



**WEATHER** Cloudy today, high of 70; clear tonight, low of 50; mostly sunny tomorrow, high in middle 70s.

**ROCK 'N' ROLLIN'** KET has developed a 10-part series on the profound effects rock has had on America. Story, page 3.



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## Cheering on the team

By Joe Godbey  
Staff Writer

Give me a C-A-T-S.  
CATS! CATS! CATS!

Anywhere around a University athletic event, this cheer can be heard.

This cheer hits especially close to the heart of Mike Ergas. Last year, Ergas was on UK's national championship cheerleader squad, but in August he changed positions to head coach.

Like any other coaching candidate, Ergas had to submit an application.

Because of his experience with the sport, Ergas said the transition from cheerleader to coach has not been difficult.

"I already knew what to do and what to expect," Ergas said. "So it wasn't too hard to step in."

While Ergas admits that being national champions is a big accomplishment, he does not consider the competition to be the

top priority.

Cheering for football, basketball and other UK sports come first, but nationals remains one of the team's goals, Ergas said.

"We're the best cheerleaders in the nation, but anything can happen on any given day," Ergas said.

Being head coach for a nationally competitive team has its responsibilities and stressors.

"There are a lot more things to think about, like being in compliance with the band," Ergas said.

His past two years at UK have been spent working on his master's degree in sports management and cheerleading. Writing his thesis is the only thing keeping Ergas from completing his degree.

"I came to the University of Kentucky because it is recognized for both its academics as well as its cheerleading program," Ergas said.

Before he came to UK, Ergas cheered for two years at LSU

where he earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He also competed in the power tumbler competition in 1990 at the International Games in Belgium.

Ergas stepped into the head coaching job with a lot of talent in his corner, and many of the same team members returned this year.

But when you're a former player turned coach, there are other issues to face.

"I guess the toughest thing I've had to do is coach some of the people I used to cheer with, because friendships sometimes get in the way," Ergas said.

Ergas, who has only been coaching one month, plans on staying at UK for the next couple of years. If possible, he wants to move into a position in the UK Athletic Department.

"I would never leave the cheerleading program without a good person in charge, and hopefully, I'll stay at UK," Ergas said.



**LEADING THE WAY** Cheerleading coach Mike Ergas, who started the job this year, instructs a group of young cheerleaders during a camp.

## Council endorses merits of break

By Stephen Trimble  
Senior Staff Writer

The University Senate Council yesterday endorsed the academic merits of proposals to add a two-day mid-term break in the fall semester and a two-day reading period near finals each semester.

But the council members elected to leave the proposals off the floor of the University Senate until they know how much the extra days will cost.

The council's favoring votes — 5-3 for the academic merits of a fall break and 8-2 for a reading period — were a surprise for Avi Weitzman, the former Student Government Association director of academic affairs.

"I wasn't confident, let's put it that way," Weitzman said, after the vote.

In a student referendum last spring, both proposals won overwhelming support. Ninety percent of

students who voted favored a mid-term fall break and 89 percent supported a reading period.

The technical aspects of the proposals, including costs and its impact on smaller colleges, still need approval from the council, then a recommendation from the University Senate, and finally support from the University's Board of Trustees. The process could take the whole semester and possibly longer.

Neither proposal can take effect for seven more semesters — or three and a half years — after, and if they are approved by the trustees.

The mid-term break stops classes for undergraduate students on the first Monday and Tuesday of October. The reading period cancels classes for students during the last two days of dead week.

To compensate for the two lost days, the proposal calls for school to start on Monday, instead of Wednesday, on the first week of school.

Council member Bradley Canon, a political sci-

ence professor, was one of two members of the council to vote against the reading period proposal.

"I'm not convinced that this is as popular as the referendum made it out to be," he said. The vague wording of the referendum didn't let students know that they would have to come to classes two days earlier each semester, he said.

But Agriculture Professor Loys Mather disagreed. Class registration by phone, or the VIP system, has eliminated the need for the two extra days at the start of each semester, he said.

The mid-term break gives students some time off during a 12-week stretch of no vacation days in the fall, said SGA President Shea Chaney.

However, a few council members consider Saturday and Sunday a break for students and faculty.

Supporters will likely hear more objections of this kind if the proposals reach the floor of the mostly faculty-filled 120-member University Senate.

### NEWSbytes

#### NATION Perot supports ballot drive in California

WASHINGTON — In a turnaround that could reshape the 1996 elections, Ross Perot has decided to embrace efforts by supporters in California to form a new political party, leaders of his organization said yesterday. If successful, the effort is expected to quickly spread to other states.

Leaders of Perot's United We Stand America organization said they did not view the effort as a sign that Perot hoped to run as the new party's candidate in 1996. Indeed, some took it as a sign he would not run, noting that it was far easier and less expensive to qualify as an independent candidate, as Perot did in 1992.

#### NAMEdropping

#### Jackson makes side trip to Memphis Zoo

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Who was that masked man? Just Michael Jackson on an outing at the Memphis Zoo with Lisa Marie Presley.

Jackson wore a black surgical-style mask, apparently to keep the sun off his face. Some visitors were more impressed by other attractions.

"If it's not Barney, Madeline or the Muppet babies, forget it," said Doyle Nauman, whose 3- and 5-year-old daughters.

Compiled from *civc* reports.

## UK engineering honors former prof

By Stacy Schilling  
Staff Writer

A professor who spent almost 60 years of his life affiliated with the UK engineering school was recently honored for his contribution to the school and his hard work.

Former engineering professor, David Blythe, received a call three weeks ago to attend a dinner in his honor.

"It was very nice to attend this dinner because it had been organized by former students," Blythe said. "I wondered why I was being invited and when I found out, I was very happy."

About 75 former UK students and their spouses travelled to Lexington to honor Blythe.

"I always thought quite a bit about him, and he was always a friend to the students and he is considered to be one of mine," said William Mossbarger, president of Fuller, Mossbarger, Scott and May Engineering Inc.

Donn E. Hancher, chairman of the civil engineering department, said a group of alumni that live in the area decided to put on a special program honoring Blythe.

"We honored Blythe because he is a good guy and we wanted to let him know how much we care about him," Hancher said.

Blythe began his teaching career at UK in 1947, which continued until 1968. He then became associate dean for continuing education in the College of Engineering shortly afterwards.

Blythe said the reason why he stayed involved with the engineering program so long was because of the students.

"I enjoyed working with the students and helping them with their career objectives," he said.

Although Blythe retired in 1988 from teaching at UK, he continues to help the College of Engineering program.

"He writes our newsletters, puts on the Order of the Engineer, which is a special ceremony to recognize graduating seniors, meets with students, and just helps around the college," Hancher said.

Blythe became interested in engineering during his high school years and enjoyed studying mathematics, physics and geometry.

"I like to solve problems," Blythe said. "Engineering is a profession which is always collecting data and solving problems."

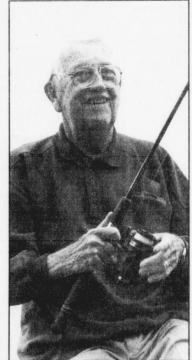
Also, Blythe said that the biggest change in the engineering school since he began was the use of computers.

Because computers were not available for use until the 1970s, students in the engineering program relied on slide rulers.

"Electronics have revolutionized the field work," Blythe said.

He also said he likes using computers because it is necessary to have change and a life long education.

Hancher said Blythe has always been an active supporter of the department.



**HONOREE** David Blythe enjoys his retirement.

## No applicants yet for empty slots

By Alison Kight  
Senior Staff Writer

The last four open spots in the Student Government Association Senate might remain empty a little while longer.

So far no one has turned in an application for the four freshman Senate spots.

"We'll have to extend the deadline if no one turns in their applications on time," SGA Vice President Heather Hennemel said.

Last year about 25 to 30 people ran, said Executive Director of Academic Affairs Brandon Voelker.

"(Freshman Representative Council) applications were down this year too," Voelker said. "We even established the Freshman Representative Assembly and advertised more."

Voelker said he thought interest in elections was down this year because last year it was so high.

"It goes in cycles, just like regular SGA elections in the spring," he said.

All UK and Lexington Community College students with less than 30 University credits can run.

Election Board of Supervision Chairwoman Laura Luciano said she thought freshmen weren't aware of the upcoming deadline.

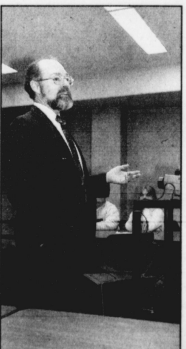
"I don't necessarily think it's that people aren't interested," Luciano said. "I was a freshman senator, and the deadline just crept up on me."

Applications are available and can be dropped off in 120 Student Center, are due today 3 p.m.

Students must turn in a deposit of \$30 with their applications, and \$25 will be returned if no election rules are violated and candidates are not found guilty of any claims by the UKSGA Election Board of Claims.

Elections will take place on Oct. 4 and 5. All freshman may vote if they have their UK or LCC Student ID.

The referendum concerning the recent \$5 charge for student basketball tickets will be included on the ballot. All students may vote on the referendum.



**HELENA HAU** *Kent staff*  
**GOOD ENVIRONMENT** Skip Laitner addresses the crowd.

## SGA hoping to encourage support of environment

By Stacey Eidson  
Staff Writer

When many students hear the word "sustainability," they think about how surviving through a week of classes in order to get to the weekend, but the Student Government Association is trying to redefine this idea.

A new program series, called "Community Initiatives for Creating a Sustainable Kentucky," focuses on the balance between planetary survival and economic development.

Launching the program last night was a presentation on "The Things MTV Never Told You: Energy and the Future" by resource economist and futurist, John "Skip" Laitner.

Laitner has 20 years of experience in public policy impact and economic development.

"The only way we can understand the link between the environment and the economy is if we begin asking new questions," Laitner said.

Laitner is optimistic about the

prospects of bridging those two important elements.

He told students last night that Kentucky must begin reducing its use of natural resources now and begin looking for more cost-effective technology.

Although changing the methods could be difficult in the short term, Laitner said, the results down the road will be very important.

He said a 15 percent reduction of energy use in the state by 2010 would more than make up for the economic cost.

"Kentucky will have to spend \$9.5 billion, but an \$18.3 billion savings will result," Laitner said.

SGA is hoping that this new program will increase student awareness and involvement in the environment.

"UK should be taking the lead in researching sustainable initiatives and

in educating and training our future bankers, economists, teachers, journalists, health professionals and community leaders," said Trista Claxon, chairwoman of the SGA Environment and Community Committee.

Laitner suggested a program called "Green Light," which includes universities around the country combining to promote energy-saving lighting techniques.

"Did you know lighting constitutes 35 percent of the total electricity use in colleges?" Laitner said.

"With this program, the University would receive technical assistants to lower this waste and would receive praise for collaborating with other universities."

Claxon thinks UK needs to be informed of these studies and exposed to more environmentally efficient products.

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▼  
**Skip Laitner**  
environmentalist

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## Prime shuts down

By Mara Spalding  
Contributing Writer

The Prime system switched off at 8 a.m. yesterday after roughly 15 years of service.

The UKPR, or Prime, system has lost a large number of subscribers to newer and more updated computer systems, prompting administrators to discontinue it, said Rick Chlopak, UK Technical Services director.

"Prime is obsolete and is therefore becoming too expensive to operate and maintain," Chlopak said.

Since Prime has been at UK, word processing has become more advanced and the number of micro-computer laboratories and desktop computers around campus has greatly increased.

"We hope to have at least 1,000 desktop computers before the year is over," Chlopak said. There are more than 900 in service on campus.

All files from the UKPR system are no longer available, including both personal and computing tapes.

In addition to the antiquity of the system, replacing the Prime system allows UK's computer services to expand, Chlopak said.

Word processing, which was an application that Prime lacked, also

will be available on UK's new systems, Chlopak said.

Prime consisted of three main functions.

E-mail allowed students to communicate with people across campus or across the country by writing and receiving messages. These services are now offered through a separate computer system called Eudora.

Introduction level computing courses used the Prime system for databases and software. These will now be conducted with the use of the Hewlett-Packard Unique Server.

"It provides compilers and database software to support classes at both the University of Kentucky and Lexington Community College," Chlopak said.

Prime's final function included text processing.

Log-ins from different systems into Prime accounts have been disabled, so users wanting to retrieve a file must send to this address: ukpr.uky.edu.

Primeword documents must be converted before the files are opened.

Users can contact the Information Systems Help Desk at 257-2249 for help.

For additional information on the changes, the Help Desk is located at 107 McVey Hall.

75 years ago ...

▼A tug-of-war between the freshman and sophomore classes was held over Clifton Heights Pond. It lasted until the sophomores pulled their opponents into the water.

Rough tactics used in the past, like greasing the freshman end of the rope or hooking a cable to an automobile, were not tolerated.

▼The new chemistry building was named Kastle Hall after Dr. Joseph Hoising Kastle.

50 years ago ...

▼UK's dream of a million dollar field house became a reality. The field house was erected on a plot of land on Euclid Avenue.

The lobby was designed to house trophies and other memorabilia. It also featured two tiers of seats in the coliseum, which could hold 12,000 people.

A seven-lane pool was planned for the east end of the field house.

▼The fall of 1943 was the first time in 53 years of football that the Wildcats did not sport a team.

Only four of 12 teams in the Southeastern Conference played a regular schedule.

It returned in 1944 with Coach Kirwan.



THROUGH the years

25 years ago ...

▼Faculty research funds totaled more than \$13 million. The funds made available ranged from a \$500 grant to the Department of Agronomy for research to just

under \$400,000 to Dr. W. H. McBeath of Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program.

▼An outline of The Action Plan for Emergency Situations was given to 53 University employees.

The confidential document gave the details of action to be taken in the event of any serious campus demonstrations.

▼A pulled muscle hampers UK's running back Leo Glymer. The 5-foot-9 football player was a transfer from Wake Forest.

5 years ago ...

▼UK's Interfraternity Council decided to allow keys back into fraternity houses. The vote was 4-6 to amend its year-old alcohol policy.

▼A demonstration was held in front of Patterson Office Tower to protest Folgers brand coffee. The protesters claimed that wealthy El Salvador farmers monopolized the land, leaving none for subsistence farming among the peasants.

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## Candidates make trek back to UK campus

By Stephen Trimble  
Senior Staff Writer

The two candidates for governor will meet the news media tonight at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall.

Four representatives from Eastern Kentucky newspapers will ask Democrat Paul Patton and Republican Larry Forgy questions on various topics, said David Thompson, executive director of the Kentucky Press Association.

No more tickets are available for the event, Thompson said. The Kentucky Press Association

tion Governorial Public Forum is the first of two sponsored by KPA.



Patton

The second will be held for Western Kentucky on Oct. 9 in Paducah.

"Our intent was to have at least a couple of forums where the public could attend," Thompson said.

It won't be the candidates' first stop at UK along the campaign trail. Both Patton and Forgy

appeared at least twice last spring before their party's primary election on May 23.

Forgy, a former UK vice president, appeared on campus last week for a question-and-answer session sponsored by UK's Student Government Association, and a rally sponsored by the UK College Republicans.

Patton will hold a similar question-and-answer session on Oct. 3



Forgy

at the Student Center, SGA Vice President Heather Hennes said.

Both candidates have drawn relatively large and raucous crowds for their rallies.

And students won't be absent in the Recital Hall tonight.

More than 120 journalism and law students and at least 11 faculty members have been given tickets to the public forum.

UK President Charles Wethington and Vice President for University Relations Joe Burch, who coordinates UK's lobbying efforts, also are expected to attend, Thompson said.

## Environment

Speaker says UK can improve efforts

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grams. "The UK administration is dragging its feet on meeting the challenges of the 21st century," she said.

UK is not taking advantage of programs that reduce the campus' output of waste, Claxton said.

"They're balking on an energy-

efficiency lighting program that can reduce our contribution to air pollution by 20 percent," she said, "and reap tens of thousands of dollars in cash savings."

Parking is also a point of contention with Claxton.

Claxton said students are not the only ones suffering from UK's parking problems. The environment is being harmed as well, she said.

UK is aggravating Kentucky's air pollution problem by building more roads and parking structures instead of investing in mass transit, she said.

"Parking structures cost a lot

more, they encourage pollution, and they don't create long-term jobs," Claxton said.

Because Kentucky is less energy efficient than the rest of the United States, Latner said jobs are being lost because residents here have less money to spend.

"We can create an extra edge in supporting Kentucky if we become smart with our energy use and being smart means more money to spend," Latner said.

Students attending the program were impressed with Latner's ideas.

"Latner is bringing a perspective that UK and the Bluegrass

need to hear," SGA Senator at Large Alan Aja said.

"I came here to learn how I could be more energy efficient and I not only enjoyed the program, but I understand how I can help Kentucky be more energy efficient," said Jason Fanning, an undeclared freshman.

"Not only were students interested in how they could save energy, but how UK as a whole could help out."

"I'm an avid environmentalist," Victoria Moyer, an economist senior said, "and I'm interested in what UK can do for the environment."

## Sherman's Alley by Gibbs 'N' Voigt

I hope she passes the written test, Shem.  
Relax, Brooks. I doubt she'll write in her own answers the way you did.

If I don't like the choices in a multiple choice quiz, I wing it.  
That's why you scored so low on your SATs.

These Department of Motor Vehicle types worry me.  
Do you people have to talk and breathe so much? You're giving me a headache.

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# DiVersions

## Documentary shows rock of ages

By Robert Duffy  
Assistant Arts Editor

Who said rock 'n' roll is dead? Rock 'n' roll is alive and kickin' on Kentucky Educational Television with public television's epic 10-part series, "Rock & Roll," a look at the ongoing evolution of rock music and the innovators who shaped it from the 1950s to the 1990s.

"Rock & Roll" started Sunday and continues through Thursday on KET, Telecable channel 13, at 9 p.m.

The series traces the story from its wild beginnings to its modern techno-driven present. "Rock & Roll" attempts to entertain viewers using first-hand film footage and interviews with the artists.

"Rock began as the music of outsiders, the music of youth and rebellion and freedom," said Executive Producer Elizabeth Deane in a news release. "But it has emerged the music that dominates our culture, the soundtrack for the last half-century."

Rich in interviews and rare footage, the series gives both off-beat and profound context to the music that continues to transform our culture.

On Sunday, "Rock & Roll" featured the early years of rock 'n' roll in "Renegades." Performers like Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry and Little Richard lit up the screen with ground-shaking 1950s rebel rock.

Tonight's features start out with "Crossroads," a look at how the Mississippi Delta Blues influenced a generation of rockers from Eric Clapton to Jimi Hendrix.

The second show tonight, "Blues in Technicolor," expands



**GYPSIES, TRAMPS AND THIEVES** The docu-series, "Rock & Roll" is being featured this week on KET. One of tonight's installments, "Crossroads," traces the influence of blues in rock, with artists like Jimi Hendrix performing.

on the blues theme and shows how groups like Jefferson Airplane, the Grateful Dead and Pink Floyd furthered the blues sound into something totally different, psychedelic rock.

Wednesday's segment first begins with "The Wild Side," a tour through the rock 'n' roll theatrics of the '70s when bands like the Velvet Underground and David Bowie brought the decadent dramas of life in the underground into the limelight.

The second part, "Make It

Funky," focuses on how soul music created a rock 'n' roll revolution in rhythm and attitude in the '70s with innovators like James Brown, Sly and the Family Stone and George Clinton.

The series concludes tomorrow with "Punk," a look at two musical creations that shaped rock through the next decade: punk and reggae. In New York City, members of Blondie, Television and the Ramones tell how they accidentally created the sound that became punk rock.

In London, members of the Waiters and the Clash recall how Jamaican reggae crossed international boundaries, deeply influencing punk and pop rock.

"The Perfect Beat," the final hour of the series, begins at a time when superstars like U2 and Metallica filled arenas around the world and chronicles the rise of a new musical form, rap. From Grandmaster Flash to the Beastie Boys, the program traces the evolution of this new sound in the 1980s through the early 1990s.

## Set design takes 'Miss Saigon' over the top

By Ted Jones  
Contributing Critic

The thunderous hum of a Huey helicopter, in a beginning reminiscent of Francis Ford Coppola's "Apocalypse Now," heralded the Sept. 10 opening of "Miss Saigon" at the Kentucky Center for the Arts.

This musical look at the Vietnam War has captivated audiences in major cities all over the world with its doomed love story between an American soldier and a Vietnamese bar girl set against the fall of Saigon.

The curtain rises on Saigon, about 1975, in a seedy strip bar where a slick talking proprietor panders sex to drunken marines looking for a good time.

As the opening number "The Heat is on In Saigon" kicks in, we meet Chris, the American soldier,

played by Matt Bogart, who is looking for solid ground to stand on in the midst of the chaos in Vietnam.

He finds it in Kim, played by DeeDee Lyn Magno, a Vietnamese girl, who has come straight from the rice paddies to her first night as a prostitute.

As Act 2 begins, we find Kim abandoned and penniless hiding out in what is now Ho Chi Minh city awaiting the return of Chris, who left her behind three years before. A new character, however, has stepped to the stage. Chris and Kim have a son.

The rest of the musical is dedicated to their attempt to reunite.

We are delivered to the tragic conclusion by a musical score that is pieced together and beautifully performed.

While many of the songs are not particularly memorable, the entire cast gives soulful and powerful performances that one couldn't forget.

However, the real star of the show may not be a member of the cast. Production designer, John Napier, has engineered the most technically complex play ever produced.

Two dozen scene shifts, 91 automated effects, more than 200 props, plus a cast of 44 who run, dance and bicycle on and off stage comprise

the complicated, yet effective, production.

The Huey helicopter which descends on the stage during the evacuation of the U.S. Embassy scene is three-stage quarters scale and took three months to build. The 1959 Cadillac, which is the centerpiece of "The American Dream," is just as impressive.

The constant singing throughout the play can at times seem contrived as many serious scenes are almost humorous when they are performed in song. But "Miss Saigon" treats the over-done Vietnam theme in a fresh and intriguing medium.

The production will continue to run at the Kentucky Center for the Arts until Oct. 14 with shows at both 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$60 and they are well worth the price as well as the drive to Louisville.



**THEATER**  
review

"Miss Saigon" is running at the Kentucky Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$60.



**BOOK**  
review

"A Garden in Kentucky" by Jane Gentry Vance. LSU Press.

## Vance leads readers through personal 'Garden' of poetry

By David Abner  
Contributing Critic

Jane Vance writes beautiful poetry.

Her first collection of poetry, "A Garden in Kentucky," published by LSU Press, meets the two requirements of all good writing: it entertains and illuminates the human condition.

Vance (the collection is published under her family name, Gentry) holds a joint appointment in the English department and the Honors Program at UK.

In a world that hurries and "progresses" toward an unseen, unknown and unquestioned goal, Vance walks slowly, noticing leaf, limb, petal, blossom and people.

In her title poem, "A Garden in Kentucky," Vance contrasts the artificial life in which we all, to some degree, live. The existence of an old couple that most would consider, at best, quaint and at worst, foolish.

However, with Vance as our guide, we see the health and peace of the second life versus the sham and pretense of the first: "Under the fluorescent sun/ inside the Kroger, it is always/ southern California. ... Each morning, he milks the only goat/ inside the limits of Versailles. She feeds/ a rooster that wakes up all the neighbors."

Most of Vance's poems are grounded deeply in a particular place and a particular time. Readers will find themselves in Versailles, downtown at the old Festival Market, at the birth of Vance's youngest daughter or with the poet as she leaves her oldest daughter during her first year of

college.

These are personal poems, but they do not exclude because of their rootedness. Instead, Vance uses her concrete images as a way to cut across boundaries of time and culture. For example, Vance links in her poem "Telemakhos at Festival Market" "Thinks of His Father," the longing of Telemakhos for his father Odysseus with thoughts about her own father, buried "four blocks away."

Vance uses varied forms for her

poems. She handles her minimalist poems deftly and the images presented are evocative and rich. In "The Old Place 1949," we see this mastery demonstrated: "Sun pools/ under the high trees/ in the leafy rooms/ birds crisscross their songs."

However, Vance's longer poems, which she presents her family to us in detail, are her best efforts. These are poems that can be uplifted beside any contemporary poetry. These poems are in many ways

reminiscent of poetry from fellow Kentuckian Wendell Berry.

The last, longest and best poem of the collection, "Hungry Fire," recounts the death of her cousin in a fire that burned down an ancestral home.

In this poem, Vance combines all her major themes: regret, grief, joy, memory and redemption, distilling the complexity of family relationships, the frailty of the human condition, the possibility of renewal and restoration: "from the hopscotch of rubble I prodded through/ a stack of pink-flowered saucers melted together/ ... This is ruin, what comes of siege, invasion: not one stone left upon another ..."

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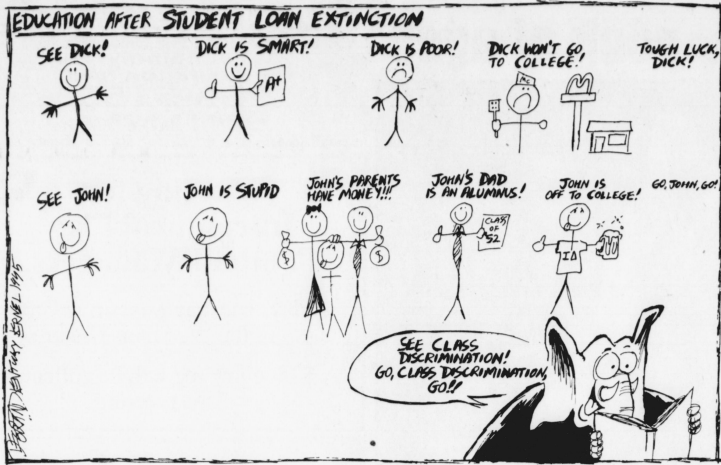
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# ViewPOINT



## Don't waste your money on porn flick 'Showgirls'

Honestly speaking, I know I would probably enjoy watching nothing but boobs and butts for two hours or so, but for some reason, seeing "Showgirls" just isn't on top of my priority list. For one thing, I prefer women who occupy three dimensions of space rather than two. But I haven't been too aggressive in that area either, so why not just go enjoy the movie with all the other guys instead of looking like a dork, giving moralistic excuses and all that racket?



**Matt Felice**  
Editorial Editor

Oh, some might say my Catholic school upbringing created an abnormal tendency toward self-repression, while others would point to my allegiance to Sen. Tim Philpot and his crusade against pornography of all kinds. Still others might say I'm just too cheap to pay \$5.50 for the ticket. Well that's a little closer to the truth, because frankly I don't know why I should pay to see that crap.

The reason I'm so urked about this is that I caught a lot of flack from my pals for not wanting to see the movie.

Not wanting to give monetary support to the producers of raw porn is my personal decision, and that's that.

Now I'm as curious as anyone else and never had a problem flipping through a friend's Playboy magazine. (You have to admit some of those letters are really interesting.)

But if he hadn't gone out of his way to buy the damn thing, neither would I. There are better forms of entertainment with which to squander your time and money. I don't have a problem with anyone else going to see "Showgirls", and I'm not for banning it from public view.

I just don't see why anyone would bother going. Sex sells, but does it have to? It's sad that those of us with different priorities remain such a very, very small target.

Certain brands of conservatism are cool now, and political correctness has pretty much been laughed out of the picture. But moral sense as always remains in demand. The fact is, no matter who rules the country, if you choose to stand for anything of substance in the 21st century, you might end up standing alone.

But so be it, life's not a popularity contest.

There are those, of course, who piously take on a life of martyrdom for selfish purposes, claiming never to have been tempted to follow the crowd. In my opinion,

these people are either liars, or they're just plain sick in the head. But sympathizing with your peers doesn't mean following them. Sometimes you have to take the lead in a different direction, and if no one follows then to hell with them.

Better to march alone than to follow a group of idiots right off the edge of a cliff. Senator Philpot is probably the least popular guy in Frankfort, but he's still there, and a few very popular Democrats who got mixed up in the BOProt scandal aren't.

Not everyone draws the line that separates morality from immorality in the same place. But some people have a habit of drawing a line and then stepping over it, if they ever drew one in the first place. And any nation that doesn't have some general sense of where the line should be drawn, is doomed to fall to some destructive extreme.

Compare what made the movie screen 30 years ago to what makes the movie screen today. Granted, a few bad flicks aren't going to bring America to its knees, but they are signs that we've got some serious shaping up to do.

Entertainment preferences are for the most part an individual choice. But keep in mind that the choices you make, whether you know it or not, will likely affect the choices others make.

While my publicized decision not to see "Showgirls" won't put the slightest dent in the film's success at the box office, if just one reader is convinced he should find a more productive way to spend his money and two hours of his time, I have not thoroughly embarrassed myself in vain.

Editorial Editor Matt Felice is a telecommunications junior.

## Divinely incorrect

God our father-mother," the new politically correct Bible says.

Not even the Almighty is safe from the re-naming frenzy of a few ivory-tower geeks with nothing better to do with their time, who insist that every piece of literature ever published should be revised to be all-inclusive and sensitive to women, minorities, etc.

Well, political correctness was doomed from the get go, because people in this country don't take too kindly to anyone telling them how to write, speak and think.

Victor Gold, professor of biblical theory in Berkeley, Calif., and one of the PC Bible editors, said: "What we wanted to do was make the biblical material something that could be read by any person regardless of gender, race, physical condition or anything else we could think of and have them say "This speaks to me."

Well, if the old version of the New Testament didn't speak to you, you're not going to

learn a thing from the PC edition.

Honestly, how many people are going to say "that old version of the Bible was a sexist, racist rag, but now that a bunch of Harvard scholars re-wrote it, Christianity is cool with me!"

The project took four years to complete, but it'll probably only last a couple months. There was a time when we had a thing here at UK called Language Guidelines, which was basically an attempt to make all University publications convert to PC talk. It failed miserably, thank heavens.

But why did they bother with it in the first place?

Don't these people have jobs to do? Aren't we paying their salaries?

It's something we will assuredly look back on and laugh at, but right now it's not too funny that the higher education elites are so obsessed with everything that has nothing to do with education.

For God our father-mother's sake people, do your jobs.

that the government is here to provide for its citizens and create a strong economy. If federal aid is not there for people to use when they need it, we lose the opportunity to receive a college education.

**Miwako Lyn Hirano**  
Economics and sociology senior

### Wildcats ought to be respected

To the editor:

I would like to begin by congratulating the football team on their victory over Indiana. Too many people go around saying how much the team "sucks." After a while, it probably affects the players and coaches more than anyone realizes. Whether they win or lose, we should respect them for going out every week and playing. Have pride in your school.

**Patty Jurgensen**  
Theatre freshman

### TALKback!

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### READERS' forum

#### Federal aid to students is important

To the editor:

I would like to respond to the article in the Kentucky Kernel Thursday that Les Johns wrote on cutting federal aid. Obviously Les only wants the privileged to get a higher education.

Don't you think everyone deserves the chance for a higher education?

Receiving federal aid does not mean an individual did not want to take the responsibility of trying to finance their education. It is a resort people can turn to so they can have the option of going on to school, and later have more

opportunities open to them in the future.

Les also mentioned in his article that "It is not the taxpayers' duty" to provide us students with hassle free, funded education." If you asked students who receive federal aid if it is "hassle free" I guarantee they will say no. Have you ever filled out the paper work required when you receive financial aid? Did you know you have to go to financial aid meetings? The reason the government requires you do all of this is because they want to make sure you qualify and they want to make sure they are getting their money back after you graduate.

Yes, I agree that our nation's budget is overwhelming, but using the budget as an excuse not to offer financial aid is kind of harsh. Different people have different ideas on what part the government should play in our society. But most people would agree

## Gang of squirrels perpetuates campus crime wave

The mysterious disappearance of several "Discount Zone" signs from campus in recent weeks has caused me some alarm.

At first, I conjectured that these thefts were simply the ploy of some student trying his hand at Collegiate Room Decoration 101. However, after consulting a couple Hardy Boys' novels, I have carefully reconsidered.

Furthermore, my latest investigations are piling up evidence against the real culprits faster than homework over Thanksgiving weekend.

Surprising as it may be, squirrels are responsible for these heists. In fact, a sizeable squirrel crime ring exists on our very campus. Led by the nefarious Leo "Cheeks" Rafarni, the bushy-tailed mafia family has one purpose: living life on the edge.

So when University workers placed the safety-minded signs around campus, the favorite pas-

sion of squirrels was severely threatened. These creatures thrive on bombing victims with acorns from the various trees that adorn the University landscape.

But these signs promised to eliminate half the challenge of their sport. Even a hapless chipmunk can hit a student casually strolling to the library. On the contrary, maintaining a careening cyclist requires nimble paws, a keen eye and a flawless sense of timing (not to mention a wound-inflicting projectile).

Seriously now, can you blame them for their actions? Let's face it, if the NCAA proposed to do away with men's collegiate basketball, wouldn't an entire nation also cry out for justice? Then who are we to deny some of God's scurrying creatures their right to joviality?

I wish I could say that these amiable creatures are otherwise pleased to co-exist with us ... but

they're not. Each autumn, the kingpins in their mob get ticked off at Physical Plant Division workers. These PPD personnel remove huge piles of fallen leaves before elaborate mafia mansions can be safely erected in the tree tops. Sooner or later, we will all pay for the faults of a few well-meaning grounds keepers.

Undoubtedly, many of you will scoff at the thought of a squirrel rebellion.

And to be truthful, the image of such an uprising evokes as much fear and trepidation as Steve Urkel armed with a bathroom plunger. Nevertheless, these furry animals can be vicious little beasts. Vicious squirrels? Yes, and

ruthless too!

In fact, just last week one of the members in the inner sanctum of the crime ring was spotted gallivanting among students near the Free Speech Area.

"Cheeks" got wind of the betrayal. He invited the offender to a plush banquet at the mafia hangout. At the feast, the free-frolicking squirrel dined on the finest assortment of acorns this side of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood.

However, they were all tainted with Papa Marconi's magical elixir. Moments later, two squirrel thugs pushed the traitor from the high branches of a maple tree to his demise on Rose Street below. To humans,

the flattened creature appears as just another roadkill victim.

Aaaah, but the shrewd mafia has other ways of dealing with non-compliants.

We've all noticed the steam rising out of the ground from various locations around campus.

You may think it's from underground pipes. In reality, many torturous interrogations take place there. I've got news for you, those aren't UK employees banging around in the tunnels beneath the Commons Complex on South Campus either.

Folks, not all the squirrels are involved in this heinous world of crime. Some are just normal ... a bit jealous of Chip and

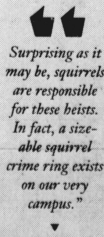
Dale having their own cartoon, but normal nonetheless.

So what can we do to peacefully exist with our bushy-tailed mafia cohorts?

Well, for starters, don't put up any more of those bicycle busters signs. Secondly, refrain from stealing their leaves for a couple weeks. And finally, drop a couple Cheetos the next time you encounter one of the gray-haired little fellows.

Then what do we do about the cyclists that continue to race through campus weaving in and out of pedestrians? Just leave that problem to "Cheeks" and his acorn-bombing cohorts. Word has it, they are going to start hiding in the bushes near sidewalks. Can you say sticks in the rear spokes? "Cheeks" and Marconi can.

Until next time, keep your feet on the ground and keep saving wheat pennies. Victory!  
Contributing Columnist Ryan Flannery is a mathematics senior.







# SPORTS

## Cats' tailback Williams can't do it all

By Jason Dattilo  
Sports Editor

UK, unlike the Auburn Tigers, may not have a 20-game winning streak in the 1990s or a plethora of Southeastern Conference championships to brag about.

But it does have one thing in common with the SEC powerhouse — a standout tailback. The Tigers have Stephen Davis and UK has Moe Williams.

The success of both teams

depends highly on the performance of their star tailbacks, but right now it seems UK relies Williams more than Auburn counts on Davis.

Coming into this season, Davis was touted as a Heisman Trophy candidate after gaining 1,263 yards on 221 carries as a junior last year.

A quick glance at the numbers would seem to indicate a Heisman-type season for Davis. After all, he's averaging a whopping 6

yards per carry, and his six touchdowns rank him second in the SEC behind Arkansas' Madre Hill.

Even his coach, Terry Bowden, said "Steve Davis is having a great year compared to what he's done in the past."

Sounds like a trip to New York's Downtown Athletic Club is coming up in Davis' near future. Or not.

Not that Davis couldn't win the Heisman if he got enough carries.

"I've never made Steve Davis getting the ball and winning a Heisman Trophy primary in my mind," said Bowden, whose squad has only played three games this season.

"I'm taking him out of the Heisman, so people can blame me. But don't think for a second that he's not as good as any back in this country."

So far this season, Auburn's coaching staff has played away from enemy defenses intent on stopping Davis by stacking the line of scrimmage. With the Tigers passing more, Davis ranks ninth in the SEC with 233 yards

on just 39 carries.

"We just haven't chosen to give him a chance," Bowden said yesterday via conference call. "We just don't give the ball to him..."

Compare Davis' workload with that of Williams, who has carried the ball 76 times in the past two games and 97 times this season.

Obviously, it won't be long until opposing defenses focus their sights on Williams and attempt to force the Cats into throwing the football with consistency.

UK head coach Bill Curry certainly knows it, although he said the Cats' two tight end set makes it hard for enemy defenders to cheat toward defending the run.

"Everybody with a brain will be trying to stop Moe," Curry said, who also plans to use tailback Ray McLaurin more once he recovers from an ankle sprain.

When opposing defenses honed in on Auburn's Davis, the Tigers simply asked quarterback Patrick Nix, a second-year starter, to pick up the slack.

Throw out last Saturday's 12-6 loss at LSU and Nix has done reasonably well, leading the Tigers to lopsided wins in the team's first two games.

"I take what the defense gives me," Bowden said. "If they take away the run, then I'm going to pass."

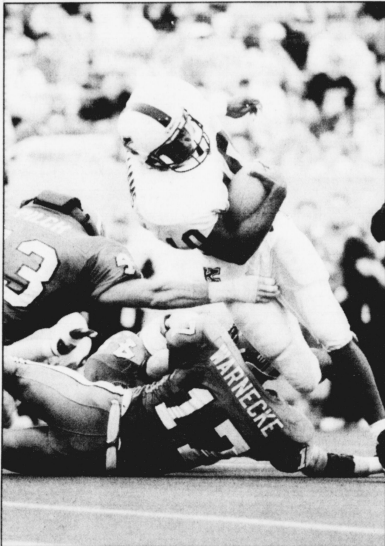
But will the Wildcats be able to find such in the passing game with newfound starter Billy Jack Haskins?

Curry thinks so.

"We're getting closer to being a decent passing team," he said. "Billy Jack has made a lot of progress, and he'll make a lot more this week. ... If we get to where we're really good at throwing the ball then we got a chance to be an outstanding offense."

### Note:

Williams was named SEC Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the Wildcats' 35-30 win over South Carolina last Saturday.



JOSEPH REY/UK Kernel contributor

**OVERWORKED** UK tailback Moe Williams carried the ball 76 times in the past two games.

### Moe's records

Moe Williams' 299 rushing yards and 429 all-purpose yards against South Carolina on Saturday, resulted in a number of new records.

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