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## Bush on gulf war: 'There can be no pause'

By TERENCE HUNT  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said last night the war against Saddam Hussein was "right on schedule," undercutting Iraq's ability to fight back. "There can be no pause now that Saddam has forced the world into war," Bush said.

Bush delivered an upbeat assessment of the first week of war but echoed military planners who cautioned against overconfidence. Bush warned there will be "setbacks and sacrifices."

The instructions to war planners, Bush said, are to "get it done quickly and with as little loss of life as possible."

Military leaders said allied bomb-



ing had destroyed Iraq's two nuclear research reactors and seriously damaged factories believed to produce chemical and biological weapons.

Saddam "doesn't know how badly he's been hit," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said, pointing to destruction of Iraq's communication systems.

The Pentagon warned, however,

that Iraq's military machine remains strong despite intense allied attacks. "We're dealing with an enemy that is resourceful, an enemy that knows how to work around problems, an enemy that is ingenious," said Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

U.S. armored cavalrymen skirmished with Iraqis in the first firefight along the northern border, where fleets of tanks maneuvered and dug in on the desert floor yesterday for the land war just over the horizon.

The Americans captured six Iraqis and suffered two slight casualties, the U.S. command said. It denied a Baghdad claim that the Iraqis

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## Ribbons show support for troops

By JOETTA LYNN SACK  
Staff Writer

To show support for soldiers fighting in the Persian Gulf, members of two University groups have tied ribbons on trees around campus.

Student Government Association members tied yellow ribbons while Socially Concerned Students members used red ribbons on the trees.

The yellow ribbons were placed

"not to take a stand one way or another but merely to show appreciation for those over there," according to a bill sponsored by John Middleton, Arts & Sciences senator.

The bill was passed unanimously in a special Senate Review committee meeting last Wednesday, immediately after the attack on Iraq started.

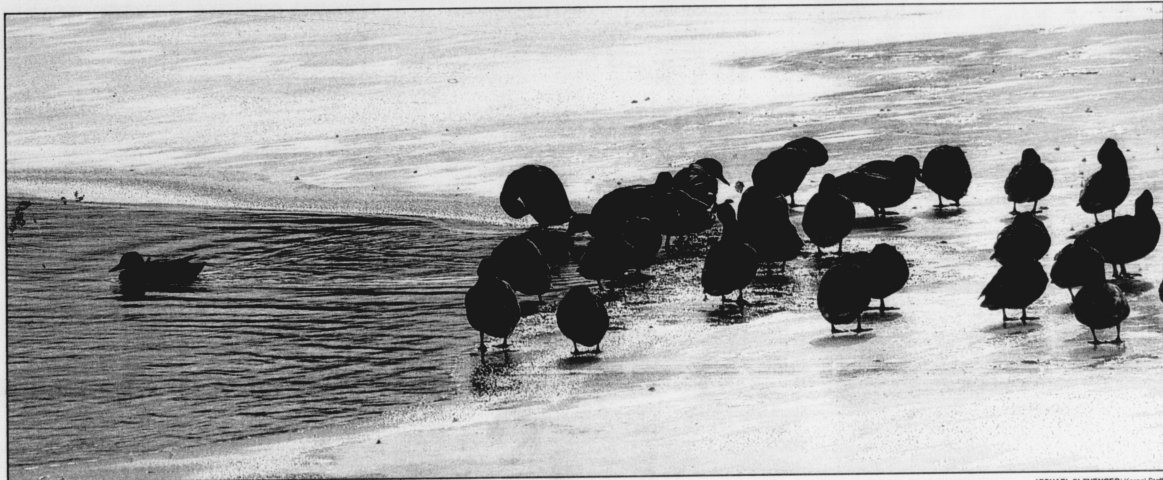
"The bill was rushed through on emergency status, and we wanted people to see them (the

ribbons) the next day," Middleton said. "I think it's had a positive effect on a lot of people because I would say that almost all people support the troops, and most support the military action."

Middleton and SGA Senator at Large Ashley Boyd placed the ribbons around campus that night. "It's pretty much a done effort. We just want people to remember" the soldiers in the gulf re-

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## TESTING THE WATER



MICHAEL CLEVENGER/Kentucky Staff

In the midst of a winter afternoon, some ducks take a swim at the pond located at the Retention Basin. Like yesterday, temperatures are expected to be around 30 degrees today.

## Woods takes over as Cats win 81-65

By BARRY REEVES  
Assistant Sports Editor

Sean Woods did his best impression of Isaiah Thomas last night, zipping his way through Florida's defense and leading eighth-ranked UK to its 10th straight victory last night at Rupp Arena.

Woods, a point guard from Indianapolis, scored 11 straight points during a crucial first-half run that lifted the Wildcats to an eight-point lead. And his consistent second-half play kept the upstart Gators from getting any closer than five points the rest of the way.

"I thought we did a good job of pressuring them on the perimeter," Florida coach Lon Kruger said. "... but Woods just killed us. We knew he was a great penetrator, and he showed it tonight."

Woods' first-half scoring outburst was accomplished in a span of just 2:29, impressing a crowd of 24,055 fans at Rupp Arena and pleasing head coach Rick Pitino.

"Sean just did a tremendous job penetrating again tonight," Pitino said.

Florida was hanging tough in the first half before Woods took over. The 6-foot-3 junior scored on a lay-up, two driving 5-foot bank shots and was 5-for-5 from the line and kept the Gators guessing.

"All I was doing was taking what the defense was giving me," said

Woods, who also had six assists and four steals. "They came up on me real tight and I tried to go by them."

UK forward John Pelphrey said: "Again tonight, you saw that Sean Woods is the one who makes us go. He is a very big key to our basketball team."

Florida held Kentucky to just 5-for-24 shooting (20.8 percent) from three-point range, but the Cats had a big edge, 52-37, in rebounding.

"They just worked harder on the boards than we did," Kruger said. "I thought they were just quicker than we were. They wanted it more than we did."

Craig Brown led Florida with a career-high 18 points, and Dwayne Davis added 12. Stacey Poole chipped in 10 points.

UK center Reggie Hanson scored

10 points and pulled down a game-high 15 rebounds, including 12 in the first half. Jeff Brassow had 15 points, 10 rebounds (a career high) and four assists. Pelphrey had 14 points for the winners.

"With our style of play, shooting is not the most important variable," said Pitino, whose team improved to 15-2 overall and 7-0 in the Southeastern Conference. "If we play good, hard defense and get on the boards, we'll have a good chance of winning the ballgame."

One of Pitino's biggest concerns heading into the game was Kentucky's post defense, and the fact that Florida's two big men — Davis and Livingston. Chatman — averaged 29.2 points a game.

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## Food Services offers vegetarian selections

By KYLE FOSTER  
Contributing Writer

Cynthia Johnson's past 4 1/2 years at UK have been filled with salad bars and meatless tacos because she could not find nutritional meals on campus to fit her vegetarian diet.

Johnson, a fifth-year architecture major, said she ate meals that probably were not as low in calories or fat as she would have liked.

But this semester she said she is "a lot happier" with the selections offered by UK Food Services.

UK Food Services has added a vegetarian line to its already popular Lite Line, said Robin Gibbs, assistant manager of Student Center Food Services. The Lite Line, implemented in the fall of 1989, is comprised of low-fat, low-calorie, low-cholesterol menus created by Gibbs and her staff.

Gibbs said the vegetarian line was incorporated into the health-line menu Jan. 7 because of requests from 400 vegetarian students on campus.

A menu listing fat, calorie, cholesterol, and sodium counts is posted next to the Lite and Vegetarian Lines, in the inner courtyard of the Student Center Food Court. "Everybody is becoming just a little bit more aware of what they're taking in," Gibbs said.

Gibbs uses recipes out of

cookbooks from Campbell's to Southern Living and she is "willing to try any recipe that vegetarians and/or health-conscious eaters have," she said.

Cassie Downing, a dietetics major, makes up the menu. She takes into account fat content instead of calories to create flavorful, nutritious meals that will fit into a low-fat and/or vegetarian diet.

"Fat grams are more important than calorie counting," Downing said.

Gibbs said a common misconception among dieters is that counting fat grams is not important. "Fat is hard to burn," she said.

Gibbs also said that on a normal low-fat diet, 30 grams of fat a day is the limit. "A normal entree such as turkey and dressing or meal salad contains 30 grams of fat," she said.

But with Downing's menu creations, a person can consume less than 12 grams of fat in an entire meal.

Nutritional difference charts comparing the Vegetarian/Lite entrees and the regular entrees will be posted with the menus so that students can see the differences, Downing said.

As an example, Downing compared the following menus, served on the same day, by calories, cholesterol, fat and sodium: A vegetarian meal of pasta rig-

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**UK TODAY**

University of Cincinnati Classical Guitar Ensemble will be performing in the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

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## U.S.S.R. seizes another building

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI  
Associated Press

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. — Soviet soldiers seized the central paper and dye warehouse in the Lithuanian capital yesterday, despite a pledge by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev to restore peace in the Baltic republics.

"This is simply an attempt to hamper the press in Lithuania and certainly will increase the tension," Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis told a news conference.

Landsbergis said a telegram approved by the republic's parliament was sent to Gorbachev saying the Soviet leader should order the withdrawal of all Soviet troops occupying

buildings in Lithuania.

Gorbachev told the nation Tuesday that his main task was to achieve calm in the Baltics. But he also called on the republics to abide by the Soviet constitution.

The Lithuanian parliament's press office said two civilians who claimed to represent the Lithuanian Communist Party announced they were taking control when they arrived at the warehouse with soldiers at 1 p.m. yesterday.

About 20 Interior Ministry soldiers with automatic weapons drove up in five jeeps and took up positions throughout the warehouse.

There were just a few workers in the warehouse, who offered no resistance, said Lithuanian govern-

ment spokesman Audrius Azubalis.

He said the building had about 37 tons of paper inside, but he added that the seizure was unlikely to have a serious effect on news because most independent publications have their own supplies.

The Soviet military already controls Press House, the main printing plant in Vilnius. A unit of the so-called "black beret" troops of the Soviet Interior Ministry last weekend seized a similar plant in the Latvian capital, Riga.

Nikolai Gribanov, a member of the Lithuanian Communist Party's Central Committee, later said the armed forces of the Soviet Interior

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INSIDE: BRASSOW SPARKS UK TO VICTORY

SPORTS

# 13 Brassows would make nice blend

By JONATHAN MILLER  
Staff Writer

If UK coach Rick Pitino had his way, Jeff Brassow would start at all five positions for the streaking Wildcats — and be the sixth man off the bench as well.

Pitino was, no doubt, impressed with the sophomore's work ethic in Kentucky's 81-65 win at Rupp Arena last night.

"Everybody on the team has to play as hard as Brassow did," lauded Pitino. "I want 13 Jeff Brassows," he said.

The 6-5 sophomore guard from Houston, Tex., was the second-leading scorer and rebounder last night for the Cats, with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

His performance on the boards was a career-high, as well.

Pitino, however, emphasized Brassow's defensive effort.

"Brassow gets beat a lot (on defense)," Pitino said. "But he gives

## Sophomore forward complimented by Pitino for hustling, 'crazy' play

you so much effort and so much hustle that he makes up for it."

By halftime, Brassow had earned nine of UK's 22 deflections. He finished the game with 12 deflections and four steals.

"This is my best game of the year so far," Brassow said. "I'm not the most talented, but I make up in other ways."

Brassow scored seven of UK's 11 points in one run. His seventh point came on a Jamal Mashburn steal



BRASSOW



PITINO

that resulted in the first of Brassow's two dunks.

Brassow's second dunk probably will be remembered.

With 2:56 left in the game and UK ahead 74-58, Sean Woods missed a lay-up that bounced high off the rim. Brassow skied over a crowd inside to rebound and dunk with one quick thrust.

Brassow's exclamation point on the game sent the 24,055 at Rupp Arena into a frenzy.

"I would say it was my second best dunk," Brassow said, still clinging to his monster jam against Western Kentucky at Freedom Hall as his most impressive feat.

Florida coach Lon Kruger, who is in his first year, couldn't distinguish Brassow from the rest of the UK players.

"They all play like Brassow,"

Kruger said. "We were more aware of the group. They play with such intensity... they're fun to watch."

The stat sheet says Brassow is not a player an opposing defense has to key on.

He averages 8.2 points a game and 2.9 rebounds. He is shooting 39 percent from the field and 35 percent from three-point range.

Besides pulling down 10 rebounds, Brassow only marginally improved his stats last night.

Brassow was six of 14 from the field (42 percent) and hit only one of five three-pointers (20 percent).

Brassow also had four fouls, but that did not affect his intensity on the court defensively.

"If I foul out, I foul out," Brassow said.

"I'm going to play hard regardless of how many fouls I have."

"When you look at him, you sometimes wonder if he knows what he's doing," said senior center Reggie Hanson.

Just put Brassow in a stat all his own. Something that can't be added, subtracted or divided.

"He doesn't try to be Bob Cousy or Magic," Pitino said. "He's a fundamental ball player. ... he just goes way beyond the norm."

"... Everybody's got to be as crazy as Brassow."



STEVE MCFARLAND/Kernel Staff

UF's Craig Brown goes after the ball as Brian Hogan holds UK's Deron Feldhaus in last night's game at Rupp Arena against the University of Florida. The Wildcats rolled over the Gators 81-65.

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## Cats

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The Wildcats held the duo to 16 points.

"We did a good job in that area," the UK coach said. "... We did a good job of keeping the ball out of the low post."

The Gators played Kentucky pretty even in the first half, but could not stop Woods.

The two teams basically traded baskets until Florida took advantage of two consecutive turnovers with a pair of baskets — a Scott Stewart 15-footer and a Poole 17-footer — to take a 15-11 lead.

Then it was Florida's turn to turn the ball over. Kentucky forced two turnovers and Brown missed a free

throw on consecutive possessions. The Wildcats took a 16-15 lead with 9:49 left in the half when Pelphrey hit one of two free throws.

After a pair of Brown free throws, Kentucky reserve forward Deron Feldhaus hit a three-pointer to give the Wildcats the lead for good at 19-17.

With UK holding a scant 25-22 lead, Woods took over. He started it with a pair free throws, 27-22. After a Poole miss, a driving layup, 29-22. After a Chatman dunk, another pair of free throws, 31-24.

After a Garcia 15-footer, Woods hit a 5-foot running bank shot, was fouled and hit the free throw, 34-26. A pair of Chatman free throws, then another 5-foot banker from Woods, 36-28. Florida never recovered.

"It's hard to contain him one-on-one," said Kruger, whose team falls to 7-9, 3-4. "He's a big factor in their offense. ... Woods makes it tough on a lot of people, though."

## Kentucky 81, Florida 65 at Rupp Arena

FLORIDA (65)  
Chatman 1-4 4-6 8, Brown 5-8 6-7  
19, Davis 5-11 2-4 12, Garcia 4-9 2-3  
10, Carter 1-3 2-2 4, Poole 5-10 0-0 10,  
Grimsey 0-2 0-0 0, Hogan 1-4 0-0 3,  
Howe 1-1 0-0 2, Kusama 0-2 0-0 0,  
Swartz 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 23-55 16-22  
55.

KENTUCKY (81)  
Pelphrey 6-12 1-2 14, Mashburn 3-10  
0-0 7, Hanson 3-11 4-4 10, Woods 6-11  
6-6 18, Brassow 6-14 2-2 15, Feldhaus  
3-0 1-8, Farmer 0-2 0-0 0, Mays 1-1  
3-0 2, Brady 0-1 1-2 1, Thomas 2-4  
0-1 4, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Bearup 1-1 0-0  
2, Toomer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-80 14-20  
81.

Halftime—Kentucky 38, Florida 32  
3-point goals—Florida 9-9 (Brown 2-2,  
Hogan 1-4, Garcia 0-1, Carter 0-2).  
Kentucky 5-24 (Feldhaus 2-3, Pelphrey  
1-4, Brassow 1-5, Mashburn 1-6, Brady  
0-1, Thomas 0-1, Hanson 0-2, Farmer  
0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—  
Florida 37 (Davis 10), Kentucky 52 (Hanson 14). Assists—  
Florida 8 (Brown and Garcia, 2 each),  
Kentucky 19 (Woods 6). Total fouls—  
Florida 21, Kentucky 22. A-24,055.

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# OUTLOOK

## The long, losing struggle of Appalachia's people

### Robinson Forest dispute emblematic of troubles facing Eastern Kentucky

An Essay

Our environmental problems, moreover, are not at root, political; they are cultural." —Wendell Berry, from his collection of essays, *What are People For?*

JACKSON, Ky. — Lester Prather has spent his entire life in Breathitt County. He has lived off the land here, raised his children, and seen the good times and bad times that life in this mountain community brings to its residents. Today, he is one of five or six supervisors still working for Arch Mineral Corp. in Breathitt County. Most of the other employees — 250 Breathitt County miners — were laid off in October because Arch had depleted its reserves in the area.

Officials with the St. Louis-based mining company say that if UK officials had not worked so hard the last few months to block Arch's attempt to mine near Robinson Forest, many of the layoffs would not have been necessary.

UK, however, contends that mining near the forest would damage 20 years of important research conducted there.

Prather knows a great deal about Robinson Forest. The 15,000-acre research forest owned by the University covers Breathitt, Knott and Perry counties.

Growing up, Prather "hunted a squirrel or two" within the boundaries of Robinson Forest, but he probably would be one of the first to admit that he knows little about research conducted there.

That doesn't really matter much, though. The battle between the environment and economy holds little concern for him. He worries about the battle's victims.

Today, he spends his time finishing reclamation on Arch's mining interests nearby.

It's a job that marks an end, not a beginning. And for that he has worries — worries about the future of his fellow miners, worries about his own future and about his homeland.

The people of Eastern Kentucky, he told a crowd of 700 at a recent state hearing on the topic, are trying to improve themselves. "We here in Eastern Kentucky are trying to educate ourselves," he said.

Prather has had a son graduate from UK. He currently has daughters at Temple, Western Kentucky and Morehead State universities.

But on a rainy December evening at a small middle school in Jackson, Prather did not make any arguments about improvement. He did not argue about the environment or the morality of strip-mining, or economic flow charts that had been carted out to show why Arch should be allowed to mine its land near the forest.

Yet, in his simple, but eloquent,

way this Breathitt County coal miner hauntings encapsulated the complex controversy of Robinson Forest.

If you don't know where your next meal is coming from, or how your family will get through tomorrow, much less next year, improvement is not a by-word in your home — survival is.

Yet, in providing for economic security in the present, we may be auctioning off our survival in the long-term haze that is the future.

Three more years of mining — which is what Arch officials say mining near the forest would provide — may mean jobs. But after that those jobs will be gone. And with that there may be incalculable damage done to an environment that has long been plundered for the sake of economic fulfillment.

The same promise is true for all of Appalachia, and indeed for all of America's industrial society. The promise of economic satisfaction, like a junkie's high, may bring some relief. But that high wears off, and the hangover could be the selling of our children's

salvation in the future.

For more than 20 years, the University and environmentalists have argued successfully that mining the forest would destroy important scientific research — primarily water quality and reforestation — conducted within the forest's Clemons Fork watershed.

The watershed covers about 4,000 acres of the forest. However, the latest attempt by Arch to mine near the forest is, perhaps, the most serious and most sustained that the University has encountered.

For most of us, such concerns — about a forest and people more than 90 miles away — are seemingly irrelevant. Ninety miles is a thousand miles away in terms of relevance to our lives.

Such a view, however, overlooks the symbolic importance of Robinson Forest. In many respects, the controversy of Robinson Forest is emblematic of the problems, and historical story, of Appalachia. And in turn, Appalachia's story reflects the problems of our own society, the very fabric of our culture.

And, as usual, the story of Robinson Forest, like the story of Appalachia, has a predictable loser — the people.

I'm trying to figure out what it is that the University has done with (Robinson Forest) in the last 20 years that has benefited the hill people of Eastern Kentucky."

—Blair Gardner, attorney for Arch Mineral Corp.

People in and around Eastern Kentucky have long expressed more than a passing interest in min-



JERRY VOIGT/Staff Artist

ing the voluminous coal reserves housed under the earth of Robinson Forest. There, an estimated 97 million tons of coal rests, waiting to make someone a fortune.

E.O. Robinson, a logger in the region, clear-cut the forest in the first half of the century, and then decided to give it away. He chose UK. And in separate conveyances in 1923 and 1930 from the E.O. Robinson Mountain Fund, Robinson Forest came under the auspices of the University.

According to the terms of the Robinson trust, UK is to use the forest for research in reforestation and as a teaching laboratory. It appears the University, for the most part, has done just that.

Forestry and agriculture students at UK have long used the forest for research, and as a clearinghouse for information about forestry techniques and studies of water quality, an important issue as clean drinking water becomes a more cherished memory rather than something we can take for granted.

Interest in mining the rich coal reserves in the forest did not subside, however, over concern about water and trees. And realistically, the issue is valid, as the one-horse economy of Eastern Kentucky — King Coal — went through treacherous boom and bust cycles throughout the latter half of the century.

The modernization and mechanization of the mines have meant dramatic decreases in the need for human labor — jobs. And as coal reserves have become less plentiful, not to mention harder to get to, Robinson Forest has undoubtedly seemed like a surreal oasis. It's there, but it can't be touched.

UK, though, has been resilient in its resistance to mining efforts in the forest, leading to a 1982 Board of Trustees policy prohibiting the mining of Robinson Forest.

The issue, for all intents and purposes, was dead. At least until fall 1989.

Then the University ended a long-standing legal dispute by agreeing to turn over about 60 acres at the edge of Robinson Forest to the heirs of people who leased the land's mineral rights to an Eastern Kentucky coal company — Arch Mineral.

About 60 acres at the forest's northern edge had been the center of a dispute between UK and heirs of the Bush family, which had leased the mineral rights of the land to Arch.

The problem is that UK and the Bush heirs had deeded to the tract. In June 1989, a Breathitt County Circuit Judge ruled that the deed of the Bush heirs pre-dated UK's claim to the land. The University trustees, when they met in October, had no choice but to agree.

Shortly after that, Arch took that land, along with about 90 other acres it leased, and filed a preliminary application with the state for a permit to strip-mine.

The controversy started again.

that dogged previous attempts to mine in and near the forest, Arch proposed what its officials called a unique mining plan.

In short, the company proposed to mine 3.1 million tons of coal over a three-year period. In return for the University's cooperation, Arch offered UK up to \$1.5 million to study the effect of mining in the forest. Arch officials, though, contended that effect would be negligible.

The initial mining proposal called for using a hydraulic excavator, similar to a backhoe, to cut into the top of the land and extract the coal. A seven-foot wall would be built along the top of the ridge. Then basins would channel runoff into retention ponds to prevent groundwater from flowing onto the University's property and its watershed.

But leading state environmentalists and University forestry officials said any mining plan, no matter how carefully planned, would necessarily damage the watershed.

Specifically, the argument says that mining automatically changes the calibration — or size and yield — of their watershed by rerouting part of the stream, thus damaging UK's investment in the forest. That investment has been sizable: about \$10 million in the last 20 years.

Then, in February last year, three state environmental groups filed a rarely used lands-unusable-for-mining petition with the state. In short, the petition asked the state to prohibit mining in more than 10,000 acres of the forest. Shortly after that, the University moved to join the petition as it pertained to the more than 4,000 acres of the Clemons Fork watershed.

The provision is part of the 1977 federal Surface Mining Act. Since then, only 10 groups have filed lands-unusable petitions.

That move has resulted in a series of legal dodges and sparings between UK and Arch. Most recently, those battles ended up outside of the boardrooms and courtrooms of Lexington and St. Louis and in a small middle school in Jackson, Ky.

On Dec. 17, about 700 people gathered in Jackson's Sebastian Middle School to voice their opinions on the request to prohibit mining in part, or all, of Robinson Forest. The community had been rocked recently by the layoffs of 250 workers at Arch's mining operations in Breathitt County. Coal, despite its scars as a weakened industry, has remained king in Eastern Kentucky. It is, perhaps, Breathitt County's only real industry.

Three officers with the state Cabinet for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection sat at one end of the middle school's tiny gymnasium. The stands were filled with people wearing T-shirts that read, "Let Arch Mine Its Coal."

Many carried placards, bearing messages such as "Research doesn't buy baby food" and "My kids need Arch."

It was clear who they blamed for their economic woes. Even those who didn't make it to the hearing had their attention turned toward it. At the nearby

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**MEDIA BLITZ:** The UK Board of Trustees has gone up against Arch on the Mineral Corp.'s hired PR gurus.

Jackson Inn, the hearing could be heard over the local radio station, which was broadcasting it live. Up Kentucky Highway 15, the hearing was also on at a local pizza place, where business appeared slow.

Arch and the jobs it brings are important to the community, said Candice Gabbard, one of the restaurant's managers, who echoed the thoughts of many in the community: "It's all we have here."

Most 700 people a few miles down the road were saying the same thing. In particular, their anger and frustration was directed toward UK. Many blame the University for the layoffs. At the center of the controversy is the nebulous research conducted by UK in the forest.

To be sure, the University, upon request, can furnish boxes of documentation to support its contention that it is using the forest for research. But its purpose is murky, and certainly not translatable to the layman, particularly someone whose living is blocked by such esoteric exercises.

Furthermore, the University has not always done a sufficient job of articulating its importance, in the forest and elsewhere, to the people of the Appalachian region. The University, to be sure, can point to programs, from community colleges to health care, that are necessary to Appalachia.

But there also is a very real sense

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Many carried placards, bearing messages such as "Research doesn't buy baby food" and "My kids need Arch."

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**A WAR NEVER FINISHED:** President Johnson initiated his idealistic "War on Poverty" in Eastern Kentucky.

# Appalachia's problems will persist after coal

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not the answer.

But implicit within the argument of the University and environmentalists is the need to sacrifice the jobs and security of those living in the present — lives that depend on the viability of coal mining.

These people are automatically left out of the equation — just more economic casualties in the stockpile of dashed dreams and hopes that comprise much of Appalachia. The University would hastily counter that it has offered to Arch — and now to other mining companies — the opportunity to bid for

the mining rights to about 4,000 acres on the outer edge of the forest. There is still argument between Arch and UK over the value of the coal reserves in the outlying areas. The move, UK officials say, is to benefit the people of the region.

But one thing sticks out, why wasn't it done before? Altruism certainly isn't the reason.

**A**ll you have to do is fly over the North and South forks of the Kentucky River to see the impact of coal.

—Ed Carter, UK vice president for administration.

Arch has certainly done nothing to diminish feelings of ill-will toward the University. They have revealed in it, and in fact, have created much of the resentment. Arch is, after all, a corporation whose purpose is to ensure profit, not humanity.

To promote that, the company has hired a high-powered Lexington public relations firm, The Preston Group, to handle this controversial issue. The Preston Group has played hardball. That's why it is

successful.

For example, more than an hour before the Jackson hearing, Preston Group representatives were putting up a screen in which to show exhibits. There is little doubt that they engineered much of what went on during the emotional hearing.

The University probably has not encountered anything like that before. UK has been made a scapegoat for Arch's problems. It is odd that layoffs in Breathitt County coincided with the end of a lucrative contract Arch had to provide coal for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

In announcing the layoffs, Arch parlayed what normally would have been resentment toward the corporate structure into anger at the University.

It doesn't make much sense. Arch officials knew for some time that its reserves would be depleted. The controversy with the University came at a rather opportune time. Thus, again, the specter of coal, and its invariably negative after effects, remains ever so present.

Despite the admonition of The Jackson Times' Hatmaker for coal above, the fact is that coal, as an industry, has seen its better days. The days of boom are over, faint memories of a time that probably wasn't as bright then as it seems now.

Shortly before the layoffs at Arch, Southeast Coal laid off 400 workers in the region at its mining operation. The company has fallen on hard economic times. The problem of Kentucky coal is compounded by its high sulfur rate, making it a poor alternative to Wyoming coal, which is cleaner and less of a headache for coal producers and regulators.

Finally, Hatmaker's argument for coal also is the biggest argument against it. One of the primary reasons there is not a diversification of industry in Appalachia is because coal has been king. Coal is invariably a weak multiplier industry, meaning that other industries are not encouraged to grow up around it. In all likelihood, as long as coal is king, the Appalachian region will

be impoverished.

**T**he region is ... part of a 'national sacrifice area,' and has been so considered and so treated by governments and corporations for well over half a century. The marks of the ruin of both land and people are half a century. The marks of the ruin of both land and people are everywhere evident, are inescapable, and to anyone at all disposed to regret them they tend to be depressing."

—Wendell Berry, from his collection of essays, *What Are People For?*

Letcher County lawyer Harry Caudill's *Night Comes to the Cumberlandlands*, published in 1963, is a landmark book, bringing national attention for the first time to the abject poverty of the Appalachian region. The book's publication, in part, prompted President Lyndon Johnson's ill-fated "War on Poverty," which pumped millions in grants and economic development programs into the region.

The book demonstrates in clear — though verbose — terms the vicious cycle and exploitation of "economic development" in Appalachia for nearly a century. Whether timber or strip-mining, the book vehemently asserts that development efforts in the region have been little more than exercises in exploitation.

The book painstakingly presents a history where the people of the region have received little, if any, of their land's mineral and material wealth.

As a result of Caudill's book and other efforts, many conditions improved. The dangerous practice of strip-mining was made safer. Moreover, the raping of the land by strip-mining was reformed by reclamation laws, which for the first time, brought the idea of the "environment" into the region's collective consciousness.

But for fear of being overly repetitive, much work is left to do, or in some respects, has yet to be started. The clearest example, and one that should hit close to home for students, is Kentucky's education reform.

Two years ago, 66 of the state's poorest counties in Kentucky sued the state, contending that the state had failed their children by creating an educational system fraught with mismanagement and inequities. It was no surprise that the majority of counties bringing suit against the state were in 49 Kentucky counties that are part of Appalachia.

The bigger surprise is that something was done about it. But then



PREYING OFF THE POOR: U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy visited Eastern Kentucky during his 1968 presidential bid.

again, it took a court mandate — one that likely stepped out of the bounds of reasonable jurisprudence — to force the state's leaders to take action. And to their credit, the state's lawmakers — and in tow a reluctant governor — enacted massive reforms of Kentucky's ill-conceived and ill-defined educational system. And they gave it some teeth, enacting a \$1.3 billion dollar tax package to fund the reform effort.

The jury, unfortunately, will have to stay out on whether any of this grandiose reform works. Nevertheless, the effort of reform was long overdue in the mountain counties of Kentucky Appalachia. It is a start, most assuredly not a finish.

Similarly, progress has been made in other problem areas of Appalachia. Scores of citizens, in the form of grass-roots coalitions, have taken up the cause of reform in the region, on issues ranging from the environment to diversification of the economy.

Sadly, starts do not ensure a happy ending. Robinsom Forest starkly represents that for all of us. As an issue

where the argument between environmental future runs head-on with demands for a financially secure present, the question of whether to mine near Robinsom Forest is as clear as mud.

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This question, however, won't be decided by the people of Appalachia, but rather in board rooms or courtrooms somewhere in Kentucky's golden triangle. A state decision on the lands unsuitable decision is expected by mid-February. The "loser" will inevitably appeal.

Neither Arch nor UK really stands much to lose. Regardless of the outcome, each institution will continue to function as before.

But as it seemingly always is, the people of eastern Kentucky will not be allowed to determine their future. Again, they will be the losers.

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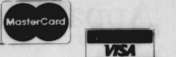
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Ministry were carrying out a resolution of the Soviet Council of Ministers on the protection of Communist Party property.

The Soviet military has made similar moves at several other buildings in Lithuania and the neighboring Baltic republic of Latvia, which along with Estonia seek independence from Moscow. On Jan. 13, a Kremlin attack on Lithuania's broadcast center left 14 people dead and injured hundreds.

In Latvia, six people have been slain since last week in Soviet attacks.

Western governments, preoccupied with war in the Persian Gulf, have still found time to criticize Gorbachev's actions in the Baltics.

In Washington, the House voted 417-0 Wednesday to condemn the crackdown and ask President Bush to consider economic sanctions if Moscow exerts further military pressure on the Baltics. The Senate was working on a similar resolution.

The European Community has suspended a \$1 billion food program for the Soviets. But EC Commission President Jacques

Delors said yesterday the EC should seek long-term energy cooperation with the Soviet Union, despite the "deplorable" crackdown.

In Stockholm, Sweden's vice foreign minister said yesterday he is going to the Baltics to "show solidarity" with their independence movements. Speaking at a news conference, Pierre Schori said he will meet with Baltic leaders, including some pro-Moscow figures. The trip was scheduled to begin today.

Self-defense units have been formed in all three Baltic republics to try to protect civilians and buildings.

Latvian legislators voiced anger yesterday at their president's proposal that the republic's parliament discuss holding a referendum on independence.

Latvian President Anatolij Gorbunovs discussed the idea with Gorbachev in Moscow on Tuesday.

"I am completely against it. It is not possible to have a referendum in an occupied state," said Steins Yaktis, chairman of the parliament's foreign affairs committee.

The Baltics began their independence drive in March, saying the Soviet Union forcibly incorporated them in 1940. All three republics were independent between the two world wars.

# SGA

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gion, Middleton said. "There's so many (ribbons) out there that you've got to think about the men and women in the Persian Gulf that are serving right now," he said.

"We weren't trying to signify something in particular with yellow," said Sarah Coursey, SGA vice president. "We wanted to show our support for the troops over there."

SCS tied the red ribbons on trees for a slightly different purpose: "to represent lives lost during the war, not only American, but Iraqi and Kuwaiti as well," said Alan Creech, SCS president. He said the red color symbolizes that "this war is not going to be rosy. It's going to be bloody."

Creech said. Some students expressed support for the troops and approval of the ribbons.

"I think it's a great idea for the students to be aware of what's going on," said Cindy Wafford, an undeclared freshman. "We should appreciate what the troops are doing for us."

"People who are protesting should think about what the war's for," said Jennifer Highy, a pre-veterinary science freshman. "We

need to support the troops who are over there now any way we can."

Barb Elliott, a biotechnology sophomore who has a brother and several friends stationed in Saudi Arabia, said: "I think the yellow ribbons are great. The guys over there need all the support they can get."

"With so many friends and family of students over there, just seeing those reminds you of them every day and keeps you hoping for their safe return," said Tara Branham, an anthropology freshman.

# War

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also seized prisoners.

For a second night running, Iraq fired off a double-barreled volley of Scud missiles at Saudi Arabia and Israel. No casualties were reported immediately.

One Scud descended on northern Israel about 10 p.m. and was intercepted by U.S.-supplied Patriot defense missiles, the Israeli military said.

At the same time, three other Scuds apparently were intercepted by Patriots over the Saudi cities of Dhahran and Riyadh, Saudi officials and witnesses reported.

Each Scud launch against Israel pushes the Jewish state closer to striking back at Iraq. At U.S. urging, the Israeli leadership was holding its fire yesterday, despite a

Tuesday night Scud attack that caused dozens of injuries, including three fatal heart attacks.

Cheney said Saddam "cannot change the basic course" of the war. "He will be defeated."

Bush told an audience of retired military officers that the allied superiority in the skies would "systematically deprive Saddam of his ability to wage war effectively."

"I am pleased to report that Operation Desert Storm is right on schedule," he said.

"There can be no doubt: Operation Desert Storm is working. There can be no pause now that Saddam has forced the world into war. We will stay the course — and we will succeed all the way," he said.

Bush added, "No one should weep for this tyrant when he is brought to justice. No one, anywhere in the world."

Bush reminded Americans that war carries a price. "There will be problems. There

will be setbacks and sacrifices. But let me say I have every reason to be very pleased with our progress to date."

He said Saddam "has sickened the world" by firing Scud missiles at civilian targets both in Israel and Saudi Arabia.

"These weapons are nothing more than tools of terror, and they do nothing but strengthen our resolve to act against a dictator unmoved by human decency."

It was Bush's first speech on the war since he announced from the Oval Office a week ago that an American-led allied force was attacking Iraqi targets in the first phase of a campaign to force Saddam to pull out of Kuwait.

Bush said he was repulsed by the parade of captured U.S. pilots on

Iraqi television. "But I knew, as they read their prepared statements criticizing this country, that those were false words, forced on them by their captors."

Vice President Dan Quayle spent the day at military bases in three states, consoling families of U.S. airmen held in Iraq. He pledged that the United States "will hold Saddam Hussein and his henchmen personally accountable" for mistreatment of POWs.

Bush pledged anew to remove Saddam's troops from Kuwait. "We did not begin a war seven days ago," Bush said. "Rather, we began to end a war, to right a wrong that the world could not ignore."

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