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Student Government Association Chief Justice Sarah Coursey also has served as vice president and senator.

'Grandmama' Sarah branches out, takes reins of SGA court

By Holly Powell
Staff Writer

Members of the Student Government Association have nicknamed her "Grandmama."

It's no wonder, considering Sarah Coursey has spent the last five years participating in all three branches of student government. Besides being the new, newly appointed chief justice of the SGA Supreme Court, Coursey also has served as SGA executive director, vice president and law school senator during her career at UK.

Coursey, 25, said her "lifelong interest in politics" began in her hometown of Lewisburg,

Ky., where many of her family members were politically active. But she credits two former SGA presidents with igniting an even greater interest in student government.

"I probably never would have been so active if it wasn't for James Rose and Sean Lohman putting a lot of faith in me and pushing me and pushing me," Coursey said. Under Lohman's two-term presidency, she served as executive director.

During Lohman's second campaign, she was chosen as his campaign manager. But after Lohman's running mate and then vice president Paige Foster decided not to run, he chose

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Speaker: Health care must be fair

By Jen Bryant
Contributing Writer

Health-care reform is more of an issue of fairness and efficiency than of control, and there are enough problems with private-sector providers to justify giving the government a chance to devise solutions. A University of Minnesota researcher said yesterday.

Brian Dowd, an associate professor in the Institute for Health Services Research at the University of Minnesota, is at UK for three days as the Visiting Humana Scholar to address health-care reform issues.

Today's lecture will be held at 4 p.m. in 148 College of Business and Economics Building.

Dowd specializes in markets for health-care services and the evaluation of non-experimental data.

He also teaches in the Minnesota institutes doctoral and master's degree programs.

He said there is good reason for students, particularly, to be concerned about health care.

"There's a good reason not to be concerned about it now ... most people are young and healthy," Dowd said. But he said students should be worried about fairness issues.

Dowd pointed out that most students do not join large companies that offer health care after graduation.

They will be on their own trying to find health coverage.

An unfortunate incident or diagnosis could cause their risk to be redefined or their coverage dropped all together.

"Many of the people that don't

TA requirements to be stiffer

By Brian Bennett
Senior Staff Writer

The title "teaching assistant" is a misnomer for many graduate students on campus.

That's because in numerous undergraduate courses, the teaching assistant actually is the primary instructor for students in the class.

University officials say there's not a major problem with their reliance on teaching assistants as instructors. However, measures are being taken to improve the TAs' qualifications.

As part of the University-wide realignment and restructuring, teaching assistants who have primary instructing responsibilities must have a master's degree and at least 18 hours of graduate work in the discipline they teach.

"The goal that we're going to work toward is that any student who comes to UK can be certain that the person in front of the class has a master's degree," said Robert Hemenway, chancellor for the Lexington Campus.

Currently, between 200 and 300 sections of classes — mostly in the University Studies Program — are taught by teaching assistants, Hemenway said.

"I don't consider it a problem," he said. "Many who do not have master's degrees do an excellent job in the classroom."

Hemenway said he thinks that "we can make this happen in three years." However, it will take more than a desire to reach the goal.

"This is not something that you can snap your fingers and make happen," he said. "We can't achieve it without investing in more

faculty."

Which is something the University hasn't been doing recently. UK President Charles Wethington imposed a hiring freeze in December of 1991 in response to budget cuts, which have totaled more than \$26 million since fall 1991.

But Hemenway said UK will make a new commitment to hiring faculty members.

Hemenway estimated the cost of implementing the program at \$3 million. He said administrators already have allocated \$600,000 from restructuring toward the program, and they will try to get the rest by asking the 1994 and/or 1996 General Assembly for funds.

Teaching assistants don't necessarily do a bad job just because they don't have master's degrees, said Richard Edwards, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"I think TAs do a very good job of teaching," Edwards said. "Some of the most enthusiastic and eager teachers are TAs because they're excited about what they're doing."

But Edwards said UK shouldn't rely on them.

"In general, we would like University courses to be taught by regular faculty," he said. "We should use TAs as assistants, rather than replacements for faculty."

Don Reedy, dean of Graduate Studies, said he's not opposed to the measure but people should remember that the teaching assistant program provides an invaluable service for graduate students.

"I know the concern about the use of TAs," he said. "But I hope that while we attempt to remedy those concerns we don't stop doing the educational function of preparing good teachers for the future."

Yeltsin prepares for political fight

By Deborah Seward
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin stood firm yesterday against hardliners' efforts to impeach him, hardening the stalemate over who rules nuclear-armed Russia.

Yeltsin stayed out of public view, still grieving over his mother's death, but his foreign minister said the Russian president was ready for political battle.

The head of Russia's Constitutional Court, Valery Zorkin, declared that "the road toward a compromise has not been exhausted" — but he offered no idea what kind of compromise might be possible.

And Zorkin warned, "When the road to compromise is exhausted, then war begins."

The court met to weigh the legiti-

ty of Yeltsin's

declaration of emergency rule Sunday and his scheduling of a referendum for April 25 on the leadership. The court, like the Parliament that has blocked many of Yeltsin's reform efforts, is dominated by former Communists.

It was not clear when it would reach a verdict, a crucial step in a possible impeachment process.

The court was still meeting as of 2 a.m., Moscow time.

Yeltsin, meanwhile, issued a decree yesterday aimed at blocking his foes from taking over the news media. He told the Interior Ministry



YELTSIN

to take "necessary measures" to defend state-run TV, radio and news agencies.

Yeltsin, whose 85-year-old mother Klavdia died over the weekend, let aides and other supporters keep up the pressure on his political opponents.

Presidential Chief of Staff Sergei Filatov addressed thousands of Yeltsin supporters at a movie theater in central Moscow, telling them the president was mourning the death, but that he spent yesterday at his desk. A steady stream of cold rain kept other rallies in the city small and short.

In several respects, the president's team appeared on the offensive.

Russian coal miners, whose strikes in 1989 and 1991 crippled the Soviet system, said they would walk out if the court ruled against

Yeltsin.

Mikhail Poltorakin, chief of the Federal Information Center, said the president would appeal directly to the working people if parliament tried to block the referendum.

Before departing for talks in Washington, Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said Yeltsin was in a "fighting" mood, the Interfax news agency reported.

In Washington, the Clinton administration again offered support for Yeltsin, but tempered its backing. "Right now, President Yeltsin is the leader of the reform process," spokesman George Stephanopoulos said. "That is not to say there aren't other reformers in Russia as well."

Yeltsin's media decree, carried by ITAR-Tass news agency, appeared designed to prevent a pro-

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Chapman's sister accuses ex-NFL player of threats

By Gregory A. Hall
Editor in Chief

Pro sports' trash talk took a scary twist in U.S. District Court in Lexington yesterday. Former NFL defensive back Lewis Billups appeared before a magistrate regarding allegations that he called the sister of Washington Bullets guard Rex Chapman and threatened to end the career of the former UK basketball star.

Billups, a former Green Bay Packer and Cincinnati Bengal who resides in Orlando, Fla., was arrested Sunday night in Lexington by the FBI.

Jim Arehart, chief of the criminal division for the U.S. Attorney's office, requested that Billups be detained without bail before a trial.

Billups wanted a detention hearing today, but Cook granted a motion by the government to delay the hearing three days.

Magistrate James Cook set a date for a combined detention and probable cause hearing for Thursday morning at 10 a.m.

Arehart said he made the motion to hold Billups without bail based "on the fact that he's a danger to the community."

Arehart said Billups is involved in litigation in Florida and possibly in Cincinnati, but couldn't say what the charges against him were.

Cook appointed David Bratt to be Billups' counsel.

A complaint filed yesterday with the court said that on Thursday Jenny Chapman told FBI Special Agent James Huggins that she had received threatening calls from Billups, in which the former football player threatened her brother.

The complaint says that Jenny Chapman agreed to have her phone calls tape recorded, including two phone calls from Billups on Thursday.

Huggins said in the complaint that he listened to the tapes and heard Billups threaten "to fix it so that Rex Chapman would never walk again, and that Rex Chapman's basketball career would be over."

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CHAPMAN



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Belle Clement Gunn received a degree from UK 105 years ago.

1st woman got degree in 1888

By Nina Davidson
Staff Writer

One hundred and five years ago, UK granted its first degree to a woman. Belle Clement Gunn of Lexington matriculated in 1888, 23 years after UK was founded in 1865.

Gunn, however, was not the first female student to graduate from UK. Leonora Hoeing of Lexington graduated in 1884, but did not receive a degree, only a subbaccalaureate certificate. Nevertheless, Hoeing inspired a newspaper reporter to wax poetic:

*Sweet fruit of this college tree that burst
Into fresh maiden blossom
today,
Among these awkward
boys, like smiling May,*

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WEATHER: Cloudy today with a 90 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms; high in the mid-50s. Cloudy tonight with a 60 percent chance of rain; low between 40 and 45. Mostly cloudy tomorrow, high in the mid-50s.

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DIVERSIONS

Sweeney, Garner keep movie's fire ablaze

"Fire In The Sky"
Starring James Garner and D.B. Sweeney
Paramount Pictures



By Bo List
Staff Critic

A 1990 Gallup poll reported that one in seven Americans say they have seen unidentified flying objects, and a separate poll researched by noted scientist Carl Sagan suggests that 12 percent of Americans have been abducted by alien creatures.

If this is true, then Americans who have had an extra-terrestrial experience outnumber those who are left-handed.

Regardless, the notion that there is life out there in the universe is a popular one, and one that is close to the hearts and minds of many. The new Paramount release "Fire in the Sky" is a fairly credible production that pointedly shows why.

"Fire" begins on the evening of Nov. 5, 1975, in a northeastern Arizona forest. A group of loggers are

on their way home when they notice a strange red light beyond trees along the road.

Thinking it is just a fire or a plane crash, they venture closer. However, there is no plane and no ordinary fire. What they encounter is a large craft hovering overhead, pulsating and glowing.

Curious and adventurous Travis Walker (D. B. Sweeney) steps out of the truck for a closer look. While his crew are screaming and begging him to return, he is consumed with awe.

A bolt of light shoots from the craft toward Walton and knocks him seemingly lifeless to the ground. His crew flees, and by the time his best friend Mike (Robert Patrick) returns for him, he has disappeared.

What ensues is an extensive search for Walton and a frustrated investigation of his possible murder.

Crew member Allan Dalis has had a personal difference with Walton for quite some time, and Walton had intended on marrying Mike's 17-year-old sister Dana. There is no shortage of suspects, and with their already incredible story, none are excused from the scrutiny and whisperings of their small community and of the international press.

Five days later, though, a funny thing happens — Walton shows up, naked and slimy. He is barely able to speak and his mind is haunted by memories of experiences with the beings that abducted him.

A lesser, though significant, toll has been taken on his fellow crew members. Their already traumatized lives are shaken by the ridicule of the community, and Mike's marriage has fallen apart, a situation worsened by Walton's anger toward Mike for leaving him in the woods.

"Fire in the Sky" begins an uneven account of the crew's story. Their reaction to the events that have just occurred seems forced and artificial, as do the altercations between the crew.

Their hysterics during their witnessing of the craft seem less genu-

ine than silly (though I cannot begin to suggest how to act when viewing an alien attack), and the lack of dramatic impact during these scenes leaves the film's need for credibility somewhat unfulfilled.

Oddly enough, its credibility is regained in the scenes that depict just what happened in the craft — the tests, the observation, and most importantly, Walton's interaction with his new, bizarre surroundings and with the creatures who have taken him.

The creatures seem frighteningly real, and what happens in the ship is truly terrifying — not for what is being done, but for the fact that the creature's treatment of Walton so easily resembles society's treatment of laboratory animals. The similarities are greater than the differences.

"Fire in the Sky" is comparatively low on special effects. (This is no "Star Wars").

This serves as an asset, though, since an FX extravaganza might have taken away from the psychological terror of the story. The effects are subtle and restrained, and effective by no measure unique, are also effective.



State Investigator Lt. Frank Watters (James Garner, right) confronts Travis Walton (D.B. Sweeney) after his disappearance in 'Fire in the Sky.' The movie is based on a true story.

"Fire in the Sky" boasts a strong cast. Robert Patrick ("Terminator 2") is very good in his role as Walton's best friend. He has the urgent intensity of a young Martin Sheen and a strong screen presence.

Also strong is D. B. Sweeney ("The Cutting Edge"). His disturbing encounter is painted well across his expressive face, showing us true fear.

Rounding out the cast are Kathleen Wilhoit ("Lorenzo's Oil"), Michael's estranged wife, Oscar nomi-

nee James Garner, Craig Sheffer as Allan Dalis (in a stark departure from his quiet role in "A River Runs Through It") and Henry Thomas (Elliot from "E.T."). These and the rest of the logging crew do fine work as Arizonan good ol' boys.

"Fire in the Sky" is based on a true story.

"Fire in the Sky," rated PG-13, is showing at North Park, South Park and Man o' War cinemas.

Historic project celebrates music of Franz Schubert

Staff reports

John Wustman currently is engaged in a historic six-year project, touring the country performing some 630 songs by Franz Schubert. That is, when the University of Illinois professor of piano is not accompanying Luciano Pavarotti in recitals.

Wustman, together with five vocal students from a Schubert class at the University, are continuing their

third year of this tour which will culminate in 1997 — the 200th anniversary of Schubert's birth.

They are appearing at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts tonight at 8 for a free concert. They will perform about 25 songs.

Schubert is acknowledged universally as the greatest songwriter that ever was. Before he died at the early age of 31, he composed between 580 and 720 songs. This figure is disputed because some songs are simply variations of others.

His great innovation was the marriage of music, poetry, theater and folk; in addition, he increased the role of the piano to that of an equal with the voice.

That could explain why this monumental project is the birthchild of a pianist, albeit one of the handful of pianists in the country who have made big names for themselves in the usually thankless role of accompanist.

Wustman, who has been a member of the piano faculty at the Uni-

versity of Illinois since 1968, has served as Pavarotti's recital accompanist since 1978.

He said he hopes the project is a fitting tribute to Schubert's 200th birthday. About what's next in his dual career, Wustman reminds us that the year 2003 is the 100th anniversary of Hugo Wolf's death, and a Brahms milestone is just around the corner.

Two new exhibits, "Sherra Giffen Murphy: Albuquerque, New Mexico," and "The Barnhart Gallery Juried Undergraduate Exhibition," open today at the Barnhart Gallery with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Reynolds Building No. 1. It is a student-run exhibition space.

Sherra Giffen-Murphy attended The Art Institute of Boston, where she received a certificate of painting in 1984. She has exhibited in Vermont and New Mexico. The work exhibited at the Barnhart Gallery spans two years.

Giffen-Murphy said her work "reflects the entirety of my experiences (including that of being a woman in society where it is difficult to be one)."

The Juried Undergraduate Exhibition was open to Arts Studio majors only. The exhibition was juried by UK professor emeritus John Tuska. Thirteen artists were chosen for exhibition from more than 30 entries. The show includes fiber, photography, drawing, welded steel, mixed media and painting.

Both exhibitions will be on view through next Wednesday. The Barnhart Gallery is open on weekdays

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A few more concerts recently have been announced for the Lexington area.

The members of grunge band Alice in Chains, who have taken their latest album, *Dirt*, to the top of the college radio charts, will be performing at Memorial Coliseum on April 19 with special guests Masters of Reality and Circus of Power. Tickets for the show, which is sponsored by the UK Student Activities Board, go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. at all area Ticketmaster locations, including the Student Center Ticketmaster. All tickets are \$15 and are reserved seats.

Singer/songwriter Elton John has announced that his tour will make a stop in Rupp Arena on April 30 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25.25 and go on sale Saturday at 10 a.m.

The Lexington Arts and Cultural Council is presenting the Tim Lake Duo today at noon in the ArtsPlace Gallery. The performance is part of the weekly Art à la Carte series at ArtsPlace, 161 North Mill Street, in Lexington. The public is invited to bring lunch to this informal concert.

If you dig what Bela Fleck is doing to the banjo's image, then you'll like Lake and his contemporary jazz/classical use of the banjo.

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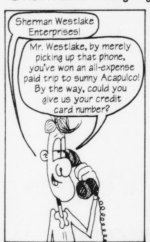


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SPORTS

Cats could ride depth to Final Four

By John Kelly
Sports Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The reason Utah coach Rick Majerus is picking UK to win this NCAA Tournament is Amini Timberlake.

Yes, that's the same Timberlake who's been sitting at the far end of the Wildcats' bench this season, sometimes even farther down the pine than Northern Kentucky transfer Todd Svoboda.

What in creation does Timberlake, who played in less than half of UK's games this season and never more than 10 minutes, have to do with the Wildcats chances at winning it all?

"I remember when I was at Ball State being excited about this kid Amini Timberlake," said Majerus, who coached at Ball State before coming to Utah. "He was a hell of a player in Chicago. They don't even use him."

Exactly. Sunday night, Rodrick Rhodes, the high school All-American who started at forward in UK's first 19 games in this his freshman season, did not play a minute.

Rhodes is just one super-talented player relegated to a supporting role on this UK team.

UK is deep. Deeper than any of the other 15 teams left in the tournament.

It's hard to discern. Utah forward Josh Grant says probably.

"The reason why Kentucky is so good is because they're very unselfish," he said. "With Kentucky, the sum is greater than its parts. They are a fine team, with team being the key word there."

Grant learned the hard way that focusing on junior forward Jamal Mashburn, the team's primary star who will skip his senior season to enter the NBA draft, is a big mistake.

"He's got a great surrounding cast and, as I learned, if you double him, they'll go to their other post guy," Grant said.

Majerus agreed. "We probably concentrated too much on Mashburn, and then Kentucky changed their game plan a little bit," Majerus said. "First of all, we weren't expecting that (Jeff) Brassow kid to start."

With regular starting forward



Jared Prickett hampered by a toe injury suffered during the Wildcats' win over Rider College Friday, UK coach Rick Pitino did his job. He started the next guy. Of course, most teams don't have Brassow and Rhodes as backups at small forward.

In each game, it's been someone different stepping forward. Early in the season it was Rhodes, who scored 27 points to lead UK past Georgia Tech and then earned MVP honors in the ECAC Holiday Festival.

Against Indiana it was Travis Ford, draining the threes in the clutch and finishing with 29 points to give UK a close win over the now No. 1-ranked Hoosiers.

As the season unwound, Prickett, who replaced Rhodes at small forward, was getting the job done with his hustle and knack for rebounding. Now it's sophomore center Andre Riddick swatting back shots and the opposition at just the right time, tournament time.

"Our depth is a factor," Pitino said.

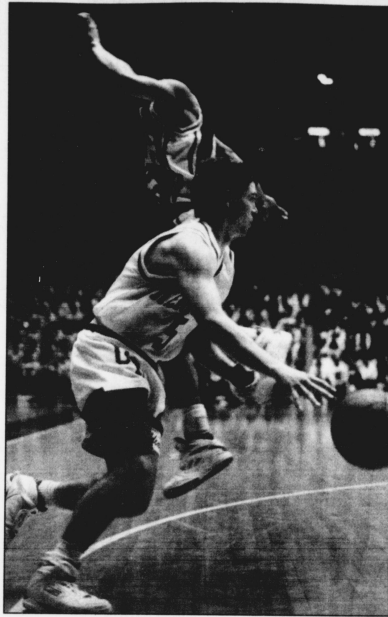
An understatement, at least when compared to Majerus' feelings about the Wildcats.

Looking at the rest of the field — including No. 1 seeds Indiana and Michigan which struggled to win their second-round games against Xavier and UCLA, respectively — UK's depth may be a big factor as the tournament wears on.

"They're very tough to play. They're a Final Four team, and I hope they win it because it's nice to say you played against the national champions," Majerus said.

UK's next step to the Final Four comes Thursday in Charlotte, N.C., when the Wildcats face the fifth-seeded Demon Deacons of Wake Forest.

Game time is set for about 10 p.m., depending on the length of the 7:30 game between Western Kentucky and Florida State.



PHOTOS BY JEFF BURLEW/Kentucky Kernel Staff



ABOVE: UK's Travis Ford drives against Utah in Sunday's NCAA Tournament game. The Cats will face Wake Forest at about 10 p.m. Thursday in Charlotte, N.C.

LEFT: Jamal Mashburn shoots a running jumper against the Utes.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball team plays today at Xavier

The UK baseball Wildcats, winners of eight of their last nine games, travel to Xavier (Ohio) today to begin a seven-game road trip.

The Cats (11-5) have played their last six games at Shively Field, where they are 5-1.

This weekend, the team took three straight games from nationally ranked Notre Dame, after losing Friday 7-6.

UK won the last three by scores of 13-10, 8-7 and 9-6. Paul Morse (2-0) won two games on the mound, and Lornn Frazier (3-0) won one.

The Wildcats are led offensively by freshman Chris Gonzalez, who is batting .400 and has hit four home runs and knocked in 15 runs.

Other weapons in the Cat attack are junior Matt Draga and senior Jeff Michael.

The Cats return home March 17 to play Wright State at 3 p.m.

NCAA lottery today

A limited number of tickets to the NCAA Tournament's Southeast Regional games will go on sale to UK students today.

The student lottery will begin at 6 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum. Booklets will cost \$50 each.

Each booklet includes admission to all three games, which will be held in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday and Saturday.

Florida State will meet Western Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. UK will play Wake Forest in the other regional semifinal about 10.

There is a limit of one booklet per student. The UK ticket office will accept cash, Visa or Mastercard.

Two UK track records fall

Two UK track records fell at the third annual Wake Forest Relays in Winston-Salem, N.C., last weekend.

Freshman Michelle Hite set the UK record for the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 64.54.

The mark was good enough for Hite to attain a third-place finish in the meet.

Junior Clyde Rudolph, freshman Demarcus Lindsey, freshman Tim Hardin and sophomore Christian Adair combined in the 4-by-200-meter relay to set a new UK record.

Their time of 1:25.4 set a meet record and also took first-place honors.

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Students should force SGA Senate candidates to work for their votes

EDITORIAL

This year yet another crop of students has placed names on the ballot to run for the Student Government Association Senate. Often these candidates slide into their seats with very little trouble, but this year that must end. Like every other year, these students soon will begin walking around campus attacking unsuspecting students, asking them for their votes next week.

Some will be asking you to put them back in their chairs so they may sit and do nothing again, but others will be out there because they really do want to facilitate change. Regardless of their motives, you should ask them a few simple questions.

When they approach you and beg for your vote, let them tell you why they want to be in SGA. Then ask them how they will make the senate effective.

Ask them why SGA should exist and how they will make it an organization worth having on campus.

Ask them how they will be held accountable to students. If these students are going to spend their time walking around campus campaigning, we at least can give them something to do. The chance of their doing anything after next week is minimal.

CONTINUING EDITORIAL

The Kentucky Kernel Editorial Board is continuing efforts to disband the Student Government Association. We are encouraging students to sign the petition below to create a student referendum to abolish the Student Government Association and replace it with a more accountable student council.

Sign your name to the ballot below and get your friends to do the same. Mail it, free of charge in campus mail, to the Kentucky Kernel office (26 Grehan Journalism Building, 40506-0042), or drop it off during business hours. A more efficient system of student representation awaits.

- As students at UK, we, the undersigned, request a referendum on the following questions:
- Is the Student Government Association doing anything for you?
 - Do you believe SGA puts your student fees to good use?
 - Should SGA be dissolved?

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LETTER

Pi Lambda Phi brings diversity

To the editor:

In reference to the Kentucky Kernel's article on March 9 about the status of Pi Lambda Phi and Jay Phillips' response on March 11, I am writing to express my strong support for the exceptional and exemplary group of young men who seek to colonize at UK.

Pi Lam is unique in that nearly one hundred years ago it was founded as the first non-sectarian social fraternity in the United States.

Its primary objective remains to promote understanding of cultural and ethnic diversity in a greek context. These ideals conform with the Lexington campus's agenda for fostering intercultural relations and internationalizing throughout the University — goals which the members of Pi Lam seriously and passionately are committed.

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Presidential hopefuls offer variety

Opportunity for close race looks doubtful



Joe Braun
Editorial Editor

Next week students will elect a new Student Government Association President — and what an array they have to choose from.

Choices range from a candidate who stands on tables to one who might stand on tables but not remember doing it.

Senator at Large Jeremy Bates is the obvious front runner in this year's election.

Bates, the short but shrewd leader in the senate, began his campaign last fall when he was talking about plans to run for president. Soon talked died, though, and his candidacy was not as certain.

He said he made the final decision to run because students had expected and actively were encouraging him to run. (Like anyone really ever thought he wouldn't.)

Since that time, he has worked his way up in leadership positions in a variety of organizations, ranging from the greek system to student government.

Bates is the front runner not only because of his broad base of support, but also because of his organizational skills and detailed platform, which has been in the developing stages five times longer than some candidates have been in.

Bates' running mate is Ellen Hamilton. While Hamilton's past involvement in SGA is limited, it helps to balance Bates' SGA experience and diversify the ticket.

The idealistic architecture student T.A. Jones is a more intriguing contender for the presidency.

Jones has tried to run a "take it to the masses" campaign, allowing students speak their minds. The only problem, as he learned during his formal announcement, is that students really don't want to be bothered with SGA. They just want their student services handed to them without a hassle.

During his announcement in the Student Center cafeteria, Jones stood up on a chair and took his message to the masses — about 400 students who were feeding their faces. He had to yell his speech to be heard over the crowd, and he was interrupted by numerous jeers from students.

Jones and his running mate Andrew Shveda have their hearts in the race, and their ideas are good. But students must listen to them.

Scott Mason and his vice presidential running mate Michael Erves have run what I will call a "in the shadows" campaign. They haven't made much noise, and that probably will be reflected in elec-

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tion results next week.

Mason is focusing much of his campaign on developing public relations for SGA. As a good friend once told me: "The cow needs to give some milk before it starts to moo."

Most of this ticket's campaigning appears to be going on from the sidelines. Mason and Shveda need to adopt some of Jones' enthusiasm and get their names and ideas out in the open.

The last chicken to hatch in this nest of four is fifth-year student Lance Dowdy. While he entered the race at the last minute and has a lot of catching up to do, he appears willing to accept the challenge.

Dowdy's past involvement in SGA is very confusing. When first asked about his election as a freshman senator, he said he couldn't exactly remember whether he finished his term or not — it was hazy to him.

What? Somewhere between Lexington and Durham, N.C. (Dowdy's a Pike), some information must have been lost. It needs to be found. How many people can't remem-

ber the freshman year? In my opinion, anyone that can't remember his freshman year of college will have a hard time meeting the needs of freshman students.

Eventually, after some investigating, it was determined (I think) that Dowdy was purged, or removed, from his senate seat for academic reasons. In his second year of college, he ran again and completed his term.

Dowdy, who is running with Senate Clerk Amber Leigh, also has to begin to stand on his own feet instead of relying on his campaign managers to cover specifics.

This year's race could be a runaway — or a neck-to-neck run to the finish line. While I believe we'll see the former, we must all vote next Wednesday and Thursday to help remember whether he finished his term or not — it was hazy to him.

Unless we vote, we have no room to complain, no matter who wins.

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Russian turmoil will challenge Clinton

Yeltsin tests strength of parliament



Don Puckett
Asst. Editorial Editor

Forget Somalia and Angola. Yugoslavia quickly is fading in significance. The attention of nations around the world is shifting to the domestic politics of Russia.

If any crisis will test the ability of the Clinton administration in the handling of foreign policy, the constitutional crisis in Russia will.

Over the weekend, Russian President Boris Yeltsin made use of what he called "special powers" to take authority away from the Russian parliament. He declared that his word is law until a national referendum to decide on a new Russian Constitution takes place on April 25.

The parliament's response was to ask the Constitutional Court to review the actions of Yeltsin and determine if they are in accordance with the current Russian Constitution.

A ruling is expected today, but it is a foregone conclusion that Yeltsin's actions will be determined unconstitutional. The chief justice of the court already has gone public with his opposition to Yeltsin, and the rest of the court's justices are expected to follow suit.

A ruling against Yeltsin will pave the way for the parliament's impeachment of him. Without an elected leader, Russian politics will fall into disorder and anarchy. The Clinton administration, as

well as congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle, were quick to announce their continued support for Yeltsin.

Their view is that Yeltsin is the only clear advocate for democratic change within Russia. Absent Yeltsin, there is no one that the U.S. government can side with who will guarantee a continued commitment to democratic reforms.

This unconditional support for Yeltsin is a mistake. Despite his past record of working for democratic ideals, his recent actions have set dangerous, anti-democratic precedents.

To start with, his declaration of one-man rule cuts against the grain of the democratic ideal. The central theme inherent to a democracy is a rule of law; that no one person has the authority or privilege of living above the law.

There are no provisions of the Russian Constitution that authorize Yeltsin's use of "special powers,"

and his actions will be denounced by a Constitutional Court that has the legitimate authority to review such actions.

One of Yeltsin's first decrees was that the executive branch would seize control of national media sources. The move is a blatant attempt to manipulate the outflow of information, and influence the public's views of the events that are unfolding. Remind anyone of the propaganda machines in the old Soviet Union?

If there is any justification for Yeltsin's actions, it is that his goal is to allow the people to decide the fate of their country through the national referendum.

But if Yeltsin controls the media, he controls the public. He can almost guarantee that the public will give him a vote of confidence if the

month before the referendum is a pro-Yeltsin media blitz.

The United States' support of Yeltsin sends a mixed message to the people of Russia. The United States backs democratic reforms and strong democratic institutions, yet it is willing to implement these reforms using anti-democratic means.

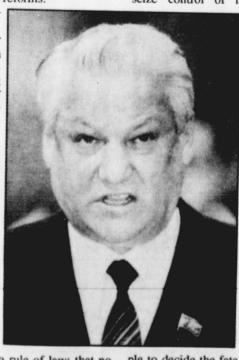
The Russian people need consistency from the United States as they attempt to shed old Communist views and adopt new ways of thinking.

Russia is in need of changes, but these changes must come within the context of stability. A rule of law has provided stability in the United States for more than 200 years. For democratic reforms to succeed and Russia to become a free and open society, a rule of law must be established to provide the same stability.

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Coursey

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Coursey to run with him.

Coursey said her biggest challenge during her term was being the leader of the senate without having the experience of being a senator. Before her, most vice presidents had served as senators, Coursey said. She had to set the trend of vice presidents coming from the executive side of SGA.

"It was hard for senators to take orders from someone who had never been a senator before," she said. James Kuder, vice chancellor of student affairs, worked closely with Coursey during her vice presidency. Kuder said she had tremendous energy in meeting students' needs, especially in her work to establish the campus escort service.

"She had a high energy level and was very persistent in pursuing the goals of SGA and of the students," he said.

After serving her term as vice president, Coursey graduated and entered law school with degrees in political science and English. Besides student government, Coursey participated in many other student organizations, such as the Student Development Council, the MOOT Court and the Lifestyles Theater Troupe.

Lisa Stofor, assistant dean of students, worked with Coursey in the theater troupe, which travelled across Kentucky promoting lifestyles of prevention and wellness.

"Sarah was the only student who performed who wasn't a theater major and just did a wonderful job," Stofor said.

Despite all her other activities, Coursey said her biggest standout was the formation of the Student Library Endowment, of which she was the co-chairwoman. She credited SGA with giving her the opportunity to be a part of the endowment.

"The formation of the student endowment is probably going to have the longest reaching benefit to the University," Coursey said.

But student government still plays a key role in Coursey's life, and as this year's election nears, many candidates are looking to Coursey for advice.

Coursey said she must remain neutral because of her position on the court. However, she did have advice for the candidates.

She urges them to stay connected with the students and not to forget that it is a student government.

"The president and vice president have to keep it all in perspective and not be afraid to take a stand, to take action," Coursey said.

She said that all students should

realize the importance of SGA and that it is to each student's advantage to be involved in it.

"You don't have to be Greek or a campus celebrity to be in student government, and you certainly don't have to be a senator," she said. Voting, or lack of it from UK students, is a point of contention for Coursey. She said SGA is a real government and that it affects the quality of life on campus, even if students sometimes don't realize it.

"This may sound harsh, but I believe that if you don't vote, then you are a parasite on society," she said. "There's plenty of information out there, and people should realize this and vote, whether in the student government or the 'real' government."

Coursey addressed the Kentucky Kernel's petition to abolish SGA as "ridiculous."

"Talk about stripping students' rights," she said. Coursey said people complain about SGA's being elitist, but giving what is now SGA money to the administration and to an 11-member council would make it even more elitist.

"I hope students realize that the (Kentucky) Kernel is just trying to incite something by all this," she said. "But it's really no big deal, because (abolishing SGA) has been proposed before."

In response to current criticism of SGA funding of special interest groups, like SAVE and UK Right to Life, Coursey said she supports giving money to groups for the right reasons.

"The money is not there to pay for membership drives or ads in the (Kentucky) Kernel," she said. "It's for specific events and to take care of things for groups that they otherwise wouldn't be able to."

Coursey said the senators need to focus more on the groups' requests, rather than the group itself.

"The problem is that senators aren't focusing on the bills at hand," she said. "They're looking at the symbolism of the bill."

"It doesn't matter if it's SAVE or Right to Life; you have to look at what they're asking for," she said.

As for now, Coursey plans to improve her position as chief justice of the SGA Supreme Court. She acknowledged that previous chief justice Ken Walker, who served for four and a half years, will be a "tough act to follow."

"I plan to continue along some of the same lines," she said. "I'd like to make the court known as a force to be taken seriously."

Coursey plans to be married in May and graduate from law school next year. Otherwise in the future, she said, "I'm not a planner. I like to leave the door wide open for opportunity."

Penn. group holds Great Sex-Out Day

By Joseph Coleman
Associated Press

YORK, Pa. — A long walk in the park. Lingered over a candlelight dinner. Working out at the gym until midnight.

Could activities like that keep teen-age minds off sex?

The Teen Pregnancy Coalition of York County hoped so yesterday, declaring its first Great Sex-Out Day to impress on unmarried teenagers the joys of abstinence.

Chapman

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The complaint also says that on Sunday, Billups told Jenny Chapman that he had been in Orlando when he made the threatening phone call.

By calling from Florida, the matter would be interstate commerce communications and under federal, rather than state, jurisdiction.

It was not known why Billups was in Lexington this weekend. However, the Chapman family attorney said Jenny did not see Billups this weekend.

"It's my understanding that those (conversations) would have been on the phone," Bill Rambiure said.

He did not know whether the FBI had taped those phone calls as well.

Arehart said he has proof Billups was out of state when the phone calls were made. "If I didn't have that proof, I wouldn't have filed the complaint."

Rambiure said Chapman has been living in Louisville, Ky., but is in the process of moving to Lexington, where her father, Wayne, lives. Wayne Chapman declined to comment yesterday.

Rambiure wouldn't say what re-

lationship there was between Billups and Jenny Chapman. He said that Billups and Rex Chapman have "known each other. I believe, but the nature and extent of the relation I'm not clear on."

Billups was charged with sexual battery and extortion Dec. 17 in Sanford, Fla.

Billups, 28, and a friend, Greg Calloway, 35, were picked up after a woman alleged that she was drugged and raped by Billups on Nov. 30 while visiting his home.

She alleged that Calloway, who lives with Billups, videotaped the assault.

Both men denied the charge and were freed on \$50,000 bond. The Bengals drafted Billups in 1985 from the University of North Alabama, and he played for Cincinnati through the 1991 season.

Rex Chapman did not return a telephone call The Associated Press made to the Bulls.

If convicted, Billups could face a sentence of not more than five years, Arehart said.

Information for this article also was gathered by The Associated Press.

Kostikov said Zorkin's position was "hasty and unilateral" and "contrary to legal ethics." He praised the military for remaining above the political fray, and said — without offering evidence — that support for Yeltsin was growing.

Zorkin said the court would continue its deliberations and proclaimed his impartiality.

He expressed hope "the president would revise his attitude to the Constitutional Court and the Congress of People's Deputies."

The court's failure to decide yesterday was seen as indicating that Zorkin may be trying to win time after his initial sharp criticism of Yeltsin.

Planned Parenthood in York.

The coalition, a 6-year-old group composed of government and private social-service agencies, estimates that teen-agers accounted for 21.3 percent of all births in the city of York in 1991, one of the highest rates in the state.

Nationwide in 1990, 12.8 percent of babies were born to mothers under 20, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

Blue-collar York has only about 42,000 residents but all the prob-

lems of a big city, such as high AIDS infection rates and homelessness, Backus said.

Joe Fay, chairman of the coalition, said York's birth rate might also be high because the area is strongly anti-abortion and residents are not generally inclined toward open, frank discussions about sex.

The county, just south of Harrisburg, has about 300,000 residents.

Many of the younger ones said yesterday they hadn't heard of the program and doubted their peers would heed the message.

Women

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Hoing technically was not the first "most learned female" though. Mary Hosford of Oberlin, Ohio, was the first female college graduate in the United States. She graduated from Oberlin College in 1837.

UK admitted women students relatively early compared to other Kentucky colleges. UK began admitting women in 1880, while Transylvania waited until 1889. Centre College in Danville, Ky., did not admit women until 1926, six years after women gained the right to vote.

The first women's group at UK was the Philosopher Society, established in 1882 for "literary improvement and social pleasure." A UK chapter of the YWCA was es-

ablished in 1904. And Alpha Xi Delta was the first sorority on campus, opening in 1907.

Over the years, the University has produced its share of famous female graduates. Margaret Ingel, who graduated in 1916, became the first woman mechanical engineer in the United States. Sarah Blanding (1923), the namesake for Blanding Tower, was president of Vassar College for several years. Martha Layne Collins (1959), was the first woman elected governor of Kentucky. She served from 1984-88. Bobbie Ann Mason (1962) is the acclaimed author of many novels set in Kentucky.

Oberlin College was the first co-educational college in the United States, as well as the first college to admit blacks. The first black female college graduate, Lucy Ann Stanton, also matriculated at Oberlin. She graduated with a Bachelor of Literature degree in 1850.

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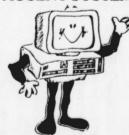
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