BOOM TIME

UK debater earns honor at national tournament

By JULIE ESGUELMAN Senior Staff Writer

Resolved: UK student T.A. McKinney is the best college debater in the country.

There’s no argument on that point.

McKinney, a political science senior from Nashville, Tenn., captured the Top Speaker honor last weekend at the National Debate Tournament at Trinity College in San Antonio, Texas.

And in the process, he continued UK’s debating powerhouse tradition, helping the team set a national college record for the most individual top speaker awards.

UK had been tied at three individual honors with Dartmouth College, with top recognition in 1976, 1981 and 1983. McKinney put UK on top in that race with its fourth award.

In his fourth appearance at the national tournament, which lasted from Friday to Monday, McKinney out-dueled debaters from 72 teams across the country.

He and debate partner David Walsh, a political science senior from Irving, Texas, finished in the top eight of the competing teams.

McKinney and Walsh made it to the quarterfinal elimination round before falling to the University of Michigan. Only 25 teams qualified for the elimination rounds.

Also in that final group was UK’s other debate team, comprised of Calvin Rockeffer, a communication studies senior from Birmingham, Ala., and Jonathan Reave, a political science freshman from Nashville, Tenn.

However, they lost in the first elimination round to Wake Forest University.

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Nursing expo features displays, techniques

By NICK COMER Staff Writer

Memorial College will come alive today with displays of medical technology and the latest nursing techniques as the UK Albert B. Chandler Medical Center’s nursing department sponsors Nursing Expo 91.

Through the expo, hospital officials hope to raise awareness of the career opportunities available in the nursing field.

Both Tucker, division director of nursing, said the event is especially being directed at high school and junior high school students so that they will realize the many roles of nursing.

"A lot of people think of nursing as providing bedside care at the hospital," Tucker said.

She said the nursing field encompasses many roles besides bedside care.

The event will stress nursing in education, administration and business, she said.

The expo, to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., will also be helpful to college students who are considering changing their majors to nursing and people who are considering a career change to nursing, Tucker said.

Nursing programs from colleges around the state, including Banneker Kentucky University and Midway College, and Lexington hospitals like Good Samaritan and Central Baptist will have exhibits at the event.

Tucker said there will be many interactive displays and informational exhibits at the expo — including a dialysis machine and a model of an operating room.

In addition, the UK aeronautical helicopter will be on display.

New campus group battles racism on ‘individual level’

By GRAHAM SHELBY Staff Writer

Racist Anonymous?

Members of a new group meeting on campus Tuesday nights plan to treat racism on campus and in society as a wound or disease in need of treatment.

"What we’re trying to do here is deal with (racism) on an individual level," said Francis Hayden, a medical school student, who helped organize the meeting.

Hayden belongs to the Bahá’í Faith, which sponsors discussions in conjunction with the Institute for the Healing of Racism.

The purpose of the weekly meetings is to open channels of communication between students of different races in an effort to break down racial barriers.

Christine Weaver, a fourth-year architecture student, said the group wants to "promote unity and diversity among the student body and people who are convinced that racism is a big problem and its something they want to work on then we can get started (on larger projects)," like guest speakers and campus programs.

"We hope the more and more people will realize their own racism and what racism is," said Sue Zive, another of the group’s organizers, "I hope it brings people together."

Currently, said Hayden, "we’ve got a divided campus — a few friendships, one on one, but you don’t have a group that’s really integrated.

"Weaver said she believed the issue was pertinent to UK students, but sometimes she observed "a separation ... You have your black parties and your white parties, your white events and your black events."

"This school is a reflection of the society we live in our culture," she said.

Inside: Men’s Volleyball team heads into nationals