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Kim Hooker, mother of former UK baseball player Jon Hooker, receives a game ball from head coach John Cohen before the baseball game against Vanderbilt on Saturday, while Hooker's brother Adam watches. Hooker and his new wife were among the 49 passengers who died when Comair Flight 5191 crashed at Blue Grass Airport in August.

BITTERSWEET HONOR

Flight 5191 crash victim, former player remembered at Saturday's game

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Returning to the same field that Jon Hooker played on just six years ago is hard enough for former UK baseball head coach Keith Madison. But to see the former player's name on the old scoreboard in right field at Cliff Hagan Stadium almost brought him to tears.

"I can't hardly look at it to be honest with you because it makes it real," Madison said. "There are times when I think of Jon that I actually momentarily forget that he's gone. But when I see that up there, it makes it very real."

Madison was one of several friends and family members in attendance for a ceremony to honor Hooker before Saturday evening's UK-Vanderbilt game.

Hooker, who played at UK from 1997 to 2001, was one of the 49 victims who died in the Comair Flight 5191 crash near Blue Grass Airport on Aug. 27. He and his wife, Scarlett Parsley, had married just hours earlier and were headed to California on their honeymoon.

Hooker's mother, grandparents, brother and former coach all took part in the ceremony. The honorary emblem on the old scoreboard in right field was dedicated

to Hooker during the tribute before the game. Fans also joined in a moment of silence, which was then followed by the presentation of a commemorative game ball from current head coach John Cohen.

Although it's been nearly eight months since the crash, the Hooker family could hardly bring themselves back to the place where Hooker used to play.

"It's a little surreal actually," said Kelli Gray, Hooker's aunt, who spoke on behalf of the Hooker family. "One of the things I've really been thinking about while I've been here tonight is how little boys dream about playing for the University of Kentucky and he actually got to realize that dream."

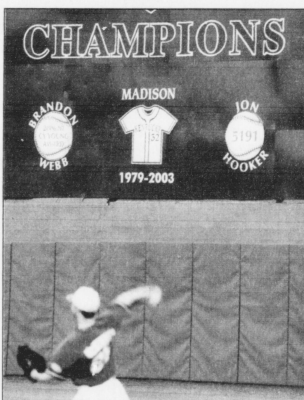
"To look out there at that emblem, not only does that represent him, but it kind of represents that those dreams can come true for anyone."

The emblem, a baseball with the flight number written inside of it and Hooker's name written around it, joins two other names on the scoreboard — Madison's and that of former UK player and Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Brandon Webb.

"It's kind of a bittersweet-type thing," Madison said. "It's tremendous that the UK baseball program



Jon Hooker



Senior Matt McKinney warmed up in right field in front of the emblem honoring Jon Hooker. Former player Brandon Webb, who won the National League's Cy Young Award last year, and Hooker's former coach Keith Madison are the only other two people to be honored on the scoreboard.

Rain causes delays as baseball team splits series with No. 1 Vanderbilt

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Softball swept in 3-game series against top-ranked Tennessee

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Arts extension expands across county lines

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David Deborde hadn't seen much done with art in Greenup County before a month ago.

The Greenup County High School language arts teacher said a new office in the area was already changing that. UK's fine arts outreach efforts have doubled with the addition of an extension office in Greenup County and with fine arts extension agent Cora Hughes as its head.

"She has been here for a month and has done more than I've seen done (for the arts) in the past five years," Deborde said.

"We have a lot of talent in Greenup County and we wanted someone with experience and vision to come in and see what we needed to do (to build on it)," he said. "Growing with the Arts" gives kids more reason to want to stay in Greenup County."

Hughes said facilitating those opportunities for art in the area is what she's there to do.

"I'm not creating talent," Hughes said. "I'm just helping to coordinate the arts."

UK Fine Arts began its

arts extension program two years ago in Pike County. The project, known as Pike Arts, was recognized when it received one of the 2006 Governor's Award in the Arts.

By providing an outlet for fine arts in rural communities, Pike Arts became one of the first programs of its kind in the nation, Hughes said.

UK has agriculture extension offices in every county, but Greenup only added a fine arts program, called Growing with the Arts, with the addition of Hughes in early March.

"Extension is huge," Hughes said. "Fine arts (are) another area of extension and the arts will enhance the lives of people in every way."

As a former music educator and program coordinator for the UK Opera Program, Hughes wants to build the university's music reputation with her work in the county. She said she hopes to make the program the liaison of arts in the area — not only enhancing programs but creating new ones as well.

Hughes helps with programming at the Greenbo

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Human rights activist to speak on child labor

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Kailash Satyarthi was going to be an electrical engineer. Instead, he dedicated his life to activism, speaking for millions of children in India forced into slavery by powerful and corrupt businesses and landowners.

Satyarthi, from New Delhi, India, has worked as a human rights activist for 26 years.

He will speak on child labor issues at the W. T. Young Library Auditorium tonight at 5:30. The lecture is sponsored by Global Gain and UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. It is free and open to the public.

"I am totally elated that Kailash is coming to speak," said Nathan Cryder, UK Patterson School of Diplomacy alumni and event coordinator. "Kailash is one of my all-time personal heroes that risks his life everyday to rescue child slaves."

Kentucky will be a detour for Satyarthi before traveling to Washington, D.C., New York City and Boston for other speeches. Cryder said Satyarthi contacted him about visiting the United States and Cryder arranged for him to visit UK.

In his social work, Satyarthi serves as chairperson for Global March Against Child Labor. The organization is an assortment of 2,000 social organizations and trade unions in 140 countries. He also serves as the President of the Global Campaign for Education.

Satyarthi is an advocate for global education, which in-

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Brown University prof. creates own art world on Web

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When Mark Tribe was establishing himself as an artist, he felt as though every innovation in art had already been done.

But he soon found a new frontier and place to make his mark — the Internet.

"The Internet is a big construction site," Tribe said. "I knew the Internet was turning the world into a global village."

Tribe, assistant professor of modern culture and media studies at Brown University, was the final speaker in this year's Visiting Artists and Scholars Series, hosted by the UK Art Department.

During his visit, the artist and curator, who concentrates his focus on combining emerging technologies with contemporary art, addressed

the public in a free lecture in the White Hall Classroom Building Friday.

During the lecture, Tribe presented pictures of his new media artwork, which have been exhibited at galleries in New York City, Germany and Austria.

To promote his and other Internet art, Tribe founded Rhizome.org, an online forum for new media art. A rhizome is a botanical term for plants that have horizontal roots. The roots create a living network of plants underground. Tribe said the term fit for what he wanted to create with the Web site and personalized his view of the Internet.

Unlike most forms of art, Internet art is not meant to be exhibited in galleries because it requires more time to view projected or filmed pieces than is typical for other gallery pieces, Tribe said. So in 2000, he introduced "Open

Mouse," a play on "Open Mics," where individuals can display their digital artwork on screens around clubs.

Tribe's current project is a series of re-enactments of historic protest speeches from the 1960s and '70s, called the Port Haron Project. Each event takes place at the location of the original speech and is presented by an actor or actress.

The motivation behind the project came to Tribe when he returned to Brown as a professor 20 years after entering the college as a freshman. The difference between the campus culture during and after the Vietnam era struck Tribe.

"I thought it was odd that the campus was quiet," he said, when he returned to Brown. Tribe told the audience that students played a big part in the end of the Vietnam War through

protests and demonstrations. "Why don't we feel that way anymore?" he asked the audience.

Tribe and two other artists also worked collaboratively on a site-specific public art project in 1994 at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, Calif. The project was for inSite '94, a bi-national art exhibition in San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico. For the project, thousands of incoming cars were sorted by color and directed into different sections of a moat-like parking lot that surrounds the college.

Tribe explained the project was an attempt to transform the parking lot into a piece of art. "Art is a social process," Tribe said. He told the audience that the project was a social experiment that engaged the entire community in an attempt to undermine the ordering of social space.

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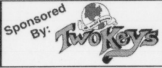
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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 10 — You can get farther faster than ever before under these conditions. Barriers that have stopped you in the past have been overcome.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 6 — You're up against a deadline again, which isn't entirely your fault. Circumstances beyond your control have increased the pressure. Better hurry up and do what you promised.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is an 8 — Confer with your team, and do your best to learn from their mistakes. Become more assertive under their coaching but don't get

impetuous. **Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** Today is an 8 — The quality of your work has made an excellent impression. It's also good that you're in the habit of solving your own problems.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 9 — This could be your lucky day. That part is pretty obvious. Whether or not you keep what you gain, however, is not as clear. Avoid impetuous behavior, especially from yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 5 — Count the money carefully, so you don't make any mistakes. The last thing you need is a lecture from people who can't do their own math.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — Be ready to hear about every little violation of the rules. Passions have also been aroused, so stay out of the way of a zealot.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 3 — You're onto something good. Resist the urge to tell every-

body. Use that energy to make sure all your paperwork is in order. **Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Today is a 7 — You are so very attractive now, it's hard to get a moment's peace. Some very assertive admirers are demanding your attention.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 5 — You don't have to explain yourself to anyone but you can. A private conversation with a loved one could do wonders for a drooping attitude.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — Your passion for learning is so intense, you could frighten casual observers. Don't worry about them; they'll turn out to be your greatest admirers.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 10 — Choose your words very carefully, while things are going well. If you have trouble with profit flow, shouting could clear the blockage.

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Scary Split

Scary Movie star Anna Farris, 30, filed for divorce from her husband of nearly three years, actor Ben Indra, 28, on April 3, citing irreconcilable differences.

Just Married

Scrubs' John C. McGinley, 47, wed his girlfriend of two and a half years, yoga instructor Nicole Kessler, 34, at their Malibu, California, home April 7.

It's a Boy!

Eldred Hanson brother Isaac Hanson, 26, and his wife of nearly seven months, Nicole, 22, welcomed their first child, Clarke, April 3.

New Note

Beyonce Knowles, 25, will kick off a three-month North American tour in New Orleans July 6.

Moving

Avril Lavigne, 22, and her husband, Deryck Whibley, 27, bought the eight-bedroom home of Travis Barker, 31, and Shanna Moukher, 32, in L.A.'s Bel Air for about \$9.5 million.

Denise Richards, 36, is selling her five-bedroom Hidden Hills, California, estate for close to \$4.5 million.

Passing the Torch

CNN's Larry King, 73, recommended Ryan Seacrest, 32, to replace him when he retires in 10 years.

Work It

Project Runway's Tim

Gunn, 53, signed on for a fourth season of the Bravo show, set to air this summer.

Big Win

Whitney Houston, 43, will have sole custody of daughter Bobbi Kristina, 14, when her divorce to husband Bobby Brown, 38, becomes final April 24.

Busted

Kevin Federline's brother Cameron, 20, served five days in a county jail after pleading guilty to underage drinking and providing alcohol to minors at his family's home in Pendleton, Oregon, March 3. Kevin's rep had no comment.

Strike a Pose

Lindsay Lohan, 20, is the face of Jill Stuart's fall campaign. The deal was brokered by her attorney Mike Heller, 30.

Freshest Prince

Will Smith, 38, was named the most powerful actor on the planet by Newsweek.

Farewell

A Christmas Story director Bob Clark, 67, and his son Ariel, 22, died after being hit by a driver, Hector Velazquez-Nava, 24, who was allegedly going the wrong direction on California's Pacific Coast Highway April 4. Velazquez-Nava pleaded not guilty to two counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Family Feud

Elizabeth Hurley's father-in-law, Vinod Nayar, 66, told Lon-

don's The Daily Mirror April 8 that he has severed ties with Hurley, 41, and his son, Arun, 42, because "they placed more importance on showing off than [on] their own family" at their March nuptials.

— Ian Drew

Justin's Bratty Interview: Round 2

Justin Timberlake is crying himself another river — this time over his 2003 endorsement deal with McDonald's.

After complaining to Details that the Grammy's "ruled" him for ratings, he tells the May issue of British GQ, "I view the Grammy's the same way as I see my deal with McDonald's."

Though he banked an estimated \$6 million for telling the world, "I'm lovin' it," Timberlake, 26, snips, "I regret the McDonald's deal."

He also claims he upped their market share "25 percent when I walked into those offices and changed their image."

A McDonald's rep tells U.S., "We appreciate his role in the campaign."

Says marketing expert Ryan Schimman, "You never want to bite the hand that feeds you, but Justin can pretty much write his own ticket at this point."

— Ian Drew

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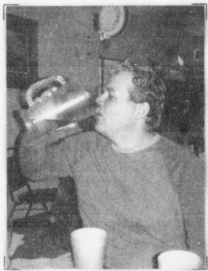
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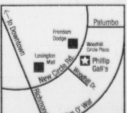
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Vanderbilt's Alex Feinberg slid across home plate to score a run during Saturday's game at Cliff Hagan Stadium. The game was stalled in the sixth inning with a 2-1 score because of rain. The game resumed on Sunday and was played after an abbreviated seven-inning game already scheduled between the two teams.

Cats lose series to No. 1 Vandy

Rain delays force doubleheader yesterday, UK pulls comeback to take one in three-game series

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The UK baseball team couldn't overcome the bitter-cold conditions or the nation's top-ranked club this weekend in a three-game series against Vanderbilt.

The No. 19 Cats (26-9-1, 6-8-1 Southeastern Conference) rallied for an 8-6 victory against the No. 1 Commodores (32-6, 9-6 SEC) in the first game of the doubleheader at Cliff Hagan Stadium yesterday. They fell in the second contest 9-4 in a resumption of Saturday's game, which was suspended in the sixth inning because of inclement weather.

The first game, which started at 1 p.m., lasted only seven innings to accommodate the remainder of Saturday's game.

"I'd like to think that these weather conditions are ours, that we excel in these conditions," head coach John Cohen said. "But for some reason or another we haven't excelled in these conditions here recently."

In the first game, the Cats pulled out a comeback victory after a four-run sixth inning. Senior catcher Sean Coughlin's two-out, two-run home run was the difference, breaking a 6-6 tie.

"He gave me a fastball on the outer half and I was just went with it," Coughlin said.

"(With) the wind blowing out today, Coach Cohen wanted me to get underneath the ball."

Although the Cats captured the win, they struggled defensively. They allowed two unearned runs in the first inning on errors by junior third baseman Brian Spear and junior center fielder Antone DeJesus.

The Commodores had their share of struggles in the bottom half of the first inning as well.

A pass ball by Commodore catcher Andrew Giobbi, who was making his first career SEC start at catcher, allowed UK to score its first run. After Coughlin singled, Vandy pitcher Nick Christiani walked three straight batters to force in another run to tie the score at 2-2.

The Cats and Commodores exchanged runs over the next five innings. The Commodores scored a run in the third and fifth innings and two runs in the sixth inning, while the Cats scored a run in the second and fourth innings, before the Cats' four-run sixth inning put them up 8-6.

Freshman pitcher Duran Ferguson (2-1) notched the win in the first game, hurling 2.3 of an inning in relief. Junior pitcher Brock Baber recorded two outs in the seventh inning for his first save of the year.

The second game resumed in the top of the sixth inning with a 2-1 score, no outs and Vanderbilt runners on first and third base.

Ferguson, who took over on the mound for Saturday starter Andrew Albers, gave up three hits and a sacrifice fly to help extend the Commodore lead to 5-1.

"I just tried to stay calm," Ferguson said of starting the second game with two runners on and no outs. "Coming in like that I just tried to have the mindset that nobody was on base."

The Cats rallied in the sixth inning on a pair of home runs from unlikely sources. Sawyer Carroll, who started in right field for the first time this season for defensive purposes, blasted a two-run shot, his second home run of the year. He was followed by freshman Anthony Otrando's solo home run, his first career long ball.

But the rally wouldn't be enough, as the Commodores tacked on a run in the eighth inning and three runs in the ninth inning to seal the game.

"We put up numbers and kept swinging the bats there but we just didn't get enough to fall for us in the end," Carroll said.

Albers (5-1) suffered his first loss of the year while Commodore pitcher Mike Minor (6-0) picked up the win, even though neither pitcher threw a pitch on Sunday.

"I really think we should have won all three of these games," Carroll said. "We had them in our hands and we kind of let them slip away."

Rain hinders ultimate game of routines

They played baseball yesterday at Cliff Hagan Stadium. Two games, actually. UK won one game and No. 1 Vanderbilt won one game. That might be news to you, because chances are you weren't at the games. In fact, almost no one was. A crowd of less than 500 people saw UK use late game heroics to win the first game and Vandy use offensive firepower to claim the second.

Why?

Because of the weather. Neither team could sweep the doubleheader, but the weather could, with 40-degree temperatures raining chances for a huge crowd, just as No. 19 UK's loss in game two ruined the Cats' chances of taking the series from the nation's top team.

A win in the second game of the doubleheader — which was actually the completion of a suspended game from Saturday night — would have pulled the Cats back to even in Southeastern Conference play, and would have brought a logjam in the East division even closer together.

Instead, the Cats remain fifth in the division, attempting to tread enough water to turn their 19-4 start into a second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. But it would be nice if they didn't have any water to tread.

UK's games on Wednesday (against Louisville) and Saturday both started late because of rain, and Saturday's game ended early thanks to downpours. Plus, the cold weather has been nothing short of bitter. Rain and sear-breath temperatures make the toughest sport to play even tougher to play.

Baseball is a game predicated on getting into a routine at the plate and on the mound; that's why Major League teams play nearly every day and college teams play four times a week. But our stunningly cold weather this month has made finding that routine a difficult chore for the Cats, who are struggling to match last season's conference championship-winning form.

"I'm disappointed," head coach John Cohen said. "We're not playing well. We're missing talent from a year ago. We've just got to repair some holes offensively."

The biggest hole the Cats have been unable to fill has been left by outfielder Collin Cowgill, who hasn't played all season because of a wrist injury.

"When we face left-handed pitching, we're vacant of power from the right side," Cohen said.

Speaking of vacant, that's what Hagan Stadium was yesterday. And who could blame fans for staying home? The wind whipped through the ballpark, and cold temperatures necessitated bank-robbier masks and wool mittens on the dozens of fans sprinkled in the grandstand at the end of the day. The crummy weather and tiny crowd made yesterday an unfulfilling one for the Cats.

"It's kind of a double whammy because nobody shows up and you don't play well," Cohen said. "It's not the combination you're looking for. Our players practice in this and we play in this and you just want to be convinced that you're better than your opponent in this weather."

Yesterday, UK was better once, and Vandy was better once.

But against the weather? Mother Nature was undefeated.



CHRIS DELOTTELL
Kernel columnist

East division even closer together.

HOOKER

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and the athletic department are honoring him. It's a joyous occasion really."

The former coach was one of 26 friends and family who attended the ceremony, including Parsley's father, Johnny Parsley.

After playing under Madison for four years, Hooker transferred to Eastern Kentucky University where he finished his undergraduate degree. The Cleveland Indians then drafted Hooker, and he later signed with the Chicago White Sox as a free agent.

Hooker's baseball career ended in 2004, and he moved back to his home-

town of London, Ky., where he did social work at a doctor's office, helping drug addicts through rehabilitation. After marrying Parsley, he planned on moving to Lexington to be with his wife, said Austin Madison, Keith Madison's son and Hooker's former teammate.

"I got a picture of Jon and Scarlett in my office and there's not a day that goes by that I don't think about them," Keith Madison said. "I try to pray for his family everyday, and I don't want to forget. I want to remember."

Coming back to Hagan Stadium was especially difficult for Hooker's mother and grandparents. The last time they were there, they were watching Hooker play the game he loved so much. Gray

said.

Hooker always maintained a level of dignity and character, Gray said, and she hopes people will always remember him for his "beautiful soul."

Madison hopes people won't remember Hooker as somebody who played baseball and died in a plane crash, but as someone who was "truly a selfless person."

A tribute on the right field wall will remind them.

"It's a very classy thing, but at the same time it brings back memories that are very difficult," Madison said. "I think it's a wonderful thing that the athletic department is doing. I'm glad they're doing it and I'm just thankful and honored to be a part of it."



Brian Gray wore a button and a dogtag in memory of his cousin Jon Hooker at Saturday's game against Vanderbilt.

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TENNESSEE 9, UK 4 Vols dominate Cats in 3-game sweep

By Kenny Colston
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The UK softball team was out-hit, out-pitched and ultimately out-matched this weekend in a three-game series against No. 1 Tennessee.

The Volunteers outscored the Cats 29-6 for the weekend, which included a 9-4 win in the second game of a doubleheader yesterday.

"We didn't play," head coach Eileen Schmidt said. "Going against the No. 1 team and No. 1 pitcher and we just didn't play."

Although the Cats (19-21, 4-15 Southeastern Conference) were dominated, they had their best chance for an upset in the second game.

Tennessee raced out to a 5-0 lead, but senior catcher Katie Campbell and freshman third baseman Molly Johnson hit back-to-back home runs off Tennessee starter Megan Rhodes in the fourth inning.

In the fifth inning, senior shortstop Brooke Marnitz hit her 19th home run off Tennessee's Monica Abbott — who had entered in relief of Rhodes — to pull the Cats within one. But Tennessee scored four more runs off UK pitchers Megan Jolly and Amber Matousik in the remaining two innings to put away the Cats.

Abbott shut down UK in the next two innings to extend her record to 36-1 on the year. Jolly gave up eight runs — six earned — in the loss to even her record at 7-7.

She was a major problem for the Cats



Senior shortstop Brooke Marnitz hits her 19th home run during yesterday's 9-4 loss against No. 1 Tennessee.

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this weekend.

In 17 2/3 innings, she struck out 39 batters. She struck out 17 on Saturday in UT's 12-0 win, and 16 in Tennessee's 8-2 win in the first game of yesterday's doubleheader. "We were prepared for Abbott," Campbell said, "but we didn't realize what she actually brought."

UK also struggled defensively this weekend. The Cats committed two errors in

the second game yesterday and two on Saturday. They also allowed 16 stolen bases this weekend.

"If you're going to win against the No. 1 team, you've got to play well in all three aspects of the game," Schmidt said.

Marnitz added: "It was disappointing. We're better than we played this weekend."

SPRING PRACTICE

Woodson shines, backups struggle

By Matthew George
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On the first possession of the UK football team's scrimmage on Saturday, senior quarterback Andre Woodson connected with tight end T.C. Drake on an 18-yard touchdown pass that capped off a 60-yard drive against the first-team defense.

That was supposed to be the end of his day. But Woodson wasn't content with sitting out the rest of practice.

"We gave Andre one series and we told him he was done," said offensive coordinator Joker Phillips. "He was over there begging us to put him back in the game."

The coaching staff eventually caved and sent Woodson out for one more possession.

"I'm not sure we would have seen those kinds of things out of him last year," Phillips said. Woodson completed 8-of-12 passes for 86 yards with the one touchdown during the practice that was moved to Nutter Field House because of the weather. Overall, head coach Rich Brooks was pleased with what he saw from Woodson and the rest of the UK football team in Saturday's scrimmage.

"Andre is playing very well," Brooks said. "Obviously he is throwing the ball very accurately and knows what he is doing."

Brooks has not been as happy, though, with redshirt freshmen quarterbacks Mike Hartline and Will Fidler, who are com-

peting to be Woodson's backup. "Right now neither quarterback is playing to the level they need to play," Brooks said.

Hartline and Fidler each played one series with the first-team offense, one with the second-team offense and two with the third-team offense. Hartline completed 4-of-9 passes for 61 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jacob Tamme.

Fidler connected on 9-of-14 attempts for 81 yards. Fidler drove the offense into the red zone twice, only to see missed field goals spoil both scoring opportunities.

Woodson said the two quarterbacks competing for the backup spot have struggled adjusting to the speed of live-game situations, but recognized that they are also both capable of being successful in the future.

"Those guys are both freshmen right now so they are going to make their mistakes," Woodson said. "Both of them have shown that they are capable of playing in the Southeastern Conference and both of them have big, and very strong arms."

Redshirt freshman tailback Trey Bowland led all rushers with 39 yards on five carries. Bowland, rushing for the second and third units, broke a 26-yard run, the longest of the day.

Sophomore tailback Alfonso Smith shared first-team rushing duties with Rafael Little. Smith ran for 21 yards on six carries.



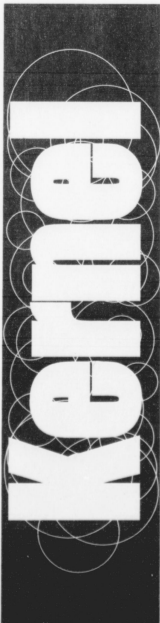
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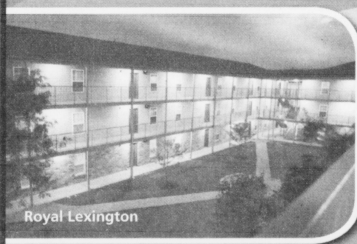
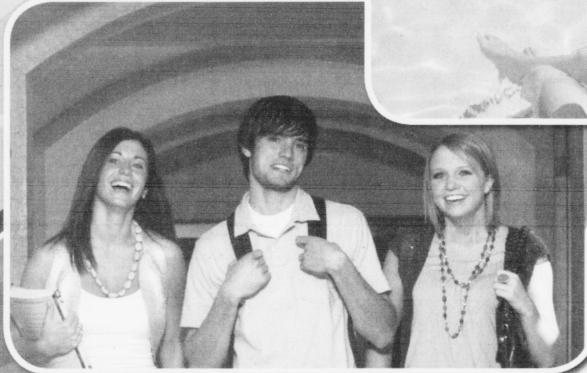
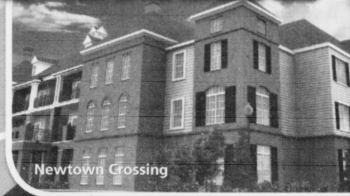
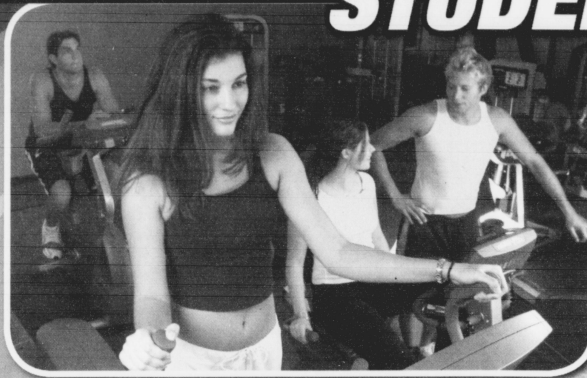
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The idea was "to transform this mundane place into a weird world for a day," Tribe said. Tribe concluded the lecture by encouraging students to look for opportunities of innovation for their art.

"If I could give you one word of advice it is: MYOAW," Tribe said. "Make your own art world."

ARTS

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State Resort Park amphitheatre in Greenup County and is working on the Colonel Bill Williams Music Festival. She is also working to produce a musical adaptation of Jesse Stuart's "The Thread that Runs So True: A Mountain School Teacher Tells His Story" to be performed at the amphitheatre next summer.

Growing with the Arts has also worked with local area schools. UK opera programs

will be visiting both Raceland High School and Wurtland Middle School in Greenup County.

Three other counties in the state are looking to create extension services in their areas, Hughes said.

Stephanie Richards, the extension agent in Pike County, was pleased with the growth of the extension efforts.

"This is an incredible testament to the idea of a fine arts program in any county interested — not just Pike County," Richards said.

"Great things (are going)

to come," Richards said, adding that the support from the community makes much more possible in the future.

Both Richards and Hughes said the two extension services will collaborate.

Richards was the first art extension agent hired in the state and said she is very pleased to have Hughes join her.

"Corra Hughes is the perfect selection for the job in Greenup County," Richards said.

"She is going to do beautiful work in that county."

HUMAN RIGHTS

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volves the Quadrangular Paradigm, a worldwide peace march started this year that incorporates child marchers. The ultimate goal of the march is to create a worldwide peoples' movement, with children and youth leading it, to put an end to armed conflicts, wars and terrorism, and to protect education rights.

Cryder will attend Global Action Week in Washington, D.C. the last week of April. He is

heading a petition effort and hopes with Satharthy's help to gather over 1,000 signatures representing Lexington citizens' concerns on education and child labor issues to take to Congressman Ben Chandler.

Cryder also said he hopes people attend Satharthy's lecture for more education on child labor.

"Students should come out and realize they are at a perfect stage to get their voices heard to be potential activists," Cryder said. "One thing Kailash will be stressing is for people to volunteer, speak out against child labor and get involved with local congressmen."

South Carolina's Spurrier says it's time to remove confederate flag

By Joseph Person
McClatchy Newspapers

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Steve Spurrier does not want to be a politician, he said.

But the South Carolina football coach believes the state would be a better place to live if the Confederate battle flag were removed from the State House grounds.

Spurrier brought up the flag issue Friday while accepting a leadership award from City Year at the service group's Ripples of Hope banquet at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Spurrier said Saturday that he believed he was in an appropriate setting to voice his opinion.

"It would make us a more progressive, better state, I think, if the flag was removed. But I'm not going to go on any big campaign to have it removed. That's not my position," Spurrier said in an interview with The State in Columbia, S.C. "But if anyone were to ask me, that would certainly be my position. And I think everyone in there, it was their position, too."

Spurrier said it was "embarrassing" last year when someone waved a Confederate battle flag behind the set of ESPN's "GameDay" before the Gamecocks' home game against Tennessee.

"Some clown or some dude was waving that big ol' Confederate flag right behind them about the whole time they were on," Spurrier said.

State legislators have said little about the flag since reaching a compromise in 2000 that moved the flag from atop the Capitol dome to a Confederate monument on the State House grounds.

"I'm not trying to be a politician. I just gave my opinion," Spurrier said. "I did mention that if our team wins big and wins the conference championship, then I'll have a bigger voice. That's just the way life is. If we stumble-bumble around, no one gives a dang what I say."

"If I want to make a change to hopefully make this state better, we need to win big."

Other South Carolina college football and basketball coaches, including Clemson's Tommy Bowden and Larry Shyatt and USC's Lou Holtz and Eddie Fogler, also have spoken out against the flag at various times, according to The Associated Press.

Months before the flag was removed, the NAACP began a boycott of the state's tourism industry that continues today.

A year after the flag was moved, the NCAA adopted a ban that prohibits South Carolina schools from hosting pre-assigned championships, such as men's and women's basketball regionals or football bowl games. This year an NCAA committee considered extending the ban to include championship events based on merit, before keeping the existing moratorium.

Lonnie Randolph, state NAACP president, applauded Spurrier for "standing up and speaking the truth."

"The most important thing — forget about recruiting, forget about winning and losing — right should be the reason that we do what we do," Randolph said. "And disrespecting people in any shape, form or fashion ain't right."

Randolph predicted Spurrier's comments would send "shock waves through the community,"

but was skeptical whether they would spur legislative change.

Republican Gov. Mark Sanford's spokesman Joel Sawyer said Saturday: "We've been very clear. It's settled. The issue was settled ... years ago."

Democratic Sen. Darrell Jackson, who represents portions of Richland and Calhoun counties, said: "I was pleasantly surprised and commend (Spurrier) for taking such a courageous and bold stand."

"I was part of the compromise (that moved the flag from the top of the State House to the grounds). But, in retrospect, we probably should have gone further and had it resolved. My mind has been changed and perhaps other people who were part of that compromise feel differently, too."

Sen. Robert Ford, D-Charleston, who sponsored the bill that moved the flag from the dome to the grounds, said Spurrier's timing was "100 percent wrong," given the presidential campaigns coming through the state. Candidates have more important issues, Ford said. "He threw a monkey wrench in this campaign and I don't like it," Ford said. "It don't look right. It don't sound right. It don't feel right."

The 61-year-old Spurrier, who grew up in east Tennessee, said he did not know anyone in South Carolina who was in favor of flying the flag, "but I guess there's a lot out there somewhere."

Don Gordon is one of them.

Gordon, a state officer with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, said Spurrier's call for the removal of the flag was "the moral equivalent of calling our ancestors 'nappy-headed hos.'"

Radio personality Don Imus was fired last week after using that phrase to describe members of Rutgers' women's basketball team.

"As a USC graduate, I love Carolina football," Gordon added. "But I'm not willing to give up my heritage for any football recruit or any football coach."

Civil rights leaders say the Confederate flag hurts the recruiting efforts of the state's schools. USC tailback Cory Boyd, a senior from New Jersey, said other schools mentioned the Confederate flag in South Carolina as a negative recruiting tactic against the Gamecocks.

"That (flag) can turn a lot of people away, for many people that we recruit," said Boyd, who is black. "But you've got to understand once you step inside this arena and get with these coaches and get around each other, you really block out all the other negativity."

But Spurrier said his stance on the flag has nothing to do with recruiting.

"I mentioned it to hopefully make our state a better place. There's no gain in recruiting. We can recruit," he said. "But it would just make our state a more progressive state in the eyes of the nation. People would look at South Carolina in a better light."

Spurrier acknowledged that he was tackling a sensitive subject, but does not regret speaking up.

"If you had a relative who died in the Confederate war, maybe you'd feel very strongly about it, too. But that's history," Spurrier said. "If it represents something that angers people, then why do that?"

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On Tuesday, all eyes will be on Gonzales

By Margaret Talev and Marisa Taylor
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — For Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, his testimony Tuesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee is all about him, and whether he can restore enough credibility to keep his job.

But many of the Democrats who control Congress and the committee have already written off Gonzales. They're less interested in his fate than in whether his testimony can open a back door into the White House as they investigate the firings of eight U.S. attorneys.

Their keenest interest is in how much influence President Bush's political adviser Karl Rove exercised in the firings, and why. The prosecutors were fired shortly after last November's midterm elections, a highly unusual move in the middle of an administration. Based on what they've learned so far, Democrats suspect that partisan political motives may have corrupted the impartial rule of law.

When an attorney general is accused of letting politics interfere with the administration of justice, it's so sensitive a matter that predecessors are uncomfortable discussing it. Bush's first attorney general, John Ashcroft, declined an interview request, as did President Clinton's attorney general, Janet Reno.

Philip Heymann, a Harvard law professor and former deputy attorney general under Reno, said any Justice Department was always vulnerable to allegations of playing politics with prosecutions.

"But these allegations are vastly greater and more credible," Heymann said. "Really good attorney generals go out of their way to keep appearances straight as well as serious. I think something serious has been going on, and I think it's terribly important that it come out."

"If politicians were going to the White House and saying they didn't want this or that case brought, and the White House was letting the U.S. attorneys know by firing them, it would be terribly immoral and destructive."

The U.S. attorneys controversy

Key dates in the unfolding controversy surrounding the firing of eight U.S. attorneys and whether politics played a role in their dismissals:

2006

Dec. 7 Seven U.S. attorneys in N.M., Ariz., Nev., Wash., Mich., Calif. (2) told to resign (U.S. attorney in Ark. told to resign June 5)

2007

Jan. 10 Attorney General Alberto Gonzales testifies before Senate Judiciary Committee that firings are not political

Feb. 6 Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty tells the Senate that, with the exception of Ark. U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins, firings were performance-based

Feb. 28 U.S. Attorney David Iglesias (N.M.) says he was fired for political reasons

March 5 Michael Battle, the Justice Dept. official who told the eight U.S. attorneys to resign, says he's resigning

March 10 N.M. Republican party chair links presidential adviser Karl Rove to controversy

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March 13 Gonzales says "mistakes were made" at press conference in which he says he was marginally involved in firings

March 14 President Bush defends Gonzales but says about the controversy, "I'm frankly, not happy about it."

March 26 Monica Goodling, senior counselor to Gonzales, says she will plead the 5th Amendment in response to Senate questioning

March 29 Sampson testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee that Gonzales knew more than he let on

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incomplete and flailing explanations about why the U.S. attorneys were fired and what his own role was.

Tuesday will be his first congressional testimony since January, when he told lawmakers that the firings weren't political. His deputy, Paul McNulty, told lawmakers the firings were performance-based, but documents released later contradicted that assertion.

Then Gonzales said he'd lost confidence in the prosecutors. He also suggested he hadn't been deeply involved in the decisions.

But soon after, Kyle Sampson, his former chief of staff, who'd resigned as the controversy exploded, testified before the Senate that he'd briefed Gonzales about the prosecutors repeatedly and the attorney general had signed off on the decisions to fire them.

Gonzales has since tried to reconcile the conflicting statements, but hasn't done so to many lawmakers' satisfaction. While Bush has stood by Gonzales, his longtime friend, the White House also has said that Gonzales needs to ease lawmakers' concerns.

Several Republican senators who once backed Gonzales consider his upcoming testimony make-or-break. They include Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee, as well as others who aren't on that panel but are up for re-election next year.

"The attorney general has serious problems," said Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn. "I support his opportunity to come before us and explain himself. I have questions about whether he's going to be able to generate the level of confidence that's needed. I have real doubts."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who remains a Gonzales supporter, argues that Democrats have overblown a poorly managed but legal personnel decision for political gain. "Nevertheless," Hatch said of Gonzales, "he's going to have to make a case that these type of things aren't going to happen in the future."

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Critics dispute Schwarzenegger's status as environmental champion

By Kevin Yamamura
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — In the latest issue of Outside magazine, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wears an untucked green shirt and jeans, posing as a champion of the environment. He sits on a rock surrounded by a squirrel and rabbit and other creatures of the forest.

All while wearing his trademark boots made of dead animal skins.

Schwarzenegger has suddenly become an international global warming hero, albeit one with a penchant for Hummers and alligator boots.

California environmentalists still aren't entirely sure to what to make of him. They praise Schwarzenegger for getting the public to focus on greenhouse gas emissions and using his political celebrity to shift national debate in a greener direction. They say the governor has scored major accomplishments by signing a bill to reduce emissions 25 percent by 2020 and pursuing new alternative fuel requirements.

But they have misgivings about the governor's past opposition to top environmental priorities. They say the governor has focused on long-term plans that may not require real sacrifices for years. Yet he has opposed more immediate environmental solutions as too costly to businesses.

"It seems to me his (modus operandi) is to say people don't have to sacrifice right now," said Rico Mastrodonato, Northern California director of the League of Conservation Voters. "He's saying they can have their cake and eat it, too."

The governor this week framed the environmental problem as one that can be solved by technology rather than changes in lifestyle. In speeches at Georgetown University and the Council on Foreign Relations, he described how he wants to turn environmentalism into an inclusive cause rather than one fueled by guilt.

That message has paid off in publicity. Newsweek last week featured a smiling Schwarzenegger on its cover with the earth balancing on his fingertip. And when the MTV show "Pimp My Ride" sought a celebrity guest for its Earth Day episode to retrofit a gas-guzzling muscle car with alternative fuel technology, it called on the governor.

Environmentalists believe the governor may be telling people what they want to hear while ignoring the reality that emissions reductions and cleaner air will not come easily or cheaply.

"I think he does a disservice to people to say we don't have to change our habits,"

said V. John White, an environmental lobbyist in Sacramento. "Not unlike nutrition, we need more of the healthy things and less of the unhealthy things. I got the sense the governor was saying you can lose weight without giving up the things you're doing."

Schwarzenegger's environmental record isn't as clear-cut as magazine covers make it seem.

While the governor won plaudits in Washington, his appointee to the State Lands Commission provided the lone vote for a liquefied natural gas project off the Southern California coast that was fiercely opposed by environmentalists. The governor's office said the vote was intended to allow the project to go through further review and not indicative of Schwarzenegger's final position.

And despite the governor's stated goals of reducing greenhouse gases, he proposed a \$1 billion shift in gas tax revenues away from transit in his proposed budget this year.

Schwarzenegger's staunch opposition to fees led to his veto last year of a \$30-per-container charge at congested Southern California ports to reduce pollution, a major priority backed by almost every major environmental group. It was opposed by the California Chamber of Commerce and California Farm Bureau, who contribute heavily to the governor's campaigns.

Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, author of the vetoed ports bill, gave Schwarzenegger credit for speaking out against global warming. "However, he missed the boat on a crisis we have right here," Lowenthal said. "We have diesel pollution and thousands of deaths right here in Southern California."

The governor, in his veto message, said he instead pursued \$1 billion in ports funding in his public works bonds last year. He also suggested that the container fee would hurt exports.

Terry Tamminen, the governor's former environmental adviser, said Schwarzenegger was concerned that the \$30 container fee was too arbitrary and that the bill lacked a sufficient plan for spending the money.

Schwarzenegger also opposed a \$4 billion ballot initiative to fund alternative energy research through a tax on oil extraction. Oil companies spent heavily to defeat it while Silicon Valley and Hollywood multimillionaires supported it, as did the state's environmentalists.

Dan Skopec, undersecretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency, noted that the governor has called for a low-carbon fuel standard to meet goals similar to the alternative energy initiative.

"Just because (the initiative) was something supported by the environmental community doesn't mean it was the best approach toward achieving that stated goal," Skopec said.

In 2004, Schwarzenegger supported an initiative to limit the grounds on which a person could file lawsuits, a business-backed proposal to reduce frivolous cases. But environmentalists charged the governor had helped strip them of a tool to sue polluters, as in a 1998 case that led to the removal of harmful MTBE from gasoline.

"He has consistently been very close to the Chamber of Commerce and other big business lobbies," said Bill Magavern of the Sierra Club. "On the one hand, I give him credit in some instances, such as (the greenhouse gas law), for breaking with them. But if you look at his record, he's been with those lobbies almost all the time."

The governor also faced criticism in 2005 for replacing the entire Reclamation Board, the state's top flood-control agency. The board had begun using the California Environmental Quality Act more aggressively to block developers from building near levees, and critics charged that Schwarzenegger was helping homebuilders who had contributed to him.

Some environmentalists have criticized the governor's call this year for two new dam projects to increase water storage. The governor has said such projects have become even more necessary because global warming has hastened snow runoff.

But Schwarzenegger worked with environmentalists when he signed legislation to create the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to help protect 25 million acres in the state's eastern mountain range.

The governor also backed a \$2.9 billion plan to provide rebates for rooftop solar panels through 2016 that was approved last year by the Public Utilities Commission.

In 2004, he signed an executive order to create a "Hydrogen Highway" that would establish fueling stations every 20 miles by 2010. So far, the state has only about two dozen pumps in the state, mostly located in the Bay Area and Los Angeles.

White called the governor's environmental record "a complicated story." Like other environmentalists, he said the governor was impressive for a Republican. He suggested the governor looks best when he's on a national stage.

"In the speech this week, where he told Detroit to get off your butts," White said, "it's like, when he speaks in those tones, he speaks for all Californians and we're all behind him."

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BookExchange's partnership will help lower prices

The news just keeps getting better for students hoping for lower textbook prices.

First there was the Follett Higher Education Group's successful bid to win control of the UK Bookstore, which will bring a needed influx of competition into the local textbook market.

Now BookExchange, a textbook business started by two UK

business alumni, has begun a partnership with eCampus, according to a story in last week's Kernel.

The deal has the potential to make the market even more favorable to students trying to get used books for low prices.

Normally, students sell books back to traditional stores, which resell them at a relatively high markup. The concept of BookExchange is to eliminate the middleman so both buyers and sellers get a better deal.

Through the business' Web site (www.ukbookexchange.com), students can find others who are selling the books they need or looking to buy books they have. Buyers and sellers choose their own prices instead of being beholden to the low buyback and high resell prices of traditional bookstores.

The BookExchange deserves more publicity than it gets — it's a valuable service for students who want to save money on books. The new partnership with

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eCampus ought to help with that. eCampus has more resources to market and make the site known around campus.

Equally important, the deal with eCampus will help students get books that aren't available on BookExchange. Users looking for a book that BookExchange doesn't have will be referred to eCampus' Web site, from which they will be able to order the book with no additional shipping cost.

The deal has the potential to benefit students greatly, as long as eCampus doesn't sacrifice BookExchange's interests for the sake of its own.

BookExchange should not just become a portal for eCampus customers — it needs to be promoted in its own right as a resource for students. The mission of eliminating the middleman should not remain BookExchange's main focus.

Moreover, eCampus should use its resources to aid BookExchange's push to expand into the rest of the state. That will greatly expand the pool of books available on the BookExchange site, providing more opportunities for Kentucky students to get cheap textbooks.

There is much potential in this partnership, and UK students — for their own sakes — should take notice.

The BookExchange helps get rid of the middleman in book sales. Its partnership with eCampus should further extend its reach.

Retain bookstore employees to maintain quality

As the UK Bookstore prepares to change hands in management, there is a fear that many of the full-time workers employed at the store will lose their jobs.

The UK Bookstore has been run by Kennedy Bookstore for four years, but will now be taken over by Follett Higher Education Group because Kennedy's contract with UK expired. UK chose Follett because it offered better services and improvements to the store.

Many full-time employees now feel that their jobs are in jeopardy.

"It's safe to say anyone employed at this location is uncertain of their future," said Chris Lawrence, UK Bookstore's general manager, in an article in the Kernel on April 4. "Student workers can easily be rehired, but the full-time employees have more concern."

I would be a wise idea for Follett to keep the current employee base, many of whom know the ins and outs of the store and the community it serves.

Follett has said it would be willing to interview current UK Bookstore employees to rehire them as part of their staff.

Kennedy also said that it will try to retain as many employees as possible.

"We will offer all UK Bookstore part-time students a job at Kennedy's if they are interested," said Carol Behr, general manager of Kennedy Bookstore. "We will try to keep as many full-time employees as possible."

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A similar situation was faced by employees at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, then Lexington Community College, when their Bookstore switched management from Kennedy's to Barnes & Noble Bookellers.

Barnes & Noble offered jobs to employees under their new management, but many employees chose to stay with Kennedy.

Even though BCTC did offer to keep some of the staff, people were loyal to the company and not the location, Behr said.

"We brought over every single person from the LCC store," Behr said.

Releasing UK Bookstore staff and building it from scratch would hurt the business process of the store. A total change in staff at the UK Bookstore would not be beneficial when Follett arrives.

UK's goal in the management change was to improve the bookstore and its services. The store's employees were never at question. Changing staff members instead of rehiring the staff that already understands the consumer needs of UK would be detrimental to improving the bookstore.

Training a staff from scratch would ultimately be more of a hindrance on the bookstore and would be a negative for the original goal of UK to improve the bookstore with new management.

As the bookstore changes hands from Kennedy to Follett, it should not have to deal with an unexperienced new staff.



BRIAN GOODLEY, Kernel cartoonist

Kernel editorial on bookstore was woefully uninformed

I would like to respond to the Kernel's April 11 editorial "Follett was the right choice to get the UK Bookstore," which is based on the notion that Follett will offer cheaper textbooks.

CAROL BEHR
Guest columnist

Fifty-seven years ago, Kennedy Book Store was founded on the premise of More Used Books, offering the UK students a chance to save at least 25 percent off the new retail price of textbooks, a novel concept in 1950.

Through the years, the company has continued to have success by offering a higher buyback price than the campus bookstore, thus procuring more used textbooks for the next semester.

During the six years Kennedy operated this location and also the UK Bookstore, I can honestly say we made every attempt to obtain as many used books as possible to keep the ever-increasing cost of textbooks down. Being an independent business, Kennedy's has strong accounts with eight to 10 major wholesalers to acquire as many used books as possible, with Follett being one of these wholesalers.

Kennedy will continue to use Follett as well as the other major wholesalers in the future, whereas the UK Bookstore will be locked into its one

parent wholesaler to stock used textbooks. Logic should lead you to understand that Kennedy will have more used textbooks.

As for new textbooks, most major wholesale companies who operate leased stores add "pass-through" costs (which they discretely define in the contract), such as freight charges, on top of the retail price. Texts wrapped with other components, non-returnable texts and those with CDs may be marked up an additional 5 percent. Kennedy will continue to use the publisher's retail price and not inflate the cost of the new textbooks.

To say that Kennedy had a "monopoly" and "stranglehold" on the UK textbook market is just not true. Wildcat Textbooks, eCampus and the Internet all make for a competitive environment.

Textbooks are traditionally marked up 20 to 25 percent, which is not a huge margin. I totally understand that a student may not want to spend \$100 on a textbook, but rather on clothes, shoes, DVDs, CDs, beer and pizza — all of which have a much higher markup than textbooks. The professors choose the books, the publishers set the price, and the bookstores sell them. That is part of the cost of an education.

The fact that Follett has committed to a major renovation with big dollars would lead to the speculation that they

will not be cutting prices, rather trying to get as much as possible back from their investment.

The sophomoric reasoning — no offense to sophomores! — that there

There are many reasons why Kennedy will be able to continue to offer the lowest prices and best selection of used textbooks.

will be more jobs created on campus because our company is committed to keeping as many UK Bookstore employees by moving them to Kennedy just shows the faulty judgment this editorial uses. The Kennedy location only needs to employ a set number of part-time students. Those who come from UK Bookstore just leads to fewer new hires added on, not more.

The best way to determine who should have been the "right choice" to run the UK Bookstore is to shop and compare in the fall. I strongly recommend that all students evaluate and see which bookstore has the right book for the right class at the best price.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Graduate student conference deserved more media coverage

On the same day that the Kernel ran multiple stories about the resignation of women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss, not a single journalist made his or her way to E.S. Good Barn to cover events of much substance.

You missed a great opportunity to cover the Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference, where more than 100 graduate students delivered outstanding oral presentations and displayed posters. A huge diversity of disciplines was represented, from family studies to geography to engineering to public health.

Jeanine Blackwell, dean of the Graduate School, and Provost Kumble R. Subbaswamy gave preliminary lectures at this conference. To wrap up the day, Keith K. Schillo of Department of Animal and Food Sciences presented a thought-provoking and critical look at UK's rush to achieve top-20 status.

I encourage you to take advantage of future graduate student conferences and to report on real accomplishments of this university's student body. As much as I bleed blue, let's remember that basketball is nothing more than a diversion from the real UK mission of teaching, research and social service. Some of our real accomplishments were on display at this conference, and you missed it.

Noah D. Meeks

Graduate student, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering

Cartoonist's portrayal of Imus perpetuated the fake 'scandal'

I was filled with nothing less than contempt when I saw Kernel cartoonist Brian Goodley's depiction of Don Imus as a

cowboy racist pointing guns at a Rutgers basketball player. First, the cartoonist conveniently forgot to draw tattoos on the girl's body, which would have been realistic, considering many of the girls on the Rutgers basketball team have them and also that this was part of Imus' statement. Second, the cartoonist is doing nothing but capitalizing on this "scandal" with his own less-than-thought-provoking cartoon.

Not only do I see this whole affair about Imus' statement as manufactured outrage, but it reveals again the obvious double standard the media chooses to accept when they report this story. I mention first that I do not listen to Imus or support his views, but I will give him credit for this: He said something stupid, he acknowledged it as such, and he apologized. This is unlike the countless rappers who make a living from calling women "sluts," "bitches" and "whores."

John Ridley, a National Public Radio commentator (who happens to be a black man) said this about the contradiction: "If you want to be upset — and I am upset with what Don Imus said — then let's have our moratorium on black women being (portrayed as) whores in music videos." He continued, "If you are going (to) get upset, get upset all the way around."

Other black men have used the scandal to their own advantage, most notably Al Sharpton, who never fails to turn a racist remark into an advantage for his own personal gain of political power. On the other side of the political spectrum, as if no one could assess what Barack Obama would think about the issue, he felt the need to release a statement saying, "He (Imus) didn't just cross the line, he fed into some of the worst stereotypes." What I wondered was why he did not put "and all you blacks and politically correct people out there remember to vote for me in 2008!" on the end of his tidy little sound bite. These people are sharks feeding on a media frenzy. It's sickening.

Seth Thomas
English and German senior

Correction

The writer of the letter "SG resolution justifies student apathy" in the April 12 Kernel was misidentified. The letter was written by Matthew Vied, a secondary mathematics education senior. The Kernel regrets the error.

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Weekly Poll Question

Should UK spend \$100 per clock to replace each of the 1,000 clocks on campus in order to ensure that they are synchronized?

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Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, right, and Pat Ryan, Chicago's bid chairman, celebrate the U.S. Olympic Committee's announcement that Chicago, Ill., will be the U.S. candidate for the 2016 Summer Olympics after the Committee Board of Directors voted in Washington D.C., on Saturday.



And the envelope, please... USOC picks Chicago to represent U.S.

By Jo-Ann Barnes
DETROIT FREE PRESS

CHICAGO — Nearly 200 people stood shoulder to shoulder on the second floor of the ESPN Zone on Saturday afternoon, their eyes fixed on a multitude of TV screens all tuned to the live announcement of which city would represent the United States in the bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

"This is big, really big," Lee Waederkin, 55, whispered to his wife, Sue Ellen, as they watched U.S. Olympic Committee chairman Peter Ueberroth open the envelope that held the name of the winning city.

"I know it is," she replied. As Ueberroth revealed the winner — "Chicago" — the room erupted with thunderous cheers, high fives and "heartland hugs," as one Olympic supporter termed them.

In becoming the United States' candidate city for the 2016 Games, by beating Los Angeles in a majority vote of the 11-member USOC board of directors, the Windy City thrust itself into the global spotlight — and it's bringing its Midwest neighbors along the way, said John MacAloon, University of Chicago professor of social sciences.

lived up to its promise of picking the city they believe will be more successful internationally," said MacAloon, a Detroit native and an advisor on international relations for the Chicago Olympic 2016 organizing committee. "These will be a Midwest Games, not only in terms of what we represent in the heartland — we're friendly, welcoming — but the world will experience a new area of the country."

But for Chicago 2016 and its committee chairman, Patrick Ryan, winning the USOC's approval was just the first stage of what will be a marathon effort. Next comes trying to win approval from the 100-member International Olympic Committee, which will vote on the host city for the 2016 Summer Games in October 2009. Other candidates are likely to include Rio de Janeiro, Tokyo, Madrid and Rome.

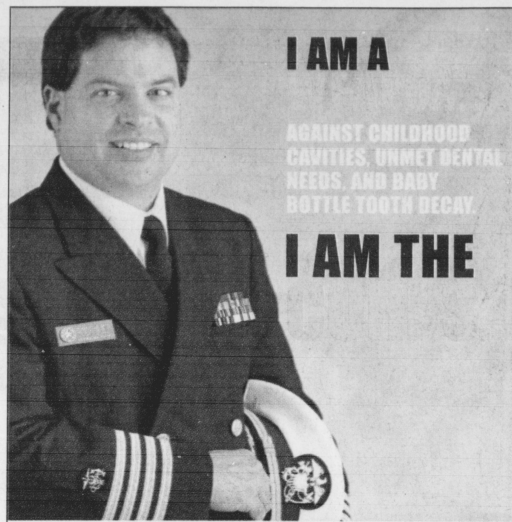
In its bid, Chicago has touted a compact site, with most venues within 15 minutes of a proposed privately financed athletes housing complex near the Lake Michigan shoreline. It promised that no local tax dollars would be used to stage the Games, though the city approved the use of taxpayer funds should Olympic revenues fall short.

The cost to host the Olympics in Chicago is estimated at \$5 billion, according to news reports, including a \$366-million, 80,000-seat temporary stadium in Washington Park on the city's south side that would eventually become a 5,000-seat amphitheatre. The \$1.1-billion, privately developed Olympic Village would be converted to mixed income housing after the Games.

MacAloon believes that Chicago's strength is that the Games will be convenient — "and friendly" — to the world. "It's a wonderful venue plan," he said. "... Athletes will be able to walk from the village to public festivals at Grant Park and Millennium Park. We put 10 million people into our downtown parks every summer just from our six biggest urban festivals. We do that well. We have a party, not a problem."

Along with the Olympics, the 2016 Olympic city also will host the Paralympics.

"All of the venues here in Chicago will be built with disabilities in mind," said Mark Hutchinson, who was a U.S. team physician for the 2006 Torino Winter Games. "But for us, the hard part of the battle comes now as we fight internationally. I believe the Rio bid will be the strongest bid of comparison for Chicago."



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