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Grand jury dismisses UK soccer player rape case

By Alice Haymond
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A Fayette County grand jury dropped rape charges against UK soccer player Michael Strong yesterday after hearing witness testimony last week.

"We're very pleased with this decision," said defense attorney Fred Peters. "Unfortunately, he has had so much negative publicity, we'll never get his reputation back."

On Feb. 2, Strong went out to an 18-and-over bar with several people, including a friend

and her sister, who was a 17-year-old from out of town. At the preliminary hearing at the Fayette County District Court in late February, a UK police officer testified that Strong told him the 17-year-old kissed him on the neck while they were dancing at a bar. Another witness said at the hearing that the girl mentioned something about wanting to have sex that night, but did not specify with whom.

Because the girl is a minor, police did not release her name.

Strong spent the night in the girl's sister's dorm room in Blanding Tower. After returning to

the room, the girl's sister and her roommate helped the girl get ready for bed. She was not sick, but noticeably drunk, the roommate said at the hearing.

Later that night, the girl and her sister fell asleep in her sister's bed while Strong slept on the floor and her roommate slept in the other bed, the roommate said.

During the night, Strong told police he saw the girl's sister asleep on the floor and decided to get into bed with the girl.

Strong told police that after shaking the girl awake, he asked her if she wanted to have sex and she consented.

The girl's sister woke up to find Strong on top of the girl, and Strong left shortly after, the sister told police. She said she tried to wake her younger sister up, but could not. Between 10 and 11 the next night, the girl pressed rape charges against Strong after her mother and aunt came into town.



Strong

The district court judge sent the case

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MITCHELL'S THE MAN

Former Mickie DeMoss assistant Matthew Mitchell becomes seventh head coach of women's program



UK fan Ramona Edwards of Louisville, hugs Matthew Mitchell in the Joe Craft Center after he was named head coach of the women's basketball team yesterday afternoon. "I'm excited about it," Edwards said. "I love coach Mitchell." Edwards has been traveling to see Mitchell coach at Morehead State whenever UK wasn't playing.

By Eric Lindsey
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Two years ago, Matthew Mitchell asked Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart whether he thought Mitchell should leave UK to take over the Morehead State women's basketball program.

Barnhart told Mitchell, then an assistant to former coach Mickie DeMoss, that he should stay at UK.

Ultimately, going against Barnhart's opinion, Mitchell left to take over the Eagles' program.

Yesterday he returned to UK, this time to fill the role that DeMoss left vacant, and Barnhart admitted Mitchell made the right decision two years ago.

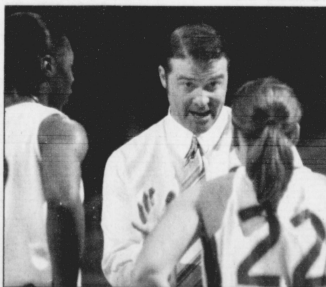
"I think Matthew is better off for having been a head coach and earning his stripes and learning the very difficult path of being a head coach," Barnhart said.

Mitchell, a 36-year-old native of Louisville, Miss., takes over the helm at UK after a 30-29 record in his two-year tenure at MSU. Last season, the Eagles went 13-7 in the Ohio Valley Conference and made the conference tournament for the second straight season.

Mitchell's contract will pay him \$250,000 annually over five years, plus incentives.

"I am extremely honored to be the coach at Kentucky," Mitchell

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Matthew Mitchell left UK as an assistant coach to become the head coach of Morehead State University for two years.

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Current players excited by return of former assistant

Local fans hesitant about hire but ready for results

Timeline of Mitchell's coaching career

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Barnhart sees his own success in Mitchell

Two years ago, when Matthew Mitchell was considering an offer to leave his job as Mickie DeMoss' top assistant at UK and take over the moribund program at Morehead State, he went to UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart for advice.



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kernel columnist

Barnhart's message was simple: Don't do it.

The discussion mirrored one Barnhart had had with his mentor, former Tennessee football coach and athletic director Bill Dickey. When Barnhart was considering an offer to leave his job as Dickey's top assistant at UT to take over the moribund department at Oregon State, he went to Dickey for advice.

"I probably gave him the same advice that (Dickey) gave me when I went to Oregon State," Barnhart said. "I said, 'Maybe not the best move.'"

"When I went to Oregon State, I remember walking in and seeing Coach Dickey and Coach Dickey said, 'Don't do it. I think I just need you here and you'll be fine.' And I probably remember saying words similar to that."

Both men went against the advice they received. "And we were both right for having left," Barnhart said.

You'd have a difficult time today disputing that. Barnhart keeps running clean, coordinating coaching searches as the athletic director at UK, where he came after a four-year turnaround of Oregon State's cash-strapped department. And Mitchell, who spent two years here as DeMoss' top assistant, has achieved his dream of becoming a head coach in the Southeastern Conference.

It's possible Mitchell would be the head coach today at UK even if hadn't gone to Morehead, where he was 30-29 in two years. Had Mitchell still been DeMoss' top assistant when DeMoss shockingly stepped away two weeks ago, Barnhart very well might have elevated him to head coach. But now that Mitchell has called his own shots for two years, both he and Barnhart are more comfortable with the hire.

"If I had stayed here two more years, I'd have been the top assistant for four years (and) I would have thought I was ready to do this job," Mitchell said. "But working for (DeMoss) for two years and then leaving and being a head coach, now I know that I'm ready to do the job."

Mitchell took a huge risk two years ago, ac-

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Horoscopes

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is an 8 — A person you greatly admire will soon provide you with an advantage. Let people know what you want and need, so they can help you get it.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 6 — A lecture from a loved one is the last thing you wanted now. Agree, instead of arguing. The rewards will be high enough to warrant your submission.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 — Work with a person who's good at fixing things. Ask for coach-

ing. Once you learn how to fix things yourself, you'll be so empowered.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is an 8 — More money is coming in, and not a moment too soon. Don't take anything for granted. Keep track of every cent you get. Watch out for hidden deductions.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — You're enthusiastic and good-looking, but are you serious? Do you even want to be? That is today's big question.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6 — Plans for escape will have to be put on hold for a little while. Instead, retire to your own private spaces. Take a virtual mini-vacation.
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your own expectations. And that's saying something.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — You're lucky now, and assertive. Go ahead and say, do or be what you've been thinking about.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is an 8 — Do you have all your bills paid, including your real estate? You'll be amazed at how good you feel once you have that accomplished. Take it one step at a time.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 5 — You're on a quest, and venturing into unfamiliar territory. Ask seasoned veterans to point you in the right direction.
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THIS MINUTE

Whole New Drew:
The latest CoverGirl talks love, health and friendship

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Since turning 30 two years ago, Drew Barrymore has been looking slimmer and more glamorous than ever. The latest to notice? Cosmetics giant CoverGirl, who just signed the actress as the new face of its print and TV ads launching next year (Barrymore will also help shape the campaign). "I'm so excited!" she tells Us. "As a girl, I had CoverGirl pictures of Christie Brinkley taped to my wall." The Culver City, California, native, who has recently been linked with director Spike Jonze, shares her look-good tips with Us.

Q: You and Cameron Diaz are such great pals. What's your secret?

I think friendship is about being there for each other - in the good and in the difficult times - and being honest, giving sound advice and helping each other to laugh.

The Office's Crazy Staffer

Don't be scared by Ed Helms. Although his alter ego, Andy, just completed anger-management classes on NBC's hit comedy "The Office" (Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.), off-screen, the Atlanta native plays the banjo and is a former Daily Show contributor. The single actor, 33, debriefs Us.

Q: So, is Andy cured?

He believes he is! There was a lot of meditation, stuffed animals, scented candles and using punching bags to release tension in therapy.

Q: Your banjo group, The Lonesome Trio, has a cult following. Will you tour this summer?

I'm actually filming a comedy with Eddie Murphy this summer called Starship Dave. Besides, a tour is hard to schedule. We like to just get together and play.

The Half-up Hairdo

Heads up: best-tressed stars like Halle Berry, Kristen Bell and Fergie are rocking a hip new hairstyle this spring - the half-up do. "It's really flattering," Fergie tells Us. Another benefit? "During performances, her hair doesn't get stuck in her lip gloss!" Ronit Shapow, the singer's hairstylist, tells Us.

Get the look "Pull the hair back at your crown, and then tease it for volume," Shapow tells Us. "Secure it with bobby pins fastened in an X formation. Spritz with hair spray and smooth any bumps with a flat brush."

David's Big Road Trip

To promote his new independent horror film "The Trip" (out April 20), David Arquette didn't want to take the easy road. Instead, he marked his directorial and screenwriting debut with a 11-city trek around the country on a tour bus. "I wanted to meet people, shake hands and kiss babies," he tells Us.

Mapping it out The tour, which began in Mesquite, Texas, on March 25, took the actor, 35, to New Orleans, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Boston and Detroit. He checked in almost daily with wife Courteney Cox, 42, and daughter Coso, 2, via phone and video chats.

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Prof shows damaged Ky. landscape in exhibit

By Jossey Montana McCoy
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Mark O'Bryan first noticed the beauty of the bluegrass region during his college years hitchhiking between Morehead and UK in the late 1970s.

Now, O'Bryan said, the region is disappearing.

O'Bryan, an associate professor of architecture in UK's College of Design, along with other College of Design faculty and students, has explored this problem since the summer.

O'Bryan and his colleagues opened the design exhibit "The Vanishing Bluegrass" at the Kentucky Derby Museum in Louisville on Sunday.

"We must take into account the natural features and cultural landmarks," O'Bryan said. He said he was also interested in the project from an architectural standpoint.

O'Bryan explained that the exhibit shows people the dangers of poor planning and the threats of overdevelopment in destroying the unique cultural landscape of Kentucky.

With the "The Vanishing Bluegrass," O'Bryan wants to get the public- and political-will together to raise awareness about the problem.

"Once a landscape is gone, it's gone forever," he said.

Development was happening during O'Bryan's college years, "but now it happens practically overnight," he said.

The idea for the exhibit originated at the Kentucky Derby Museum and stemmed from the mission of the World Monuments Fund to preserve historic sites, O'Bryan said.

In 2006, the WMF elected the Kentucky bluegrass region one of the 100 Most Endangered Sites on the planet after it was nominated by the Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office, the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation and the Bluegrass Conservancy. All of these organizations partnered with the College of Design in the presentation of the exhibit.

O'Bryan started work on the exhibit during an independent summer studio class he offered at UK.

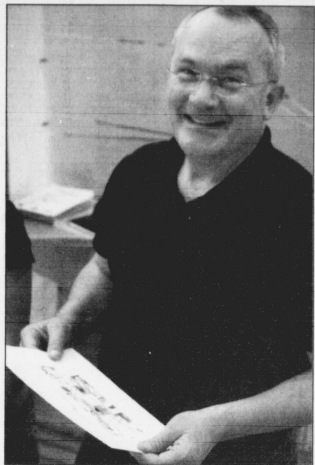
Fifth-year architecture student Catherine Lowery took part in the summer class. Although she is from Findlay, Ohio, Lowery was attracted to the project.

"The fact that I'm not from the bluegrass sparked my interest," Lowery said. "I learned facts about the place I've been living for four years. (The bluegrass) has the most beautiful cultural landscapes I've ever experienced."

Lowery said Lexington is a beautiful town and, "we need to keep it that way."

Alison Baker, a fifth-year architecture student, also took part in the independent studio. Baker grew up near the bluegrass region, in Corbin.

"(The bluegrass) is something that makes Kentucky interesting and it's going to be lost," she said.



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Architecture professor Mark O'Bryan opened a design exhibit titled "The Vanishing Bluegrass" Sunday at the Derby Museum in Louisville. The exhibit demonstrates the dangers of poor planning and overdevelopment that threaten Kentucky's landscape.



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Hospital committee approves funds transfer

The UK Board of Trustees Hospital Committee approved a transfer of up to \$100 million from the Hospital's reserve funds to the Hospital Quasi-Endowment Fund at its regularly scheduled meeting yesterday afternoon.

The board established the Hospital Quasi-Endowment Fund in a meeting on March 8, 2006 and transferred \$150 million into the fund prior to the close of the 2006-07 fiscal year.

The transfer of the reserve funds allows for a long-term financial investment with a

greater diversification of investments. "This is expected to result in higher returns than shorter-term fixed-income investments, thereby providing additional resources to support the capital and operational needs of the university hospital," according to an agenda supplement.

The hospital's strong financial operations and the sale of insurance-provider CHA Health have generated the additional reserves, according to the supplement.

Following board approval, up to \$50 million will be moved to the quasi-endow-

ment account as seen fit, said Sergio Melgar, vice president for health affairs and chief financial officer.

The board's Financial Committee will review the proposal for the \$100 million transfer in its meeting today at 11:15 a.m., before the full board considers it at 1 p.m.

In other business, Hospital Committee Chair Barbara Young also announced the resignation of Vice Mayor Jim Gray from the committee. Gray was a community advisory member on the committee.

—Erica Mitchell

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Workshop aims to avoid employee burnout

By Rebecca Sweeney
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UK's Office of Work-Life and the President's Commission on Women are presenting a brown-bag workshop, titled "Understanding, Managing and Avoiding Job Burnout," today at noon in the UK Hospital Auditorium.

In collaboration with Work-Life Director Laura Koppes, members of the President's Commission on Women will give a presentation on issues important to women faculty and staff on campus, according to the commission's Web site.

Early last year, almost half of UK faculty and staff participated in the first university-wide survey of work-life issues, known as UK@Work.

In response to the survey, the workshops were designed to reach out to the UK community, regardless of gender, to address its needs.

"Based on the survey results, job burnout ranked high as a concern among UK faculty and staff," said Linda Rakes, administrative support associate for the President's Commission on Women.

The workshop should be beneficial to faculty and staff, Rakes said.

"Faculty and staff will be given overall tools to use if they're faced with these issues in their careers," Rakes said.

Doug Bruce, founder of Covenant Development LLC, will be speaking on how burnout develops, how to deal with it and how to prevent it before it begins.

"Burnout is an emotional cost that cannot be ignored," Bruce said. "We want to help them get reconnected with peace of mind."

Bruce has 35 years of experience as a manager and executive in academia and healthcare and founded his company to help organizations become more effective at what they do.

Job burnout results in turnover expenses for UK, stemming from less productivity and loss of employees, Bruce said.

By sponsoring the brown-bag workshops, the President's Commission on Women and the Office of Work-Life are trying to support and assist faculty and staff who may be experiencing job burnout, Bruce said.

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to the grand jury to consider the evidence and determine whether to return an indictment.

To return an indictment, nine of the 12 jurors must agree.

The overall circumstances and skepticism over the girl's memory of the incident were determining factors in the decision, Peters said.

"It was not my client that poured the alcohol for her," Peters said. "It was not my client that got her into a bar underage. They invited him up to the room, where there were several people, including her sister."

Strong and two other UK soccer players testified to the grand jury, Peters said. The defense also presented the girl's My-

Space.com profile as evidence. She had written, "An awkward morning is always better than a boring night," on the account, Peters said.

"Thank God there's a grand jury to buffer through these situations and make a decision we think is the right decision," he said.

Commonwealth Attorney Ray Larson said the prosecution could present the case to another grand jury, but that it was unlikely unless new evidence was found.

The UK soccer team suspended Strong Feb. 4, the day he was arrested. Scott Stricklin, assistant athletics director, said it's still undetermined whether Strong will return to the team. Ian Collins, the men's soccer coach, will sit down with Strong and discuss his future with him, but ultimately it will be a joint decision involving Collins, Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart, Strong and his family, Stricklin said.

UK neurologist's research discovers possible early signs of Alzheimer's

By Emily Coovert
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Charles Smith's interest in neurology started when he was in medical school at Tulane University. Now, with the support of grants from the National Institute of Health and the National Institute on Aging, Smith has been able to further investigate that interest.

Smith, a neurologist at the UK HealthCare Kentucky Neuroscience Institute, where he also serves as director of the Memory Disorders Clinic, recently published research that shows how some people could be destined to have memory problems.

"I was inspired by how much was known and how much wasn't known (about the brain)," Smith said.

Smith's research could help doctors identify people at risk of developing mild cognitive impairment, which leads to Alzheimer's disease.

His findings show that people who develop MCI,

and later Alzheimer's disease, experience brain structure changes years before they show any signs of memory loss.

Smith and his team performed magnetic resonance imaging scans and cognitive tests on 136 people over the age of 65 who were considered "cognitively normal" at the beginning of the five-year study, which began in 1999, he said. Participants were then followed annually with neurological examinations.

At the end of the study, 23 of the original 136 people had developed MCI, nine of which went on to develop Alzheimer's.

Smith used this information to build a model, comparing the brain scans of the 23 people with memory loss to the 113 people who remained cognitively normal. The 23 people who developed MCI had less gray matter, which contains the nerve cells and their synapses essential for normal brain

functioning, than the other 113, particularly in a part of the brain that plays an essential role in memory.

Smith then used the model to predict — with 87 percent accuracy — which people were more likely to develop MCI.

"We found that changes in brain structure are present in clinically normal people an average of four years before MCI diagnosis," Smith said.

Smith is also a faculty member of the UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, which is one of the country's original 10 Alzheimer's disease research centers.

Smith is currently working on predicting how likely the daughters of people with Alzheimer's are to develop the disease. He uses functional magnetic resonance imaging to scan the brains of women in their 50s and 60s, he said.

"I'm out to try to prove that we can treat Alzheimer's and cure it," Smith said.

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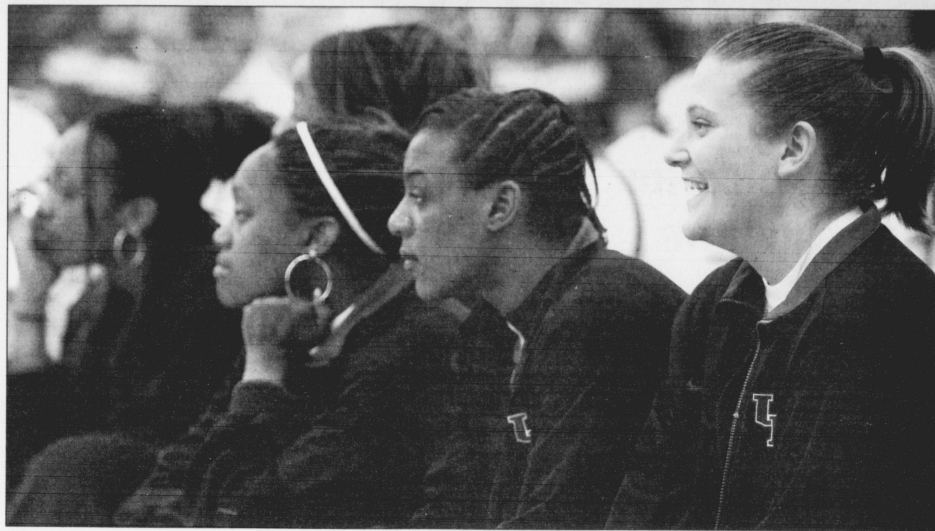
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Senior center Sarah Elliott, right, laughs with other players in response to a comment made by new head coach Matthew Mitchell about his return to UK yesterday afternoon in the Joe Craft Center.

BRAD LUTTRELL STAFF

Players look forward to playing for new coach

By Travis Waldron
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It was an unusual early morning meeting 13 days ago that left the UK women's basketball team saddened by news that head coach Mickie DeMoss was resigning.

But it was another unusual meeting Sunday that gave the players an opposing feeling when they found out who would be their next head coach.

It was at the team meeting that Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart announced that former UK assistant coach Matthew Mitchell would next head the program, much to the team's delight.

"Everybody was excited and happy," said guard Chante Bowman. "The meeting we had yesterday was joyful. I can safely say that all of the players are excited."

Mitchell coached at UK for two seasons from 2003 to 2005 under DeMoss before leaving to take the head coaching position at Morehead State. While at UK, he coached and recruited several current players.

At UK, Mitchell established friendships with players that made him popular as an assistant coach.

"The relationships with the players, he really established those, and it's genuine," Bowman said. "He really looks out for us."

Mitchell loved his former team so much that he often traveled back to Lexington on Sunday afternoons to watch the Cats play. He made a special trip to Chicago two years ago to see UK play in the NCAA Tournament.

"I'm a relationships coach," Mitchell said. "I let the players know that I believe in them and care about them."

Under DeMoss, Mitchell worked closely with the post players and spent a lot of time with center Sarah Elliott. The senior said she loves his coaching style.

"I do expect him to jump on all of us when our time is needed," Elliott said. "But he's already coached me once, so it won't be attendance now."

Hiring someone familiar, such as Mitchell, was

important for UK's seniors-to-be because the team has only recently found success, and Mitchell realizes this, senior Samantha Mahoney said. That experience at UK makes him the right guy to continue the Cats' improvement right away, she said.

"Mitchell was here in the beginning when we weren't winning," Mahoney said. "I think he knows he doesn't want to go back to that, and he's going to do everything he can to keep us winning."

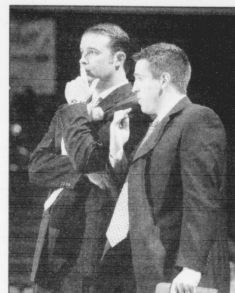
If there was one concern for UK players, it may be that Mitchell will be the first male head coach in the program's history. But Bowman said that wouldn't bother her.

"It really doesn't make any difference to me," Bowman said.

Two years ago, Bowman, Mahoney, Elliott and Eleia Roddy watched as Mitchell left UK to coach Morehead State.

Now, with Mitchell back, Bowman summed up the team's feelings.

"I was hurt to see him leave," she said, "and I'm glad to see him back."



COURTESY OF MOREHEAD STATE ATHLETICS
Matthew Mitchell spent two years as head coach at Morehead State University before returning to UK and a team he helped recruit.



COACH'S PROFILE

Name: Matthew Mitchell
Age: 36
Hometown: Louisville, Miss.
Education: Graduated from Mississippi State in 1995
Family: Wife, Jenna. Daughter, Lucy
Record as a head coach: 30-29
Record as an assistant coach: 113-73

MITCHELL'S COACHING HISTORY

- 1995** Graduated from Mississippi State.
- 1999-2000** Began his college-coaching career as a graduate assistant at Tennessee. The Vols went 33-4 that year and lost to Connecticut in the national championship game.
- 2000-2001** Became an assistant coach at Florida. The Gators went 24-6 in his first year on the staff.
- 2001-2002** Helped the Gators to an 18-11 record.
- 2002-2003** In his last season on the Gators staff, UF went 9-19. During his three years there, he helped bring in some of the nation's top talent.
- 2003-2004** First season as an assistant coach at UK. Helped lead the Cats to 11 wins, and he helped recruit several current UK players.
- 2004-2005** In his final season at UK, the Cats went 18-16.
- 2005** Became the seventh head coach in Morehead State women's basketball history. He led the Eagles to a 16-13 that season and to a birth in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament for the first time since the 2002-2003 season.
- 2006-2007** Won 13 conference games at MSU and finished with a 14-16 record overall.
- Apr. 23, 2007** Named the first male coach in the 36-year history of the UK women's basketball program.

Mitchell will earn \$250,000 annually over five years, plus incentives.

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said. "So many people have put so much work into this program to get it to this point, and I'm just excited to have the opportunity to lead the program and continue building a championship-caliber team."

The decision to leave UK at the time seemed like a step down to many in college basketball, but Mitchell said he knew he needed to step away from the program.

"It was just right for me at the time," Mitchell said. "I had been trying to prepare myself for this moment all of my career, and that was the right thing for me to do. I would not be prepared for this moment had I not done that."

Mitchell's return comes at a time when women's basketball at UK is at an all-time high. After DeMoss led the program to a 22-9 record and an NCAA tournament berth in the 2005-06 season, UK's attendance rose to a record average of 5,863 this year.

The love UK fans have for basketball is a big reason why Mitchell returned to Lexington, he said.

"The fans have been unbelievable," Mitchell said. "I don't know if we can overstate the impact of the fan support who believed in the dream."

While DeMoss left hefty expectations for Mitchell to fulfill, he comes in with plenty of achievements.

During his tenure at UK, Mitchell was known for his ability to recruit. He brought in the No. 6 recruiting class after his first year as an assistant coach, including current seniors-to-be Sarah Elliott, Samantha Mahoney and Chante Bowman.

"He sold me something that made me want to wear blue," Elliott said. "He sold me this dream."

Hoops fans concerned about basketball tradition

By Kenny Colston
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As word spread through campus yesterday that UK would hire Morehead State head coach Matthew Mitchell as the new leader of the women's basketball program, many students were hesitant about the pick.

"When you raise a program, you want the next person in line to carry a legacy," said undecided freshman Benjamin Ervin. "But maybe they see something in this coach."

Most students said they had never heard of Mitchell before word spread and were hoping for a higher profile coach or a top assistant at a women's basketball powerhouse — much like former UK head coach Mickie DeMoss was at Tennessee before taking over at UK.

"Especially as big of a basketball country as this is, you would like someone from a top-notch school," Ervin said. "MoreheadState is OK, but let's get real."

Much in the way UK men's basketball is treated, many students looked at the hire with the view that UK deserved the best.

"In a way you want a high-profile coach," said Rob Carbin, a pre-physical therapy freshman. "But if he's a good coach it shouldn't be a problem."

Architecture senior Eric Baxter wondered why UK didn't hire another female coach.

Mitchell, a 1995 graduate of Mississippi State, began coaching in 1996 at Central Holmes Academy in Lexington, Miss. He performed several duties as the head coach of both basketball teams as well as the football, track and golf teams.

Before coming to UK in 2003, Mitchell served as a graduate assistant under Pat Summitt at Tennessee. Mitchell then moved on to Florida for three years as an assistant coach where he brought in the No. 9 recruiting class in 2002 and the No. 2 recruiting class in 2003, according to All-Star Girls Report.

"I need to recruit well to stay here and have success. I can promise you that," Mitchell said. "I think recruiting is not anything really revolutionary. You need to develop great relationships with people."

DeMoss, who had some input on the coaching search Barnhart conducted, believes the program will continue to make strides in the right direction. Mitchell's knowledge of the game, his communication skills, his relationship with players, and his strong ability to recruit makes him the total package, DeMoss said.

"I am excited for Matthew and for the program," DeMoss said in a statement. "Having worked with Matthew at Tennessee and Kentucky, I know what he's capable of, and he is very talented. I am confident that he can continue guiding the program on the right track with his leadership."

After two years of head coaching experience at Morehead, Mitchell is confident he's ready to be an SEC coach, he said.

"If I had stayed here two more years, I'd have been the top assistant for four years," Mitchell said. "I would have thought I was ready to do this job."

"Working for (DeMoss) two years and leaving and being a head coach, now I know I'm ready to do the job."



Matthew Mitchell, center, sits with President Lee Todd, left, and Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart after being named head coach of the UK women's basketball team yesterday afternoon.

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cepting the reins of a program that had won five games the previous season. All anyone who doubts the difficulty of winning at Morehead needs to do is call Kyle Macy. The former UK standout could never get the Eagles' men's basketball program off the ground. But under Mitchell, the Morehead women's program had begun to take flight, as evidenced by a 13-7 finish in the Ohio Valley Conference last season. Two years of trying to win at the toughest job in the state has prepared Mitchell for this opportunity.

"You realize when you're standing on that sideline (as a head coach) that you're not nearly as smart as you thought you were (as an assistant), and so you have to go to work," Mitchell said. "You have to work, and you have to get better, and you have to learn how to make decisions under fire, and there's no way else you do it but to do it."

Even after Mitch Barnhart told him not to do it, Matthew Mitchell did it. He took the job and the risk.

And doing it paid off.

surpass DeMoss."

Business management freshman Ashley Edge said she wanted the new coach to bring women's basketball up to the level of the men's basketball team.

"As long as he's a good enough coach to get the girls up with the guys, I don't care where he comes from," Edge said.

"I think they should have hired a woman so players can relate better," Baxter said. "It's really nothing sexist."

One of the students' concerns was whether Mitchell could build on the success DeMoss created for the women's team.

"Hopefully (Mitchell) can continue the momentum," Baxter said. "He needs to match or

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New research VP should plan for the long term

All four candidates for UK's new vice president for research position have visited campus over the last few weeks. There is little doubt each of the candidates is qualified for the position, but the job of the selection committee is now to find the best candidate out of the four. In making its decision, the committee should look for some of the following qualities, which we consider to be most important for ensuring long-term success in reaching UK's research goals.

First, the candidate must recognize that not all research is scientific. Though the word research is often associated with science, technology and medicine, we should not forget about arts, literature, social sciences and other humanities. While scientific research is certainly important and brings in a large amount of funding, it represents only one aspect of this university. In the words of Theodore Williams, one of the four candidates, Shakespeare is just as important as science.

To reach top-20 status, all UK departments need to improve in research. Many of the nation's leading research schools have successful humanities programs to complement their scientific research. The candidate must strive for a research plan that is well-rounded.

All the candidates are from outside institutions, so we expect them to bring different and innovative ideas from their old institutions. But at the same time, the candidates need to be open minded in the new environment. In the first couple of the years, the new VP should spend

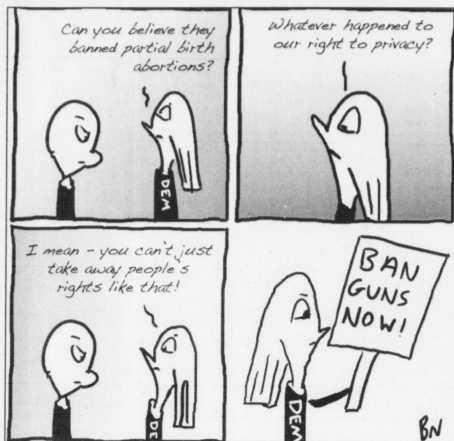
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time learning about the campus, the community and the needs of UK; the VP should seek opinions and feedbacks from the faculty and the student body. If the new VP is inflexible, UK's research programs will certainly suffer.

Arguably the most important task of the VP position is to secure research funding for the university. UK's Top 20 Business Plan calls for increasing research funding to nearly \$800 million from the current \$300 million by the year 2020. As more than one candidate has pointed out, it will not be easy to reach that figure in the proposed time frame. Consequently, the selected candidate must be able to work with a close-listed state legislature and secure the funding UK requires. Also, the VP needs to be able to work with UK development officials to acquire funding from other, private sources, such as through donations from alumni and corporate partnerships.

Finally, the candidates must be able to plan for the long term, which means looking to 2020 and beyond. Reaching the top-20 goal requires careful planning and a long-term vision. Candidates should not end their planning at the year 2020; research will continue regardless of whether UK achieves its goals by 2020.

The VP for research is an important position for UK's future, and choosing the best candidate will help greatly in UK's effort to become a top-20 school.



BRETT NOLAN, Kernel cartoonist

End of college doesn't mean the end of college friendships, memories

As I sit down to write this last column, I am amazed at how quickly the last year has passed. So much has happened, from new basketball coaches to the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech. This academic year was one that seemed to have a million important events packed into each week, and now that it's quickly coming to a close, it feels like it just started yesterday.

Writing my opinions each week forced me to think about important issues going on in both my own life and the world around me. The column about relationships happened when I began one, writing about to-do lists came because I finally crossed something off of mine. Other columns seemed to be more important, dealing with political or social issues from our campus and beyond, usually inspired by things that made me angry or that I felt were unfair.

As many of us move on to life beyond our undergraduate educations, it's important that we remember what got us to where we are now. Hopefully, you feel like you've gotten a decent education from this university, and that you're prepared for whatever you've decided to do next. Hopefully you've had support from faculty and staff, and felt like more than a number on this large campus.

The end of a school year and impending graduation are so exciting, but bring with them some endings that we perhaps are not quite ready for. As we move to different cities and states, we'll say goodbye to people we care about. College friendships will be put to the test, romantic relationships will be stretched to their breaking point and all of this seems to come before we're ready for it. Go figure, I guess.

Whatever you have decided to do with your life at this point, do it well. It is OK if you don't know what you want to do with your entire life yet, or if you're taking a job because it's the best offer you have right now. And if you don't have a job yet, you're in good company! Being a recent college graduate doesn't mean you have to begin your entire adult life the day after graduation. We have time to figure out where we're going, how we're going to get there and whom we want to

bring with us. Finishing up the semester with finals and papers is stressful enough; fitting in job interviews, moving and getting ready for graduation just adds to the fun. As all of this becomes overwhelming, don't forget to make the end of your college career as wonderful (hopefully) as the beginning. Spend time with friends you won't live with after this lease runs out. Visit

Pazzo's and Triangle Park one more time. Even if you aren't leaving Lexington, this is your last chance to experience them as a college student.

Thank you for taking this ride with me over the past year. With any luck, at some point I've written something that you've agreed with, something you didn't already know or something that made you love or something more.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts and experiences, and thank you for reading them. I wish you each the best of luck as you take on new challenges and create a new life for yourself. It's been a great four years — peace out, UK.

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Kernel columnist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anti-gun and anti-Korean are two different things

I was deeply disturbed by the opinions cartoon in Monday's Kernel. The cartoon included an assumed anti-gun protester standing next to an assumed pro-gun rights advocate.

What particularly caught my attention in the cartoon was the inference that "Koreans kill people" is in any way a parallel to the arguments made for stricter gun control laws. Specifically, while the latter is a view held in a debate regarding personal freedoms versus safety concerns, the former is an expression of overt racism. The views held by anti-gun activists in this country have in no way caused the same harm and detriment to people of color as has racism.

Pat Garritt
Educational and counseling psychology graduate student

UK shouldn't sponsor resource centers that benefit only one group

OUTSource: "A resource center that provides the same kind of support to homosexual students that heterosexual students receive on UK's campus." Last time I checked, there was no such place for heterosexual students. Supporters of OUTSource argue that homosexual students are segregated from UK's social scene because of their sexuality. Some feel that it is necessary to provide this supplementary support to homosexuals because there are so few homosexual students on campus.

While I don't disagree with the notion of such an organization, I do feel compelled to argue that organizations based on religion, politics or any other personal beliefs should not be supported and maintained by the university. I don't pay this school thousands of dollars a year so that a handful of students can receive some excessively furnished resource center that I will never personally have a use for. I don't care if it's for gays, Christians, blacks or Republicans.

It's not this university's job to make sure we have "x" number of gays on our campus or "x" number of African-Americans or "x" number of Republicans. If UK wants to provide diversity workshops to help better campus awareness of the ill treatment of minorities, be my guest. But it's not fair to me, and it's not fair to anyone with beliefs far different than mine to receive special treatment for his or her race, gender or creed. OUTSource won't change people's minds, and it won't assimilate those with alternative lifestyles into UK so-

city. If anything, it will only create a deeper division between the majority and the minority. Building a room where only those with your same beliefs can go doesn't change the rest of the world. It only allows the rest of the world to remain as narrow minded as it was before.

Emily Brantley
Spanish freshman

Campus shootings show futility of gunman's act, safety measures

When I first saw the news about the shooting at Virginia Tech, I started feeling ill. That feeling hasn't left. I keep up with the news stories. I don't want to forget.

My generation grew up with school shootings. I will never forget the way I felt when I heard about Columbine. The nation was glued to the television for two or three days. My youth group held a memorial service. Last Monday, high school felt so far away. News I can't help thinking, what if it was here? The hallways, the library and the rest of campus are crowded with students preparing for finals. I wonder where it will happen next.

We were trained to think that way when we were in high school. We were warned to be especially sensitive to their thought about how we treat people, to watch for the "quiet kids," because they might turn out to be the ones who pick up a gun and kill us. We knew that even if we weren't the bullies, we might be the next victim simply because of our faith, race, gender, abilities or being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Heroes always die. That's another lesson of school shootings. Professors (or teachers) protecting students, strangers helping the wounded — there isn't a happy ending. It's not a story where everything turns out all right in the end. The shooters kill themselves, so the justice system can't do its job. Hindsight is always 20/20 when it comes to the "warning signs."

On a campus the size of a small city, with no walls or metal detectors, no one can protect us. I don't always check my e-mail or turn on the TV or the radio before I come to school. There is no way to efficiently shut down a campus that sprawls over several miles, to put the whole university on lock-down, to close the hospital or to quickly evacuate a six-floor library filled with students. You can't evacuate the dorms when you have no idea where the threat may come from.

So much tragedy, so much loss and pain, and to what end?

Dorothy Farley
UK College of Law student

\$6 per gallon gas: Not high enough to fight global warming?

It's hard to say which is scarier — apocalyptic global warming scenarios or the economic impact of some of the proposals designed to prevent them.

BEN LIEBERMAN
Syndicated columnist
A recent European Environment Agency (EEA) study reported that greenhouse-gas emissions from motor vehicles continue to rise due to increased driving, despite heavy fuel taxes that boost prices there above \$6 per gallon. Even with gas prices more than two times what we have in the U.S., Europe is falling short of its global-warming goals.

If \$6 a gallon gas isn't high enough to discourage European drivers, then what would it take to make U.S. drivers cut back? Those who support legislative efforts like increased gas taxes to combat global warming should come clean to the American people about their proposals' likely impacts on Americans' wallets.

The nations comprising the European Union (EU) signed on to the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, the multilateral treaty to combat global warming by reducing carbon-dioxide emissions. Under this agreement, they're required to reduce their emissions 8 percent below 1990 levels by 2008. The U.S. hasn't ratified the treaty, due to concerns over compliance costs and the exemptions granted to China, India and other developing nations. Gasoline taxes were higher in Eu-

rope than the U.S. even before Kyoto and currently average nearly \$4 per gallon, bringing the pump price well above \$6. In comparison, gasoline in the U.S. is subject to federal taxes of 18.4 cents per gallon and varying state and local taxes, for a total of 42 cents per gallon on average — putting the price for regular gas in the U.S. around \$2.58 per gallon.

The British, Germans, French, Belgians, Dutch and Italians are now shelling out \$6.55, \$6.45, \$6.21, \$6.44, \$7.09 and \$6.24 per gallon, respectively, for premium gas. Yet they are driving more, not less. According to the EEA, miles driven and driving-related carbon emissions are on the rise.

Why? Joel Schwartz of the American Enterprise Institute believes that "despite the costs of owning and operating an automobile, people choose automobiles the world over because no other form of transportation comes anywhere close to providing comparable speed, flexibility, privacy and convenience." Even at \$6 per gallon, many Europeans — whose per capita incomes are lower than those in the U.S. — are willing to cut back on other things rather than cut back on driving.

Most EU nations aren't on track to meet their Kyoto targets because of increasing CO2 emissions, and "the main reason for increases between 1990 and 2004 was growing road transport demand," notes the EEA. It expects the upward trend in driving to continue.

But sharp declines would be needed for the Europeans to have any chance of coming into compliance with Kyoto. In other words, the taxes that have pushed the price up above \$6 a gallon are still not nearly enough to comply with Europe's global-warming agenda.

Although the U.S. isn't party to the Kyoto Protocol, several bills introduced in Congress seek to replicate Europe's strategy of setting limits on CO2 emissions. Proponents of these bills are big on bluster about saving the earth but are sketchy as to the cost, especially the price per gallon it would take to get vehicle emissions in line with their emissions targets. But in order to meet their stringent targets, gasoline usage will have to decline substantially, and if \$6 per gallon isn't high enough to accomplish that in Europe, what would it take in the U.S.?

Supporters of congressional efforts to restrict CO2 emissions should come clean with the American public about the price tag. Given the failure of \$6 gas to help Europe's global-warming agenda, that price tag is likely to be astronomical. Ben Lieberman is a senior policy analyst in the Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation. Readers may write to the author in care of The Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, D.C. 20002; Web site: www.heritage.org. Information about Heritage's funding may be found at http://www.heritage.org/about-herite-ports.cfm.

Classes resume at V. Tech

By Dahleen Glanton
Chicago Tribune

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Monday was supposed to be the day that life on the Virginia Tech campus began returning to normal. As it turned out, the day wasn't just about going back to class but sending the world a message about resilience.

For most students, this was the first day back since the tragic shooting abruptly changed life as they knew it on this rural campus. They spent days after the rampage mourning the loss of their friends and teachers, then went home for the weekend. By Monday, many of them had entered a new phase of grieving, moving from shock and anger to a fierce resolve to move forward.

In a show of perseverance, they draped themselves in maroon and orange — their college colors — and drew upon their school spirit, their love for everything Hokie, their proud nickname, and leaned on each other, reclaiming an inner-strength that last week seemed lost forever.

The day began with a moment of silence at 7:15 a.m. EDT near West Ambler Johnston dormitory, where two students were killed at about that time a week ago. At 9:45 a.m., students gathered at a memorial across the street from Norris Hall, where 30 others were killed later that morning. A brass bell rang 32 times and a white balloon was released for each victim. At the end maroon and orange balloons were released in a show of unity.

Despite an offer by the administration to allow students to forgo the rest of the year without penalty, about 85 percent of the student body returned to campus on Monday, according to university officials. When asked why they came back, the most com-

mon answer was because "I'm a Hokie." It is a slogan that this week, more than ever, has become a symbol of hope and determination.

Classrooms on Monday were not for teaching. They were for listening. With more than 200 professional counselors on hand, most of them volunteers from across the country, professors gave students a chance to vent their feelings and used the time to reassure them that help was there if they needed it.

Officials said classrooms were 75 percent full. The mood was somber, they said, but students were engaged in the discussions. Yellow tape still marked Norris Hall as a crime scene, and school officials said it was unlikely that classes would be held there again.

Many students said they still weren't sure whether they would stay on campus or use their current grade in each class as their final grade, an option offered by the university.

Paul Swanson, a 20-year-old computer-engineering student, said he spent the weekend at home with his family in Brookfield, Conn., but he avoided talking about the shootings. He said he never considered not coming back, though he was concerned about the mood on campus.

"Today is surreal. It's something you would like to escape but at the same time embrace," said Swanson. "It's unfortunate that it takes a tragedy to bring people together, but that has happened here. I think it will last for a good bit and I want to be a part of that."

Columbine survivor also a Va. Tech student

One person who chose not to view the images that Cho Seung-Hui mailed to NBC was a

Virginia Tech student who survived the massacre at Columbine eight years ago.

"I haven't watched them," 23-year-old Regina Rohde said Thursday as she stood in the doorway of her off-campus home, cuddling her small brown dog.

Her tone suggested she had seen enough of such things back in 1999. She had been a 15-year-old sitting in the lunchroom at Columbine High School when Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris began their bloody rampage. She later spoke to a reporter of the absolute terror as you run for your life and of the way your initial shock is followed by anger and grief and how the survivors form an incredible bond that is the way toward healing.

She has remained close to her Columbine friends and is engaged to a former classmate named Kenneth Elsner who went on to serve with the Marines in Iraq. They live together in a townhouse development as she pursues a graduate degree in wildlife sciences at Virginia Tech. She was preparing to leave for school on Monday when she learned of the massacre at Norris Hall.

This time she had not actually heard the gunshots and she did not have to flee for her life, but others had, and the impact of having been so close to a second school massacre was still apparent in her face Thursday.

She declined to say anything more to the press about the shootings, past or present. She would only say that she had not watched the images Cho wanted us all to see. She was focusing on the bonding that follows the shock and grief and anger.

"I just want to be part of the community and help the healing," she said.

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New York Daily News

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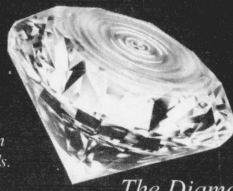
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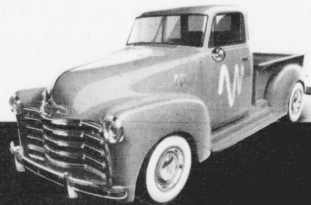
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Trustees approve domestic partner benefits

By Jill Laster
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UK will offer health care benefits to same-sex couples and unmarried opposite-sex couples beginning July 1, the Board of Trustees decided yesterday.

In a 14-2 decision, the Board approved a Work-Life package that includes implementing domestic-partner benefits, adding near-campus child care centers and tuition discounts for a spouse, partner or one child of UK employees.

"I did think it would pass and I wasn't sur-

prised by the support," said staff trustee Russ Williams.

A committee commissioned by UK President Lee Todd to study the feasibility of domestic partner benefits recommended approving the package. The benefits to about 204 opposite-sex couples and about 68 same-sex couples, according to a report released by the committee.

The projected cost of the program is \$633,216 by 2010.

In addition to domestic-partner benefits, the plan will:

- Build two child care centers for faculty

and staff, one close to North Campus on Woodland Avenue and the other close to South Campus on University Court.

■ Provide a tuition discount for a spouse, partner or one dependent of employees who have worked at UK for at least one year.

■ Add a staff member and increase funding for the work-life office to coordinate employee-assistance services and programs.

■ Create more opportunities for professional development and career advancement for staff, including a full-time career counselor, a computer loan program and financial incentives for

earning a GED.

Trustees Pamela May and Penny Brown voted against the plan. Brown said it was a difficult decision to reject the entire proposal.

"I guess if you vote for them you vote for all," Brown said. "It's kind of a package deal."

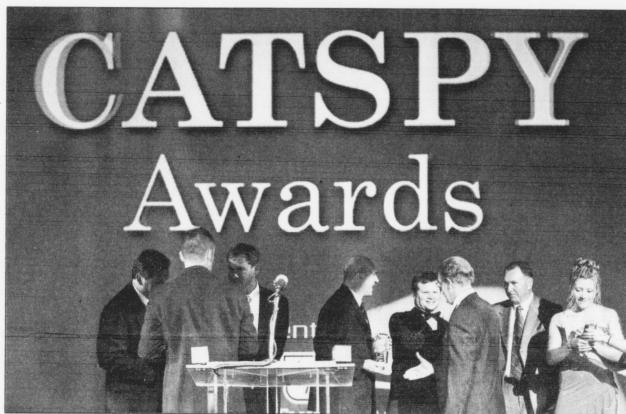
In the end Brown said she did not want to cast a vote for domestic partner benefits, although she said she respected the work the board was doing.

"If my son moved in with his girlfriend I couldn't honor paying benefits to them," Brown

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BIG BLUE HONORS

UK Athletics recognizes its 480 student athletes with both team and individual honors during the fifth annual CATSPY awards



Recipients of the Coach of the Year Award congratulate one another last night at the CATSPY Awards ceremony at Rupp Arena. Rather than select one coach for the award, UK Athletics decided to honor seven coaches, many of whom were also named SEC Coaches of the Year.

AWARD WINNERS

- Men's Team of the Year: Baseball
- Female Team of the Year: Soccer
- Female Athlete of the Year: Brianna Marantz, Softball
- Male Athlete of the Year: Arlo Woodson, Football
- Miss Wildcat: Ashley Fertic, Softball
- Mr. Wildcat: Nathan Li, Soccer
- Men's Coaches of the Year: Brian Craig, John Coffey, Rich Brooks
- Women's Coaches of the Year: Carol Drake, Warren Lipski, Mike Lyden, Harry Mullins
- One Shining Moment: Football wins bowl game
- Character Award: Nathan Li, Soccer
- Lifetime Achievement: President Lee Todd
- Blue Heart Award: Keenan Burton, Football
- Female Scholar-Athlete: Julie Gagnon, Volleyball
- Male Scholar-Athlete: Nick Reeves, Track & Field
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By Kenny Colston
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Throughout the year, basketball and football dominate the spotlight of UK Athletics on and off the field. But last night, all 480 of UK's student athletes were honored at Rupp Arena during the fifth annual CATSPY Awards.

Individual athletes as well as entire teams received awards for achievements on the field, in the classroom and in the community. But the biggest winners of the night were honored for their achievements on the field.

Keenan Burton won the Blue Heart award, reserved for the player who overcame injuries to have the most successful season.

"It's feel goods to win this," Burton said. "It shows if you work hard and put faith in God you can do anything."

Volleyball player Julie Gagnon and men's soccer player Nathan Li were two of the event's big winners. Gagnon received the Female Scholar-Athlete and Female Community Service awards. Li was honored with the Character Award and the Mr. Wildcat Award, presented to a male athlete who embodies the heart and soul of UK.

"I feel honored," Li said. "It's good to

know the effect your relationships with people have."

Ashley Fertic, a member of the softball team, was named Miss Wildcat.

"It was surprising and makes me feel so good," Fertic said. "But I've had lots of influences on me, especially my coaches and teammates."

The K-Association Male and Female Athlete of the Year winners were quarterback Andre Woodson and softball shortstop Brooke Marantz. Woodson led the football team to its first bowl win in 22 years and Marantz broke the UK single-season home run record this season.

"It's a great honor and it's something great for my senior year," Marantz said. "To go out with a bang and my teammates and coaches have just responded to my play."

Winning the team honors were two squads that won Southeastern Conference championships in 2006 — the baseball and women's soccer teams.

To close the night, Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart addressed the crowd on how far the athletic department has come since the CATSPY's started five years ago.

"We had SEC champions and national champions honored tonight," Barnhart said. "But all of you made this a department of champions."

Trustees give 24-hour notice on agendas

By Jill Laster
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Instead of waiting until 9 a.m. the day of its meetings, UK's Board of Trustees will release its full agendas the day before.

At a lunch before the board meeting yesterday afternoon, chairman James Hardymon announced the new 24-hour policy.

"We saw it was causing hardship for some of the staff, faculty and Board of Trustees members, and we asked the public relations department to move it back to Monday," Hardymon said.

In March, the board decided to make its full agenda public four hours before its meetings. Before then, the board posted detailed meeting agendas on the university's Web site four days in advance.

"Some of us were uncomfortable with that four-hour lead and wanted a change in policy," said Staff Trustee Russ Williams.

The three trustees from UK's faculty and staff met Friday with Hardymon to talk about their concerns on the late agenda posting. Posting the board's agenda on Monday morning is an improvement, Williams said.

"It gives (the media) and the constituents the chance to look at what we're going to do," Williams said. "You know, I represent 10,000 people here and sometimes they have opinions on what the board is going to do, and we need some time to be able to hear from them."

There are no further plans to discuss changing when the agendas will be posted, Hardymon said. "It's not an open subject anymore," he said.

UK grad hopes to bring laughs despite tragedy

By Emily Covert
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Ross Duncliffe thinks everyone needs to laugh, even in times of tragedy.

The UK graduate and comedian hopes he can do his part to cause some laughs and ease the minds of those still mourning in the Virginia Tech community tonight.

Duncliffe, who graduated from UK in 2005 with a degree in corporate communications, is one of at least nine comedians performing at the Attitudes Bar & Cafe tonight in Blacksburg, Va. The show will raise money for the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund, which benefits the families of the victims from the attacks.

"I think this is what people need — no, I know this is what people need," Duncliffe said. "It will be a challenge, but I think it will go well."

See **Comic** on page 6

Student remembered for overcoming disability, positive outlook on life

By Leticia Janes
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Kristen Smith, a family studies senior, stood in the sun in the New North courtyard remembering her friend Michael Brent.

"We always sat outside and talked about all the things we had in common," Smith said. "He never let his disability stop him; he had the same dreams as everyone else."

Michael Brent, a UK graduate student who was left paralyzed after a car accident in high school died last week from a viral infection. He was 27.

Inside New North Hall a pianist

played hymns as more than 50 students, family and friends gathered together for a memorial service for Brent. A banner hung on a wall for students to sign in memory of Brent.

Drew Pope, chaplain of Pi Kappa Phi and fraternity brother of Brent, read Hebrew 12:1-2 early on in the service.

Many students reflected on Brent's life and his impact on their own.

Justin Blevins, resident director of New North Hall who organized the memorial, had known Brent since he moved into the dorm.

"Michael had a positive aura he gave off to people," Blevins said. "He was always smiling and very engaged with peo-

ple he talked to."

The new renovations of some dorms on campus, including the card-swipe security locks were partially Brent's ideas, Blevins said. The New North courtyard may be dedicated to Brent, he said.

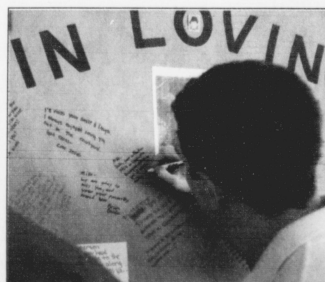
Management freshman Hammad Khan said he knew Brent through the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, and that Brent helped him with many school projects.

"He was always willing to give me advice," Khan said.

Khan remembers Brent as a laid back person that lived a normal life like everyone else.

Ashley Tinkle, a 2004 communication

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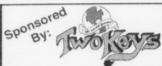
Civil engineering freshman Brock Kidd sign a poster in remembrance of Michael Brent yesterday afternoon at Brent's memorial service.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
To get the advantage, check the day's rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is an 8 — Good deeds you've done in the past are repaid by those you helped. You won't have to ask once they know where you are and what you're doing. Welcome the assistance.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 6 — Don't let your temper take control, that could cause calamity. Use tact and build your resources. You already have more than they think.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7 — You're doing what you're doing for love. You'd better be, anyway. Don't even think about the money. It'll

come in naturally, as it's needed, if you curb extravagance.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is an 8 — Continue to provide what's requested, and ask for what you're due. You could get more than agreed upon, no treachery is required. Employ your natural charm.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — The problem is, you're not quite free to do what you want to do. You're not all that interested in what you should be doing, either. But you're cute and lucky. All ends well.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 5 — Finish a domestic project you've wanted, but couldn't afford. You can find what you need, some of which is in your own attic. If you don't have an attic, check the basement and garage.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 6 — There will be confusion. Do your best to prevent collisions. The overall outcome is positive, but getting there is complicated.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is

an 8 — It won't be lonely at the top for very long. You'll soon have more friends than ever before. Keep your wallet in your pocket.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — Push past the old limitations you'd set for yourself. Don't be afraid, you know a lot more than you did before.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Taking care of business is second nature for you. Explain the value of sticking to a budget by setting a good example. Younger people are watching.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 5 — Keep your most important conversations private, for now. Make sure your plans are fully developed before you inform the troops.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is an 8 — Something you do now makes others respect you even more. Don't leave this to chance; knock yourself out to take care of others.

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HOW BRITNEY GOT HER BODY BACK

Spears' trainer Manny Bujold reveals how the sexy mom of two lost 12 pounds in the past month

By Jennifer O'Neill

Trying on dresses at the Sydney Michelle boutique at the Glen Centre mall in Los Angeles April 12, Britney Spears, says an onlooker, seemed "very happy, and ready to shop!" And why shouldn't she? According to her new trainer, Manny Bujold, the 25-year-old mom of two (Jayden, 7 months, and Sean, 19 months), who was a size 8 after losing 26 pounds postbaby, has peeled off another 12 pounds in little more than a month. "She's very much leaned-out," Bujold tells us, adding that the star actually likes crunches!

The secret to her shape-up success? "She works extremely hard," says Bujold. "Two to four days each week, at Spears' home in Beverly Hills, the trainer works two hours with the 5-foot-4 singer, whose divorce from Kevin Federline was finalized March 29 (the kids have been splitting time with Mom and Dad). She does lunges and squats, as well as kickboxing and running on the treadmill — to Prince and Madonna tunes. "She's really good about not groan-

ing," says the trainer, who admits he can be "mean."

Spears also torches the calories (up to 1,500 an hour) with jazz and hip-hop dance classes at North Hollywood's Millennium Dance Complex. "Her body was in phenomenal shape," instructor Darrien Henning tells us of a recent visit. As for her diet, Spears has swapped the Cheetos for healthy sushi (she's a fan of the California rolls at L.A.'s SHU sushi) and eats six mini-meals a day. "I think she's excited to get where she wants to be," Bujold says of his client. A staffer at L.A.'s Epitome salon, where Spears goes tanning, has an idea where that might be: "I heard her say she wants to look good in a bikini!"

A Shot for Melting Fat?

When Spears was spotted at a LipoDissolve clinic in Las Vegas on March 31, speculation of weight-loss surgery swept the media. But LipoDissolve, yet to be approved by the FDA, is "for people who don't want to go under the knife," says Neil Sadick, an NYC-based cos-

metic surgeon (who hasn't worked with Spears). The procedure is a series of chemical injections (three to four sessions at \$400 to \$600 each) that "dissolves" small areas of fat. While critics call for more studies, some say it will be the next big trend. As one fan tells us, "It's like getting a tummy tuck without the surgery."

Brit's Video Rant

This wasn't exactly the comeback video Spears fans had been waiting to see: On April 13, photo agency Web site X17online.com posted a clip of the singer — shot at the star's behest — delivering a sarcastic message (in a Valley Girl accent) about "how nice our world is."


Spears called out the press, people who offer her unsolicited advice and her management, who she said with contempt, "totally knew what they were doing" by sending her to rehab. A rep for her estranged manager, Larry Rudolph, had no comment.

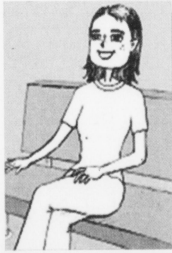
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Financing and marketing sophomore Ryan Goy, left, and Dan Rabidoux, a business management and marketing sophomore, will cycle 800 miles across Florida to raise money for people with disabilities.

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Two students to bike to Florida to raise funds for disabilities

By Erica Mitchell
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Two UK Pi Kappa Phi members will cycle 800 miles across Florida this summer to raise money and awareness for people with disabilities.

Each year, Gear Up Florida selects Pi Kappa Phi members from across the nation to participate in the trek. During the event, a team of 28 cyclists and 7 crewmembers cycle their way across the state, visiting several organizations that support people with disabilities along the way.

Dan Rabidoux, a business management and marketing sophomore, and Ryan Goy, a finance and marketing sophomore, were selected for Gear Up Florida's 2007 Cycling Team.

"For Dan and I, getting to know people with disabilities has proven to be an amazing experience," said Goy, who is treasurer of the Eta Tau chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. "Once you look past the disability and get involved with the person, you begin to realize just how similar you are. This personal connection is one of the primary reasons that Dan and I chose to

participate in Gear Up Florida."

The two fraternity members had to write essays, obtain letters of recommendation, prepare fundraising plans and go through interviews by the director of Gear Up Florida before they were selected as cyclists.

Rabidoux and Goy think they were chosen because they have shown their commitment to serving people with disabilities by participating in such events as WinOlympics, Special Olympics bowling and other events sponsored by Push America.

Push America is an organization that was founded in 1977 by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, and it hosts several events like Gear Up Florida each year.

Once they were selected for Gear Up Florida, Goy and Rabidoux immediately starting fundraising and training for the event.

So far, the two students have raised over \$5,000 through private sponsors.

The event kicks off in Miami on May 13 and will wind its way across Florida, passing through Ft. Myers, Tampa and Orlando before ending in Tallahassee on May 26.

After cycling the expected distance each day, the team will present grants to organizations that support people with disabilities and spend the rest of the day getting to know the people the money will benefit.

"While the opportunity to cycle 800 miles and meet Pi Kappas from all over the country is very exciting, the part of Gear Up Florida that I am most looking forward to is getting the opportunity to meet and interact with the people I am riding on behalf of," said Rabidoux, the warden of the Eta Tau chapter of Pi Kappa Phi.

In order to make sure they will get the most out of the trip, Goy and Rabidoux have been training both on bikes and in the weight room. The two students said they have changed their schedules and their diets to prepare for the physical demands of the event.

Both students said that being in the best physical condition possible will allow them to focus on the real reason they are cycling — reaching out to as many people as possible and spreading a message of acceptance and understanding on behalf of people with disabilities.

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CRIME REPORT

UK Police reports from April 10 to April 23

- April 10. Theft of change purse reported from UK Hospital at 12:58 a.m.
- April 10. Theft of items from Memorial Coliseum construction site reported at 11:46 a.m.
- April 10. Theft reported from the Kentucky Clinic at 3:45 p.m.
- April 10. Theft of backpacks and other items reported from the Johnson Center at 7:04 p.m.
- April 10. Theft of a Blockbuster video reported from UK Medical Center at 11:14 p.m.
- April 11. Alcohol intoxication reported to UK Police headquarters at 1:49 p.m.
- April 11. Theft from the Gattton Business and Economics Building reported at 2:29 p.m.
- April 12. Theft of a Chrysler Sebring from Parking Garage No. 5 reported at 12:50 a.m.
- April 13. Alcohol intoxication reported on the corner of Montmullin and South Limestone Street at 12:11 a.m.
- April 13. Arrest for alcohol intoxication reported from Mad Mushroom reported at 12:47 a.m.
- April 13. Alcohol intoxication reported from Kirwan II at 8:56 p.m. Resident advisers had poured out alcohol in the dorm room. Two white males were standing outside with hostility toward RAs.
- April 13. Arrest for alcohol intoxication reported from UK Hospital at 10:20 p.m.
- April 14. Alcohol intoxication reported from Columbia Avenue at 12:08 a.m. Drunks were vomiting on the side of the road.
- April 14. Theft of purse from outside the Kentucky Clinic reported at 7:14 p.m.
- April 15. Alcohol intoxication reported from Columbia Avenue at 12:13 a.m.
- April 15. Alcohol intoxication reported from Parking Garage No. 4 at 3:41 a.m.
- April 16. Theft reported to UK Police headquarters at 1:15 p.m.
- April 17. Arrest for alcohol intoxication reported from Parking Structure No. 6 at 12:44 p.m.
- April 18. Drug or marijuana use reported to UK Police headquarters at 5:25 p.m.
- April 19. Theft reported to UK Police headquarters at 9:40 a.m.
- April 19. Arrest for alcohol intoxication reported from the Student Center at 10:11 p.m. Subject found passed out and drunk in men's restroom.
- April 19. Theft reported from UK Hospital at 11:19 p.m.
- April 20. Theft reported from UK Fine Arts Building at 10:18 a.m.
- April 21. Arrest for alcohol intoxication at Jewell Hall at 1:26 a.m.
- April 21. Alcohol intoxication reported at UK Hospital at 10:04 p.m.
- April 21. Alcohol intoxication at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Rose Street reported at 11:28 p.m.
- April 22. Theft of bike reported to UK Police headquarters at 12:08 p.m.

Compiled by staff writer Alice Haymond from UK Police reports.
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Friends for Michael president Cindy Norton speaks about Michael Brent and his influence on her life yesterday afternoon at the Michael Brent remembrance in New North. Friends For Michael is a non-profit organization that raises funds for spinal cord injury research and provides opportunities for individuals with spinal cord injuries.

MEMORIAL

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tions UK graduate, grew up with Brent in Campbellburg, Ky.

"Michael was a very well rounded person who had a positive attitude on life," Tingle said.

Friends for Michael, a non-profit spinal cord injury organization, was founded in 1997 after Brent's accident. Cindy Norton, president of Friends for Michael read a piece of writing entitled "Life," which he had written and posted on MySpace.com.

Several professors spoke on behalf of Brent as well.

"I am privileged to be here and talk about Michael Brent," said Doug Boyd, a communications professor. "He was an articulate and

funny person.

"Michael's inspiration is still an enlightening experience that remains in my classroom," he said.

Boyd said some of his students posted responses on the class e-mail about Brent after his death, writing how it was great to know a person like him.

Kevin Coley, a psychology freshman, lived in New North with Brent. Coley said he enjoyed talking about religion and enjoyed the great mood he was always in.

"Mike was love and life," Coley said. "He shed love and joy into people's life like it was his mission."

To make a contribution to Friends for Michael, you can send your donation to The Cats' Pause or go to their Web site (<http://friendsformichael.org>).

BENEFITS

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said, "I guess it comes from there."

Williams does not like the attention domestic partner benefits has received because it is only one aspect of the package, he said.

"It was a relatively comprehensive package of new benefits," Williams said. "As I've been trying to tell the press all week that domestic partner benefits is one small part of that."

The only public university in the state offering domestic partner benefits is the University of Louisville, which began its program on Jan. 1. UK's decision to add the benefits to its health care packages has drawn criticism.

"It seems to us sort of arrogant that the university thinks that it can go against what voters voted for in 2004 in the state marriage

amendment," said Martin Cothran, senior policy analyst for The Family Foundation of Kentucky. He was referring to the 2004 general election vote to add an amendment to the state constitution making it illegal for the state to recognize or perform same-sex marriages or civil unions.

"I think that this decision amounts to kowtowing to special interest groups at the expense of taxpayers, not to mention violating the state constitution," Cothran said.

UK General Counsel Barbara Jones argued in an earlier committee meeting that the plan did not conflict with the constitution because it did not establish an institution like marriage.

"What we are providing is just access to benefits," Jones said. "It doesn't establish any type of relationship."

Cothran said the foundation is considering taking legal action if UK and U of L's policies are not addressed in a special legislative session expected later this year.

COMIC

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The bar is located across the street from Virginia Tech and books a comedy show every Wednesday night, Dunccliffe said.

"It's a great time every single time I go there, so I was happy to (be invited) back," Dunccliffe said.

The bar sent out an e-mail asking if comedians would perform at the show, but there would be no pay and they would have to cover all of their travel expenses. It wasn't a complicated choice for Dunccliffe. He said he was more than happy to volunteer.

"I still feel like I could be doing more, but I know I'm doing something, bringing something that a lot of people can't and that's laughter," Dunccliffe said.

Making people laugh is something he's done since his UK days. Dunccliffe was involved with UK's Comedy Caravan for five semesters while in school and said working at the caravan was the highlight of his college career.

Dunccliffe said the bar and performers are hoping to raise about \$5,000 from one show and will do another show if the first one sells out.

"We could make about \$10,000 in one night," Dunccliffe said.

The students, faculty and staff at Virginia Tech, as well as the people in the surrounding community of Blacksburg, also appreciate all of the support that is coming in from outside communities, said Virginia Tech spokesman Mark Owczarski.

"You can't imagine how helpful it is knowing the world is in your corner," Owczarski said.

Dunccliffe said UK students can contribute to the cause by donating to the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund by going to its Web site at (http://www.vt.edu/tragedy/memorial_fund.php).

session expected later this year.

But some state legislators feel differently. "I think the legislature should respect these decisions," said Sen. Ernesto Scorsone (D-Lexington). "I feel very strongly that the university should make their own decisions in these matters."

Williams also said he hopes the General Assembly will let UK make its own decisions about domestic partner benefits.

"The university — and the Board of Trustees — has to take care of its business, and that's what we did today," Williams said. "If other people have a problem with that and want to take some kind of action against us, you know, I can't stop it."

Student Government President Jonah Brown, one of the four absent board members, was not at the meeting because of strep throat, he said. He later did not wish to comment on how he would have voted on the package.

Seminary's students told to charge in case of an attack

By Sam Hodges
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth has told male students there that in a situation like last week's Virginia Tech shootings, he would expect them to charge the assailant, sacrificing their lives if necessary.

Paige Patterson made the remarks at Wednesday's seminary chapel service, two days after the shootings.

"All you had to do was have six or eight (students) rush him right at that time and 32 people wouldn't have died," Patterson said of Cho Seung-Hui, who went on a lethal shooting spree, then shot himself.

The seminary president added: "You don't let things like that happen, guys. We just don't do it."

Patterson's comments have caused a buzz on Baptist blogs and Web sites, including EthicsDaily.com, which published a story about the remarks Monday. Some posting blog comments faulted him for implying criticism of Virginia Tech students who fled or pretended to be dead.

Patterson declined an interview request Monday but issued a statement. In it, he emphasized that he was not criticizing the conduct of any of the survivors.

But he praised Liviu Librescu, an Israeli professor and Holocaust survivor who died barricading the door to his classroom while students escaped out the window.

"Since I was not at Virginia Tech when (the shootings) occurred, any judgment on my part would be inappropriate," Patterson said. "But it is not inappropriate for me to ask my students and faculty to be prepared to act

as courageously as the Israeli professor. We cannot bring back the dead, but we can determine in our hearts if there is even the slightest chance we ever find ourselves in such an unfortunate situation, we will be prepared to prevent some of the carnage to the best of our ability."

Patterson also elaborated on why he thought Christian men should rush an assailant in a similar situation.

"My own perspective is that Christians, who believe that heaven is their real home and that they are prepared for eternity as a result of a life changed by Christ — are even more obligated to act courageously and sacrificially. And I am still just old-fashioned enough to believe that men are responsible to protect women and children."

Sgt. Allan Baron of the department of security and university police at Texas A&M University would not recom-

mend that someone without training charge an armed assailant.

"The best advice you could probably give to somebody in those type of situations is to look for a way to escape and get help immediately," he said.

Bob Taylor, chairman of the criminal justice department at the University of North Texas, said he regretted any public statements that could be interpreted to suggest Virginia Tech students didn't measure up.

"It's so critically important to err on the positive side of people who make decisions in these situations," he said.

Adam Russell, a Virginia Tech senior whose parents live in Flower Mound, Texas, was reluctant to project himself or anybody else into a tragic drama like that at his school last week. "I imagine in that situation you'd be in a state of panic and not have any

idea of what you should be doing," he said.

Patterson got qualified support from Bruce Prescott, an Oklahoma minister. Prescott is a moderate Baptist who has often been at odds with Patterson, leader of the successful effort by conservatives to take control of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Paige rambled on a lot more than I would have on this issue," Prescott said after reviewing Patterson's statement. "He also speaks as though he is giving orders to subordinates, as if he had a right to demand the supreme sacrifice. He has no authority to order people to sacrifice their lives."

Prescott added, "I do think it wise for persons who are willing to voluntarily sacrifice themselves to be prepared to respond aggressively if they find themselves confronted by a gunman like the one at Virginia Tech."

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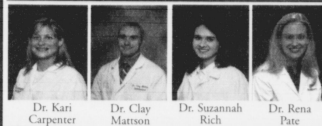


CHRISTINA LAYTON/STAFF

Will Bacon, left, Nikos Pappas, and Kevin Kehrberg, musicians in the UK String Band, perform for an American Culture class yesterday afternoon at the Niles Gallery. They also perform as The Red State Ramblers, who showcase Old Time music of Kentucky and the South.

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Workshop helps employees deal with burnout

By Courtney Lacy
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Burnout on the job is the cause of many spiritual, emotional and physical diseases, said Doug Bruce, principal consultant of career counseling firm Covenant Development, LLC.

"(As burnout becomes more prevalent in society, so do medications for job-related stress," Bruce said in his presentation entitled "Burnout From Genesis to Exodus."

"Burnout is an accumulation of long held stress," he said.

Bruce spoke at the UK Hospital Auditorium yesterday as part of a workshop on avoiding burnout in the workplace, presented by UK Work-Life and the President's Commission on Women.

Linda Rakes, administrative support associate for the commission, said the Work-Life office decided to bring Bruce to

campus after reviewing data from the Work-Life survey that cited burnout as a common concern among women.

"We wanted these women to be able to hear preventive strategies," Rakes said. "And to have resources, like Mr. Bruce, is great because we get to learn how to combat a (burnout) situation."

Bruce said that a good retirement plan is the best way to cope with burnout, but the best way to prevent it is for people to find jobs they are naturally inclined to do.

Bruce spoke with women from different departments at UK about how to recognize 10 symptoms of burnout, which includes complaining as soon as a person shows up to work, chronic procrastination and plotting the painful demise against a co-worker.

"Procrastination is a very good strategy," he said. "But when it becomes the norm you have a symptom of burnout."

"You become part of the problem

when you choose to hold onto that which is counter-productive," he said. Rakes said she found his tips very helpful. Other women agreed.

Ashley Tabb, administrative coordinator for internal medicine, said she came to the event to see what she could take back and share with faculty and staff in the Human Resources Department. She found Bruce to be interesting and very familiar with the subject matter.

"He was very well-spoken; a great speaker," Tabb said. "His presentation was a good reminder for us all."

Tina Ward, assistant manager of Sponsor Projects Accounting (SPA), said she came to the presentation because of UK's Integrated Resource Information Systems Project.

"Since IRIS, the SPA workload has been heavier and more stressful, and I thought this could help me make a difference," Ward said.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Brooks still not settled on back up quarterback position

By Travis Waldron
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The competition between Mike Hartline and Will Fidler for the backup quarterback position wasn't settled going into Saturday's Blue-White Spring Game, and after two performances that didn't impress head coach Rich Brooks, the battle will drag on into the season.

"At some point in the fall, either they have to decide it, or I have to decide it," Brooks said. "We can't continue to have both of them getting equal reps."

If there is no clear leader for the spot once fall practice begins, Brooks said he would make a decision about a week before the first



Mike Hartline, throwing a pass in Saturday's spring game, did gain any ground on Will Fidler, said head coach Rich Brooks. The two quarterbacks are competing for the backup position.

game. Hartline performed better statistically than Fidler in the scrimmage Saturday, completing 14-of-23 passes for 100 yards and one touchdown. He also had 10 rushing yards on four attempts. Fidler was 4-for-13 for 35 yards. Twenty of his yards came on a deep pass to Keenan Burton.

Both had their share of bad moments.

Fidler missed a wide-open Dicky Lyons Jr. in the end zone on a pass in the second quarter. He also threw two interceptions, both of which came under heavy pressure.

Two possessions after Fidler missed Lyons, Hartline lobbed a deep pass down the sideline with only safety Ashton Cobb near the ball. The offense also had two busted plays in a row under Hartline, once when he bobbled a snap, and the other — on the next play — when he ran into the fullback after taking the snap.

Brooks said some of the young quarterbacks' struggles were due to injuries on the offensive line.

"When they were working with the second group, the second offensive line this spring has been a patchwork affair," Brooks said. "Once we get the injured guys back from the varsity and the incoming freshmen into that mix, I think those quarterbacks will have a chance to look better than they obviously have."

Though Hartline played two more offensive drives than Fidler on Saturday, the last of which resulted in a touchdown pass, the competition will continue, Hartline said.

"I think it's going to be a whole summer and fall thing," he said. "I don't think he (Brooks) can really come out and say anything right now. If he wants to it's great, but even if he did, I don't think it would get to me or Will at all. We still know we're competing."

Brooks pleased with makeshift offensive line

The UK offensive line has been so battered and bruised this spring that those who are healthy have gotten more practice time than usual.

While that has helped inexperienced players like Eric Scott, Zipp Duncan and Marcus Davis improve, it has also been tough on the players to put in extra practice time.

"As a group this spring, they probably took more reps and worked harder than anybody at practice," Brooks said.

That extra practice came because UK had eight linemen that missed at least one practice due either to injuries or academic issues.

"I'm just very pleased with the effort," Brooks said. "Those guys made it possible to have a productive spring practice."

Big day for passing game

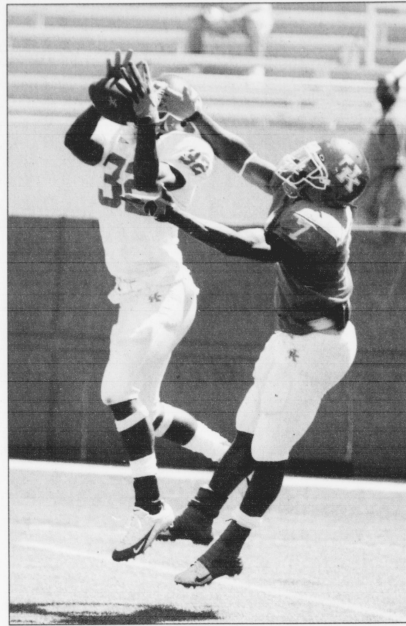
One position that wasn't a question mark for the Cats this spring was wide receiver. UK had the top passing offense in the Southeastern Conference in 2006, largely because of the performances of Burton, Lyons and a host of other receivers.

Those receivers, along with tight end Jacob Tammé, had a big day in the scrimmage, catching a combined 34 passes for 378 yards.

Four UK players — Burton, Tammé, Steve Johnson and David Jones — caught at least four passes, led by Johnson's six, and UK hit five passing plays longer than 20 yards, including a 55-yard strike to Burton and a 48-yard touchdown catch by Rafael Little.

UK honors Virginia Tech

UK coaches, players and fans used the scrimmage to honor those affected by the tragedy at Virginia



PHOTOS BY KETH SMILEY | STAFF
UK wide receiver David Jones and cornerback Trevard Lindley battle for a pass at Saturday's Blue/White Spring Game. Jones was one of four UK receivers to catch four passes during the scrimmage.

Tech. UK coaches wore Virginia Tech caps, while each player wore a "VT" logo sticker in place of the normal UK sticker on one side of the helmet. There was also a moment of silence prior to the national anthem.

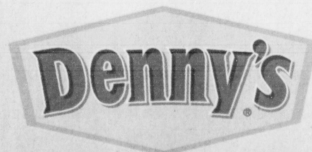
"It was just a way of showing our support for a university that is

obviously going through one of the most unbelievable things in our nation's history," Brooks said. "We're suffering with them. ... There aren't any words I can express that explain our feelings about it, let alone what they're going through."

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Gillispie signs first UK recruit

By Chris Miles
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UK head coach Billy Gillispie, who has reportedly been on the recruiting trail since his arrival at UK a month ago, signed his first UK recruit yesterday.

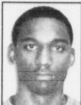
Oak Hill Academy senior Alex Legion, ranked No. 45 nationally by Rivals.com, committed to the Cats in the morning, said Steve Smith, Legion's high school coach.

Legion, who is originally from Detroit but spent last season at Oak Hill, had signed with Michigan in the fall but requested a release after coach Tommy Amaker was fired. During the last two weeks, Legion considered UCLA and UK before ultimately committing to the Cats, Smith said.

"Kentucky was always the common denominator moving into last week," Smith said. "I think he felt like he'd play at one of the best schools no matter what. (At UK) he

was impressed with the coaching staff, the facilities and the fact that there would be 24,000 fans at every game."

After backing out of his commitment to Michigan, Legion looked at Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, UCLA and UK, Smith said. Over the last few months he narrowed his search to UConn, UCLA and UK and then eventually to UCLA and UK.



Legion

Smith said the coaching change from former UK coach Tubby Smith to Gillispie and the fact that Legion knows UK guard Joe Crawford, a fellow Detroit native, also weighed in on the decision.

In addition to Legion, the Cats will now have seniors-to-be Crawford and Rameel Bradley and sophomores-to-be Jodie Meeks, Derrick Jasper and Michael Porter at the guard position.

Despite this, Smith said Legion isn't concerned about playing time. "He's not hung up on playing 30 minutes," Smith said. "He doesn't care if he

starts or not. He wasn't worried about that. He just wanted to be on a winning team.

"Still, I don't see any way he won't play this year."

Legion averaged 19.5 points per game during his senior season at Oak Hill. Smith described Legion as athletic, and a fantastic 3-point shooter. Smith also said Legion "doesn't miss" from 15 to 17 feet from the basket.

"He hit 40 free-throws in a row this year," Smith said.

Legion will battle Jasper for playing time at the point guard position. While they are about the same height, Smith said Legion is stronger in some areas than Jasper.

"Jasper can't shoot like this kid," Smith said. "Jasper might handle the ball better, but he can't score like Alex."

Smith said that he would be shocked if UK didn't start three guards next season, with their depth in that position, and he believes Legion will get plenty of playing time.

"He's definitely ready."

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UNC freshman Wright jumping into NBA draft

By Ken Tysiac
McClatchy Newspapers

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — As Brandon Wright lay awake at night, his lists of positives and negatives about leaving for the NBA draft after his freshman season at North Carolina swirled in his head.

Coach Roy Williams said Wright hoped he could avoid the decision and it would just go away. Finally, days before the April 29 deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft, Wright sat beside Williams at the Smith Center and announced he is going to the NBA.

"You've got to grow up some time," Wright said Monday. "I guess I just chose to grow up earlier than most people do."

Wright's decision was based on providing for his mother, Tamiko Wright, and two younger brothers. Williams laid out the facts and the likely salary scale if Wright left school immediately.

According to NBA executives Williams consulted, Wright, a 6-foot-9 forward, should be selected between the third and fifth picks. He shouldn't slip past six or seven and certainly should be drafted among the top 10, Williams said.

Williams said he has never had a former player come back and tell him they love the NBA more than college, except on paydays the first and 15th each month.

"Brandon Wright will come back and say, 'Gosh, (the NBA)

wasn't as much fun as playing in college.' But the first and the 15th erases a whole lot of sorrow. And that's the bottom line," Williams said.

Wright, 19, said being able to take care of his family at a young age as an NBA player outweighed the negatives of leaving college early. He has spoken of his devotion and admiration for his mother, a former Tennessee State volleyball player who raised him in Nashville.

She would drive Wright to and from school at Brentwood Academy each day. She pitched baseballs to him in the park when he was a boy. He also describes her as a disciplinarian.

Former Brentwood coach George Pitts remembers a meeting at the school when Wright was being recruited by colleges. This was before the NBA collective-bargaining agreement created the age limit that required Wright to attend college for a year.

A coach Pitts couldn't recall who asked if Wright planned to go straight to the NBA out of high school. Tamiko Wright told the coach they weren't thinking about that. They were thinking only about Wright getting his college degree. He said Monday he still plans to do that.

After he finished his freshman season, his mother and Williams told him they would support whatever decision he made.

"I had to make it on my own," Wright said.

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Engineering grads join Hall of Distinction

By Catherine Barnes
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UK's College of Engineering will induct four graduates into the Engineering Hall of Distinction Friday.

The four inductees, John Bailey, L. Berkley Davis Jr., R. William Jewell and the late Joseph B. Lyons Jr., will be formally recognized at 2 p.m. in the Student Center Theater.

Each year, the Engineering Hall of Distinction identifies individuals that have improved communities with their work.

"The Engineering Hall of Distinction is a way for the College of Engineering to recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professional careers and made meaningful contributions to society," said Thomas Lester, dean of the College of Engineering.

The first inductee, Bailey, is a 1961 graduate of UK's electrical engineering program.

Although he didn't have a set career path upon graduating, Bailey said his background in engineering "made it possible to pursue a variety of ideas."

His degree allowed him to help develop the heating and cooling system for the Minutemen missile program, and he later became the vice president of Honeywell Europe, a provider of home and building controls.

Bailey said he will be in esteemed company in the Hall of Distinction.

"I know some of the previous inductees, and it is an honor to join such a distinguished group," he said.

Davis, the second candidate, followed his father into engineering.

"Some years ago, my father was inducted into the hall, and I represented him at the ceremony ... so I knew what the hall was about and how much of an honor it is to be made a member," Davis said. "I am very honored and also very surprised."

Davis earned his degree in mechanical engineering in 1966. He was elected into the National Academy of Engineering in 2006 for his contributions to combustion evolution. He has been the chief engineer at General Electric since 1998 and holds 20 patents related to gas combustion.

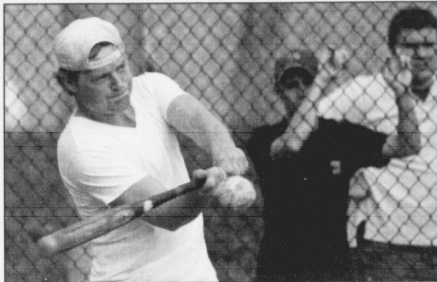
Engineers will play a large part in solving world problems such as global warming, Davis said.

"The engineers graduating today will need to be part of finding solutions to some of the very difficult problems faced by society," he said.

The third inductee, Jewell, graduated with a degree in civil engineering in 1966. He began his career at Dow Chemical Co. in the area hydrocarbons and energy department. He eventually oversaw Dow's Canadian business and "as named business vice president for energy with worldwide responsibilities.

Lyons graduated with electrical engineering degree from UK in 1957. He worked in the U.S. Department of the Navy for 32 years. His involvement in radar technology for tactical warfare helped develop missiles important to early warning planes on aircraft carriers. He was the first African American to serve as a manager of the microwave technology division in the Sensors and Avionics Technology Directorate.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL



Above: Logan Mayer, an ISC junior, gets a hit during Sigma Alpha Epsilon's win over Kappa Sigma yesterday evening in the intramural greek softball league behind the Johnson Center.



Left: Kyle Board, an English junior, pitches for Sigma Alpha Epsilon against Kappa Sigma in the intramural greek softball league.

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Asst. news editor named new Kernel summer editor

By Meghan Cain
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A veteran Kernel staffer will take the reins of this year's summer Kernel after the previously named editor resigned.

Journalism senior Shannon Mason was officially named the new summer editor in chief Monday night after Carrie Knoll resigned.

"(Mason) has all the skills the board wants in a summer editor," said Duane Bonifer, president of the Kernel's board of directors. "Not only is she very creative, she is also extremely intelligent."

Mason, who is the assistant news editor of the Kernel this year, feels fantastic about her new position, she said. "I loved working at the Kernel and being involved this year," Mason said. "I feel so honored that I get to continue it during the summer, and I don't have to leave just yet."

Mason plans to keep the Kernel's tradition of high standards this summer, she said.

"It will be a challenge to live up to, but I think I can do it," she said. "It will be a lot of fun."

Bonifer thought Mason was a perfect match for the position because of her "proven track record," he said.

"The summer Kernel is a lot like a community paper because it is weekly," Bonifer said. "Mason has worked on a daily paper with the Kernel and a weekly paper in Anderson County."

The weekly aspect of the summer issues will provide more time to research and edit stories and to make them better over all, Mason said.

"Because it is weekly, we will have more time to go in-depth with feature stories that usually take a little more time and are harder to put out from day-to-day," Mason said.

Bonifer was also impressed by Mason's goals and ideas for the summer.

"The summer Kernel usually has two big stories," Bonifer said. "Shannon had already anticipated what they would be and began to plan for them."

Mason also wants to take get input from others on what ideas to pursue and how to approach them, Bonifer said.

"Her willingness to learn is a great sign of a leader," Bonifer said. "She is a solid person."

Due to time constraints, the way Mason was chosen as editor was a bit different than the typical process, Bonifer said.

Mason met with Chris Poore, Kernel advisor, and the professional staff first. Then Poore recommended Mason to Bonifer.

"In the 75 minutes we met, I was impressed with her body of work, her references and her interview," Bonifer said.

After her interview, Bonifer told the board about the editor situation and his interview with Mason. They approved his decision to name Mason the editor.

"We had to move quickly so she could have enough time to recruit her staff," Bonifer said.

Mason plans on recruiting writers from summer journalism classes.

"They will probably be required to write for their class. So what better way to get published than to work for the summer Kernel on campus?" Mason said.

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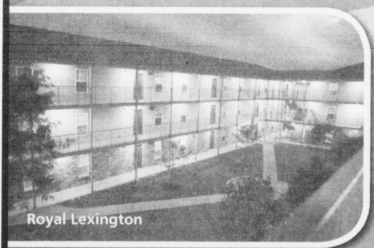
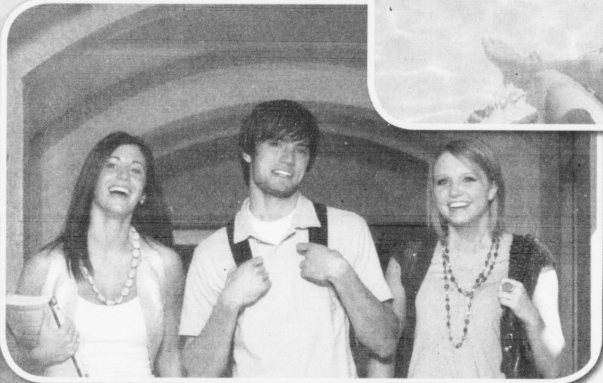
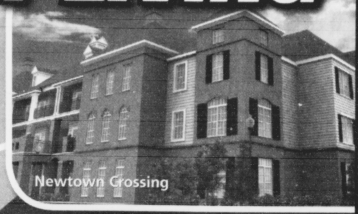
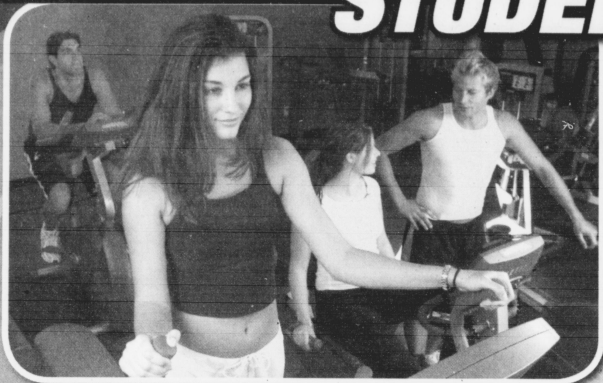
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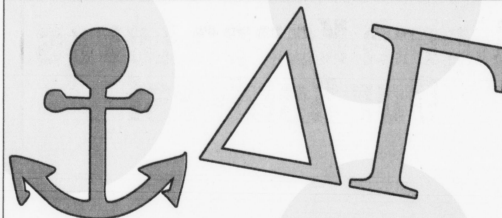
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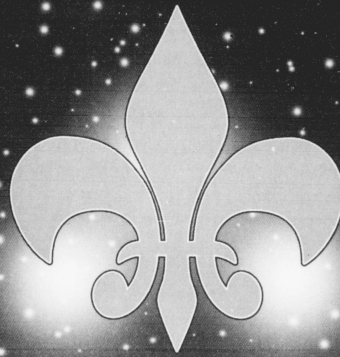
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DeVry, Career Education Corp. agree to pay in student loan probe

By **Jodi S. Cohen and Michelle S. Keller**
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Two of the nation's largest for-profit education companies, both based in Illinois, have agreed to pay more than \$100,000 to students and a consumer fund, after officials questioned the legality of their relationships with lenders.

The settlements, announced Monday, come as attorneys general in Illinois, New York and other states dig deeper into the lucrative student loan industry.

DeVry University, based in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., will pass along to students \$88,122 in payments it received from Citibank after the university listed the company as one of its nine preferred lenders during the 2004-2005 school year.

Students who took out private loans from Citibank during that time will get back 2 percent of the amount of their loans — the amount Citibank paid the university for students' business, according to the settlement.

Hoffman Estates, Ill.-based Career Education Corporation, which offers training programs across the country, will return \$21,200 — the sum recommended lenders Sallie Mae and Wachovia gave to the university's non-profit scholarship fund from 2004 to 2006.

The school will pay the money to a fund set up by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo to educate high school students and families about loans.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said the practices at both schools created a conflict of interest and were potentially deceptive in violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive

Business Practices Act.

"Students are entitled to full disclosure of the criteria used to place lenders on schools' preferred lender lists," said Madigan, who worked with Cuomo on the settlements. "Unfortunately, right now students and their parents are not aware of the information."

Being on a preferred list wields significant influence when students choose a lender. Preferred lenders typically get up to 90 percent of the loan business at a college or university. As a result, some lenders have offered universities or their employees incentives to get on the lists, according to Cuomo's investigation of the \$85 billion student loan industry.

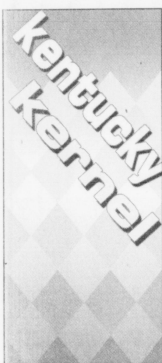
The Chicago Tribune reported this month that two Chicago State University officials are shareholders and board members of a bank the university recommends to students. The Tribune also reported that a lender had paid Western Illinois University for referring borrowers.

Madigan said Monday that her office is investigating lending practices at both universities, as well as at other institutions across the state.

"Based on what we have seen and what we found out of New York, this practice is very broad, very widespread," Madigan said.

Universities outside of Illinois that had revenue-sharing arrangements have agreed in recent weeks to reimburse students more than \$3 million, including the University of Pennsylvania, Syracuse University and New York University.

To avoid litigation, Citibank, Sallie Mae and Finance Partners have agreed to put \$6.5 million into Cuomo's consumer education fund.



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