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## UK gives tickets back to students

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UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton announced yesterday that a plan to take 56 lower-arena basketball seats away from the student body to help finance Memorial Coliseum's renovations was rescinded by the UK Athletics Ticket Committee.

The decision to return the 56 seats to the student body was made in reaction to public disapproval over taking away the seats.

"I made the decision over the weekend to ask the ticket committee to rescind that action and to delay it for a year, to give us a chance to study or delay it permanently," Newton said yesterday before a meeting of the Student Athletics Committee.

Newton also said in a statement released by UK Sports Information that the University will need only 42 seats to give to boosters, all of which will come from lower-arena seats that have "traditionally been held game-by-game for recruiting, advertisers, visiting dignitaries, special events, etc."

"Because of the size of the donations, it has been determined that

we need only 42 tickets, rather than 56," Newton said in the release. "But by rescinding this action, we will now have time to study Rupp Arena seating and will be able to prioritize donor tickets as season tickets become available."

Newton also said last night that he met with student leaders yesterday and told them that on occasion more tickets might be needed by the athletics department, which he said could come from the student allotment.

"We'll be asking students to help us out with those special events on a game-by-game basis," Newton told SAC.

UK Student Government Association officials proclaimed the decision to give the tickets back to the student body as a victory for the students.

"I think that the students have won in this case," SGA President Sean Lohman said. "This shows that C.M. (Newton) is really making an effort to work with the students. C.M. assured me that we would be contacted in situations like these. We (the students) screamed loud enough this time."

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## 13 to be inducted in UK hall of fame

By CATHERINE SALMEN  
Staff Writer

Do the names Sarah G. Blanding, Frank G. Dickey Sr. and Albert D. Kirwan sound familiar?

They should to most UK stu-

claimed poet and UK English professor, said he is proud to be a member of the UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni because he considers UK his "own university."

"It is extremely gratifying to be honored at home by the university I

## SPORT OF INTELLECTUALS



KAREN BALLARD/Kentucky Kernel Staff

Andrew Schrank of the University of Michigan's debate team competes at UK's Henry Clay Tournament yesterday at the Harley Hotel; UK's debate team is consistently one of the top debate teams in the nation.

## UK debate team is among the best in the nation

By ROBYN WALTERS  
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It is called by some the sport for the intellectual.

Their gym is the library, their gameball is the evidence they research and their skill is argumentation. They work out for several hours every day and they compete at home and away. They are one of the best teams in the nation, but few people on campus know about them.

are a good team. Their styles compliment each other well," he said.

UK's debate team has won two national debate titles and has finished in the top five in other years during the last decade, Patterson said.

UK's top team this year is T.A. McKinney, a political science junior from Nashville, Tenn., and Calvin Rockefeller, a communications junior from Birmingham, Ala.

"As freshmen the two won the National De-

UK prepares for a tournament by researching topics in the library, debating in practice rounds, and cutting and pasting evidence into organized argument blocks.

Debaters spend as much time preparing for their activity as the UK basketball team spends in preparation for a game.

"Anyone who is nationally good at anything spends just as much time in their activity as debaters do," said Wells, a biology freshman.



idents; who use them every day as they walk across campus to Blanding and Kirwan towers or Dickey Hall.

But these prominent individuals have more in common than just having a building named in their honor—they are members of the UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

And as part of this year's homecoming weekend 13 members will be inducted into the UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni Friday at a banquet in their honor.

One new member, Shirley Phillips, a pioneer in no-tillage agriculture, has been associated with UK as a student and staff member since 1944.

"I have a great love for UK," Phillips said, "and to be singled out for this honor is one of my highlights of a 42-year career."

Wendell Berry, a highly ac-

complished, he said. The UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni was established in 1965 as part of UK's Centennial Celebration. It now has 204 members. Pictures of the 13 new members, along with those of the other members, which include governors, businessmen, professors, writers, musicians and athletes, hang in the King Alumni House on Rose Street.

The UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni "was started as a way to recognize our more outstanding alumni who have achieved notable accomplishments," said Jay Brumfield, executive director of the UK Alumni Association.

"The recipients are quite thrilled," said Kay Johnson, assistant editor of alumni publications. "It is quite an honor considering all the thou-

For more than 10 years, UK has had one of the top ten debate teams in the country.

Jeff Parcher, a coach for George Mason University in Washington, D.C., said UK has been among the best debate teams for more than a decade.

"This team is consistently one of the top 10. The people in this program garner a lot of respect in the debate community," Parcher said.

The major forces behind the success of UK's debate team are J.W. Patterson and Roger Solt.

Harvard University coach Sherry Hall, who spent a year as Patterson's assistant, said she has a great deal of respect for UK's program because of its tradition.

"UK has always had a strong program. Roger Solt is considered to be one of the best judges and coaches around," she said.

Judd Kimball, a senior debater for Wake Forest University, said UK has a very stable team this year.

"T.A. (McKinney) and Calvin (Rockefeller)

debate tournament for college novices.

And as sophomores they ended their season as the third best team in the nation. They say they hope to be the top team in the nation before they graduate.

"We hope to do well this season and eventually win the national title," McKinney said.

Other members of UK's team include David Walsh, a political science junior from Irving, Texas; Jerry Gallagher a freshman from Detroit; and Clark Wells, a biology freshman from Bristow, Okla.

Patterson said the reason all of UK's debaters are from outside Kentucky is because of the decline of high school debate among the state's high schools.

"While in the '70s most of the debaters were from the state, there are now only three high school programs left in Kentucky," said Patterson, who has been director of UK's debate program for more than 20 years.

"Not enough (high school) teachers are willing to do so much work for so little pay," Patterson said.

Debaters say they enjoy their activity for several reasons.

Gallagher said he joined the UK debate team because he enjoyed the competition on his high school debate squad.

"Debate in college is equivalent to the pros for other sports. If you have the opportunity, you go," he said.

In addition to the thrill of competition, debate is an activity that has practical applications in the classroom and after graduation.

"It makes very well rounded students because it deals with so many issues," Parcher said.

Walsh said he enjoys debate because of the skills he has acquired from competition.

"It keeps you informed about world issues and teaches you critical thinking," he said.

Hall said the skills debate teaches are applicable in any field.

"It gives you the ability to marshal all of your resources and present arguments clearly.

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## NAACP leaders say input is needed from blacks on education reform

Associated Press

Leaders of the NAACP have adopted a resolution saying the appointment last week of a black woman to the state's Task Force on Education Reform was not enough.

Because educational experts submit information and research findings to the task force, Louisville NAACP leaders recommended Sunday that "African-Americans who are some of the leading experts on education reform" be invited to appear before the panel.

"The state NAACP vigorously supports fair and equal representation on the task force and its

committees," said the resolution, which was introduced during the last day of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People state convention.

The resolution also urged members and leaders of branches throughout the state to use whatever political influence they have to accomplish the goals.

The appointment of Joan Taylor, a Cabinet liaison in Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's office, as the first black member of the task force was announced Friday by Wilkinson. Senate President Pro Tem John A. "Eck" Rose and House Speaker Don Blandford.

The NAACP's Louisville branch had criticized Wilkinson

and legislative leaders for not naming a black member to the task force.

Also during the conference, the Kentucky State Conference of the NAACP called for establishing a \$30-million fund to create jobs for black men.

Details have not been completed, but the state unit plans to call on the government and the private sector to help establish the fund to create jobs, said Cleopatra Gregory of Louisville, chairwoman of the resolution committee.

The plan is designed to benefit the entire community by providing jobs instead of jail or prison

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## Tass reports aliens landed in Soviet town near Moscow

By CAREY GOLDBERG  
Associated Press

MOSCOW - It was a close encounter of the Communist kind.

Towering, tiny-headed humanoid from outer space landed their UFO in the Russian city of Voronezh and emerged for a promenade around the park, spreading fear among residents.

At least that's what the official Tass news agency said yesterday.

Tass, contributing to a string of weird tales that have crept into the media in recent months, said in a straight-faced report that Soviet scientists vouched for the UFO's landing.

"Scientists have confirmed that an unidentified flying object recent-

ly landed in a park in the Russian city of Voronezh," Tass said. "They have also identified the landing site and found traces of aliens who made a short promenade about the park."

A Tass duty officer contacted last night by telephone, refused to identify the reporter who sent the dispatch from Voronezh, but stood by the story.

"It is not April Fool's today," he said.

According to yesterday's Tass report a large shining ball or disk was seen hovering over the park by Voronezh residents.

They saw the UFO land and up to three creatures similar to humans emerge, accompanied by a small robot, Tass said.

"The aliens were three or even four meters (9-12 feet) tall, but

with very small heads," the news agency quoted the witness as saying. "They walked by the ball or disc and then disappeared inside."

The report resembled a story last summer in the daily newspaper Socialist Industry, which carried an alleged "close encounter" between a milkmaid and an alien in Central Russia's Perm region.

In that report milkmaid Lyubov Medvedev was quoted as saying she encountered an alien creature "resembling a man, but taller than average with short legs."

The creature, she said, had "only a short nob instead of a head."

The Tass report, which did not give the date of the purported "landing" in Voronezh, said onlookers

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