

WEATHER Cloudy today, high 50. Mostly cloudy tonight, low 40s. Partly sunny tomorrow, high 55 to 60.
THREE IN A ROW UK defeated Vanderbilt 25-0 on Saturday, the third consecutive win for the Cats. Sports, page 3



Survey questions give retention answers

By Gary Wulf
Associate News Editor

UK has the highest ACT scores and grade point averages for freshmen among its benchmark universities, yet 25 percent of these students leave after their first year.

This fact and others are what the College of Communications and Information Sciences discussed as it hosted two speakers Friday afternoon to address freshmen expectations and students' racial attitudes and stereotypes.

Don Giles, an adviser with Central Advising Service, said one of the reasons incoming freshmen do not return for their sophomore year is because they have a lack of connection to the university.

"If a student comes into the university and is able to get connected with a faculty member, adviser or someone who has at least some idea of what's going

on here, that student will have a good chance at succeeding," Giles said.

He received his results from an educational planning survey given to freshmen this summer at advising conferences. The survey asked questions about high school academic and extracurricular experiences. Expectations about college and plans about the first year were also asked.

The survey discovered even though incoming freshmen made the best grades their senior year of high school, they also did the least amount of work and had the lightest course load.

Giles believed this sets students up "for a fall." "Their confidence level is at their highest. They just made their best grades doing a very minimal amount of work. Then they come in with those kind of expectations to the university atmosphere," he said.

As an adviser, Giles has found much of a student's success depends on what goes on outside the classroom. He said parents often decide to get a divorce after the child leaves for college and this makes it hard for a student to cope with both classes and family problems.

"Even though I see this as an adviser, I don't necessarily wear those glasses" as a teacher," Giles said.

The second half of the seminar dealt with the racial attitudes and stereotypes of white undergraduates. Margo Monteith, psychology professor, explored the two different types of prejudice in her presentation. One type of prejudice explained was a person who is trying not to be prejudiced, but unconsciously engages in prejudicial and stereotypical behavior. Another type of racism is thinking blacks are getting more than they deserve.

Eighty percent of those surveyed said they think they should be less prejudiced.

For example, Monteith said the survey asked stu-

dents if they should feel uncomfortable sitting next to a black person on a bus. The person would answer no. To be next question, would the person feel uncomfortable, the answer came out to be yes.

Monteith said the way to change these attitudes is to help students realize why they occur and to work on changing them.

"Prejudice reduction is really a process that entails more than just adopting low-prejudice attitudes," she said. "You have to work up something that's really automatic."

Douglas Boyd, dean of College of Communication and Information Sciences was disturbed by the findings. "The belief as an educator that where you go into college and where you come out you become a different person," he said. "It is the process of working with others of different backgrounds and reading and discussing... I would hope the system would become more tolerant."

Rockin' the night away

By Ann Boden
Staff Writer

How did you spend your Friday night?

Members of Alpha Delta Pi social sorority spent their night in rocking chairs during their Rock-A-Thon at Wal-Mart raising money for their philanthropy.

About 10 members at a time made up the group who also sold raffle tickets and collected donations while rocking for 24 hours straight.

Starting Friday at 9 a.m., the ADPI members went to Wal-Mart ready to raise money. They took prizes, items to raffle and good spirits.

ADPI President Kelly Gandee attended the event from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. She was surprised at how fast time was passing.

"Everyone was taking the time rocking to catch up with their sisters who they may not see often. The event turned out to be a lot of fun," Gandee said.

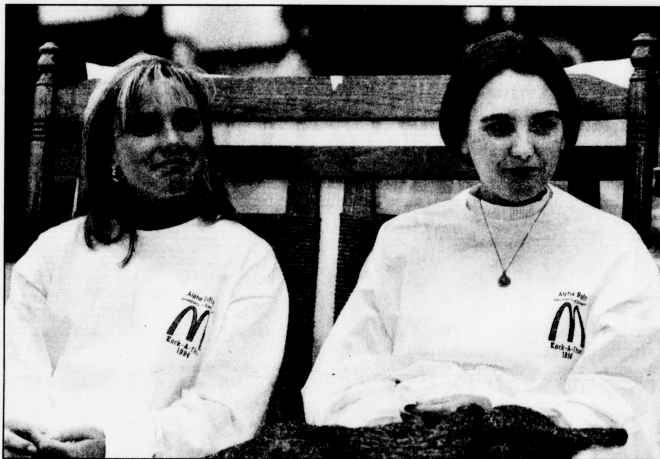
Gandee and her sisters were happy to participate in the event.

"Since I am a nursing major in my peds (pediatric) rotation, I get to see how much the children and parents can benefit from the Ronald McDonald house," Gandee said.

"It makes me glad to know that I can help."

Corrine Garnhart, a psychology sophomore, was also happy to help the kids and the community.

Garnhart said she enjoyed knowing that so many people would benefit.



ROCK AWAY Alpha Delta Pi President Kelly Gandee, and ADPI member Denise Shelton spent Friday night rocking for charity at Wal-Mart.

Erica Browning, a senior member of the sorority, and Misty Freeman, an integrated strategic communications junior, who shared a two-person chair, were goofing off and doing aerobics and other coordinated rocking.

"Who says rocking is boring?" Freeman asked.

Wal-Mart was very cooperative, Gandee said. They allowed them to come inside since it was so cold and gave them food and drinks from the McNack stand.

Many other organizations were also participating. Cracker Barrel loaned the

rockers. The University Book Store donated some door prizes and so did local restaurants, Gandee said.

Prizes for the raffles included a basketball signed by UK basketball coach Rick Pitino and a book signed by Stephen King.

Several guests were asked to come, the majority of them could not make it because of the basketball game but many were supportive of the event in other ways, Gandee said.

Alan Aja, Student Government Association president, helped by rock-

ing in the afternoon.

The sorority was also pleased by donations from other Greek organizations including Panhellenic's newest member, Ceres social sorority.

The event was going very well by 1 a.m., Gandee said.

Each member of the sorority raised at least a \$10 pledge before the event started and many people were donating at Wal-Mart. Gandee and the others were surprised that people were approaching them to find out what they were doing then gave donations to the charity.

UK battles UT in annual Big Blue Crush

By Fausto Menard
Staff Writer

Last year, it was a thriller. But in the end, the University of Tennessee edged out UK. The final: UT 2,400; UK 2,200.

No, this wasn't the football score. It was the final tally for the eighth annual Big Blue Crush blood drive competition. After having won for three straight years, UK finally fell to the Volunteers and Central Kentucky Blood Center needs help to bring back the trophy.

According to CKBC, there is a near record blood transfusion increase in central and eastern Kentucky, up 14 percent in the last year. Coupled with the fact that there tends to be a decrease in blood donations during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, CKBC anticipates a need for 2,500 pints of blood during this year's competition to supply the necessary blood for transfusions, trauma victims and routine operations.

So once again, between Nov. 18-22, CKBC and Knoxville's MEDIC Regional Blood Center square off in their ninth annual blood drive to battle anticipated

blood shortages. "Everyone benefits when Kentucky and Tennessee fans join together to help their communities," said Susan Berry-Buckley, CKBC's chief executive officer.

To be eligible to donate, a person must be at least 17, weigh at least 100 pounds and be in good health. People who have a cold or who are on antibiotics the day of the drive and those who have a history of cancer are advised not to donate. At the same time, CKBC depends on the community and asks that you not automatically rule yourself out.

The process takes about one hour. Donors will be asked a series of medical questions and will have their blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count taken. After donating, refreshments will be provided.

All donors can give blood at CKBC, 330 Waller Ave., from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the event or at a mobile blood drive on the UK campus. On campus blood drive sponsors include the Residence Hall Association, the Farmhouse social fraternity, Alpha Delta Pi social sorority, Student Government Association, UK Medical Center and the UK Bookstore, who will be donating UK hats and T-shirts to donors on Friday.

"It's not only to beat the Orange," said Sally Baker, Public Relations Manager for CKBC, "but to make sure we have enough blood to last through the holiday season."

UK ranks 7th in availability of low-fat food

By Kevin McAllister
Staff Writer

UK is at the top of its class when it comes to student food services according to the Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine.

A recent study done by the national committee found UK ranks seventh among 38 of the nation's top universities and colleges for the availability of healthy, low-fat and vegetarian foods.

"UK was ranked so well because it is easy for a student to get a low-fat meal any day of the week at any number of locations across the campus," said Kathy Savory, Media Coordinator for the committee.

Savory said the results are based on variety and availability of low-fat entrees on a given day. "Schools that served low-fat, cholesterol-free entrees and a wide variety of vegetarian meals on a daily basis ranked higher than schools that offered only a salad bar and fresh vegetables," Savory said.

"The study was based on samples of daily menus and other information from interviews with the food managers at each college, Savory said.

"The findings of the committee were determined by polling 38 of the country's top colleges excluding about six schools

that refused to participate," Savory said. Duke University ranked highest in the poll, followed by the University of Pennsylvania. "Clearly, UK is in good company and in good standing when it comes to how it nourishes students," Savory said.

Among the worst ranked schools in the country which offered few options and high-cholesterol entrees were John Hopkins University, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Carol Raitz of UK Food Services said the results of the study are very exciting and indicate that they are going in the right direction when it comes to food service.

"In addition to the services we already provide, many new changes will be occurring next year that will further improve the quality of food offered at UK," Raitz said. According to Raitz, plans for a new food service facility in the new William T. Young Library as well as some menu changes top the list of innovations for next year.

The committee poll is accurate because the committee thoroughly analyzed the nutrition and availability of meal programs, Savory said.

"There is a real message in this study," Savory said. "It is important feedback for the administrators at these schools and I hope they examine the results carefully."

NEWSbytes

WORLD Hutu refugees home after 2 1/2 years

GISENYI, Rwanda — The biggest, fastest homcoming of refugees in history slowed late yesterday after three days in which at least a half-million Rwandan Hutus returned from 2 1/2 years in exile in Zaïre.

Wearied by their long walk home, families stopped to camp in clusters for 25 miles along the main road east of the Lake Kivu town of Gisenyi.

As night fell, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees spokesman Ray Wilkinson said most of the remaining 100,000 stragglers — the very old, the very young and the sick — were being taken across the border by truck.

"The exodus from North Kivu should be over," he said.

NAMEdropping

Dole taking loss well, appears on SNL

NEW YORK — If Bob Dole is traumatized by losing the presidency, he's sure doing a good job of hiding it.

The failed Republican presidential candidate poked fun at himself on the opening segment of NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

In the opening skit of Saturday's show, Dole was introduced by SNL producer Lorne Michaels to cast member Norm MacDonald, who impersonated Dole throughout the campaign.

"Bob Dole knows how much it meant to you to play him on the show and Bob Dole feels your pain," Dole said to MacDonald.

Compiled from wire and staff reports

TRIVIA TEST

WHEN WAS the last time UK beat Vanderbilt in football prior to last Saturday?

Answers: In 1990, UK won 28-21 at home

SPORTS

WEEKEND wrapup

"It sure beats going to Alaska and getting our ass beat."

PEP TALK

Bob Knight, Indiana coach on beating Connecticut

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GAME recap

Scoring summary

First quarter:
▼UK, 8:56, Yeast 57-yard pass from Haskins (Johnson kick), 7-0 UK.

Second quarter:
▼UK, 13:28, Wesley 1-yard run (Johnson kick), 14-0 UK.

Third quarter:
▼UK, 6:04, Safety, Allen sacked in end zone by C. Ward, 16-0 UK.

Fourth quarter:
▼UK, 3:42, Curtis 3-yard pass from Haskins (Pass failed), 22-0 UK.
▼UK, 1:17, Johnson 37-yard field goal, 25-0 UK.

Individual stats

Rushing:
▼UK, Logan 26-132, Haskins 8-(-15), Woodfork 2-4, Wesley 1-1.
▼VU, Dunnivant 9-15, Allen 7-(-54), Winkler 1-7, Hogans 1-(-1).

Passing:
▼UK, Haskins 17-30-0 217.
▼VU, Allen 10-33-2 120.

Receiving:
▼UK, Yeast 3-81, Dennis 3-17, Spencer 2-30, Logan 1-4, Curtis 4-34, Mason 3-42, Simms 1-9.
▼VU, Fleming 2-16, Hogans 2-15, Dunnivant 4-65, Yoder 1-11, Tomichuk 1-13.

Punting:
▼UK, Carter 8-41 09-37.3.
▼VU, Marinangel 8-48.8.

Notables

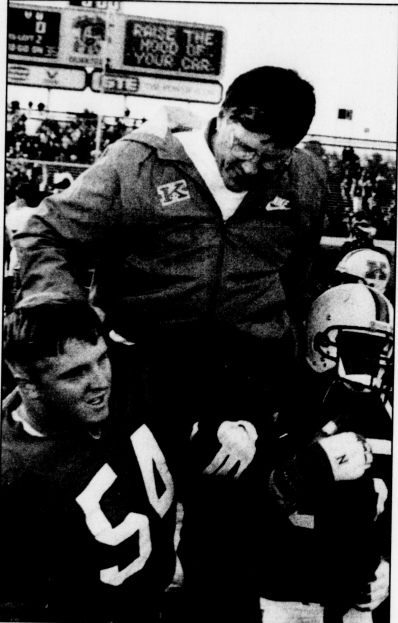
▼Attendance: An announced crowd of 33,000 witness the second shutout of the season for the Cats.

▼Play of the Game: Facing a fourth-and-17, UK lined up to kick a 45-yard field goal in the second quarter. But they didn't, instead running a fake with Haskins hitting Isaac Curtis III for a 25 yard gain down to the one-yard line. It set up Wesley's first collegiate touchdown.

▼Offensive Player of the Game: Haskins. He threw for a career-high 217 yards and has put talk of any type of quarterback controversy to rest.

▼Defensive Player of the Game: Chris Ward recorded his eighth consecutive game with a sack against Vandy. He had two in the game, including a safety. He also set a new single-season sack record with the two sacks, giving him 10-and-a-half for the season. The old record was 10, set by Dean Wells in 1992.

▼Next up: UK wraps up its season this Saturday against No. 12 Tennessee in Knoxville.



VICTORY RIDE Kurt Supe (left) and Jeff Tanner (right) carry Coach Bill Curry off the field following the win. It was Curry's last game in Lexington.

Cats win third consecutive

Snap five-game skid against Vandy with 25-0 win

By Chris Eastlering
Sports Editor

The Bill Curry era is over. Not officially, UK has one more game left at No. 12 Tennessee on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. But as far as anyone is concerned, the scoreboard at Commonwealth Stadium read on Saturday had to lead people to believe it was over.

UK 25, Vanderbilt 0
No longer does the Wildcat program have to endure what has become the trademark of the Curry regime, five consecutive losses to the Commodores.

"It wasn't a jinx," Curry said of the losing streak to Vandy, "they just beat us. We made a point this week that the University of Kentucky is just not going to let this go on any more."

UK (4-6 overall, 3-4 in the Southeastern Conference) has now won three in a row for the first time since the Peach Bowl year of 1993. It is also the first time since that year that the Cats have won three straight SEC games.

But with the Vols waiting, the prospects for the Cats' first four-game winning streak since 1983 appears to be slim.

However, the win over the Commodores has to be satisfying enough for Cat fans, who have grown tired of seeing their team humiliated by the boys from Nashville.

In fact, UK players had gotten so tired of being embarrassed by Vandy that they even made it one of their goals of the season, right after "Bowl Berth."

"We haven't beaten Vandy in five years," Derrick Logan said, "and this being the last home game for Coach Curry and the seniors, we knew we had to play well."

And Logan did his part, rushing for his third straight 100-yard game with 132 yards on 26 carries. His 70-yard scamper late in the fourth quarter help set up the Cats final touchdown.

But Logan wasn't alone in helping the Wildcats roll to 339 yards of total offense. Quarterback Billy Jack Haskins completed 17-of-30 passes for a career-high 217 yards.

His old high was 172 yards, which he threw against LSU on Oct. 19.

"He's been hot since the second quarter at LSU," Curry said. "We stuck him in and he has obviously been on ever since."

Of course, it wasn't the offense which can take the credit for the big goose egg which was located where the visitor's score should be on the scoreboard.

It was the second shutout for the Cats this season, the first coming against Indiana on Sept. 21. It was the first time since 1993 that UK has shutout two opponents.

The Wildcat defense was able to hold the Commodores (2-8, 0-

7) to minus-29 yards rushing for the afternoon. The defense was also able to get to Commodore quarterback Damien Allen seven times.

It's the most number of sacks by the Cats since they got to Indiana quarterback Chris Dittore seven times in last year's win.

"It was a sense of urgency for us," said defensive end Chris Ward.

"In the first half we played good defense but we didn't have any sacks. In the second half we came out there and just dominated."

Ward collected two sacks, including one in the endzone which put UK up 16-0, to bring his season total to 10 and a half. It breaks Dean Wells' single-season sack record from 1992. Wells recorded 10 that year.

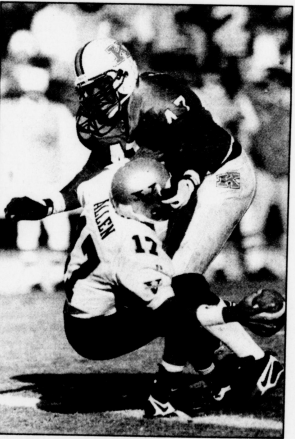
After the game, the Vanderbilt players seemed destroyed by the loss, both with the outcome and with their fellow teammates.

"I'm really disappointed that a number of our players, and I'm not going to name any names, didn't prepare for this game," Vandy cornerback Corey Chavous said. "And not just this game, it's been like this around here for years."

Strong safety Eric Vance went so far as to call the loss a fluke.

"That wasn't a better football team than us," Vance said. "We should've never lost that game. We never came to play."

UK gets creative with fake field goal



SACKED Chris Ward sacks Vanderbilt quarterback Damien Allen for a third quarter safety in Saturday's 25-0 win at Commonwealth Stadium.

By Chris Campbell
Assistant Editorial Director

For the first time in who only knows, the Wildcat special teams unit did the unthinkable. They faked a field goal.

On a typical call, a fourth-and-17 opportunity, the 43-yard field goal looked like a given. Yet, something was there for Coach Bill Curry which he hasn't seen all season long, an alignment which would be open to a fake.

Curry said the play had been in since spring practice, but never saw a prime chance before the Vandy game to use it.

"We use the fake if we know it can work by their alignment," said Curry. "Normally, I wouldn't call a fake on fourth-and-(17), but it was something they couldn't cover in that formation."

Billy Jack Haskins took the snap, but instead of setting it down for Brian Johnson to kick, he got up and rolled right.

He hit tight end Isaac Curtis III near the sidelines. Curtis then turned up-field and, thanks to a block by Michael Woodfork, ran all the way to the Vanderbilt one-yard line.

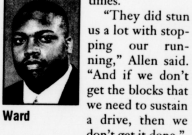
"It's a play we've been trying to

run in games past," Curtis said. "I thought I was going to score. Woodfork made a great block."

Lee Wesley took the ball in on the next play for his first collegiate touchdown to put UK up 14-0.

Sacks and more sacks

With the run game effectively contained, the UK defense focused their attention to Vandy quarterback Damien Allen, and got to him, seven times.



Chris Ward and Kurt Supe led the way, with two and two-and-a-half sacks, respectively.

Ward recorded his eighth consecutive game with a sack, one for a safety on Allen.

Ward's safety set a new single-season sack record for UK with 10.5, moving him past Dean Wells' mark of 10 set in 1992.

SPORTSbytes

Lottery for Indiana game at Freedom Hall tonight

A lottery for tickets to the Dec. 7 game against Indiana at Freedom Hall in Louisville will be held at 6 p.m. today at Memorial Coliseum.

Tickets will cost \$17 and can be paid for by cash, check or credit card. Students must have their UK ID and be a full-time student to purchase tickets.

Also, tickets still remain for Wednesday's exhibition game against Australia and the Dec. 9 game against Wright State. Cost is \$13 a ticket.

Indians pull offer to Belle off table

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians have rescinded their offer to Albert Belle, leaving the left-fielder free to pursue offers from other teams.

The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported yesterday. General manager John Hart told Belle's agent, Arn Tellem, on Saturday that the team was taking its offer off the table.

"We've been negotiating all week with Arn and Albert," Hart said. "We've been very, very aggressive, but we're making no progress."

"The free agent signing season is now open, and we can't get aggressive with other free agents if we still have this offer on the table."

Belle received a four-year, \$38 million offer from the Florida Marlins on Friday, the first day teams were allowed to start signing free agents.

Tellem has said he wants to get Belle \$10 million to \$11 million a year.

Last week, the Indians reportedly offered Belle a five-year deal worth \$39 million to \$40 million.

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Wildcats stumble in season opener

By Chris Easterling
Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — "Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown."
UK found out what that old adage means on Friday night, when No. 20 Clemson upset the third-ranked defending national champions 79-71 in overtime at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The game was part of the Black Coaches Association Classic doubleheader, with Indiana beating Connecticut 68-61 in the opener.

"We're disappointed with the loss," UK coach Rick Pitino said, "but give Clemson credit. They played a tough, hard-fought ballgame."

It was the first season-opener that UK (0-1) has lost since Pitino has been here. The last time the Cats had lost an opener was to Duke in the 1988 Tip-off Classic.

The loss also marked the first time in 41 games that UK has gone into overtime. The last time was in the 1995 Southeastern Conference Tournament championship game against Arkansas.

But the story of the game was the difference between the team that faced the Tigers (1-0) and the one that beat Syracuse last April. Obviously, the departures of Tony Delk, Walter McCarty, Mark Pope and Antoine Walker have affected the team in more ways than one.

Depth was probably the biggest area affected. Four players played at least 40 minutes against the Tigers (1-0), led by Jared Prickett's outrageous 45 minutes of playing time. Allen Edwards (42

minutes), Derek Anderson (42), and Ron Mercer (40) also logged at least 40.

Of the five that started, only Wayne Turner did not top the 40 minute plateau, playing only 14 minutes while Anthony Epps got the majority of the minutes at the point, playing 31. No other bench player saw more than seven minutes.

"It's going to take some time," Pitino said, "because we're playing four guards in our style of play without depth. We've gone from feast, where we had the great, deep bench, to famine, with little depth."

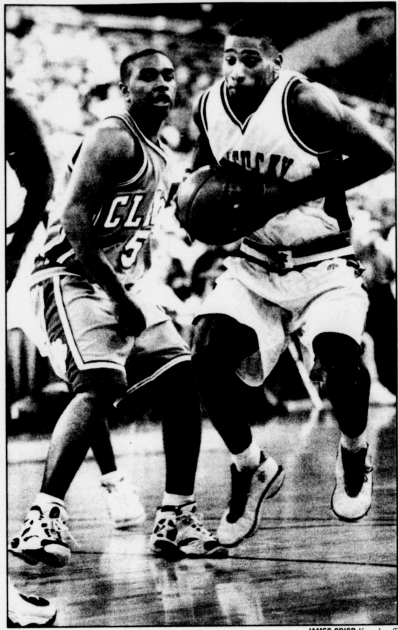
Mercer, who scored 16 against Clemson, said the amount of playing time was new for some of the players.

"We have a lot of guys who didn't play more than 18, 19 minutes a game last year," Mercer said, "and this year, played 30-some minutes, so we're just not used to it."

Pitino reiterated what he has been saying all along, that the Cats will get some help come semester break when Scott Padgett gets back after sitting out due to academic problems.

Another problem the Tigers exposed was the giant hole in the middle.

Time after time, Clemson muscled its way to the basket for points and rebounds while the perimeter-oriented could only sit back and watch. The Tigers out-rebounded the Cats 33-21, and thanks to the high-percentage inside shots which Clemson attempted, had a higher shooting percentage, 55.2 percent to UK's



DRIVIN' Wayne Turner drives down the lane against Clemson on Friday night. UK lost to the Tigers in overtime 79-71.

42.6 percent.

"We just didn't have any inside game," Anderson said. "It really hurt us, and we had to rely on our jump shot. You have to give credit to them; they just out-hustled us."

Anderson, who tallied a game-

high 22 points, related the game to the playground.

"It's like being at the park and losing and having to sit out for another 30 games," he said. "It's so frustrating. You just hate to do it."

Youthful Hoosiers beat Connecticut 68-61

By Rob Herbst
Assistant Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — Bobby Knight is probably not a big fan of the television show "Northern Exposure."

The program was situated in the great white north of Alaska, and the "General" does not have fond memories of the 49th state.

Last year his Hoosiers took on Connecticut in the Great Alaska Shootout and were whitewashed by 34 points inside the basketball gym known as Sullivan Arena in Anchorage, Alaska.

Indianapolis must feel a little bit more cozy than Anchorage.

Friday evening at the RCA Dome the Hoosiers took on Connecticut in a rematch and this time Indiana came out on top with a 68-61 victory.

"It sure beats going to Alaska and getting our ass beat," said the oh-so poetic Knight.

It was a different UConn team that ventured into Indianapolis compared to last year.

Gone are Ray Allen and Doron Sheffer who together averaged 39.4 points a game for the Huskies.

But while Connecticut had a different look this past weekend, Knight inserted three freshmen into his starting lineup.

Guards A.J. Guyton, Michael Lewis and center Jason Collier made their first ever collegiate performance in an arena which is a tad bigger than your average high school gym.

"It'd be kind of interesting to be a freshman and play in front of 35,000 people and on national television in your first game," Knight said.

The Hoosier freshmen responded.

They combined for more than one-third of Indiana's points and all three played over 25 minutes.

"They came out aggressive, focused and with confidence," said IU junior Andrae Patterson, who finished with 14 points, behind teammate Neil Reed's team-high 20 points.

Friday's game was by no means a masterpiece. It would be impossible to compare the first game of "The Classic" to a Rembrandt or a Picasso.

Neither team shot above 42 percent from the field. They also combined for 37 turnovers and the Huskies shot a pathetic 26.7 percent from the free throw line.

An ugly game was suspected statistically. But what enraged Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun was his team's effort.

"We were certainly outwilled," Calhoun said. "We succumbed to that but I would like to say that we got beat by Indiana."

Not even an exhibition game would have better prepared the Huskies to play Indiana.

"I don't think Marathon Oil would have outwilled us," Calhoun said in reference to the perennial exhibition scrub team.

"They wouldn't outwill us but Indiana outwilled us."

Like Indiana, Calhoun also needed freshmen to contribute. He started two freshmen in guard/forward Richard Hamilton and center Jake Voskuhl.

Unlike IU's freshmen, they did not step up. They combined for six points in 32 minutes and shot a dismal 2-12 from the field.

The Huskies did have one freshman who gave a significant contribution in Kevin Freeman who scored 10 points in 24 minutes. But Freeman's points could have been enhanced had he not gone 0-5 from the free throw line.

"Their freshmen guards out-experienced us," Calhoun said but later went on to say, "They were more inexperienced than we were."

Banged-up Cats fall in exhibition against Lithuania

By David Gorman
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team got a bad wake-up call on Friday night from Lithuania, losing 90-70 in an exhibition game at Memorial Coliseum.

Plagued with injuries, the Cats were without 6-foot-3 center Kim Denkins. She was sidelined with a subluxed right shoulder. UK could have used the junior as Lithuania seemed to have a height advantage.

Despite the obstacles, juniors Shaunda Roberts and Vonda Jackson stepped it up scoring 18 points and 17 points a piece respectively.

The story of the game was

Jackson as she scrapped throughout the game and drew three charges. The junior was 7-of-11 from the field and had four rebounds.

"I am most proud of Vonda Jackson," Coach Bernadette Mattox said. "She's worked very hard over the summer and she's in the best shape she's ever been in. She came out tonight and played well, and we'll be expecting that from her day-in and day-out."

Jackson said she couldn't let the size of the Lithuanians intimidate her.

"The players are going to be taller, but I just got to take it strong to the hoop," Jackson said. "But I credit the guards because if they didn't get me the ball I

couldn't score."

UK kept it close in the first half until Lithuania led 39-29 at half-time, and then they never looked back. Lithuania was close to perfect from behind the three-point arc which seemed to surprise UK. Lithuania had a lot more transition buckets and UK was not too hot from three-point range.

Adding to UK's problems was Tiffany Wait reinjuring her ankle early in the second half. UK fans got another scare when Roberts sprained her ankle with 11:24 left in the game. Roberts shook it off and played on to the delight of Mattox and her teammates.

Since it is only an exhibition game, the team is putting things in

perspective after a disappointing loss.

"It was a real learning experience," Roberts said. "We just took this game to kind of see where we're at right now, where we need to be. That's how we're going to look at this game to help us in practice and in preparation for other games."

UK had some injuries and played two inexperienced players in freshmen Natalie Martinez and Patrice Boyd.

"I was nervous in the beginning, I think that's only natural," Martinez said. "I just took this game to see where I'm at and where the rest of the team is at. It's definitely a learning experience for me."

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Secrets and Lies October Films

★★★★★
By Dan O'Neill
Assistant Arts Editor

Mike Leigh has a history of making films that are difficult to watch with virtually no likable characters. His last two pics *Life Is Sweet* and *Naked* were brutal, distant and generally unenjoyable. That's why it comes as a surprise that his latest film, *Secrets and Lies*, delivers a stunning array of enjoyable characters with an uplifting message.

Winner of the prestigious Palme d'Or at this year's Cannes Film Festival, Leigh's picture delves into the harsh realities of family life both poignantly and comically, while managing to tackle serious moral and social issues in an effective yet subtle manner.

Because of the numerous important characters and the movie's complex intertwining of events, attempting to summarize the story would be futile. The basic premise, however, involves the unhealthy relationships of a family that is haunted and divided by its numerous secrets and lies.

Leigh has fashioned a fluid, dead-on script and combined it with a series of astonishing, lengthy takes and beautifully framed images.

One sequence involved a hilarious montage of the offbeat patrons of a photography studio posing for their pictures. Another fabulous shot occurred near the film's conclusion with all seven of the major players finally together for a barbecue. The camera looks on for about five minutes, void of cuts, as the characters exchange lines and talk over each other, each exuding elements of their well-defined personalities.

The film actually takes the necessary time to develop characters in great depth and detail without relying on shocking visuals or melodramatic plot maneuvers to maintain interest.

In a film with no dominant lead, Brenda Blethyn stood out as definite Oscar material. Her performance as a lonely, single mother, which earned her Best Actress at Cannes, brings out the emotionally tormented, eccentric nature of the role without going overboard.

As Blethyn's daughter Roxanne, Claire, Rushbrook's film debut was memorable. A brilliant model for angst-ridden youth,

Rushbrook gives the same lucid, dispirited facial expressions that made Toni Collette's performance so wonderful in Muriel's Wedding.

Timothy Spall and Marianne Jean-Baptiste contribute to the talented, cohesive cast. Spall, as a gentle photographer and Baptiste, as the young, black optometrist searching for birth parents, provide the story with the moral and mental stability needed to balance out the nervous energy from the others.

The film may have ran a tad long at almost two and a half hours but it's difficult to locate areas that could have been cut.

Secrets and Lies produces a well-acted, raw yet polished, wrenching yet endearing portrait of family life. While not as flamboyant as other recent highly-stylized successes, *Secrets and Lies* achieves its greatness from supreme performances and wonderful character development to easily become one of the year's absolute best films.

Surviving Picasso

Warner Brothers

★★★★1/2

By Dan O'Neill
Assistant Arts Editor

From those who brought us the rich period pieces *A Room with a View*, *Remains of the Day* and *Howards End* comes the portrait of

not embellishing him.

The strong points lie in the great performances and dazzling use of color, rather than story. In what has become a trademark to Merchant/Ivory products, *Surviving Picasso* flaunts a meticulous period detail and elegant landscape.

After playing Hannibal Lector, C.S. Lewis and Richard Nixon, Anthony Hopkins again shows his incredible range as an actor portraying Picasso. Hopkins, who seems to be nominated every year for an Oscar, registers another splendid performance as the charismatic, insensitive artist.

Natasha McElhone plays the lead role of Francoise Gilot in her film debut. Although she begins a little shaky and struggles at times with the voice-over narration, she matches up well with Hopkins overall. She maintains a charm that is necessary to care for her despite naïveté with the womanizing Picasso.

The solid supporting cast includes Joan Plowright as Francoise's grandmother and Julianne Moore, who trades in her red locks to play Picasso's self-destructive ex-mistress.

Surviving Picasso lacks a well-rounded, involving story and a convincing ending but Ivory's direction, a gorgeous set design and one of Hopkins' best roles to date make this an interesting watch.

Freeway

Republic

★★★

By Josh Herr

Staff Critic

A little girl goes to visit her grandmother. On the way she runs into the big, bad wolf looking for a meal. Sound familiar? Well in the new film, *Freeway*,

writer/director Matthew Bright gives a bizarre twist to this classic tale that would make the Brothers Grimm spin in their

graves. The story centers around Vanessa, Little Red's modern day counterpart. Far from the innocent little girl who graces the fairy tale, Vanessa is foul-mouthed and street-wise. After coming home from school one day, she finds that her parents are being taken away to jail for seemingly the millionth time. Rather than being sent back to a foster home, Vanessa steals a car and makes a run for her grand-

ma's house. On the way her car breaks down and she is picked up by Bob Wolverton (subtly is not this movie's strong point), a child psychologist who gains Vanessa's trust before revealing he is in fact the dreaded I-5 killer, a serial killer of the model that Hollywood loves. It's at this point that the movie takes a turn for the weird. You see, it counts the Big Bad Wolf did not count on Little Red packing a gun. The rest of the film is spent in a bizarre sort of game of cat and mouse.

The ever-luscious Reese Witherspoon is an absolute treat in the lead role. She brings a sense of



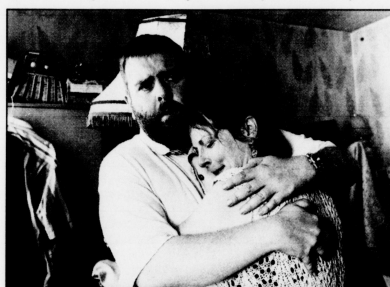
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CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET? 'Secrets and Lies,' now playing at The Kentucky Theatre, is the first film the Kentucky Kernel Diversions section has given five stars to since it implemented our new five-star scale system earlier this year.

irreverence and humor to a role that could have been melodramatic. It seems as if her mouth gets her into almost as much trouble as her temper as she constantly provokes situations, refusing to put on an act of politeness for anyone or any reason. The only problem I had was some of the forty dollar thesaurus words coming out of the mouth of a girl who couldn't read the sentence "the cat drinks milk".

Keifer Sutherland adds another notch on his list of well-played psychos.

It may be the only thing he can do, but he sure is good at it. Easily the best part of the film is watching Sutherland pretending to be sympathetic, and knowing that at any second he is going to snap. This provides the best tension in the movie, and when he finally does snap and launches into a lunatic spiel about riding the world of human garbage, you know it was worth the wait.

And then there is Brooke Shields as Mrs. Wolverton. Let me give a word of advice to Hollywood casting agents: Ms. Shields can't act, and she isn't pretty enough to justify her career. Her



melodramatic ten minutes on the screen are almost painful to watch. Personally, I'd rather pass a kidney stone.

The rest of the cast is pretty good. Amanda Plumber plays Vanessa's prostitute/junkie mother with her usual sense of weirdness. Dan Hedaya plays another one of his versions of himself, but that's okay cause he's cool. Probably the funniest part is played by

Brittany Murphy as Vanessa's lesbian, paint-huffing prison roommate. Her every line is delivered with brain damaged brilliance.

Aside from an annoying beginning and a middle that begins to drag this was an entertaining film. Its best scenes are those with the two leads travelling together. It's not brilliant, but it is a lot better than a modern retelling of a fairy tale could have been.

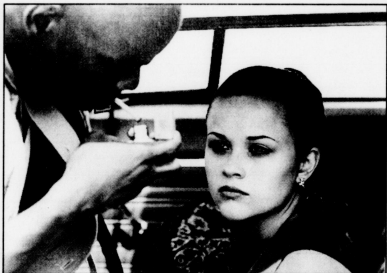


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FAIRLY TOLD Bokeem Woodbine (left) and Reese Witherspoon (right) star in 'Freeway,' a mediocre retelling of the classic Red Riding Hood fairy tale.

one of the world's most celebrated artists. Ismail Merchant and James Ivory, who formed Merchant/Ivory productions, recover from their catastrophic Jefferson in Paris but not quite match previous accomplishments with *Surviving Picasso*.

To keep it from being a strict bio-pic on Pablo Picasso, the film is told through the eyes of his mistress, the mother of two of his children, and the only woman in his life who had the strength to leave him. The majority of the film is spent developing their relationship as she puts up with Picasso's volatile lifestyle and dominating personality.

The story's biggest flaw comes in its resolution of events at the conclusion. Although the movie tries to depict her as a strong female character, she remains buddy-buddy with Picasso at the end, despite receiving emotionally abusive treatment for a decade. Closing images of a bull-fighter with voice-narration describing Picasso's great influence, took away from the fact that she was supposed to be surviving Picasso,



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SURVIVAL Anthony Hopkins (left) stars as the painter Pablo Picasso in 'Surviving Picasso' playing at Sony Fayette.

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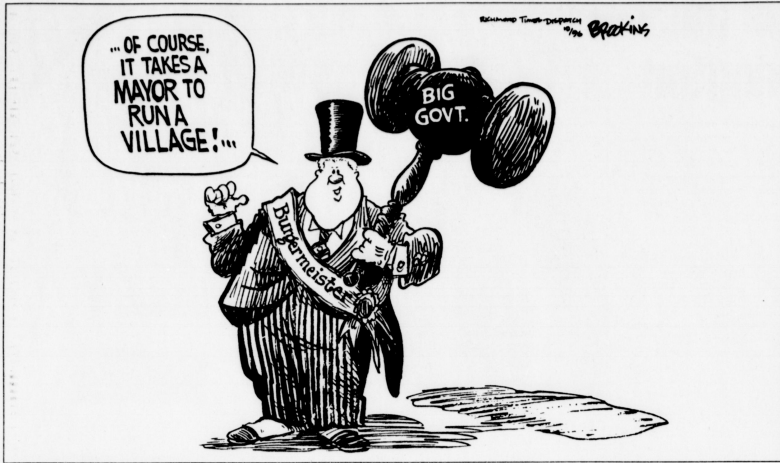
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Less than half of the seats were filled for the Linda Brown Thompson and Cheryl Brown Henderson lecture on Thursday night. The fact that not too many UK students were interested in attending a lecture by historical figures is irksome in itself. What really bothered us, though, was that most of the tickets to the event had been picked up by UK students, but from the eighth row back, almost all the seats were empty.

Students whine and complain that our elected and appointed leaders in SGA and SAB don't do enough for us. We all, the Kernel editorial board included, have complained about how they do not bring big name lecturers and concerts to campus and how they need to be more student-centered in their endeavors.

So then what happens? SGA finally has a year where they have gotten their act together and brought us some decent entertainment and their work goes largely unnoticed by the general university population.

For those of you who picked up tickets to Thursday's lecture and didn't show, you only cheated yourselves. Turn your ticket into your

professor and pretend you were there for those precious few extra credit points.

Those who went got a rare treat in seeing history come to life. The two sisters were funny and engaging and told a story that no history book can tell; they had been there and done that.

This is not only about the lack of interest in Thursday's presentation, but the general apathy this campus exudes on a daily basis. Special events like the Brown presentation are what make UK a Class I research institution.

We can't help it if students are genuinely uninterested in making the best of their time here at UK. As a matter of fact, we really don't care if the rest of the student body is not interested in taking full advantage of what UK offers. In actuality, it means more room for the people who want to be there.

We just don't want to hear people complain about having nothing to do on campus and how our student leaders are not doing enough with our money.

We leave you with this advice: Show up or shut up.

Quotas really don't help less-qualified succeed in business

A lot has been said recently about the evils of each and every affirmative action program.

I don't want to discuss each and every proposition and plan to fix the system that has come up recently.

I just want to make sure everyone keeps their jobs. Although I agree that many of these programs do cause some problems and do sometimes fall short of their objective, I think two things should be kept in mind.

My first objection applies to any issue, controversial or not. If you disagree with an idea or an action, don't just slam it. Don't automatically assume that any idea should just be thrown completely away.

And if you do think that a program such as affirmative action is more bad than good, suggest an alternative.

If you can't think of a better solution, don't just condemn others' ideas out of hand.

However, that was just a personal gripe. What really concerns me about the recent discussions of affirmative action is that many people are beginning to deny a problem is involved.

According to some people, women and minorities don't really face any sort of discrimination at all.

They just want to unjustly take the good jobs away from the obviously so much more qualified white male.

Some other people, more reasonable than those in the first group, simply believe that job discrimination is a thing of the past.

They believe that every business makes hiring decisions solely on the basis of the various prospective employees' qualifications.

Well, I hate to burst anyone's roseate worldview bubble, but discrimination is alive and well today. Despite the aid of affirmative action, only 13 percent of executive level jobs are held by women.

Minorities still encounter people who refuse to work under them. Women and minorities both encounter employers who just don't think that people of a certain gender or race are able to occupy leadership positions.

Some men still think that women only exist in the office to be called "honey" and be patted on the butt.

Admittedly, affirmative action isn't totally eliminating this problem.

Moreover, the use of quotas does sometimes cause employers to hire people with less experience or lower grades from college, and this situation is definitely one that should be corrected.

However, qualification is not necessarily determined by facts on a resume.

Because women and minority members have to deal with such things as the prejudice of some teachers or the refusal of some employers to place them in management positions, a woman or minority member with a slightly less impressive resume might have actually shown more determination and talent to reach that level than someone without those disadvantages had.

Moreover, many minority members and women are not offered the opportunity to participate in programs that do give you a leg up on the world like college prep classes or internships.

But let's ignore these facts. Let's just assume that every woman or minority member whose resume is a little less impressive is actually a little less right for the job.

Should we throw the affirmative action programs out just because of these bad apples, when affirmative action helps many more people who are equally talented and worthy of respect, but have suffered from discrimination?

Only if we have a better solution. Something that partially works is a whole lot better than nothing at all.

If someone can come up with a solution to job discrimination that still compensates for the fact that women and minorities are not offered equal opportunities while preventing those who actually are less capable from slipping through the cracks.

I'll be all for it. However, until that blissful day, it would be better if we all accepted that there are problems for participants on both sides of affirmative action, and worked to adjust it, rather than fighting stubbornly to either totally trash a system with merit or retain unchanged a system with flaws.

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Natalie Collins
Kernel Columnist

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READERS' forum

Christians love Jesus and look to heaven

To the editor:

I agree with Rev. Patrick L. Buck that actions are more important than claiming a set of religious beliefs. What we believe, however, will influence our actions. We are all sinners no matter how big or small our wrongs are. There is a punishment for sin and since heaven is a perfect place, the wages of sin is hell.

However, the gift of God is eternal life in heaven. God demonstrated His love for us by sending Jesus Christ, His son, to die on the cross and pay the price for our sins. Jesus then rose from the dead to show that he had defeated death and hell. All we

must do to spend eternity with God in heaven is accept this gift He offers through Christ. The Bible says in Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

So whatever wrongs we have committed in the past or whatever religion we claim doesn't matter. Christianity is not based on a religion. It is based on a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Man trying to apply his own rationale to God's plan is what is irrational. It saddens me that Christians are often badly stereotyped because of people standing outside the Student Center preaching hell and damnation, instead of the love and eternal life God offers.

Ultimately, anyone can reject the Bible and God. But what no

one can reject is what Jesus Christ has done in my life.

Josh Walton

Civil engineering, freshman

Clinton-bashing column is not serious writing

To the editor:

Clinton-basher Clayton Sandford deplors Clinton's ethics, hinting at many of the accusations that have been made against him since the election of 1992. After castigating the American public for supporting an unethical person, Sandford then equates Clinton with Hitler. Are we expected to take seriously anything Mr. Sandford has to say about ethics?

Michael Kennedy

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Fighting affirmative action bigotry through active ideas

Last week, people were shaken and appalled when Texaco Oil executives were recorded using the word "nigger" in a meeting. I was not shaken. I was not appalled.

I really didn't give a damn. I don't need to hear someone use the word "nigger" in a board meeting to know that corporate America discriminates. The proof is in the pudding.

A survey by consulting firm Korn/Ferry found that white males control 95 percent of top corporate positions. Another study by the urban institute found that black job applicants experience discrimination in 1 of every 5 job searches.

All I needed to know about UK was that Jerry Bramwell, hired in 1995, is the first high-ranking black official ever at this university. That fact alone (not Happy

Chandler using the word "nigger" in an interview) let me know what high-level administrators think about African-Americans.

That, my friends, is racism. If you spend your life waiting for evidence of blatant racism, you will wait forever. Bigotry has gotten more sophisticated. It goes on behind closed doors and in the backs of people's minds.

When African-Americans speak of racism, we are usually confronted with insulting rationalizations or self-righteous statements coming from people who have no idea what we are talking about.

This includes the world-famous "I'm not racist, but..." statement, which is usually followed by the most bigoted words I have ever heard.

In addition to talking negatively about blacks, Texaco executives spoke of destroying key evidence in the discrimination lawsuit that had been filed against them.

Even after Texaco's \$140 million dollar settlement of the lawsuit, Jessie Jackson is going ahead with a boycott of Texaco products.

I can only say this: Go Jessie go. That, my friends, is affirmative action. Conventional affirmative action is not a bad idea. There are too many deplorable statistics that support the fact that racism is alive and well in corporate America and academia.

However, even when racism leaves the hearts and minds of people within the institution, the side-effects of historical discrimi-

nation continue to show themselves in huge employment disparities between blacks and whites.

But conventional affirmative action is under fire, and we have to do something soon. I have stopped wasting my time arguing with boneheads about the merits of affirmative action programs.

African-Americans make convenient scapegoats for the failures of American society, particularly those who already have racist tendencies. But bigots don't control our destiny, we do.

Here are some things we can do. Support black leaders in their boycotts of firms that have poor

records when it comes to diversity.

Don't wait for firms to record themselves saying the word "nigger"; most of them aren't that stupid.

Ask one simple question: How many minority employees and contractors do you have? If the answer is not satisfactory, we should spend our money elsewhere.

Give at least \$30 per year to the United Negro College Fund. Even a poor undergraduate can afford that much, and it makes a huge difference.

Organize, organize, organize.

I recently spoke at Kentucky State University and one of the students brought up an excellent idea regarding a black student assembly for the entire state of Kentucky. Such an organization would be simple to establish and the concentration of economic and political power could be enormous.

The point is this: Don't sit around arguing with silly people, and don't get angry at them. Many of them are not responsible for their ignorance, and it makes them incapable of understanding what we are talking about.

Spend your time studying, organizing, and figuring out something you can do to help African-Americans institute our own affirmative action programs.

Our future belongs to us. All we have to do is take it. Kernel Columnist Boyce Watkins is a mathematics graduate student; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

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