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## Library feeling effects of budget cuts

By BRIAN CARTER  
Contributing Writer

Budget cuts that forced the cancellation of 1,000 journal subscriptions from the UK library system have saved the University about \$120,000 — but the cuts may have affected more than just UK's bankbook.

The decision to cancel the journal subscriptions was made more than two years ago, but because the sub-

scriptions ran until they expired, the effects of such cuts are now coming into focus.

"We are beginning to sense a real difference in what we are able to do here," said Jim Birchfield, the assistant director of development for UK's library system.

The decision to cut costs in journal subscriptions was based on an increase in the prices that publishers are demanding.

"We've seen approximately a 35

percent increase in the price of journal subscriptions over the past three years," Birchfield said.

Paul Willis, director of libraries for UK, pinned this large increase on the continuing problem of the low exchange rate for the U.S. dollar in other countries.

"Approximately one-third of UK's journal subscriptions were published in countries other than the U.S., and we are just not realistically able to pay the prices they are ask-

ing," Willis said.

Birchfield said further cuts in subscriptions were avoided when Toyota Motor Manufacturing Corp. donated \$1 million to library funding.

But the cancellation of such a large portion of the existing journals may cause UK to fall behind in research and information availability compared to similar universities across the country.

The Association of Research Li-

braries reinforces this theory. According to Birchfield, UK has steadily declined in the association's annual rankings of research libraries.

"If you break the statistics down, it shows a significant decline," Birchfield said. "Ten years ago, we were right in the middle. Today, we are just as close to the bottom as we are the middle."

"This is something of real concern that we are anxious to share with the rest of UK's administration."

The steady decline of UK's library system is also of concern to Willis.

"We are anxious to try to reverse this negative trend," he said.

UK's library system includes the main Margaret I. King library and 14 smaller facilities scattered across campus.

With the last approved budget, the

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## Committee to review Food Services prices

By S. DAVID BLAKE  
Contributing Writer

Responding to more than 2,000 UK students who signed a petition calling for Food Services to lower its prices, the Student Government Association last night passed a resolution to reactivate a committee responsible for examining campus food prices.

By unanimous vote, SGA formed this year's University Housing and Dining Committee to look into Food Services' July price increase. The University committee is appointed by SGA and UK administration every year to handle housing and dining complaints.

The committee will consist of University administrators, Residence Hall Association representatives and other UK students, and will deliver its findings by the end of the semester.

SGA requested the committee's report by next month because "prices are a big concern of students, and something needs to be done to let the students know what is going on," said Senator Christa Collins,

sponsor of the resolution.

Collins said SGA called for formation of the committee instead of asking for Food Services to cut its prices — a move pushed by students who signed the petition two weeks ago — in recognition of additional sides to the issue.

"We don't want to make any hasty demands right now. We want to see the whole picture and talk to all parties," Collins said.

RHA officer Alan Corbett said his organization strongly supports the SGA action.

"We had an emergency meeting of RHA to deal with the petition, and out of the meeting came an expressed urgency to reactivate the committee," Corbett said. "Many RHA members are willing to work with the committee."

The Housing and Dining Committee will investigate the issue rather than RHA to include the voices of off-campus students, said Erica McDonald, RHA president.

SGA Vice President Sara Coursey assured senators that the committee will include some commuter students.

## Leaders must care for own business

Associated Press

The consensus at a conference yesterday in Lexington on rural economic development was that local leaders are going to have to rely on their own resources and not look so much to state and federal government.

"We have to take hold of our own destiny and ask some fundamental questions," U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers told those gathered for the conference, University and State Government Responses to Rural Economic Challenges in the 1990s.

"Do we have an educated workforce? Do we have a regional plan to attract industry? Have we worked

to optimize what we do best — agriculture?" Rogers, R-5th District, asked the more than 200 state and local leaders.

The meeting was sponsored by the UK College of Agriculture, the UK Appalachian Center, Berea College and Kentucky State University.

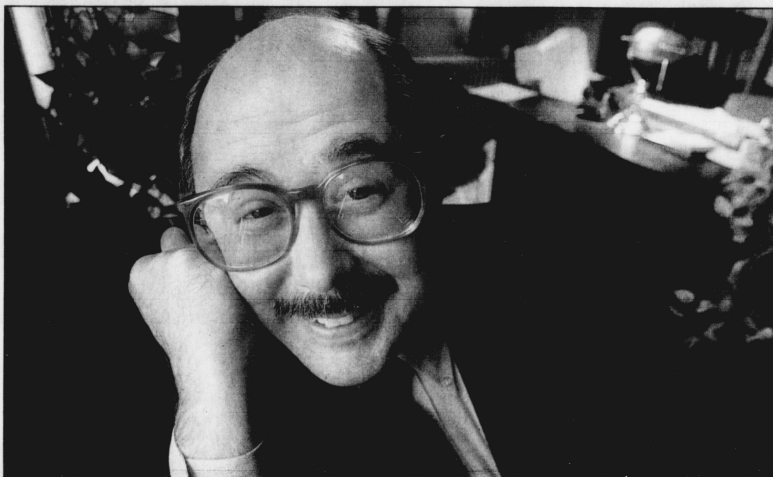
David Freshwater, a UK agricultural economist, told the conferees that the "rural renaissance of the late 1970s ended with the promise of economic prosperity to rural communities unfulfilled.

"The business of business is changing, and unless rural leaders understand what is necessary to enter business to their communities, they will fail, as will their communities."

Rogers said Southern Kentucky

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## STRESSED OUT? TRY COMIC RELIEF



MICHAEL CLEVELAND/Kernal Staff

Mike Nichols, director and psychologist of UK's Counseling and Testing Center, has taught psychology classes at the University since he received his Ph.D. in 1978. Nichols cites his opportunity to work with energetic students as the reason for his stay.

## A chuckle can put things in perspective

By LISA TAYLOR  
Contributing Writer

Laughter really is the best medicine for college students with problems, according to Mike Nichols, director and psychologist at the UK Counseling and Testing Center.

"If you've laughed at it, you've tamed it," said Nichols, with an easy smile and a reassuring voice.

About 50 students surround him, some sitting on old couches, others lining the walls in chairs and still others sitting on the lobby floor of Keeneland residence hall. Every-

one watches Nichols with interest despite the distractions of the voices that ring out across the room and the comings and goings that are typical of the busy lobby.

Nichols stresses the importance

of laughter and "putting things in perspective" by telling a story students can relate to.

"I want to read you a letter that the parents of a college student received. Freshman. Their daughter. First year in college. First letter home," he says.

Nichols proceeds to read the letter explaining the daughter's first college adventures, including a hospital stay with a skull fracture and a concussion, her residence hall burning down, and living and falling in love with a "sweet boy who's not terribly bright or educated or ambitious."

He pauses here, absorbing the groans and giggles, then reads on.

The daughter plans to marry soon, before her pregnancy shows and after they attempt to pass the blood test again.

Nichols looks up and smiles while many in the audience shake their heads and wait for the punchline.

He delivers. "... I want to tell you that there is no dormitory fire. I did not have a concussion or a skull fracture. I was not in the hospital. I am not pregnant. I am not engaged. I am not infected and there is no boyfriend."

"However, I am getting a D in history and a F in chemistry and I wanted you to see those marks in their proper perspective."

The room erupts with laughter and applause.

Later in his office, Nichols explains that his stress-relieving prescription — "laugh long and hard and loud and often" — can be especially helpful for college students, who sometimes take them-

selves too seriously.

The Natchez, Miss. native often speaks to groups of people about how to put things in the proper context. Nichols has a ready supply of "positive situations — not jokes," and they touch on all types of people and experiences: chronic disease, insurance reports, mental patients, church, marriage, and, of course, students.

Students were the reason why Nichols decided to stay at UK after obtaining his Ph.D. in psychology in 1978. Even during his short stint at Eastern State Hospital in Lexington, Nichols continued to teach psychology classes at UK.

He found the college experience so worthwhile and the students so full

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## College Board makes sweeping SAT changes

By TONY ROGERS  
Associated Press

BOSTON — College Board trustees announced the most sweeping changes ever in the Scholastic Aptitude Test, but rejected suggestions that charges of cultural bias prompted the revisions yesterday.

The new Scholastic Aptitude Test, called SAT-I, will be introduced in the spring 1994, said College Board President Donald M. Stewart.

It will include less reliance on multiple choice in the math section and more emphasis in the language section on reading comprehension.

The revisions, aimed in part at reducing students' reliance on test coaches, also will allow students to use calculators on the math section, Stewart said at the board's annual meeting.

Critics have long charged that the SAT — the most widely used col-

lege entrance exam — was biased, particularly against women and minorities.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," Stewart said. "The SAT has been in almost continual evolution. It has never been set in concrete...."

"The new SAT will combine the high, academically demanding standards of the current tests with revisions that increase their educational relevance and quality for all college-bound students."

The old SAT had 85 verbal and 60 math questions. The SAT-I will have 75-85 verbal and 55-60 math questions.

The changes also include the introduction of SAT-II, an expansion of the achievement tests currently offered with the SAT.

SAT-II will include a written essay section, language proficiency tests for native speakers of Japanese

and Chinese, and proficiency tests for non-native English speakers.

Bob Schaeffer, a spokesman for the group FairTest and co-author of the book "Standing up to the SAT," said the changes fail to solve the problem of the test's bias.

"The new SAT amounts to little more than rearranging the deck chairs on an educational Titanic," Schaeffer said. The SAT should be optional, and it should be comprehensively overhauled to address its problems."

FairTest and other critics have claimed that the SAT tends to cover subjects that white male and affluent test-takers are more likely to be familiar with.

Off-cited examples in the test include the question "Dividends are to stockholders as ..." with the answer being "royalties are to writers," and the use of words such as "regatta" and "aria" in the vocabulary sec-

tion. Whites as a group have outperformed minority students, and males have fared better than females.

In 1988, the National Organization for Women filed a lawsuit that forced the New York State Education Department to stop using the SAT exclusively to award merit scholarships.

The department now uses high school grades as well.

The SAT, administered by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J., was first given to 8,040 students in 1926. Now about 1 million college-bound students take it annually.

The 2 1/2-hour exam currently consists of two multiple-choice sections that test verbal and math skills. Each section is worth 800 points, for a perfect score of 1,600.

### UK TODAY

Maria Tula will speak about the ongoing crisis in El Salvador tonight at 8 in the Newman Center, 320 Rose Lane. All are welcome to attend.

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DIVERSIONS

# Updike retires 'Rabbit'

By HILLEL ITALIE  
Associated Press

When John Updike finished "Rabbit at Rest," he took a large pile of newspapers used for research and threw them away. Enough was enough. The author wanted to finish his book and forget about Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom. This "ordinary" man from Brewer, Pa., a speedy basketball star in high school who lags painfully behind the adult world, had haunted Updike for 30 years.

The books were increasingly difficult to write, burdened with telling new readers about old events and providing new events for old readers. After four novels it was time to leave Rabbit behind, at rest.

"As I was writing it I was fully aware not only of trying to make some sense to readers who hadn't read the others, but of trying to round out the series," Updike, 58, explained in an interview at the Manhattan offices of Alfred A. Knopf publishers.

"There comes a time when you've used up your life, if your life is allowed to run its natural course. He's reached it a little earlier than many of us, and a little earlier than I hope to myself. He's had enough of the world."

The Rabbit books began in 1960 with "Rabbit, Run." Harry — nicknamed "Rabbit" but increasingly known as just Harry — is in his late 20s and going downhill. He's stuck in a dead-end town, out of shape, bored with his job, bored with his marriage. While his wife is pregnant, Rabbit runs — away.

"The last quarry of a basketball game used to carry him into this world," Updike writes in "Rabbit,

Run," as Harry takes to the road and drives south. "You ran not as the crowd thought for the sake of the score but for yourself, in a kind of idleness."

The 1960s confuse Harry, the '70s depress him and the '80s finish him off. He returns for three more books, published 10 years apart, his marriage to Janice Springer surviving while his relationship with his son, Nelson, is deteriorating.

In "Rabbit Redux" (1971), the astronauts are walking on the moon and Harry is crawling on Earth. When Janice leaves for another man, Harry shacks up with his son, a teen-age runaway called Jill and a radical named Skeeter.

"My earliest sociological thought about myself had been that I was fortunate to be a boy and an American," Updike wrote in his essay "On Not Being a Dove."

Harry is no longer so lucky. The clean-cut kid from Brewer West High is suddenly in a world of drugs, Vietnam and "The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass." Rabbit, the man with all the inside moves, is on the outside in his own home, on the run.

"Harry, to some extent, belongs to the status quo, doesn't he?" Updike said. "He's a white male, which had been the good thing to be in this country. Not only were women saying men were brutes, kids were saying it. The whole country seems to be run by brutes."

"Rabbit is Rich" (1981), for which Updike won the Pulitzer Prize, finds the Angstroms selling cars to a nation running out of gas. Janice's father has died, leaving behind a thriving business, but Harry is as unsettled as ever. He lusts for the wife of one of his country club

friends and fights with Nelson, who marries and becomes a father.

What does the gruff, uptight Harry have in common with the polished, cerebral Updike? How do you compare a man living off the income of his late father-in-law's auto dealership with a Pulitzer Prize-winning author?

They're hardly soul mates, but Updike admits he envies Harry (still Rabbit in the author's eyes). He likes the idea of a life without book reviews and tape recorders. There's a purity to Rabbit, a simplicity, his thinking as old-fashioned and easy to understand as a two-handed set shot in basketball.

"To create a basketball hero and try to get inside his head was a sort of wish-fulfillment," Updike recalled. "I was self-conscious, shy, not good enough. But I went to a lot of basketball games because my father was a teacher and one of his duties was to go to the games and sell tickets. I watched a lot of basketball and felt envy, admiration." They share other qualities, nervous energy (Updike fiddles with a stack of "Rabbit at Rest" books throughout the interview), and difficulties speaking. Both are stutterers: Updike literally, Harry spiritually, a man whose tongue is tied by a limited education and feelings of guilt about his family.

"When you feel guilty you stutter," said Updike, who lives in Massachusetts and has four children. "Around my own children I stutter, although now less and less. I stutter less, but I don't know if it's a matter of overcoming the difficulty or whether I've become less sensitive. When you stutter you have the feeling of being watched from many angles at once."

"Rabbit at Rest" (Knopf, \$21.95) is a book of goodbyes. Retires in Florida. President Reagan in Washington. In baseball, there's Philadelphia star Mike Schmidt's sudden, but graceful retirement in the middle of the 1989 season and Pete Rose's banishment, for gambling, a few months later.

Harry must leave as well. Now suffering from heart problems, he finally goes too far, committing an infidelity too great for himself or his family to endure. With Janice demanding an explanation, Harry again feels trapped, out of space, in

need of escaping. "Where life immures, the intelligence craves a way out," Marcel Proust wrote. With 100 pages to go, Updike sets Rabbit free, back on the highway, as alone with his thoughts as the author hunched over his typewriter, moving with the precision and single-mindedness of fingers tapping the keys.

"It was not easy to write because I'm not good at parting," Updike explained. "But as I really approached the end and he was alone again, away from all those people, I felt better. I felt kind of cleansed. I felt scoured."

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# Faculty exhibit showcases real art

By JULIA LAWSON  
Staff Writer

There is real art to be found in the Faculty Show at the Fine Arts Building's Center for Contemporary Arts.

The exhibit will feature works by UK Art Department faculty until Nov. 18, and it proves that their qualifications as artists surpass any expectations.

"Of all the shows, this one shows enthusiasm and spirit — the new as well as the old brought in a new type of imagination," said Art Jones, coordinator of the show.

An impressive artist, who is new to UK, is Melanie Walker. Her piece "Flight" is an inventive approach to sculpture. Depicting the life of a bird through three panels, she uses film to reflect different images onto the wall including the bird, its feather and its skeleton.

A most creative approach is Deborah Frederick's series of gouaches on wood. They have a certain childlike feel, but are still in professional taste. Her use of vivid primary colors is the perfect accent to the work.

Robert Tharsing has some incredible pieces, including "Dancing in the Moonlight." At first glance, I could not help but just say "Ooh, how pretty." Although my words were feeble in the attempt to

describe his work, that is the feeling that came over me.

One of his other featured pieces was "Forms of Power at Rest," and if you don't see it, you'll miss out because I insist on letting it speak for itself.

The way each piece is displayed in an art show is often overlooked. But the fact that Jones took so much time and effort in the structure of these pieces adds that something extra to the show.

There are new as well as old artists represented in the show. Gary Bibbs, a new artist in the show, is well-represented. His fabricated steel work "San Sun" is full of movement and creativity in its pursuit of perfect sculpture.

All the works in the show are well-qualified, if not over-qualified, for their appearance. New ideas as well as simple, yet elegant, basic styles are all brought to a new level of creativity.

The Faculty Show will continue through Nov. 18 in the Center for Contemporary Art in the UK Fine Arts Building.

The hours are Mondays 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free.

## HERBLOCK'S CARTOON



# Ballet troupe to pay tribute

Staff reports

One of France's most prestigious ballet companies will pay tribute to two legendary choreographers during an appearance Thursday at Centre College's Norton Center for the Arts.

The Ballet Francais de Nancy will perform "A Homage to Nijinsky and Balanchine" at 8 p.m. in Newlin Hall of the arts center.

Works on the Ballet Francais program include Nijinsky's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Fawn," "Pas de Deux de Tchaikovsky" by Balanchine and a tribute to Nijinsky entitled "Vaslav" with choreography and costumes by John Neumeier.

Founded in 1978, the Ballet Francais de Nancy has already risen to the upper echelons of dance. Patrick Dupond, artistic director since 1988 who was recently appointed to replace Rudolf Nureyev at the Paris Opera Ballet, has led the 30-member company through a technical and stylistic renaissance.

The company's role is to promote dance not only throughout France but also abroad with about 120 performances each year and numerous international tours.

Tickets for the performance, part of the Newlin Hall Subscription Series, are now on sale at the box office for \$29, \$27 and \$25. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and can be reached by calling (606) 236-4692.

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SPORTS

# No. 1

## UK women's golf team earns top national ranking

By JEFF DRUMMOND  
Staff Writer

Looking for a top-ranked UK team in the national polls? Then look no further than the Lady Kats golf team, which has earned its first No. 1 ranking in the history of the women's program at UK.

As published in the latest issue of *GOLFWEEK* magazine, UK moved up one spot to claim the top position in the Taylor Made Women's National Collegiate Rankings.

"I was a little bit shocked," Lady Kats coach Bettie Lou Evans said. "Somebody called me and asked if I had seen the new *GOLFWEEK* — that we'd been ranked No. 1 in the nation. I was like, no, you've got to

be kidding."

The caller was not kidding.

On the strength of an eighth-place finish among a tough field at the Lady Buckeye Invitational Oct. 5-7 and a first-place victory in its own Lady Kats Invitational Tournament Oct. 11-13, UK moved past previously top-ranked New Mexico State.

"It's definitely a strange feeling (to be ranked No. 1)," Evans said. "I don't really know how to react. You want to get excited, but you don't want to change the way you worked to achieve the ranking."

"I honestly think we're one of the top five teams in the country. No. 1 is debatable. There are a couple of schools in the west — San Jose State and Arizona — that I think may be better than us on a given

day. But I really feel we have the best team in the east."

The ranking was the highest the Lady Kats have advanced in the polls since reaching the No. 4 position in 1985. It also marked the first time since 1988 that any UK athletic team has reached the No. 1 spot in the country. The women's cross country squad was the last team to receive the honor on their way to the 1988 national championship.

Evans said that she is excited and pleased with the team's performance as the fall season winds down. The Lady Kats will take their No. 1 ranking into their final tournament of the fall season in late November.

"At the beginning of the season, I felt we had the best team we've had

since 1985," Evans said. "I think we're realizing that now."

"The depth on this team is its strength," she added. "Anyone on our team can go out and shoot a 75 on a given day. This is an extremely well-balanced team, and I think that helped us earn the ranking."

The Lady Kats have finished either first or second in four of its five tournaments and are led by presaison All-American candidates Tonya Gill and Jayne Lohr.

Dolores Nava, Lisa Weismueller, and Chris Miller have also played important roles in the Kats' strong fall season.

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The men's golf team hasn't en-

joyed the same success as the Lady Kats. However, the squad did capture its first tournament championship last weekend in the Kentucky Intercollegiate at the Champions Golf Club in Lexington.

The Cats won the daylight-shortened, 27-hole tournament with a final score of 444, 11 strokes ahead of runner-up Western Kentucky University.

The tourney featured the six major Kentucky universities — UK, Louisville, Western, Eastern, Murray State, and Morehead State.

Robbie Davis, a junior and the Cats' top-rated golfer, won the tourney with a 1-under-par 107. Davis shot even par 72 in the first 18 holes and a 1-under-par 35 in the final nine holes.

"Robbie played really well," UK men's coach Tom Simpson said. "In fact, the whole team really came through for us. At the end of 18 holes we were four strokes behind, and I told the guys to just relax and have fun. We ended up having two guys shoot 35 and two shoot even (36)."

UK's Alan Horowitz, along with Davis, fired a 35 on the final nine holes. Chris Limer and Andrew Price both shot 36 on the winning stretch to help lead the Cats to victory.

"We're coming along just as I anticipated," Simpson said. "We've tried several different (lineup) combinations and I think we've got it narrowed down to the six or seven guys that are going to help us the rest of the year."

# Reds, Pitino to play in Mid-Morning Madness

By BOBBY KING  
Assistant Sports Editor

Just when the World Champion Cincinnati Reds thought there were no mountains left to be conquered, they find one more challenge awaits them.

Several members of 1990's version of the Big Red Machine will battle UK basketball coach Rick Pitino and the members of his coaching staff in a charity basketball game.

Mid-Morning Madness, as it has been dubbed, will be held Saturday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m. The game, which will benefit the Newman Center, will be immediately followed by a UK blue-white scrimmage game.

Starting pitcher Tom Browning is organizing the Reds' team, which also will include former Red Doug Flynn and former UK basketball player Jim Master.

No other Reds have committed to play as of yet, according to Rev. Dan Noll of the Newman Center, but All-Star shortstop Barry Larkin may make an appearance.

"That's not one of the realm of possibility," Noll said. "He's a Cin-

"This game was set up with the Reds in early April, before anybody thought they would be the World Champion Reds. I began praying for them at that time and you see the results of the power of prayer. I don't know if I can shut it off now. They may be on a roll."

Rev. Dan Noll,  
Newman Center

cinnati guy so he would be at the top of the list of folks we think we can get."

The money raised will be used to benefit the Newman Center's Distinguished Speakers Program and its Community Matching Grants Program, which provides grants to public service agencies for educational purposes.

Noll, who wore a Reds' baseball cap and a Kentucky sweatshirt over his Roman collar, said the other players participating in the event would be named soon.

"Tom (Browning) is getting some of the Reds together, and we hope to be able to announce their names real soon," Noll said.

"But he has guaranteed us we're going to get three to five Reds' players to form the nucleus of this team that will put up a good battle with the coaching staff."

Despite the worthiness of the cause, Pitino said his team is taking the game seriously.

"On behalf of the coaches, we're here to win," said Pitino to a roar of laughter from the crowd assembled at yesterday's new conference.

"We think the only championship the Reds need to win is the baseball one," he said. "It's not charity. We're out to win."

After making his team's objectives clear, Pitino gave the real reason as to why he was so willing to

participate in the event.

"This is a great thing for us because we are helping the Newman Center. And, as a Catholic person myself, along with Billy Donovan and Herb Sendek, this is important to us because the Newman Center is very important to the community as well as the University of Kentucky."

Noll, who hopes the Newman Center will be able to raise \$40,000 from the event, said there already has been considerable interest from the public.

"We're real glad to have this event. We've had some preliminary ticket sales here and it's real encouraging. There certainly is a whole lot of excitement going on about the event."

Noll said the Newman Center wasn't just jumping on the Reds bandwagon when it tried to get the team to participate in the event.

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Pitino's team includes assistant

coaches Tubby Smith, Sendek, Donovan and Bernadette Locke. Assistant women's basketball coach Karen Booker also is scheduled to suit up for the coaches.

After being named the first female ever to coach a Division I men's basketball program, Locke will now be making her first appearance in a charity basketball game.

"Bernadette is a good basketball player," Pitino said. "Unlike the shot she took at Midnight Madness, she is a very good basketball player. We probably will go to Billy Donovan a little more than her, but she will probably make the starting lineup."

Locke and the coaching staff play early morning games at Memorial Coliseum each day.

When asked if he thought Locke had learned anything from the coaching staff during those games, Pitino had a simple reply.

"I think so. She has learned how to swear."

Tickets for *Mid-Morning Madness* are on sale at the Newman Center, the Student Center box office, and *Court Sports*. Preferred seats are \$10. General admission seats are \$6. Children and student tickets are \$4.

## Rifle team hosting UKIT

Staff reports

The UK Rifle team will host its Invitational Tournament over the next three weekends.

Tennessee-Martin, Depaul, West Point Academy, Virginia Military Institute, and Texas A&M will kick off action this weekend.

On Nov. 10-11, the tournament will continue with Northern Alabama, Ohio State, Tennessee Tech and Centenary.

The final weekend, Nov. 17-18, will conclude with Texas El Paso, Alaska-Fairbanks, Missouri-Rolla, North Georgia College, Akron, Middle Tennessee, and UK.



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## LCC students shouldn't pay for location

When the state's Community College System was founded, one of its attractive features was that it offered a two-year education at a price that the working class could afford.

Whether they were used to prepared oneself for college or earn an associate degree, community colleges have had a positive influence on the state by bringing higher education to more of the commonwealth's citizens.

It seems a bit strange, therefore, that students at Lexington Community College should have to pay as much as students who attend UK.

LCC students, unlike other students in the UK Community College System, pay Lexington Campus tuition and fee rates — \$854.75 per semester. At other community colleges, tuition costs average about \$350 per semester.

One reason LCC students pay more than community college students at UK's 13 other colleges is because those at LCC have access to the same facilities as UK students. But if one takes away the \$104.75 costs in student fees, LCC students still pay an extraordinary amount for a community college education, compared to someone in Owensboro or Paducah.

As Paul Taylor, dean of student affairs at LCC, told the UK Student Government Association Campus Relations Committee last week, "To me ... it is unfair that a student in Ashland, Ky., can pay \$350 (to attend a community college), while a student in the same situation in Lexington is going to pay \$854.75."

One could argue that LCC is different from the other 13 community colleges because it is essentially on the Lexington Campus. LCC students interact with the Lexington Campus, have two seats in the SGA Senate and attend many Lexington Campus activities.

But to charge LCC students the same as in-state UK students seems to defeat the purpose of establishing a community college system in the first place.

SGA has promised to look into the issue. LCC not only deserves that kind of attention from SGA, but it deserves this from the University as well.

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### LETTERS

#### Biafra's point up in smoke

After attempting to burn the American flag on stage in Memorial Hall Wednesday night (Oct. 24), Jello Biafra said, "Patriotism is not following a flag, it is what you do for your country."

What is a symbol? What does it mean? People have had symbols to represent themselves since the beginning of history. The symbol representing the United States is our flag. It is something that identifies Americans and what they stand for.

By burning the flag Biafra was just burning a symbol. But, as I said, a symbol is something representing someone or something. So when Biafra attempted to burn the

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American flag, he attempted to burn what the United States stands for.

Another question I have is what has Biafra done for his country? I sat and listened to him bitch about anything and everything that appeared to be controversial to him.

I disagreed with him on many is-



BIAFRA

uses, but I can't recall hearing anything resembling a suggestion as to what I or anyone else could do to improve the situation. That is his goal, isn't it, to change things?

Kurt Vonnegut also bitched about many things when he spoke at Transylvania University in October, but he also made suggestions. In the long run, Vonnegut will have more influence on affecting change than Biafra will.

I believe that Biafra is a symbol representing the ideas of many people, including myself. But should someone who doesn't agree with what he stands for burn him?

Andy Collignon is an architecture junior.

#### College activism lives

When I came across the headline "College journalism the last bastion of student activism in U.S.," I expected to learn why Kernel columnist Meredith Little upheld this belief.

Instead, it seemed that Little chose this topic as an opportunity to vent her spleen about a letter written by a grammar and/or spelling freak. As copy editor, her pride was wounded and she decided to take it out on "student activism."

The only fact that she cited to uphold her position was that a student protest at University of California at Berkeley concerning the Middle East situation was sparsely attended.

As one who has participated in many sparsely attended demonstrations, I would like to inform Little that they are a mainstay of campus political activity.

She proposed that "college populations consist largely of students wanting no more than a degree to get them started on the road to big bucks."

I don't think that is unusual. The only time that massive rallies occurred regularly on campuses was when young people's lives were directly threatened by the Vietnam War.

College populations will most likely always consist largely of stu-

dents who act in their own self-interests.

The so-called "apathetic '80s" included masses of uncaring students going through the motions of getting an education, but there was a small, vocal minority who cried out against apartheid, U.S. terrorism in Central America, the Reagan arms build-up, the CIA recruitment effort on campuses and a vast array of other concerns.

If Little would like to learn more

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about recent student activism, I suggest that she read *New Voice* by Tony Vellela (South End Press, 1988).

It documents the activities mentioned above.

Finally, let me address the issue of activism here at UK. Little does not see any activity, but perhaps she is not looking.

Her column appeared during Students Against Violation of the Environment's Rainforest Awareness Week. The student environmental group

and the UK chapter of Amnesty International are two of the many groups on campus who consistently act upon their convictions.

No, they don't hold rallies attended by 10,000 people, but perhaps they do not reach for unattainable goals.

In early October, I, along with several other UK students, attended the student environmental conference "Catalyst" at the University of Illinois.

No person wants to open their paper and read about devil sacrifices and men purchasing feminine hygiene material. I have never been as appalled or disgusted as I was when I read the Oct. 18 "Sub-Culture."

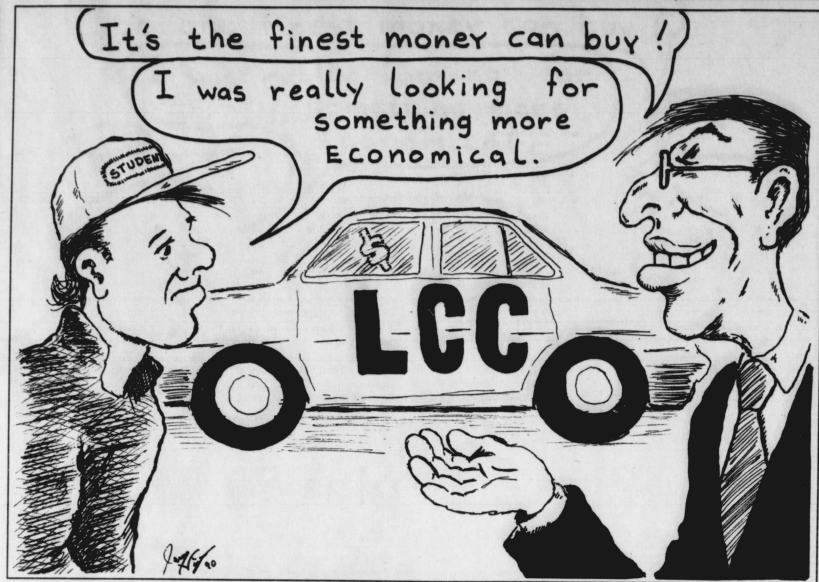
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Chris Harrell is a first-year law student.



## We are responsible for lack of leadership

By Scott Potter

The greatest threat to any society is political apathy and illiteracy. If our representatives and administrators are as politically incompetent and irresponsible as everyone seems to think, then I should conclude that the people are equally incompetent and irresponsible.

After all, our governing body represents more than our interests — it represents our collective ignorance. Our constitution represents a quantum leap in the evolution of government.

However, there is no outline for the duties and obligations that necessarily come with having rights. It is idealistically assumed that people will cling as tightly to their duties and obligations as citizens as they do to their rights.

This is one of the stronger arguments in favor of those who believe that the ideal of democracy is little more than a fantasy in view of its brief success in world history.

Edmund Burke said, "Democracy contains the seeds of mediocrity." Although people may know what they want, they do not necessarily know what is for the good of society, and it is the desires of a constituency that a representative is concerned with, not the good of society. One might even say that our representatives work under a conflict of interest.

It is falsely assumed in our country that our political participation is limited to voting and protesting, both of which have long since been

on the decline because our social and political problems stand firm despite these measures.

The No. 1 political act in our nation is consumption. We are a consumer culture living beyond our means.

This is most evident regarding the recent budget crisis. Our officials know what is necessary for the good of the nation in this case, but most of them also know they would be acting against the interests of their constituencies and thus lose their seats in supporting economic stability.

We are the government. Our officials cannot do more than we allow them to do.

They are not our leaders, they are our representatives.

There is no quick fix to our social and political problems. We can legislate until we are blue in the face, but the only solution is a change in our ideology over a period of generations.

This is why it is necessary in the early years of our social and political development as individuals that our education system must stress an orientation in the social sciences, philosophy and logic.

In education there is the misconception that we must pour huge doses of information into children's minds, and if achievement lags, we must increase the dose.

In other words, we spoon-feed information all the while gagging them with the spoon rather than simply sparking their imagination and teaching them to be analytical and discover their own information; it is not how well one plays "Jeopardy" or "Trivial Pursuit," but the quality

and depth of one's knowledge that matters.

In our early development as children we assume the values of our peers and parents, and as we grow older our assumptions become knowledge to us.

In our world we have little time to ourselves to reflect on our condition and rather than question our culture-bound assumptions we rest our perceptions of the world on them.

The more we rely on this intuitive knowledge the harder it becomes to shed even in the face of conflicting information.

Socially and politically meaningful values can be discovered and expressed through critical analysis, inquiry and rational discourse upon a base free from notions of right and wrong.

This is the direction our education system should be working toward — developing the individual.

A characteristic of academic achievers over the past 30 years or so is the principle of rejectionism in which they strive to place themselves above the cynicism and corruption in the world through education and end up establishing a vested interest in the very same world.

The citizen thus feels as though he/she is being swept along a sociological current in life and is powerless to do anything about it.

As Sheldon Wolin noted in his work *What Revolutionary Action Means Today*, the ideal of the citizen should be the primary political structure rather than advocating civic activity to the paradigm of the state.

This is what I feel our founding

fathers had intended in forming a nation emphasizing stability and allowing for change. The ideal of the democratic citizen is not consistent with our notions of freedom; more and more we become frustrated with our governing body, yet as a result of our feeling of powerlessness we seek comfort in our immediate social relationships and consumption.

As long as we are allowed to consume we will tolerate social and political injustice resulting from the false equivocation of living standards and the quality of life.

This brings me to an important point in our thinking. The word "democracy" means mob or majority rule.

However, it is increasingly accepted in the social sciences that mobs or groups do not rule, they follow a sociological current.

The highest level of consciousness is the individual. With the inclusion of more individuals into larger and larger groups, consciousness decreases and they are only aware of what they want, not what they need. In fact, one could say that "democracy" is misleading because it presupposes that there are those nations that are not democracies.

Since a democracy must come from within, is not the toleration of actions and inaction of any presiding government as much consent as delegating responsibility to public officials for our social, political and economic problems?

Do we not make scapegoats of our political officials denying our collective ignorance?

Scott Potter is a political science sophomore.

#### Offensive humor

I find it hard to believe that a university newspaper that is trying to be as reputable as Meredith Little claims in her Oct. 17 column would allow the printing of anything as disgusting as "Sub-Culture" and "The Doggy Bag!!"

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# Nichols

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of energy that he "never wanted to leave."

As a psychologist, Nichols wants to help students with family problems, love relationships and identity crises — three of the most common problems students bring to him.

"Providing an environment where the students feel respected and not judged is the first step," he said. Then the laughter ethic is applied carefully, so the students don't think they are being laughed at or ridiculed.

"I try to help them become more sensitive to laughter, life's paradoxes and its inconsistencies. Something funny happens every day, if you look for it. I encourage people to keep a laughter diary," he said. It would be difficult to remain upbeat after listening to so many problems if students didn't improve because of counseling, he said. But Nichols can often see beyond a patient's present state of depression to a time when that person will feel better.

"It's normal to feel lousy. Sometimes I just help students do a reality check on their lives, so they lighten up and don't expect too much of themselves," he said.

Taking time off every now and then keeps Nichols' attitude positive.

His recent marriage provides another opportunity to practice what

he preaches. "We laugh a lot," he smiles. Nichols backs up his laughter philosophy and positive attitude by pointing to scientific studies, seminars and ailing friends who have improved their health by watching reruns of "Candid Camera."

Books with names like "Laugh after Laugh" and "Feeling Good" line his office shelves. One corner of his office is devoted to comedy and inspiration, including comic strips, anecdotes and humbling portraits of his profession.

"Positive emotions like love, faith, commitment and laughter pave the way for good mental and physical health," he said.

"It's (laughter) a cure-all; it rallies the will to live and it helps people be real."

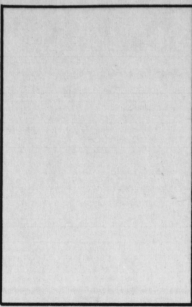
Nichols' definition of "being real" is located in the pages of a popular children's book, "The Velveteen Rabbit."

According to the book, being real means "not breaking easily, not having sharp edges or needing to be carefully kept."

Many students could learn from definitions like this, he said. In fact, if he could grant a wish for the college community, it would be for students to slow down and be more willing to "talk things out."

"Students are too rushed. They need to slow down and enjoy the college experience — milk UK for all it's worth."

Nichols believes the administration could help by loosening restric-



tions and allowing students to "shop around" and take more classes from different fields of study.

"We're working on that," he said.

At Keeneland, Nichols directs the students to close their eyes, tense separate muscles and relax them over and over again.

"Block out every thought, every noise," he instructs.

Passers-by and others who were socializing in the lobby stop moving about and talking and stare at the unusual scene.

"Now open your eyes. Great. Feel more relaxed? Just great!" he boomed.

Some students in the audience look a little embarrassed, and some giggle. But all look at ease.

"Just remember that there is a Lake Wobegone in every life, if you just look for it," he concludes above the applause — and smiles.

## Talk of war still going on in the Middle East

By LISA GENASCI  
Associated Press

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and a British military commander warned yesterday that war against Iraq might be imminent, and President Bush said he was fed up with Saddam Hussein's harsh treatment of American hostages.

But Iraq's ambassador to the United States, Mohammed al-Mashat, said he sought to avoid bloodshed and repeated Iraq's offer to negotiate — if other Middle East conflicts were included on the agenda. The United States has rejected any such linkage.

Mubarak warned that the Persian Gulf crisis has become so dangerous it "could explode at any time." He urged "our brothers in Iraq" to realize the danger their Aug. 2 invasion of oil-rich Kuwait has caused.

Bush said his patience was wearing thin. Campaigning for a con-

gressional candidate in Virginia, he said a key issue was the conditions under which the 1,000 Americans in Iraq and Kuwait were being held.

"The embassy is being starved," Bush said of the besieged U.S. mission in occupied Kuwait. "The people out there are not being resupplied."

"Do you think I'm concerned about it? You're darn right I am. And what I'm going to do about it — let's just wait and see, because I have had it with that kind of treatment of Americans," Bush said.

A few diplomats have held out at the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait, defying an Iraqi order to close missions in the annexed nation. Iraq has cut utilities and surrounded the com-

pound with troops. The British Embassy remains open.

The administration of former President Reagan used the safety of Americans as a pretext to invade Grenada in 1983. The Bush administration also cited the safety of Americans when he sent troops to Panama in 1989. Bush said the recent comments from his administration about the possible use of American military against Iraq should not be interpreted as an indication that war was imminent or unavoidable.

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# Rural

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has created jobs and improved education, largely through grass-roots efforts. He said those kinds of cooperative local efforts will become increasingly important because federal funding is becoming scarce.

"The challenge to Kentucky is to hold at home the talent we produce and harness it to build our state,"

Rogers said. "Government can't solve the problems of rural America or Kentucky. They must be solved by the people who live there."

Freshwater said many rural communities are suffering now because they didn't anticipate the changing context of business.

"During the 1980s, growth in the nation was concentrated in urban areas on the two coasts, while growth in rural areas and the center of the country was stagnant at best," he said.

He said declining prices for raw materials, strong foreign competition and the changing international economic order hit rural America hard.

Rural communities need to act soon to augment their economies in anticipation of the "New Federalism," shifts the burden of paying for social programs and services to local government, Freshwater said.

But he pointed to a projected nationwide labor shortage at the turn of the century. And Freshwater said rural America can get something from the situation if leaders start preparing now.

"Rural areas are one segment of the country where we know there is a widespread underemployment of the labor force," he said. "Rural leaders will need to make sure these underemployed persons have the skills to take advantage of these opportunities."

# Library

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library system received \$2.9 million for material spending. According to Birchfield, of the \$2.9 million, \$1.7 million, or 65 percent to 70 percent of the library spending budget, is for journal subscriptions.

Despite obvious financial troubles, both Willis and Birchfield remain optimistic about the future of UK's library system.

"We feel that right now we are at our lowest point; from this day forward we expect to steadily improve and return the respect to our library that it has lost in the past few years," Willis said.

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