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As president of Student Government, I had an obligation to make sure the cards were turned in on time.

— TIM ROBINSON, FORMER STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT IN AN E-MAIL TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEMBERS. TO READ THE E-MAIL, SEE PAGE 4.

ROBINSON PLEADS GUILTY, DROPS CLASSES, RESIGNS

Plea bargain: SG president avoids felony conviction by admitting to misdemeanor interference charges

By Paul Leighty
STAFF WRITER

Student Government President Tim Robinson pleaded guilty in Fayette Circuit Court Friday to charges of interfering with voter registration.

Robinson is resigning from SG and the Board of Trustees and dropping his classes at the UK College of Law, said his attorney Kent Wicker. He said he plans to return to classes this summer.

Robinson, whose friends had previously said turning in the cards would not have been his responsibility, did not show emotion and spoke with a steady voice when Judge Mary Noble questioned him about the voter cards and his plea.

"I was aware the voter registration drive was going on [in SG], and I should have made sure the cards were turned in," he told the judge. "I'm very sorry."

A grand jury indicted Robinson Jan. 28 after an investigation by the Fayette Commonwealth's Attorney

office uncovered 747 overdue voter registration cards in the SG office. The cards were collected when SG held a voter registration drive during the fall of 2001.

The drive was meant to pressure and oust Lexington city council members who supported the Lexington Area Party Plan, an ordinance discouraging raucous partying. The ordinance passed.

Wicker said Robinson is taking responsibility for the voter card gaffe. "Without intending to prevent anybody from voting, he neglected to get the cards turned in," he said. "All of us make mistakes, but not all of us are forthright enough, like Tim, to take responsibility," Wicker said.

In an e-mail to all SG members, Robinson recognized the mistake and was apologetic to those affected.

"As president of Student Government, I had an obligation to make sure that the cards were returned on time. I never intended to prevent anyone from voting, and

I'm very sorry of the effect this oversight has had," he wrote. "I pled guilty because I think it is important for folks to take responsibility for one's conduct. I have also volunteered to compensate the County Clerk's Office of its costs of registering any voters who were affected by what happened."

Wicker and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Joe Bouvier had negotiated a plea bargain that reverses his previous innocence plea and reduces Robinson's previous felony charge to a misdemeanor. If convicted on the felony charge, Robinson could have received one to five years in prison.

Bouvier recommended to the court that Robinson receive a penalty of 30 days in jail and a fine of \$500 plus all costs that the Fayette County Clerk's office has incurred in handling the cards.

The clerk's expenses are for postage used in mailing letters to the 240 individuals who filled out voter registration cards but were never registered. That fee could be

less than \$100, said County Clerk Don Blevins.

The other 507 people who filled out the cards had either been previously registered, later changed their registration to other counties or moved out of state.

Bouvier said the jail term will be waived if Robinson "pays the fine and the county clerk's expenses, and he satisfies us that there are no more of the cards out there."

Robinson will be sentenced on March 7.

With Robinson's resignation from SG, Vice President Mary Katherine Thompson will become president and SG Senate Chair Joe Ruschell will take her place, according to the SG constitution.

Ruschell said business will continue as usual in SG.

"I don't think there'll be a disruption" in SG affairs, Ruschell said. "My experience that I've had ... has prepared me for that position."

Students: SG said cards won't matter

By Paul Leighty
STAFF WRITER

Late in 2001, students crowded Memorial Coliseum for a routine basketball ticket lottery. Student Government members roamed the crowd of basketball enthusiasts, asking them to fill out voter registration cards.

When a SG member handed a card to Becky Eaton, an English senior, she told them she was already registered.

Their answer: It didn't matter. The cards weren't going to be turned in.

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New leaders plan to continue work on agenda

By Rebecca Neal
STAFF WRITER

Student Government will continue to work on projects such as a night campus bus service and longer visitation hours despite SG President Tim Robinson's resignation, said the new SG leaders.

Mary Katherine Thompson, the former vice-president, will become the new SG president and Joe Ruschell, the chair of the Senate, will become the new vice president.

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UK 70, MISSISSIPPI STATE 62



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Rolling on

UK guard Keith Bogans attempts a shot against Mississippi State's Timmy Bowers during the No. 2 Cats 70-62 win over the No. 19 Bulldogs. UK extended the nation's longest winning streak to 16 with the victory and swept all games this season against teams the Southeastern Conference's Western Division. For details, see page 6.

Survey says: Students want 24-hour dorm visitation policy

Coming soon: After committee's recommendation, decision expected to be made by March 1

By Keren Henderson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If some students get their way, UK's visitation policy will be thrown out for a more liberal one.

A survey conducted by Residence Life found that 66.25 percent of the approximately 1,500 hall residents who responded to the survey said they prefer a 24-hour, seven days a week policy. Another 27.12 percent said they prefer a 24-hour weekend visitation policy. Only 5.65 percent of respondents liked the current policy.

The survey results came just in time for the Visitation Policy Advisory Committee to incorporate the findings into their report. The committee, appointed in November 2002 by Vice President of Student Affairs

Patricia Terrell, is a week away from a final recommendation.

Randy Gonzalez, assistant to the vice president for student affairs and committee chair, said student opinion is a major consideration.

"Clearly I don't think we could ever go forward with a change in a policy like this without student support," he said.

Jim Wims, director of Residence Life, presented the survey results to committee members in last Friday's meeting. He said that any form of 24-hour visitation was preferable to the status quo.

Student committee members from Student Government and Residence Student Council said the survey results were a good representation of what students want.

"Because of the response (students) gave, we will probably see a broader program," said Noah Friend, a Resident Student Council member.

Other major concerns are safety, parent opinion and the success of 24-hour policies at benchmark institutions.

During last week's meeting, Gonzalez reminded the committee that its purpose is to make recommendations, not a policy.

"We will not have an outcome that is a policy," he said. "The policy will become what Pat Terrell decides."

Students will know if their preference for 24-hour visitation becomes policy by March 1, the deadline for Terrell's decision.

Basketball players gather to reminisce

Summit: Meeting part of UK basketball's centennial celebration

By Derek Poore
STAFF WRITER

If there's one thing that can make little kids feel on top of the world and turn adults into big kids, it's mingling with UK basketball legends.

Hundreds of fans filed into the UK Basketball Museum in Rupp Arena Saturday as part of 100 Years of Kentucky Basketball Reunion Weekend. Players and fans alike got caught up in the excitement.

"Nobody's older than Ralph Beard!" exclaimed Ed Beck, a center on the 1958 championship team, in earshot of Beard, a two-time NCAA champion.

It was the ultimate nostalgia parade — all the Kentucky greats through history having just as much fun as the fans were.

Many players reminisced about their UK memories.

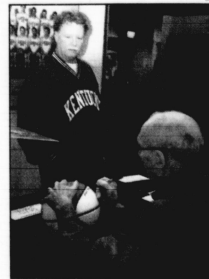
"I think (Coach) Rupp was original when they made that mold," said 1948-49 guard/forward Dale Barnstable. "They never made another one."

They talked about coaches, campus and the college experience.

"I was in awe of the whole thing," Beard said about coming to campus as a freshman. A member of the 1948 and 1949 Kentucky championship teams, he said he was definitely satisfied with his college years at UK.

"It was probably the greatest experience of my life," he said. "I got a great education. I met all these guys and everything. And to play for Coach Rupp, you know, how much else can you do in life?"

As the fans meandered from player to player, some fans rushed to



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Legends

Ralph Beard, a UK All-American guard in the late '40s, signs a basketball for Ross Onan of Frankfort.

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College of Arts & Sciences dean candidates visiting

By Rebecca Neal
STAFF WRITER

Four candidates for the position of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will visit campus and participate in student forums over the next two weeks.

The candidates each have different backgrounds and ideas, but all said that leading UK's largest college is an exciting prospect.

• Kathleen DeWalt taught behavioral science at UK during the 1980s. She is currently the director of the Center for Latin American Studies and a professor of anthropology and public health at the University of Pittsburgh. DeWalt said she already has ideas about what she would like to improve. "There's certainly room for developing cross-disciplinary collaborations that haven't been strong," she said.

• Steven Hoch is the associate provost for academic programs and the dean of international programs at the University of Iowa. He said he was impressed with UK and its goal of becoming a Top-20 institution but said improving the college should be a collaborative effort. "It will require a lot of work from the faculty, students and the administration," he said.

• Peter Sherwood directs the chemistry department at Kansas State University. He said national attention on the quality of education at UK sparked his interest. Sherwood said he's excited about the college and the quality of the departments and said he wouldn't consider making changes without consulting faculty and students. "Anyone coming from the outside shouldn't impose a vision, but instead, one should develop a vision along with the faculty of the college," he said.

• Carl Strikwerda is an associate dean and professor of history at the University of Kansas. Strikwerda said he would like to see more emphasis placed on research excellence and international studies. "I would like to see an even better research college and more international programs like study abroad and cultural lessons," he said.

Peter M.A. Sherwood, Kansas State University will visit Monday, Feb. 24. An open forum for faculty, staff and students will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Small Ballroom of the Student Center. A student roundtable discussion from 4:30-5:15 will follow in 230 Student Center.

Kathleen M. DeWalt, University of Pittsburgh visits Thursday, Feb. 27. An open forum for faculty, staff and students will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Center Theater of the Student Center. A student roundtable discussion will follow, from 4:30-5:15 in 211 Student Center.

Steven L. Hoch, University of Iowa visits Monday, March 3. An open forum for faculty, staff and students will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Center Theater of the Student Center. A student roundtable discussion from 4:30-5:15 in 230 Student Center will follow.

Carl Strikwerda has already visited campus.



DeWalt



Hoch



Sherwood



Strikwerda

VOTER

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"I definitely remember telling one of the SG people. I told them I had already registered," Eaton said in an interview last week. "They basically said it didn't matter because (the cards) weren't going to be turned in, anyway."

Mechanical engineering junior Jared Whalen said that he had a similar experience. Whalen said he was approached by Robinson to fill out a registration form.

"I asked if it was going to mess up my registration at home ... and he said it didn't matter," Whalen said he had wanted to be registered at home in Boone County so he could vote for his mom, who ran for mayor in Florence in November. But Whalen said Robinson told him the cards wouldn't be turned in.

"[Robinson] said I should fill it out because it was just for show anyway. I think he's guilty of the charges that were brought against him, but I don't

think he did it intentionally. I don't think he quite understood what he was messing with."

In January, an investigation by the Fayette Commonwealth's Attorney turned up 747 overdue voter cards from that voter drive in the SG office. On Friday, SG President Tim Robinson entered a guilty plea to a misdemeanor.

Some of the students who filled out the registration cards question the validity of the registration drive, their trust in Robinson and whether other SG members are responsible.

SG was calling on students to become registered voters and, eventually, to vote against Lexington city council members who supported the Lexington Area Party Plan.

Fayette County Clerk records show that 489 of those who filled out the cards registered again or were already registered, and about 240 were never registered.

Robinson's attorney, Kent Wicker, was skeptical of the accuracy of anyone's memory of a voter drive after two years, but said he didn't want to comment.

After Robinson entered his plea, Wicker had said there was "nothing nefarious" in the voter drive and that it was a simple matter of an oversight. He said Robinson had never intended to prevent anyone from voting.

David Eaton, a sophomore who was at the lottery with his sister Becky, said he didn't fill out a voter card. "We pretty much knew that we weren't going to be registered," he said.

Jared Altobello, an architecture junior who filled out one of the cards, said he's willing to hold Robinson responsible.

"It's revoking a right," he said. "We put a trust in (Robinson) to turn it in, and then I wouldn't have been able to vote if I had gone."

Amanda Cooper, a business management and decision information systems senior, said she didn't bother voting in Fayette County after filling out a card with SG.

"I questioned what was going on and wasn't sure if I was registered, so I got an absentee ballot in Ohio and voted that way," she said.

Rebecca Neal and Andrea Uhde contributed to this story.

NEW

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A new chair of the Senate will be voted on at Wednesday's SG meeting.

Thompson, who learned of Robinson's resignation a few days before his guilty plea Friday, said she never thought she would become president. "No one expects to come into this position under these circumstances," she said.

Both Ruschell and Thompson said the new administration will try to complete unfinished business before the elections in April.

They said they will work on a possible student liaison with the Urban County Council, the video rental service and SG's budget crisis.



Thompson

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ward their personal favorites.

"Here's the man!" one fan shouted, greeting UK football and basketball legend Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones.

Jones explained that while the gyms were small in the 1940s, the students were rowdy.

"Students could only go to 'A' games or 'B' games," Jones said. "A (tickets) went on Monday night, and 'B' went on Saturday night. They didn't have as many (students at each game), but they were rowdy. Four thousand (people) was a real

crowd then."

Sixty years later, 23,000 people make up an average crowd at Rupp Arena.

Many oozed compliments about this year's team.

"They look real good, they're playing real good right now," said Johnny Cox, the former "hook shot artist" who was a member of the 1958 national championship team.

It's not often that this many former UK players come together. Fans seemed delighted to see the former greats giving back.

"I think it's great that they've taken up time to come back and represent the university and let the fans have autographs," said Ross Onan, of Frankfort, who was third in line to see the players. "It's something we'll treasure."



History

Dale Barnstable, a UK player from 1946-50, autographs a basketball Saturday at the UK Basketball Museum.

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THURSDAY FEB. 27 Women's Basketball @ South Carolina 7:00 PM

FRIDAY FEB. 28 MEN'S TENNIS VS TENNESSEE 6:00 PM - BOONE TENNIS CENTER

Gymnastics @ BYU 9:00 PM
Women's Tennis @ Tennessee 5:00 PM
Baseball @ Birmingham, AL. Tournament
Feb. 28 - Mar. 2

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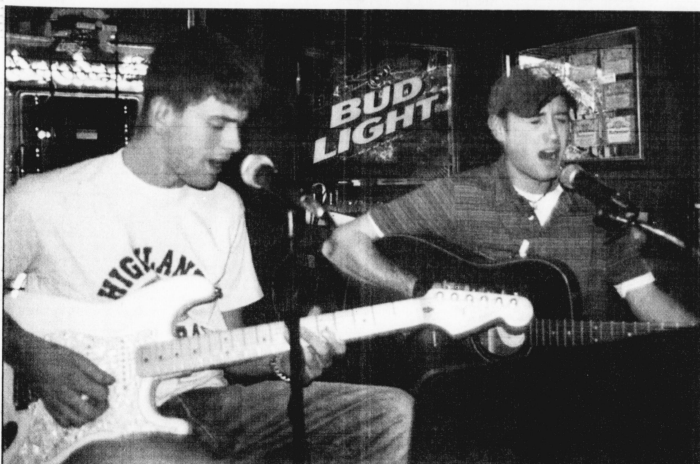
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SOFTBALL VS YOUNGSTOWN STATE 3:00 PM - UK SB COMPLEX

SOFTBALL VS EKV 5:00 PM - UK SB COMPLEX
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Snapbid draws crowd, earns reputation



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Pair of aces

Stephen Williams, left, and Kyle Knapp make up Snapbid. They have a regular gig at Kitty O' Sheas on Wednesday nights.

Set for success: Snapbid finds a devoted following, growing popularity and good times at local bar

By Lily Cooksey
STAFF WRITER

Girls aren't the only ones getting attention at the bars these days. And it seems that cute guys with guitars are just as successful at drawing a crowd as cleavage and a tight pair of pants.

Kyle Knapp and bandmate Stephen Williams draw much of the crowd that fills Kitty O' Sheas every Wednesday night. Together for almost a year, Knapp and Williams make up Snapbid, playing anything from rock cover tunes to some original work.

"I've worked at Kitty's for a while," said bartender Jason Finley. "Kyle and Stephen have quite a following. Wednesday nights now are always packed, when they didn't

always used to be."

What do the fans attribute to Knapp and Williams success?

"Sox appeal," said Alexis Bowling, a history junior. "Kyle is so dreamy. I admit that's the only reason I go to Kitty's, just to see him and Stephen play."

More than just sex has some fans coming back for more. John Steinel, a pre-med senior, said that it's the whole atmosphere at Kitty's that keeps him coming.

"It's just a bunch of friends hanging out. I've been listening to Kyle play since before I've been allowed to be at Kitty's," Steinel said.

Knapp and Williams have played together for a year as Snapbid, but their friendship goes back much further.

Friends since the fourth grade, Knapp and Williams spent their middle and high schools days playing in a band.

In college, Knapp has spent the last four years playing at Kitty's with various bandmates.

"I love playing at Kitty's," Knapp said. "I play to entertain people, and hopefully they dig what I do. The money we make is just a bonus. It's cool to get paid for something you love to do."

Last summer, Snapbid released its first CD, including vocals and guitar by Knapp and former Snapbid bandmate, Brian Zamora.

"We made the CD just to get the music out and for fun," Williams said. "It certainly wasn't about the money."

Snapbid plans to release another CD this spring, Williams said.

Knapp and Williams have branched out to play at

other locations, most recently playing at the Valentine's Day Gala put on by UK's Student Government.

Williams said to look for them playing in various bars in Richmond, Louisville and Cincinnati, as well as Lexington.

"We're a completely different band," Knapp said. "With a different sound."

And any sound Williams and Knapp make these days seems to be a popular one.

For your information

Snapbid plays at Kitty O' Sheas on Wednesday nights beginning around 10 p.m.

Cover varies. Call ahead at 255-3078.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Week of February 24 - March 2

The Campus Calendar is produced by the Office of Student Activities. Registered Student Orgs and UK Dept. can submit information for FREE online ONE WEEK PRIOR to the MONDAY information is to appear at: <http://www.uky.edu/CampusCalendar>. Call 257-6887 for more information.

MEETINGS

- *Revival Bible Study, 6:00pm, Commons Market, Rm. 306A, FREE!
- *Feminist Alliance Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
- *Freshman Cases, 7:00pm, CSF Building
- *Bible Study, 7:30pm, off Campus
- *American Civil Liberties Union Meeting, 8:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 231
- *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
- *Rock Climbing Club, 8:00pm, Climb Time
- *Judo Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ACADEMIC

- *Preparing Aspiring Wildcats (PAW) Applications Due, 5:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 10:00am-2:00pm & 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 Classroom Building
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *French Tutoring, 3:00-5:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatsruiem.org
- *INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
- *Self Defense/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

Mon 24

MEETINGS

- *Annie, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119
- *TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave
- *Conversational English Class, 3:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
- *Leftist Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
- *UK Benzen Bible Study, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 113
- *InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 7:11pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 230, Free!
- *Alpha Kappa Psi Prudges Meeting, 7:30pm, Business and Economics, Rm. 308

ACADEMIC

- *Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 8:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Biology, (All 100 level courses), 8:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-8:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Physics Tutoring, (All 100 level courses & 211213), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby

SPORTS

- *Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
- *UK Shin-Do Karate Club, 5:30-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *The Kwon Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

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Tues 25

MEETING

- *Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
- *Institute of Religion/Denominations & Covenants Study, Noon, Student Center, Rm. 119
- *Dressage Team, 8:00pm, Garrigis, 2nd floor conference room
- *Landscape Society Meeting, 6:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
- *Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 9:00pm, CSF Building, Corner of Woodland and Columbia
- *Table francaise, French conversation group, 3:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
- *Judo Club, 5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ACADEMIC

- *Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
- *Biology, (All 100 level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 7:00-8:30pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 10:00-2:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
- *Physics Tutoring, (All 100 level courses & 211213), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
- *French Tutoring, 4:00-5:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby

SPORTS

- *UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Tennessee, 8:00pm, Rupp Arena
- *Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
- *Equestrian Team, 8:00pm, Ag. North Building

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Wed 26

MEETINGS

- *UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 231
- *Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:30pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor
- *Devotion & Lunch, 12:30pm, 428 Columbia Ave, \$1.00
- *Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Synnogs, 8:00pm, CSF Building
- *Amnesty International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
- *Amateur Radio Club, 7:00pm, Chemistry Physics, Rm. 163

ACADEMIC

- *ASTCC Seminar Series, 4:00pm, ASTCC Building, Rm. 148, Free!
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 CB
- *Interviewing Skills, 2:30-4:30pm, Career Center
- *Learning How to Network, 2:30-4:30pm, Career Center

SPORTS

- *UK Shin-Do Karate Club, 5-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
- *Ham Radio License Training Class, 7:00-9:00pm, Chem-Physics Building, Rm. 163, Free!

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatsruiem.org
- *INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
- *Alpha Kappa Psi Bowling Night, 9:00pm, Southland Bowling Lanes
- *Self Defense/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

Thur 27

MEETINGS

- *Revival Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245 FREE!

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *The Space of Vulnerability: A Political Ecology of Health in Latin America, 6:00pm, William T. Young Library Auditorium, Free and open to the public.
- *Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatsruiem.org
- *La Residence francaise, 5:00pm, Keeneland Hall

SPORTS

- *The Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ARTS/MOVIES

- *Cathy Bell, Piano Recital, Lucille Little Fine Arts Library
- *UK Opera Gals, 8:00pm, Singletary Center

FRIDAY 28

SPORTS

- *The Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION

- *Self Defense/Kempo class, 3:00-5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

MEETINGS

- *International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203

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- *Biology, (All 100 level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307

SPORTS

- *UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Georgia, 4:00pm, Athens, Georgia

ARTS/MOVIES

- *Regina Carter Quintet, 8:00pm, Lexington Opera House, Public: \$23 UKLCC Students: \$14

Sat 1

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Reactions: We asked students what they thought of Tim Robinson's guilty plea and his decision to drop his classes and resign as Student Government president.

"I don't think he should be guilty ... because anybody can make mistakes, and anybody can make it up."

- KAM CHAN,
 COMPUTER SCIENCE FRESHMEN



"At least he had the decency to drop out."

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"At least he's taking some responsibility."

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There was no need for him to be disloyal to the college."

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"I guess it's a good thing that he resigned. At least he did something right."

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"If it was something as serious as voter fraud, I figured there would be a harsher penalty than just a \$500 fine."

- AARON SMITH,
 ARCHITECTURE FRESHMAN



"I think it was the right move on his part."

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DANIEL THOMAS

Robinson tells his side of the story

Editor's note: Tim Robinson, who pleaded guilty to charges of interfering with voter registration Friday, resigned as Student Government president the same day. He sent this letter to SG members.



Tim Robinson
 FORMER SG PRESIDENT

To the Members of UK Student Government:

At the advice of my attorney I have been silent about the incident that I am sure you have heard about in the papers. Originally, I was charged with "Willfully Failing to Return Voter Registration Cards," a Class D Felony. After I volunteered to take and passed a polygraph test regarding my innocence to the charges, the Commonwealth's attorney agreed to reduce the charges to a misdemeanor. Today, I pled guilty to a misdemeanor, interfering with voter registration which is appropriate for what this was, an oversight.

As president of Student Government, I had an obligation to make sure the cards were returned on time. I never intended to prevent anyone from voting, and I'm very sorry of the effect this oversight has had. I pled guilty because I think it is important for folks to take responsibility for one's conduct. I have also volunteered to compensate the County Clerk's Office of its costs of registering any voters who were affected by what happened.

Unfortunately, one of the effects this case has had is it has caused me to miss a number of classes, to either attend court proceedings or to prepare for the defense of my case. Today, I withdrew from law school. I will return to school in the summer and I hope to graduate in the fall. As a result of withdrawing from school, I will no longer be able to serve as SG president, and I will have to step down from that position immediately as well as my position on the Board of Trustees.

One of the things that my Grandpa Robinson taught me was to admit your mistakes and take responsibility for putting things right. My education at UK has reinforced that notion. All of us make mistakes,

but sometimes we make other mistakes in how we handle them. I hope what I am doing will be a credit to this University in that it is teaching its students to act responsibly and with forthrightness.

I'm from rural Eastern Kentucky, and I am the first member of my family to graduate from college. My sole reason for going to UK was to get a law degree, so I could go back home and make Martin County a better place to live. I still intend to do that.

I want to thank each of you for being so kind, and to those of you who have sent cards and notes of encouragement. I also want to thank you for the privilege to serve in SG with you. I want to give a special thanks to the Board of Trustees Chairman Steve Reed who has been a great friend during this ordeal. He is a special person and an outstanding leader and chairman.

Finally, as I leave this office, I know one of the best men I have ever met is at the helm of UK. President Lee Todd is one of most inspiring and capable people I have ever met. I love UK. It has changed my life, and I will be devoted to its service for the rest of my life.

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Militants tarnish Islam's reputation

Last week, U.S. authorities indicted eight men accused of conspiring with terrorist organizations. The list included college professors, religious leaders, and outspoken critics of the Bush administration's war on terrorism. Prosecutors presented tapes of the defendants decreeing "Death to Israel" and "Jihad is our path," hardly the passive criticism their attorneys insist has led to their arrests.

If these men pose a significant threat to the security of the United States, they pose an even more acute threat to their own people: Arab Muslims residing, for one reason or another, in the United States.

The arrests underscore the insecurity most Americans have felt since the terrorist attacks in 2001. Moreover, they cast a cloud of suspicion on others who, like the accused, have immigrated to this country and remain outspoken in their views on foreign affairs.

For every imam inciting violence and preaching hatred, there are a hundred Muslims who want no part of terrorism. It is these students, professors, activists and organizations that bear the brunt of Ameri-

can skepticism and suspicion.

In the aftermath of the arrests and the subsequent revelations about misused fundraising and financial support of terror, Muslim charities across the country have become suspect. This has broad negative repercussions for groups who raise money for peaceful purposes, especially humanitarian causes benefiting Arab nations.

Muslims and Arabs around the country would be well advised to denounce the terrorists who hide behind their religious affiliation. There are those who would have us believe that Islam is a religion of violence; intelligent people know that it is not so. Yet, as long as Muslims in America are hesitant to renounce the views of these militants, they will continue to be viewed as collaborators.

The hatred, misunderstanding and violence that have caused a rift between the Arab world and the West are hardly one-sided; there are many steps our country could and should take to help bridge our differences. Still, in the midst of a popular war on terrorism, groups or individuals espousing violence in our country will be, with good reason, ostracized.

Perhaps it's unfair that the Muslim communities who overwhelmingly disapprove of violence and terrorism should have to continuously denounce the actions

of Islamic extremists. However, as long as the war on terrorism focuses on Islamic groups and individuals, it will remain important for religious leaders who believe in peace to make it clear that fundamentalism has no place in their congregations.

Sami Amin Al-Arian, a Florida professor who was one of those indicted, is accused of running a terrorist cell from the University of South Florida. In his defense, he maintains that he does not support violence and that his arrest is the result of his opposition to the "Zionist entity," a terrorist's euphemism for Israel.

By his rhetoric, he is trying to unite Muslims across the country to his defense, despite the overwhelmingly convincing evidence against him, including videotaped speeches. If he's successful, it will lend credence to the backward notion that Muslims in America are on the wrong side of our war on terror.

If, however, the virtuous and ethical leaders of the community take a strong stand against violence and those who support it, then perhaps America will see Islam for what it is: a peaceful religion with high ethical standards.

Andrew Grossman is a political science senior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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Cats squeak by No. 19 Bulldogs

By Steve Jones
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A hot-shooting first half and a grind-it-out second were how the West was won yesterday by No. 2 UK.

The Cats shot 60.7 percent and led by as much as 19 in the opening before holding on to defeat the stubborn Mississippi State Bulldogs 70-62 at Rupp Arena.

UK extended the nation's longest win streak to 16 games and swept all regular season games against the Western Division of the Southeastern Conference for the first time since 1996.

UK (23-3, 12-0 SEC) made 19-of-28 shots in the first half and used a 15-2 run to lead the Bulldogs 32-13 with 14 minutes into the game.

"We were just making shots, and when you're making shots you're going to look good," UK coach Tubby Smith said of the first half.

The Bulldogs were able to narrow the Cats' lead to 38-28 at halftime on two 3-pointers by guard Timmy Bowers.

UK would extend its lead in the second half back to 56-39 at 12:49, but the Dogs, aided by the Cats' cooler shooting and multiple turnovers, countered with a 13-2 run to cut the lead to six points with 6:22 remaining.

MSU had a chance to draw to within two with 50 seconds remaining, but a 3-point attempt by forward Michal Ignerski was no good.

The Cats, who attempted two free throws in the first half, made only 5-of-11 over the last 6:08 of the game. UK

only made four field goals over the last 10:10.

"That's where Mississippi State was able to get back in the game and us not be able to pull away," Smith said of the offensive inefficiency.

MSU's star junior forward, Mario Austin, was limited to six points in the first half, but made 14 in the second including a stretch of 12 consecutive points in the final six minutes.

MSU coach Rick Stansbury said he was proud of the way his team battled back from a large double-digit deficit against a team as talented as UK.

"There's no question, they're the best team in America, particularly in this place right here," Stansbury said. "Most teams when they get down 19 points in this place, you might as well start the bus, but to our kids' credit they hung in there, they fought, they put themselves in position to win the basketball game."

UK was led by the scoring of its backcourt.

Senior guard Keith Bogans scored a team-high 18 points on 6-of-11 shooting, and reserve point guard Cliff Hawkins was 5-of-6 from the field to provide 14 more.

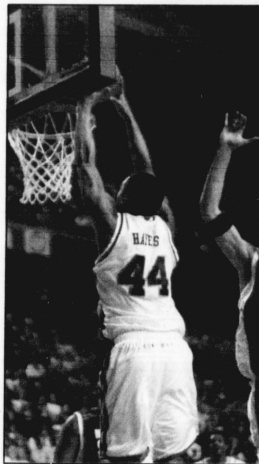
"My outside shooting is just getting better and better," Hawkins said.

Hawkins was also essential in breaking the Bulldogs' full-court pressure and leading the team against a variety of defense changes by MSU (17-6, 7-5 SEC).

"If you try to press him, he's as good as anybody at

Staying strong

Chuck Hayes scores over Michal Ignerski of Mississippi State. UK beat the Bulldogs 70-62 Sunday continuing its winning streak.



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beating the press, and when he can make shots, that makes him double trouble," Smith said.

Bogans, who saw his team blow a large lead to MSU in Starkville last season before finally losing in overtime, said yesterday's game was reminiscent of the past right up until the end.

"They're going to keep coming," Bogans said of the Bulldogs. "They're the type

of team that's nonstop. They're not going to stop until the final horn goes off."

Smith said the Cats' win streak and domination so far in the SEC is a far cry from what the media predicted UK to accomplish this season.

"We've come a long, long way (in garnering public and media respect). I don't think we were picked to do much at all this year, but that's fine," he said.

Sportsbytes

Bat Cats rally in ninth comes up short

The UK baseball team (3-3, 0-0 SEC) scored four runs in the top of the ninth inning, including home runs from Spencer Graeter and Gordy Tyler, but couldn't overcome the No. 16 Richmond Spiders (2-0, 0-0 CAC) who dropped the Bat Cats, 11-10.

UK returns to action on Friday Feb. 28th, when it travels to Birmingham, Ala., to take part in a tournament hosted by the University of Alabama-Birmingham. The Cats will face Marshall University.

Tennis Cats improve record with fourth win

The 25th-ranked UK women's tennis team upset the No. 7 North Carolina Tarheels, 4-3, at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center on Friday, Feb. 21. The victory, its fourth straight, improved UK's record to 8-4.

Track team qualifies for NCAA meet

The UK Track and Field program earned five more spots at the NCAA Indoor Championships as Beth Heimann qualified in the

women's 800 meters and the men's distance medley relay team earned a spot in the final day of the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

UK returns to action on Saturday March 1 when the team competes in the 2003 Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships. The Cats will then travel to South Bend, Ind., for the Alex Wilson Invitational before competing in the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, March 14-15.

Sectional performance gives Rifle Cats hope

The UK rifle team awaits word Monday from the NCAA on whether the Rifle Cats' NCAA Sectional performance two weeks ago was enough to qualify them for a

shot at a national title. The NCAA Rifle Championships are set for March 14 and 15 at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

GymKats score high, set season record

The UK gymnastics team scored its highest team total of the season (195.525) on Friday at Beard-Eaves Coliseum in Auburn, Ala. UK senior Julia Gore set personal-bests on three events.

UK (4-5, 0-5) set season-high totals on floor and beam, bettering their total team score by 1.425 points. UK's team score, however, was not enough to defeat the 15th-ranked Tigers, who posted their second-highest score in school history.



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