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Lexington Agenda subcommittees discuss progress

By **TONJA WILT**
Campus Editor

Another step was taken to unite the Lexington campus when subcommittee members of the Lexington Agenda met at a progress report meeting yesterday.

The 10 subcommittees were formed after Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway unveiled a plan in September to carry the campus into the 21st century.

The subcommittees' chairmen reported that they expect to meet the May 15 deadline when each subcommittee must submit

five recommendations to Hemenway's office.

"I'm quite heartened by the progress. From the initial reports it appears we can have a significant impact," Hemenway said. "I feel like we are moving ahead."

Formed to determine the central principles of the Lexington Campus, the Values Subcommittee has completed stage one of its goal, which includes determining UK's values by gathering literature and soliciting comments from people within the University.

The subcommittee now is working on integrating each group's values into an over-

all plan.

To establish a national standard of excellence and increase external funding the Research and Teaching subcommittees were established.

Research Subcommittee members gathered information on types of research at UK and other universities, noting the obstacles each type of research faces.

The Teaching Subcommittee has outlined 12 ideas suggested by campus faculty and staff.

The subcommittee's next meeting, which is open to the public, is 3-5 p.m. Wednesday. Subcommittee chairman Mike Nichols

said he is still unsure of the meeting's location.

Science and engineering is a main focus of the Labor Shortage Subcommittee because of the expected shortages of scientists and engineers by 2006.

The subcommittee reported that it has gathered information on increasing the UK's doctoral programs.

The political and social changes in the world have increased the importance of the subcommittee charged with internationalizing the campus. The subcommittee has created four committees to establish priorities in this area.

The subcommittee is looking into establishing a residence hall on campus in which about half of the residents would be international students.

To make a difference outside the University community, the Knowledge and Technology Subcommittee was formed. Subcommittee members have met with deans and other academic officials.

The Human Resources Subcommittee was formed to address concerns about family employment, two-career families, day care and maternity leave.

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STRETCHING OUT: Julio G. of the Montessori School and Bob Flynn, a Russian instructor, exercise on Stoll Field yesterday afternoon. Today's high is expected to reach 65 degrees as spring-like weather returns. Stoll Field is a popular place for athletic events during warm weather.

ALAN HAWSE/Kernal Staff

Recycling program increases awareness

By **AYSER SALMAN**
Staff Writer

In an effort to increase campus awareness of waste product recycling, UK has begun an experimental recycling program on campus.

The 45-day program, which began Monday, was established to make recycling more accessible to people who have wanted to recycle products but didn't know where to take their waste materials, and to raise environmental consciousness.

Two large blue recycling bins have been set up on campus. One is on Hilltop Avenue near the Haggin Hall basketball court, and the other is on the Avenue of Champions in the Blazer Hall parking lot.

Each bin has labelled sections for different recyclable materials, said Gail Telech, administrative assistant for the vice chancellor for administration.

"There are four separate compartments — one for newspapers, one for mixed paper, which is any type of paper except glossy paper and no envelopes because of the adhesive glue on them," Telech said. "Another compartment is for glass, and there's one for aluminum cans."

People who want to recycle are responsible for taking their materials to the bins.

Telech said the experimental recycling program will test the feasibility of establishing a long-term program on campus.

"We want to know if it's feasible as far as cost," she said. "Will we make money, or break even?"

"We also want to know if we need to have someone on staff by the bin."

Vice Chancellor for Administration Jack Blanton expressed concern that the bins might be misused.

"We're concerned that people won't get out of their car to put the trash in the containers and will just fling it out as they go by," he said.

"In that case the bins may become trash heaps, and we don't want that to happen."

If the program is successful, plans will be made to establish such a program on a routine basis, Blanton said.

U.S. prepares for brain drain

USA TODAY/Apple College Information Network

In the next 20 years, half of the nation's 700,000 college faculty members — many hired in the 1960s when resources, salaries and opportunities attracted top scholars — will retire.

Until now, college administrators worried about replacing them, worried because gifted students have increasingly looked outside academia for careers because salaries are higher. Today, however, education leaders say the worry may be for naught.

Prospects have never been brighter for undergraduates aiming for doctorates to stay in the classroom as teachers, they said, and they will be snapped up to replenish the brain drain.

Current undergraduates are sure to be a hot commodity as schools compete for them, according to Iris Molotsky of the American Council on Education.

Molotsky blames the current brain drain on a period of retrenchment in the 1970s and early 1980s that caused a dip of faculty in middle management.

Earning a Ph.D. has become more expensive and time-consuming. In 1967, for example, it took about 10.6 years to earn a doctor-

ate; today, it takes about 12.9 years.

Some administrators are moving to keep qualified instructors in the classroom.

The University of California-Berkeley, which still gets an average of 40 applications for every teaching position, is doing "pretty darn well," said spokeswoman Roberta Austin.

Austin said Berkeley's strategies to avoid a faculty shortage in the 1990s include making big money offers and offering to pay relocation costs.

The school also makes homework loans and helps with spousal employment.

But some spots traditionally are harder to fill. Faculty members for business schools are particularly hard to hire — mainly because they are expensive, said Sandra Davis, assistant to the provost at the University of Arkansas.

Samuel Gorvitz, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University, said the business-related areas of mathematics and accounting will be sore spots.

But he said that he is not waiting to confront the problem. "If we know someone is likely to retire at 67, we will hire a replacement. But if he's likely to change his mind and retire at 82, we are not likely to," he said.

Cordless phones can tangle lines

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cordless phones allow people to chat while walking from room to room or doing outside chores, but the convenience has a major hang-up: Busybodies can eavesdrop on the conversation.

"People have to recognize that on any type of communications device, the most very, very confidential of conversations could be monitored," said Mark Rosenker, spokesman for the Electronic Industries Association.

"A lot of it is by accident, but you do get some electronic voyeurism," Rosenker said after the U.S. Supreme Court dealt with just such a case. "The last thing you want is a private conversation being monitored."

Cordless phones are low-powered, two-way radios. A base unit that serves as an extension of a household phone transmits and receives radio waves from the cordless phone.

The EIA, a trade group based in Washington, D.C., estimates that since cordless phones were first marketed 10 years ago, one in four American households has a

cordless phone, and sales remain robust.

In 1988, there were 8.2 million units sold, double the number in 1986. An estimated 11 million will be sold this year, the EIA said.

The units have a range of several hundred feet, which allows users to gab as they walk through the house, or take calls as they sit by the deck or work in their gardens. There's no cord to tangle or trip over.

"They've become extremely popular. You can take them just about anywhere. You always have it at your fingertips," said Cynthia Upson of the EIA.

But because the radio waves travel through the air, a neighboring phone tuned to the same frequency can intercept conversations and tell when a neighbor's call is coming in or out.

Conversations can be picked up on AM or FM radios, television sets or nursery room monitors designed to keep an electronic ear open to babies.

The Federal Communications Commission requires vendors to tell customers that

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Professor's book gives students direction

By **GENE DOBSON**
Contributing Writer

Young Kentucky students who don't know Berea from Bowling Green may increase their knowledge of Kentucky geography with a new book that a UK professor helped prepare.

Stanley Brunn, a geography professor, said he thinks the book, *Kentucky: A Geographical and Historical Perspective*, will provide teachers with a comprehensive text

they can use in the classroom, something he said has been missing until now.

The book, the first in a series of geography books to be published soon, has been sent to all of Kentucky's fourth-grade teachers and to each school's library.

The sleek spiral-bound book consists of five units which have lesson plans to help teachers plan activities. It also contains the work of noted Kentucky photographer James Archambeault.

"It is a successful collaborative effort, and we are very pleased with it," Brunn said. "But it is only the first step. We will be following it up with graduated volumes for the fifth and sixth graders."

Brunn said the book will broaden students' geographic perspectives through a "focused program."

"It's not just studying maps," he said. "This study of geography involves math, music, social studies, science, English and all the subjects taught in upper levels of elemen-

tary school."

The venture was made possible by a joint effort between the National Geographic Society of Washington, D.C., the Kentucky Education Foundation, the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Geographic Alliance.

The project began after the National Geographic Society's nine-country survey, which revealed that U.S. students were behind other

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Service held for law student

Staff reports

A memorial service will be held at 6 tonight at UK's Catholic Newman Center in memory of a UK student who died two weeks ago while on spring break in Key West, Fla. Jason W. Miner, 24, a first-year law student from Madisonville, Ky., was pronounced dead Mar. 14, two days after he sustained critical head injuries in a

motorcycle accident.

The funeral for Miner, a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity, was held last Saturday in his hometown.

Michael Bowling, a member of Miner's fraternity, said plans are being made to establish a scholarship fund and monument in Miner's honor.

Miner received degrees in economics and political science from UK last spring.

Sports

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Weather

Today: Sunny
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SPORTS

Barry Reeves
Sports Editor

NCAA Tournament killing oddsmakers, office poolers

This is ridiculous. It's getting way out of control. The NCAA Tournament is killing the Vegas bookmakers. Instead of the bookies banking millions on the NCAA Tournament, they're handing out all of their funds.

But the people in Vegas are not the only ones being bathed on the tournament. Those of us in office pools are suffering just as well.

Being a favorite to win the office pool, I'm hurting, and others are laughing their butts off. After a 27-5 first round record, I was feeling a little cocky.

But then, lightning hit. Like many others, I hit the canvas in the second round — 10-6.

Bam. And if not for picking Loyola-Marymount and Alabama to upset Michigan and Arizona, I think suicide would have been my only alternative.

Parity in college basketball is not the reason for the large number of upsets in the tournament. I think the Baptists are the cause: It's their way of teaching all of us bettors a lesson.

Now don't get me wrong. I like the competitiveness of the tournament, but only if the team I picked wins.

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Barry REEVES

After going 37-11 in the first two rounds of the tournament, I find myself three games behind the leader of the office pool. Hopefully, the gods will be kind to me in the regionals beginning today.

EAST REGIONAL in East Rutherford, N.J., today and Saturday.

*No. 1 Connecticut (30-5) vs. No. 5 Clemson (26-8).

Clemson is the underdog in this one, but the Tigers are not the greatest defensive team in the country. Connecticut just might be. The Huskies play ferocious defense.

If Clemson can get on the fast break enough times, they have a chance to send the top seed home. Winner: *Connecticut*.

*No. 3 Duke (26-8) vs. No. 7 UCLA (22-10).

UCLA's upset of Kansas (my pick to go to the Final Four) was a fluke. If the referee had called Don McLean for walking, the Jayhawks would have squeaked by. After beating the best motion offense in the country, UCLA must now face Duke, the second best.

UCLA must hope Duke is overconfident, which is unlikely. Winner: *Duke*.

*Connecticut vs. Duke. The Blue Demons will have problems with Connecticut's defense and make a multitude of turnovers.

To the Final Four: *Connecticut*.

MIDWEST REGIONAL in Dallas, today and Saturday.

*No. 8 North Carolina (21-12)

"Materialistic ideals have failed to satisfy the needs of mankind."

"Religious strife is increasingly abhorrent to the people of all faiths and no faith."

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vs. No. 4 Arkansas (28-4).

The injury to Carolina forward Kevin Madden will hurt the Tar Heels because Madden and point guard King Rice are the only UNC players that match up well with Arkansas.

If Arkansas can keep the ball out of Rice's hands on their full-court press, they will win the game going away.

Look for Carolina's dream to come to a screeching halt in Dallas. Winner: *Arkansas*.

*No. 6 Xavier (28-4) vs. No. 10 Texas (23-8).

This is the only game which I did not pick at least one of the participants. Purdue and Georgetown should be playing. The key to the game will be which team is mentally ready to play because both are coming off big upsets.

Texas relies too much on its guards, and the Musketeers have a solid perimeter defensive team. Winner: *Xavier*.

*Arkansas vs. Xavier. This is a good matchup. Both teams are guard-strong, but do not rely solely on them. Arkansas has more experience, but the Musketeers have the upset bug.

To the Final Four: *Arkansas*.

WEST REGIONAL in Oakland, Calif., tomorrow and Sunday.

*No. 1 UNLV (27-8) vs. No. 12 Ball St. (26-6).

Yegus was my pick to finish runner-up to Oklahoma. And since Oklahoma is out of the tournament, the Runnin' Rebels will take the title. Ball State is the lowest seeded team remaining. They have upset two Top 25 teams — Oregon State and Louisville — but don't look for a third.

Ball State's only hope is that Vegas gets into serious foul trouble, early. Winner: *UNLV*.

*No. 11 Loyola Marymount (25-5) vs. No. 7 Alabama (26-8).

This is one of the best matchups in the regionals. Alabama is a defensive-oriented team, while Marymount is the most offensive-minded team in the history of college basketball.

Neither team has had a close game yet. Alabama has dismantled every team it has faced in postseason, while Marymount has de-

stroyed all since the unfortunate death of Hank Gathers.

If Alabama can keep Marymount under 100 points, it has a big edge. If not, Marymount gets the nod. Winner: *Alabama*.

*UNLV vs. Alabama. This is a two-point game. Alabama matches up with the Rebels better than anyone in the tournament. This could be the best game of a tournament filled with great games.

To the Final Four: *UNLV*.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL in New Orleans tomorrow and Sunday.

*No. 1 Michigan St. (28-5) vs. No. 4 Georgia Tech (26-6).

Besides UNLV, Tech is my only Final Four pick left. The guard trio of Dennis Scott, Brian Oliver and Kenny Anderson is unbelievable.

As LSU knows, these three eventually will get the hot hand from the three-point line and then it's all over. Michigan State, which should not have been a No. 1 seed, has to feel lucky even to be this far. Both Murray State and Cal-Santa Barbara should have beat the Spartans.

If the Tech trio are not hitting the three-pointers for the first time this season, the Spartans can win. If they are hot, it's a blowout. Winner: *Georgia Tech*.

*No. 6 Minnesota (22-8) vs. No. 2 Syracuse (26-6).

This is an interesting game because you never know which Syracuse team will show up.

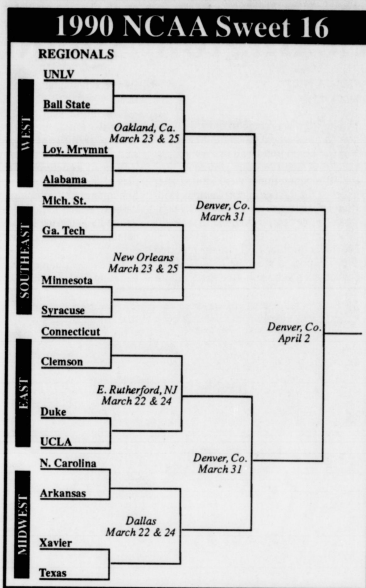
The Orangemen have the capabilities of winning the tournament but also have the capabilities to lose to Berea.

Minnesota has had two close games against lower seeds — No. 11 UTEP and No. 14 Northern Iowa — and the Golden Gophers have not played up to their abilities yet.

After two good games, Syracuse is way overdue for a let down, and after two mediocre performances, Minnesota is primed for a big game. Winner: *Minnesota*.

*Georgia Tech vs. Minnesota. This one could get ugly unless Golden Gopher guard Willie Burton catches fire and the Minnesota inside attack picks up the slack.

To the Final Four: *Georgia*



Tech. then the office pool better beware.

If the Baptists think we have all learned our lessons, then maybe, just maybe, the unbelievable upsets are behind us. If that's the case,

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Bat Cats walk ISU 13 times, lose 8-7

Special to the Kernel

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Indiana State University designated hitter Dave Fernandez doubled home Demetrious Dowler from second base in the bottom of the ninth to give Indiana State an 8-7 victory over the UK baseball team yesterday at Sycamore Field.

The loss dropped UK to 13-4 on the season. Indiana State, ranked No. 29 by Collegiate Baseball, improved its record to 12-1.

UK sophomore first baseman Mike Harris continued his hot streak at the plate by going 3-for-4 and driving in two runs to improve his team-leading batting average to .429. UK senior third baseman Vince Castaldo went 2-for-5 with two RBIs, which improved his team-leading total to 24.

UK's pitching staff entered yesterday's game with a 2.74 team ERA, but it did not have its control against the Sycamores as the UK pitchers allowed 13 walks and eight earned runs.

After building a 4-2 lead through 5 1/2 innings, Bat Cat pitchers Thad Elmore and Larry Luebbbers gave up four walks and five runs in the bottom of the sixth to give Indiana State a 7-4 lead.

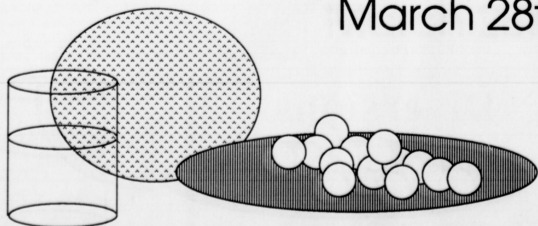
UK scored a run in the seventh and tied the score in the eighth with a pair of runs. With two outs in the eighth, UK center fielder Anthony Morrow and Harris cracked back-to-back triples, and Castaldo followed with an RBI-single to make the score 7-7. The score remained tied until the bottom of the ninth when Fernandez doubled Dowler home.

UK returns to Shively Field today to play Butler University at 3 p.m.

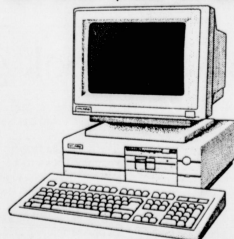
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Hunter Hayes
Arts Editor

Opera Workshop's 'The Consul' opens at public library



Two members of the UK Opera Workshop rehearse for the production of *The Consul*. The opera will be performed on March 22 and 25 at the Lexington Public Library Theater, 140 East Main.

By KIP BOWMAR
Senior Staff Writer

The struggle to make a new beginning despite a multitude of obstacles is a theme that appears in Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera *The Consul*.

It's a process that the UK Opera Workshop also is going through, as witnessed by their production of Menotti's opera that opens tonight at the Lexington Public Library Theater.

In the past, the workshop produced scenes rather than entire operas.

When the workshop finally got the opportunity to perform an opera, it was interested in something geared toward the performers' youth, according to producer Margaret Kennedy.

"The undergraduates were interested in something that featured younger singers," Kennedy said. "The January performance (UK's annual opera production at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts) usually features older singers, more

"I think people that come to the show are going to be gripped by the story."

Margaret Kennedy
Producer, *The Consul*

mature voices and more people from the community."

A Community Arts Development Grant from the Lexington Arts and Cultural, Inc. enabled the workshop to hire a stage director, Kennedy said.

"Recently we've not been a full studio opera," she said. "Normally in workshop students may study scenes and perform them here and not for the general public. You might say this is an energizing of the opera workshop. We're very limited on faculty time and ... the grand made the difference."

Kennedy, who is an associate professor of voice and head of UK's

Vocal Area, said that the drama and the staging are among the best aspects of this production.

"The drama and the staging are very strong," she said. "The story is very dramatic and very moving. I think people that come to the show are going to be gripped by the story."

The story, which is set in a nameless European country after World War II, deals with a woman who tries to obtain a visa so that she can join her husband in a free country. She runs into a bureaucracy at the consul, where officials refuse to listen to her story.

The drama is strong, but Kennedy said, "That's not to say that there aren't some moments of beautiful singing coming from the students."

"*The Consul*" will be performed at 7 tonight and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Lexington Public Library Theater, 140 East Main St.

Tickets are \$6 for the general public, \$4 students and senior citizens. Call 257-4929.

Lenny Kravitz rocks Cincy crowd from '60s to '90s

By MICHAEL L. JONES
Editorial Editor

Lenny Kravitz came to Bogart's in Cincinnati Tuesday night armed with a funky band and a killer debut album, *Let Love Rule*. He left with more than 400 new disciples.

"You wanna stay in this world of music and life/You got to turn around/spread a little love and get high," Kravitz sings in "Sittin' On Top of the World," and that's what he did. He gave the audience two hours (including one encore) of peace and love from the opening song, "Flower Child," to the show-stopping "Fear."

It's hard to highlight a show that had few low points. Kravitz — dressed in tight blue velvet pants, 1960s brown shirt and blue vest — took total command of the audience from the beginning.

During his anthem "Let Love Rule" he turned the crowd into a choir, having them sing different parts of the song's chorus.

"Listen to what you're saying people. I don't want you to be in here singing and go out there and do wrong," Kravitz told the audience. "This is not the '60s, this is 19-motherfackin'-90, and love refuses to be limited to one period in time."

I've never danced so much or been so exhausted after a concert. You've got to move when you watch Kravitz roll around on the stage to "Freedom Train" or dig down deep to give a haunting gospel-like version of "Does Anyone Out There Even Care."

No one today makes music like Kravitz. He's the spiritual child of Lou Reed, Jimi Hendrix (he does a Hendrix cover), John Lennon and Sly Stone.

But while others try to idealize the '60s, Kravitz respects its attitude, not its superficial things. Love refuses to be limited to one period in time and Kravitz refuses to be limited to one style.

"Forget about the fuckin' make-up, hairstyles or clothes," Kravitz said to the audience. "This is your world, what are you going to do with it?"

His acoustic cover of "Rosemary" accompanied by saxophonist Karl Denson sounded like Lou Reed with soul.

"Little Mary was five years old/Her parents left her, she was out in the cold/Alone to live and find her way/In this great world of heart-ache and pain," Kravitz sang.

"Freedom Train" is "Purple Haze" for the '90s. With more funk than the Red Hot Chili Peppers could dream of having, it was Kravitz' invitation for the crowd to "come on and dance on the Freedom Train."

Janet Jackson talks about a "rhythm nation" where everyone forgets about their differences and dances to the beat of mindless Top 40 music. Kravitz dreams of a time when people who care will give those who don't a big, collective middle finger.

"Mr. Cab Driver don't like the way I look/He don't like dreads, he thinks we're all crooks/Mr. Cab Driver reads too many story books/Mr. Cab Driver pass me up with eyes of fire/Mr. Cab Driver thinks we're all 165'ers/Mr. Cab Driver, fuck you I'm a survivor."

Kravitz's band turned out to be funkier than he was. Denson was almost as much the star of the show as Kravitz. He stunned the audience several times with his anything-goes solos.

But it was, after all, Kravitz's show and he was more than up to the task. For two hours he jumped, danced, screamed and sung

his heart out.

"Lord what was the matter am I insane/This life's an illusion that's all it remains/Are you listening, are you boss/Am I gonna make it or die up on that cross," Kravitz sang during "Be."

Kravitz isn't all social consciousness. There were more than a few gasps from the audience when he sang love songs like "My Precious Love".

"Your eyes burned like fire through my heart/Although we were lifetimes apart/Making mistakes was my game/Your life I tried to rearrange/But now I know a better way."

The only downer about Kravitz's show was that he didn't perform "Sittin' On Top of the World" (one of my all-time favorite songs) or "I Build This Garden for Us."

But the concert was the closest I've come to being totally satisfied with any concert. In fact, I was seriously considering traveling to Nashville, Tenn., to see him this weekend.

If he's this good on his debut, I can't wait until his second album.

Anyone who doesn't have a copy of *Let Love Rule* should get one, but the album doesn't compare to his live show. Kravitz performed a majority of the instruments on the album, and he is even better when there are other people to react to his performance.

Get the album, see the show if you can, and, remember, "Love transcends all space and time/Love can make a little child smile/Can't you see this won't go wrong/But we got to be strong/We can't do it alone/We got to let love rule."

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Presidential race has wrong focus for student body

In last fall's Freshman Senator elections, a record number of freshmen voted, causing Student Government Association officials to hope for an even bigger turnout this spring.

In most past elections, less than 15 percent of the campus has voted. But with the heightened interest among this year's freshman class, SGA has been optimistic that more students are ready to get involved with their student government.

But some things said at Monday night's executive branch debate might discourage some potential voters from wanting to be part of SGA.

Toward the end of the debate, presidential candidate Dale Baldwin accused student government officials of spending students' money to fly around the country on vacation trips and making contacts to pad their political resumes.

Baldwin also criticized the plastic cups sold by UK Food Services that advertise student government's services. Baldwin claimed that the cups were blatant political advertisements by SGA President Sean Lohman in his bid to get re-elected, paid for by student activities fees.

SGA did agree to put its name on the cups, but the decision was made at the beginning of the spring semester, before anyone was talking about re-election. Furthermore, Food Services pays *entirely* for the cups. The cups were designed to be a marketing tool for Food Services, not SGA, according to Food Services.

This SGA executive branch campaign is similar to last year's in that one candidate appears to be running more against student government than against his opponent.

Criticizing student government for not being responsive to the average student certainly is an acceptable campaign theme. Too many times, SGA has been criticized for not acting in the interests of Joe and Jane Student.

But calling an entire organization resume-padders when it offers some very legitimate services does more to alienate people against an organization rather than get them involved.

The Baldwin campaign has some good ideas about how to make student government a better organization; it is time that it presented them in a more positive fashion and climbed out of the mud.



The Legislature

General Assembly is dealing with senseless issues

As this legislative session lumbers to a close, each and every Kentuckian can tingle with patriotic fervor when mulling over the General Assembly's impressive list of accomplishments.

After heated debate, our legislators made crowder soil our official state dirt, allowed people to get their jollies by watching crazed chickens tear each other to smithereens, and decided there was no problem if a convicted felon continues to serve as agriculture commissioner.

It's that kind of progressive leadership that makes me realize that our commonwealth clearly is moving forward. Over a cliff.

The General Assembly meets for 60 days every other year. Some say it might accomplish more if it met more often. Actually, I think meeting more often might just mean more damage.

But the 60-day session does have its drawbacks. Gov. Wallace Wilkinson has a whole year to say and do idiotic things. The General Assembly has to cram its insane statements and ridiculous actions into just two months. But I've got to give lawmakers credit — they're so organized, they're able to do it with ease.

Here's a simple sample of your tax dollars in action.

It's supposedly illegal for human beings under 18 to buy cigarettes. But in most schools, it's OK for high school students to smoke. In other words, it's legal to smoke



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something that it's illegal for you to have in the first place.

Anyway, a bill was introduced to stop smoking on school grounds in Kentucky. It died in committee, naturally. This state is so protobacco, I'm worried that someone is going to introduce a bill making it illegal *not* to smoke.

The legislature did find the time to declare Elvis' birthday an official day of celebration. I celebrated by eating two buckets of fried chicken in one sitting and singing in such a way that you couldn't understand any of the lyrics.

You know, for my money, Kentucky doesn't have enough "official" stuff. We have an official state song, an official motto, and an official bird, tree, flower, etc. But that's just not enough.

Since our state representatives and senators had so little to do (if you don't count education, vote fraud legislation, election reform, medical funding, etc.), our legislators honored citizens' requests to have "official" everything.

In addition to making crowder soil the official dirt, bread mold is now our official state fungus. Little Debbie Dark Fudge Nutty Buddies are our official state lunch-

box dessert snacks, and spilled grape juice is our new official state grain.

But this leaves me with even more unanswered questions.

What's our official hat? Do we have an official type of sandwich? Which is our official state monster sitcom, "The Addams Family" or "The Munsters"? Please, legislators, *don't leave me hanging!*

And let's not forget about Ward "Ed Meese" Burnette, the lovable commissioner of agriculture. It seems ol' Ward started paying someone a hefty salary, even though that person wasn't actually employed by the state just yet. Boy, was Ward's face red!

Despite being indicted, tried and convicted, Burnette decided there was no reason to resign. And the legislature decided there was no reason to impeach him. And what's worse, the public decided there was no reason to become angry about any of this.

So what if the guy's been convicted? There's no need to nit-pick, right? Hopefully, Ward will continue to do his job from behind bars — doing whatever it is he does, like inspecting bags of peat moss or giving cushy figurehead jobs to his political cronies.

Why aren't Joe and Betty Kentuckian angry about this? They must have been too busy watching roosters tear themselves to shreds.

It's perfectly legal, you know.

The General Assembly talked about legalizing cockfighting, but

to its credit, it decided not to. But a few days ago, Attorney General Fred Cowan revealed that an obscure 1980 state law made cockfighting legal after all.

It's no wonder the rest of the nation thinks this is a state full of barefoot, illiterate moonshiners who eat roadkill and see flying saucers behind trailer parks.

While we're at it, let's have backwoods cow fights. Have a couple of wild pigs battle it out to the death. Why don't we take a tip from our neighbors below the Rio Grande and legalize bullfighting?

How about making duels legal again? There's nothing more sporting than watching a couple of guys nursing a sucking chest wound.

People could even fight it out with semi-automatic assault rifles. Thanks to the lack of action in Frankfort, those are perfectly legal, too!

So next year, when Charles Manson begins his term as state sewer commissioner and a kindergarten teacher asks you if he can bum a smoke, just kick back on an official state lawn chair and enjoy Kentucky Hunka Hunka Elvis Appreciation Day by watching a couple of rabid goats legally fighting with AK-47s, all courtesy of those friendly folks in Frankfort.

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Letters

Racism new McCarthyism

In the 1950s the United States was beset with a Communist paranoia of epidemic proportions. A discussion of the programs initiated by Sen. Joe McCarthy, whose name is synonymous with the phenomenon, is commonplace in U.S. history books.

The latter part of the 1980s and the 1990s now seem likely to be characterized by another form of extremism — knee-jerk, self-serving, fanatical accusations of racism and sexism.

To be sure, racism and sexism are two scourges that require constant vigilance to repel their pernicious advance.

However, charging one's adversaries with racism and/or sexism has become the malfestant's new Teflon. Such a charge, regardless of its veracity, tends to indelibly taint the accused. The formerly presumed innocent is now presumed guilty. Due process is insouciantly tossed to the wind.

Carl T. Rowan, the nationally renowned journalist of the Chicago Sun-Times, recently adumbrated a similar argument in his syndicated column. He lamented the fact that

prominent blacks have used charges of racism to deflect attention from their personal failings or illegal activities.

He certainly recognizes the evils of racism, but he also realizes that as sure as there are white criminals and other scrofulous characters, there are black ones as well.

Andy Rooney of CBS-TV is one of the most famous persons to fall for his denial and the lack of any corroborating evidence. He suggested that many of the ills that kill us are self-inflicted and avoidable: drugs, alcohol and homosexual unions among them.

Gay and lesbian organizations protested adamantly to CBS. Can anyone deny that homosexuals have a veritable propensity for contracting the acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus? Does the data lie, or does the truth hurt?

His alleged other remarks precipitated a suspension by CBS despite his denial and the lack of any corroborating evidence.

Perhaps one of the most alarming aspects of this new extremism is its prevalence on college campuses. Those who criticize homosexuals, for whatever reason, are summarily dismissed as intolerant homophobic bigots.

Those who vehemently criticize a member of a minority group, re-

gardless of the justification, are labeled as reactionary racists. Those erstwhile bastions of free speech and independent thought, colleges and universities, are ironically now serving as springboards for a new occurrence of injustice and discrimination.

Liam Connor O'Brien is a UK graduate student.

Evolution proven occurrence

I am surprised that the Kernel printed the one-sided, logically flawed article "Scientists should accept creationism, prof says" by Holly Hammond (Kernel, March 2). The piece was little more than propaganda for Maranatha Christian Ministries — one of this campus' most rabid fundamentalist cult groups. As written, the article should have been printed as an editorial, not as an account of a news event.

In the article, creationist David Skjaerlund makes the remarkable statement that "(Evolution) is a philosophy and the reason people adopt it, is because it's a rebellion against God." This is not true. Scientists accept the fact that evolution has occurred because it is supported

by a massive amount of evidence from geology, biology, anthropology, paleontology and other sciences. Science is conducted through appeals to evidence. Fundamentalism, in contrast, is an appeal to authoritarianism in the form of biblical literalism. Neither the Rev. Skjaerlund nor your reporter seem to understand this distinction. Perhaps a course in historical geology or biology is in order.

In an attempt to smear the reputation of modern science, Skjaerlund attempts to link evolution with racism. While it is true that in the late 19th and early 20th centuries some racists claimed an evolutionary justification for their

views, no reputable modern scientists concurs. Indeed, modern biology and anthropology affirm the equality and unity of the entire human species. Through history many leading evolutionist including Charles Darwin, Thomas Hunt Morgan, George Simpson and Steven Jay Gould have supported human rights and equality.

In contrast, biblical literalism was used to support racism and slavery for centuries before evolution became a scientific theory. In recent decades, many fundamentalist churches have actively obstructed civil rights efforts. These facts do not in themselves invalidate fundamentalism anymore than the racist

views of some 19th century scientists invalidate evolution. They only show that hate-mongers will use any justification available to support their views. Likewise, some who hate modern science, such as Skjaerlund, are willing to pervert history.

Finally, it should be pointed out that most mainstream Catholic and Protestant groups have accepted the fact that evolution occurred. Science is only in conflict with a small, but vocal, group of biblical literalists, some of whom use flawed logic which reveals in redneck ignorance to support their views.

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ULTIMATE DEFENSE: Erick Huffer guards Tom Badgett during an Ultimate Frisbee game on Stoll Field yesterday afternoon.

Geography

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countries in geography knowledge, according to Ann Ross, executive director of the Kentucky Education Foundation.

"People didn't know where they were," Ross said. "They couldn't even locate the Pacific Ocean." Students from 18 to 24 years of age were especially ignorant about geography because most formal geography classes have been dropped from grade school curriculums, Ross said.

The response to *Kentucky: A Geographical and Historical Per-*

spective has been tremendous, Ross said.

One school's principal wrote a letter saying that the book was "gold in the hands of teachers." Gilbert Grosvenor, president and chairman of the National Geographic Society, also wrote a letter praising the book.

Kentucky was the first state to become involved in the project. About \$300,000 was contributed by the National Geographic Society, the Kentucky Education Foundation and the Kentucky Department of Education.

Three books are scheduled to be published during the next three years. The first covers Kentucky's

history and geography; the second, which is for fifth graders, will examine U.S., Canadian and Mexican geography; and the third, which is for sixth graders, will deal with world geography.

Kentucky Educational Television is producing a series of five 15-minute videos corresponding with the book that will be released next January.

Cordless phones cause tangle

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their chitchat may not be private. AT&T places this disclaimer on each base: "Privacy of communications may not be ensured when using this phone."

The Supreme Court this week let stand a lower court ruling that cordless users have "no justifiable expectation of privacy."

The case was brought by Scott Tyler of Dixon, Iowa, whose phone conversations were intercepted by a neighbor who thought Tyler was dealing drugs.

The drug dealings were bogus, but 20 cassette tapes of Tyler conversations, made with police approval, led to a conviction on criminal theft and conspiracy charges, to the chagrin of civil libertarians. Wiretaps on conventional phones are prohibited without court approval.

"Every American will have to live in fear that some of his or her phone calls will not be private," said Randall Wilson, a lawyer with the Iowa Civil Liberties Union.

Wilson said buying such amenities as cordless phones "means purchasing them at the expense of your constitutional rights."

In another case, conversations among three political associates were taped in 1985 in New Jersey.

"I look at it as a total invasion of privacy," said George Spanos, a member of the Plainsboro Township Committee whose conversations were monitored.

No one expects the legal arguments to affect the cordless market, which industry analysts say could reach \$671 million by 1992. A good quality model sells for about \$80.

"We don't expect the recent Supreme Court ruling to negatively affect increasing sales of cordless telephones. Our research indicates customers purchase cordless telephones for sound quality and convenience," AT&T said in a statement.

In December, AT&T introduced the first three-line cordless phone, which has the capability of putting calls on cordless hold.

"Cordless phones respond to the need for mobility and versatility without asking any compromise in quality. They're changing the way people use phones," said AT&T spokeswoman Jo Johnston.

Reagan a popular fund-raiser

By W. DALE NELSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Less than a year and a half after proclaiming himself "at the end of a long political journey," Ronald Reagan is back on the campaign trail.

The former Republican president is putting his popularity to work for GOP candidates running for Congress and state legislatures, as some ex-presidents have done before him.

Already, Reagan has helped with fund raising for state GOP organizations in Georgia and Washington, for Senate candidates in Indiana and Iowa and for Sen. Pete Wilson's gubernatorial bid in California.

And although he normally commands speaking fees of \$30,000 or his party appearances, spokesman Mark Weinberg said.

Reagan, campaigning on Nov. 5, 1988, for George Bush, told a national radio audience, "We're now at the end of a long political jour-

ney that marks for me the end of my last campaign as an officeholder."

Still, Reagan "intends to be out there" for fellow Republicans this year, Weinberg said.

GOP leaders are delighted to have the ex-president's help.

When the Georgia Republican Party announced that Reagan would speak at its annual Presidents' Day lunch in Atlanta on Feb. 10, "the response was just phenomenal," said Bill Thorn, the party's executive director. "It was not a hard sell at all."

Nearly 2,000 people turned out, bringing in more than \$200,000.

A few weeks later, Reagan traveled a few blocks from his Los Angeles office to speak at a private fund-raising lunch for Iowa GOP Senate candidate Rep. Thomas J. Tauke.

The lunch attracted about 45 people who each contributed \$500 or, in some cases, \$1,000.

Combining politics with a paycheck, Reagan pulled in about \$40,000 for Washington Republi-

cans in December by making brief remarks and posing for photographs at a private reception while he was in Seattle to deliver a paid speech to business executives.

For Wilson, the former president spoke at fund-raisers in the Los Angeles area and in San Diego. Reagan also lent his signature to a fund-raising letter for Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana several months ago.

"Right now we are helping coordinate a political plan which is geared toward all of the various things that he can do to be helpful, particularly in the target races," said Leslie Goodman, spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee.

Former President Richard Nixon, an increasing presence on the political scene, "has agreed to work with us as well," Goodman said.

Sitting out the 1990 campaign will be former President and House GOP Leader Gerald Ford, but not by choice, said his spokesman, Bob Barrett. Ford has a knee operation scheduled for this fall.

Campus agenda

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The subcommittee has planned a hearing in April in which the University will be invited to make recommendations.

The importance of saving University funds led to the formation of the Fiscal Resources Subcommittee. Its members have reviewed written recommendations, and the subcommittee will hold a meeting from 9 to 11 a.m. today in 102 Erickson Hall to hear ideas from students, faculty and administrators.

To improve the campus' surroundings, the Physical Environment Subcommittee was established. The subcommittee has met with landscaping consultants, viewed programs at benchmark institutions and discussed environmental problems at UK such as exhaust emissions from cars and trucks.

The Priorities Subcommittee, which is charged with establishing the University's priorities, has met with college deans and the Office of Alumni Development to find additional ways to raise more money.

Anyone interested in making recommendations to the subcommittees should contact the appropriate chairman:

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