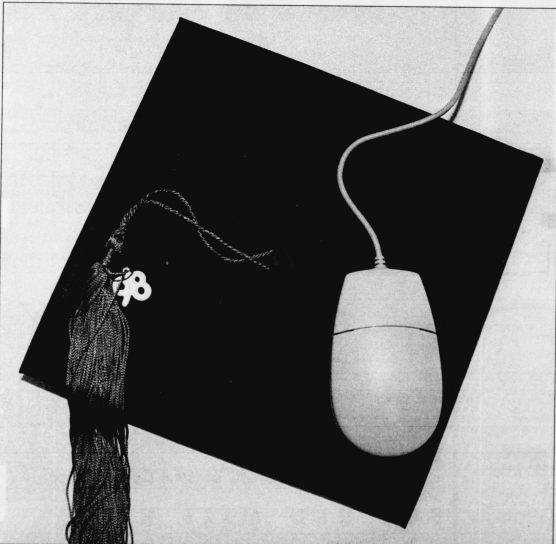


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WHAT TO DO With the job market growing more competitive, graduating students are resorting to alternative means for job hunting. The Internet has proved a valuable tool for finding employment in the national and local job markets.

Centering on careers

Center offers advising on life after college

By Delmar Watkins
Staff Writer

The Career Center, located on the second floor of the Matthews Building, can help you out of the night-sweats resulting from job hunting.

"The most important part of the career center is that it is a free service for all students at UK," said Danna Baldwin-Hunt, a Career Center counselor.

"It is not, as myth would suggest, just for business or engineering students.

"We have services for everyone," Baldwin-Hunt said. "If you know what kind of job you are looking for, we can plug you in to where to find jobs. If you don't know what career you would like to pursue, we can help you make that decision."

The Career Center helps students get the resources they need to find a

job after college. With a computer program named SIGA, students can make an inventory of their skills, salary requirements and other personal values that could affect their career choice, Baldwin-Hunt said.

The program usually takes 45 minutes to an hour to get an accurate assessment, she said.

"Everyone that has tried it has loved it, it is very helpful for students," said Sally Chesler, the associate director of the Career Center.

The Career Center also has a room stocked full of books and other resources on making strong career choices.

Books include the ever-popular, *1682* on salaries, educational requirements and licenses, Chesler said.

Workshops focusing on topics such as resume writing, job searching, interviewing skills and getting a

job with the federal government allow students to brush up on their skills and get advice on their job hunting, Baldwin-Hunt said.

The Career Center schedules hour-long workshops so students can find a time to attend them, Baldwin-Hunt said.

"It is a good way to hear what others are doing and get some input on how to make your own resume better," Chesler said.

Personal advising gives students an individualized method for getting help finding a career, she said. Advisors can give students an interview with the students and then they review it.

"It is hard to monitor yourself from doing annoying habits. Some students don't notice that they twirl their hair or don't smile while

answering questions," Chesler said.

The Career Center can also help students find that ever-elusive job by bringing students and companies together, Chesler said.

They can also help students do long-distance job searches by doing online job searches, helping students find job bulletin boards, and by contacting employers, Baldwin-Hunt said.

"We can help bring companies to students," Chesler said.

A lot of students start looking for a career their senior years," Chesler said, "but students should start working on their career as soon as possible, their freshman year isn't too soon."

The Career Center's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Summer hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Extending education

Adding letters to end of name means more money

By Ashley Shrewsbury
Senior Staff Writer

Life plays evil tricks on young people when it sends them — confused and bewildered, yet full of passion and hope — into school, and watches them leave in a similar state.

As the graduates walk down the aisle, donning the black robe and mortar board, the agitated question looms: What am I going to do next?

Between getting a job and applying for graduate schools, a sea of decisions await those who struggle with future plans.

Suzanne Raffeld, an English senior, recently decided to pursue a master's of social work at Columbia University.

"In a fit of desperation, I thought — grad school — it's safer," she said. "I didn't think there was an abundance of job opportunities for English majors."

Counting the possibility of surviving in the real world job marketplace, many people opt for further education. After all, a college degree means less and less as employers often demand higher degrees from applicants.

Working for a publishing company, for example, might require a master's in English while the additional education serves little purpose in the business when the applicant shows true potential and insight.

"The career I'm interested in could be complemented with a good degree, but mostly my aspirations require discipline, creativity and

gumption to achieve," said Julie Anderson, of the conflict between paying for that extra degree and going straight into the marketplace.

The conflict between learning within the profession and earning higher degrees was articulated by William James in his essay, *The Ph.D. Oxypus*. As a Harvard professor, psychologist and philosopher, James lost higher positions at universities because he lacked those three letters at the end of his name.

After all, a Ph.D. doesn't necessarily make a man a good teacher, and the university system refused to acknowledge the aptitude of the self-taught individual.

America thrives on individual accomplishment, and nothing seems

to say competence like a master's, a doctorate or a Ph.D. Furthermore, grad school allows students to concentrate on their interests, become experts in their fields and perhaps redefine their career goals. However, if redefining career goals is a possibility, some students benefit from taking time off before beginning school again. A year-long break refreshes the mind and allows a person to investigate careers to see if any given profession is right for him or her.

Even if recent graduates still feel confused, like Charter Ridge says, you're not alone. The Career Center, located in the Matthews Building, provides career counseling and helpful techniques for finding job openings.

SPORTS

Heading for home

By Mike Heppermann
Staff Writer



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FIELD OF DREAMS Tim Rowland (above) and several other UK baseball players will begin life anew following graduation.

When the sun sets, the lights turn off, the chalk lines dust over and the gates snap shut, it means the season halts for another year. When next fall rolls around, the grass will get trimmed nice and neat and players will litter the dugout floors with sunflower seeds again. But some of those players will be missing.

Eight members of the UK baseball team will see their Wildcat careers come to an end after this season.

For some, it means the end of playing organized baseball after 16 years. For others, it's a springboard into the pros.

Some will have a difficult time adjusting to life without baseball; others could see the possibility of going from straightening line drives to straightening spines.

"I'm thinking about being a chiropractor," senior Justin Bunch said of his future after baseball.

Bunch will not be graduating in May, but his senior status means his eligibility as an NCAA athlete will run out. He and many of his senior peers will continue to work toward their degrees, but won't play for the Cats, which he admits will seem strange.

"It will definitely feel weird," Bunch said. "It's not something I'm looking forward to."

Pitcher Tim Rowland faces the same situation, but sees a silver lining in working on posting As instead of K's.

"I think it'll be good because I can fully concentrate on academics instead of having two things going at once," Rowland said. "I think it will be hard to begin with (adjusting to not playing), but I'll find other things and move on."

If standing on the mound and staring down imposing hitters isn't in David Cheatle's future, he may find life a little harder to swallow.

"I've played baseball all my life and if I don't play in the future, there will be a huge hole there," he said.

Then again, there is more to baseball than just stepping between the foul lines.

"If I don't play, I'd like to become a coach," Cheatle said. "I've played for a lot of great coaches, and hopefully I could influence players the same way they did for me."

Cheatle and teammate Jason Colemire mentioned they're hoping to get picked up in this June's baseball draft, and both have made solid arguments for them-

selves this year.

Cheatle's .375 batting average is second on the team behind junior Josh Loggins, and Colemire is hitting .315 with nine home runs and 35 RBIs.

"I'm having a great year," Colemire said. "I've surpassed everything I did last year and we still have a few weeks left in the season."

A few weeks until the Southeastern Conference Tournament, then the NCAA Tournament, hopefully the College World Series and then the draft.

The chance to play under the summer skies of big league ballparks in front of thousands of screaming fans is what most people play for. The draft can catapult the dreams of the very talented and end the dreams for the less fortunate.

Either way, waiting creates anxiety and excitement.

Matt Borne is already feeling both of those, but his future is more secure. It's only April, but Borne has already been drafted. The Cincinnati Reds picked him in the seventh round of last year's June Amateur Draft, but he passed on signing to finish his senior season at UK.

Heading into last weekend's Arkansas series, Borne had

recorded two saves, a 2-4 record and a 7.27 earned-run average. His current stats don't knock your socks off, but he's steadily improved his performance each time out.

"I'm statistically, I know I can do a lot better," he said. "I've had some really good outings and some really bad ones. It's frustrating, but everybody goes through that."

So, is he glad he passed up the Reds organization to stay at UK?

"I'm really glad I came back because I needed to do so much more work," Borne said.

His hard work has paid off because he's likely to get drafted again this year. He said he just hopes the Reds don't pick him again.

"I'd like to go to either of the new expansion teams," he said. "I think playing for Arizona would be fun. I'm excited about the future."

But he also knows the importance of keeping his feet planted in the present. The Wildcats are aiming for a playoff berth in the SEC Tournament.

"I'm trying not to let it distract me," he said. "At the start of the season, I wanted us to win and to make the SEC Tournament. I've got to concentrate on that."

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Hello real world, goodbye old friends

I hate goodbyes. I love getting the hugs and kisses and pats on the butt and all that stuff though, but that's a different story.

I am very saddened by the thought of seeing some of my best friends graduating and going out into the real world. What brings a tear to my eye is that a lot of these strong friendships are going to fall through the cracks faster than boiling water in a strainer. It will almost seem like we had a four-year Spring Break. Sure we will write and call each other, but it's just not the same.

How about a moment of

silence for the seniors? ... Okay, that is good enough. Don't cry, dry your eye.

But to tell you the truth, to some people I just want to say, "Don't let the door hit you in the ass on the way out!" They just took up an extra seat or breathed in too much of my air. A lot of you won't be worth a damn, sorry but it is true. I can use my big mouth and say all of this because I am a sophomore and probably somebody will write a column about my class, but who cares.

I wonder how you guys really feel about graduating? No more classes, which means you

get a lot of sleep but you don't do anything for about three months. You will get into that routine of sleeping in until 2 or 3 in the afternoon and then fetching the paper thinking this is what the real world is all about. You might realize that your major is a pink belt in the real world's karate ranking. Then you might end up like Rodney Dangerfield going *Back to School*.

What is it going to be like if you are single? You have to start thinking about getting a soul mate. It sounds corny and traditional, but you don't want to end up being that old guy in the club. Sure you might make the teenagers laugh, but then what? Do you go "Singled Out: Senior Citizen Style."

The biggest reason my heart will be empty after this year's graduation is the loss of many of my Kernel colleagues. For a solid year these people made me smile ear to ear every day, and now they are gone. What a shame. I just hope the paper can remain as prestigious as it was this year.

In the words of Boyz II Men, "It's so hard to say goodbye!" But on the other hand it is time to party like it's 1999 baby. Think about it, no more pressure man. You have worked hard from anywhere from four to 9 years after switching majors and working your bootie off. It is time to go to the Bahamas and lay on the beach just sipping on a pink lemonade

served to you icy cold every half an hour by a short cute waitress by the name of Candy.

So to all you soon-to-be graduates I just have one thing to say. You better go out and get you a job before it is too late. Because if you wait too long then there will not be any jobs left. And you know what that means, you will end up "LIVIN' IN A VAN DOWN BY THE RIVER!"

There are so many questions about the real world. I recommend to all the seniors to go out there and just get in the workforce and run the job market like fat kid looting Dunkin' Donuts.

Good luck and peace out homie and homiettes.

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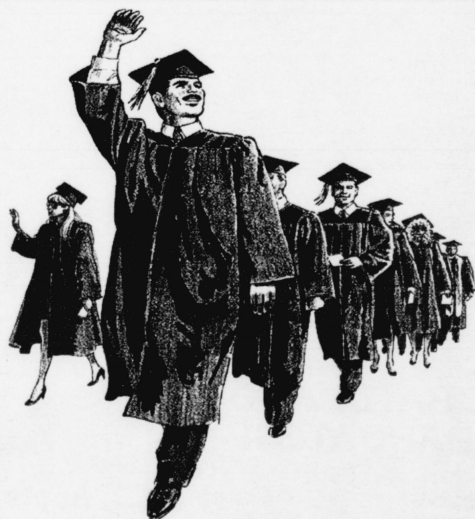
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