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Wilkinson calls for equity funding in U.S. education

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Wallace Wilkinson said yesterday that the best thing the federal government can do for education is to ensure equity for funding among the states.

Beyond that, Wilkinson said the federal government should leave most of education to the states, which are already in the vanguard of reform.

Wilkinson also said he had a few points to raise when President Bush gathers with the nation's governors this week for an education summit. In addition to ensuring equity,

"I'm not sure there's anybody responsible or to blame for it."

**Wallace Wilkinson,
Governor of Kentucky**



WILKINSON

Wilkinson said the federal role in the schools should include:

- bringing more technology into the classroom
- creating a national strategy for training and retraining workers
- increasing support for programs that improve the health, social and education needs of preschool children such as Headstart
- coordinating child care and early childhood education programs
- underwriting research into the process of education.

On the topic of Kentucky's education reform process, Wilkinson said he was disappointed at the pace of progress, but he said no one was to blame.

During a news conference, Wilkinson said that he considered calling a special session of the General Assembly on the day the state Supreme Court ruled that the current education system was unconstitutional. Wilkinson said he was inclined to set a firm date for such a session in November to force action.

"I think we've essentially al-

lowed the summer to slip by," Wilkinson said. "I'm not sure there's anybody responsible or to blame for it."

Wilkinson said it now appears likely education will have to be taken up in a special session next year after the end of the regular session in April.

It would be a grave mistake to attempt to tackle education during the regular session, he said.

"It's going to be a rough session," Wilkinson said. "There are a lot of issues out there."

The timing of such a session will mean a change in the way the budget proposal is put together.

Wilkinson said the options could include writing a continuation budget that would be changed after a special session, write a budget for everything but education or pass a continuation budget for education to be changed.

U of L asks state for full funding

Associated Press and Staff reports

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — University of Louisville President Donald Swain said a decision by the University's trustees to seek a 40 percent increase in state funds for the next two years is a reasonable request of the General Assembly.

"I really feel very comfortable in asking for what we really need at the University of Louisville," Swain said.

U of L's trustees approved a request Monday for \$158.8 million in state money in 1990-91 and \$169 million the next year.

The university's current state appropriation is \$120.6 million.

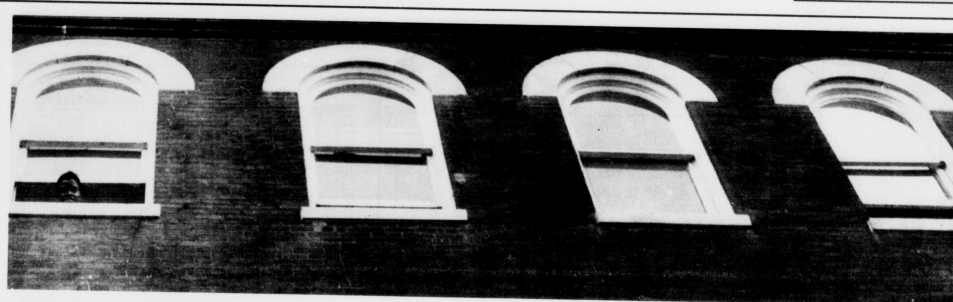
The university did not follow UK's lead by asking for less than the amount authorized by the state Council on Higher Education.

UK asked for \$10.2 million less than it was entitled to seek. UK asked the Kentucky Council on Higher Education to fund the University under the 1982 formula. The formula was revised by the CHE earlier this year.

Nonetheless, UK is seeking a 52 percent increase in state funds during the next biennium.

While UK President David Roselle said he supports the revised formula, he said the University lowered its budget because of the financial dilemma Gov. Wallace Wilkinson and lawmakers are faced with in the upcoming General Assembly.

Roselle said last night that he had hoped the state's other universities would follow UK's example, he was not disappointed by U of L's decision. "That's their decision and it's up to them," he said.



STICK A NECK OUT: Martin Mogambo, third-year architecture student, pokes his head out of a window in Pence Hall yesterday afternoon. Temperatures today are expected to be in the lower- to mid-70s with sunny skies.

Senate votes to close bases

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted overwhelmingly yesterday to back a federal commission's decision to shut down 86 military bases and scale down five more as lawmakers weighed a \$288.2 billion military spending bill.

By a 86-14 vote, the Senate approved an amendment that effectively kills a provision that would have withheld \$300 million to close the bases until an audit found that the savings from shutting down the installations would exceed the cost.

Meanwhile, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said that further cuts in the defense budget by the Democratic-controlled Congress may force him to close more bases.

The audit would have been conducted by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

"We're just asking that the comptroller general analyze that. Otherwise these bases have no appeal," Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, said on the amendment. "There is no Supreme Court. This is the Supreme Court."

But Sen. John Warner of Virginia, ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, argued against undermining the commission's recommendations, which were approved by former Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci and upheld in the House.

"If we set a precedent now that you can re-open the package, I'm fearful future commissions won't be as effective," Warner said.

ABC to crack down on under-age drinking

By ALLEN D. GREER
Staff Writer

The state Alcohol Beverage Control board is planning to reactivate its GRAB program next month to crack down on under-age drinkers with fake IDs, ABC officials in Frankfort said.

The program, in which ABC agents pose as bar servers and liquor store clerks, will be completely functional in 20 cities by the middle of next month, said Les Cole, ABC director of enforcement.

Lexington is a top priority for the program because the ABC has received complaints about under-age drinkers at bars around UK's campus, Cole said.

GRAB, which was implemented in September 1988, issued 114 citations, Cole said. About one-third of the citations were issued in Lexington, he said.

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ABC director of enforcement**

GRAB the last time," Cole said. "Our statistics indicate that a lot of minor consumption is still going on."

Cole said that GRAB and the publicity it generates are "outstanding tools" to send the message that under-age drinking and fake IDs won't be tolerated by state officials.

Those caught with a fake state driver's license can be charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument, which is a class D felony punishable by 1 to 5 years in prison, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Mike Malone said.

But minors who try to buy alcohol with a fake driver's license usually are not convicted of a felony, Malone said.

"Most of those we recommend amending to possessing a false driver's license, which is a misdemeanor offense" and carries a fine, Malone said.

Cole said that the ABC worked out a program last year with local prosecutors stressing community service as punishment rather than imposing fines.

"If a youngster's fined \$100 or \$200 in court, generally mom and pop come up with the fine," Cole

said. "The question is whether a message has been sent to (the minor)."

In addition to cutting down on under-age drinking last year, Cole said GRAB also helped local bars to spot fake IDs.

"The (bars) are very susceptible to fake IDs, and we feel they need our assistance also," said Cole. "It's common knowledge that fake IDs have been manufactured in Fayette County."

Laura Young, manager at the University Club at 318 S. Limestone St., said the bar confiscates about three fake IDs a week. She said fake IDs are "definitely a problem."

"The other night, I asked a girl to take her ID out of the plastic (sleeve), and she bolted," Young said. "She wasn't about to take it out of the sleeve."

The Bearded Seale, corner of Euclid and Woodland avenues, cards everyone who "looks under 25" and

confiscates all fake IDs, said manager Steve "Boomer" Puttett.

He added, however, that "it's awfully hard when you're working the door to catch all of them. Our fake ID problem is a serious problem."

Becky Sturdivant, a bartender at Cheapside Bar, 131 Cheapside, said it's difficult to tell if an ID is fake, but she said, "Sometimes the backing is peeled or the words are sideways."

"If it doesn't look like them, we keep (the ID). If they swear it's their ID, we call a cop and let the police decide. Usually they don't wait around," Sturdivant said.

Dave Stewart, an inspector for the Fayette County ABC, said that fake IDs are the biggest problem his office faces, but he said they are difficult to eliminate.

"Until there's some method of making a better ID that's more difficult to copy, fake IDs are going to be too numerous and easy to obtain," Stewart said.

Debate shows the emotion of abortion

By PAMELA MITCHELL
Staff Writer

The two sides of the abortion issue went head-to-head last night in a lively and often heated debate.

The debate, sponsored by Students for Life, featured Jan Harman, the executive director of Planned Parenthood, and Martan Cothran, an anti-abortion advocate of Danville, Ky., who is involved with

Right To Life Of Central Kentucky, Inc.

Cothran said the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion "has resulted in a greater number of deaths than all the wars in which this country has ever fought multiplied by a factor of 15."

Harman said that the center of the abortion issue is a woman's right to privacy not the rights of the fe-

tus or when life begins.

"No woman gets pregnant in order to have an abortion," she said. "Abortion is not premeditated. Abortions occur because something or someone has failed, in our society we don't accept failure very well."

Cothran said that if abortion were made illegal, the punishment for doctors who performed abortions

should be revocation of medical licenses. Women who have abortions should not be punished, he said.

Following the debate, members of the audience asked questions.

Issues concerning right to privacy, rights of the fetus, rights of the woman and when the fetus becomes a human being all were discussed, but few concrete answers were offered by either side.

Tickets available

Staff reports

Tickets for the football game against Auburn University will begin to be distributed tomorrow at 8 a.m. at Memorial Coliseum.

Students may obtain a ticket by presenting their ID at Memorial Coliseum.

Friday, tickets will be distributed at 9 a.m.

For students wanting group seating, tickets will be distributed in a lottery drawing between 8 and 9 a.m. Monday.

Guest tickets will also go on sale Monday at 9 a.m. and will be available through the entire week.

Stadium seating is \$15 while endzone seating costs \$10.

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Cubs win!
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SPORTS

Barry Reeves
Sports Editor

Holy cow! Cubs fans elated with NL East title

"Cubs win! Cubs win! Cubs win! Cubs win!"

Harry Caray,
WGN announcer

There is hope for the meek of this world, that they may rise to great heights and prosper.

The Cubs won the pennant. It's the 20th anniversary of man's first steps on the moon. But the summit that was reached with that accomplishment, and equaled by the reusable spacecraft, is looked up to as American space flight attempts to regain the country's faith.

It's the 20th anniversary of Ted Kennedy at Chappaquiddick. The Senator from Massachusetts was at the lowest valley in his political career, but today he is one of the most respected officials on the Hill.

It's the 20th anniversary of Woodstock. But the hippies of the



Greg HALL

pace, love and music morals have come full circle in the '80s.

It seems that everything in the America of 1969 is exactly opposite of 1989. And it's a good thing for Cubs fans.

It's also the 20th anniversary of the '69 Cubs fall from the driver's seat, allowing the New York Mets to win in the last month of the season. But in 1989, the Cubs held on to the NL East crown for the second time this decade.

Last night's Cubs 3-2 win over Montreal coupled with the Cardinals 4-1 loss to the Pirates gave the NL East title to the Cubs.

Again, the Cubs have the oppor-

tunity if they get to postseason play to equal the 1908 World Series. The despair that resulted from a seventh-game loss to the Detroit Tigers in their last fall classic can be avenged.

In 1984 pennant fever ensued at Wrigley Field as the North Siders captured the crown and faced the San Diego Padres in the divisional playoff.

The San Diego Padres. The Cubs opened the series in the friendly confines, riding the pitching and home-run hitting performance of Cy Young Award winner Rick Sutcliffe. The Cubs took the second game and needed just one victory on the West Coast to force a rematch of the 1945 Series with the Tigers.

But, as their fans have become accustomed, the Cubs lost the series leaving the faithful to annually shout, "Next Year!"

The team of five years ago is al-

most totally gone, and the '89 team is younger and hopefully better.

In the front office, Dallas Green is gone as general manager and Jim Frey, who orchestrated of the '84 victory, is making trades for good young ball players, not major league retirees.

On the field Don Zimmer has defied baseball law to which managers like the Cardinals' Whitey Herzog and the Giants' Roger Craig subscribe. He made a habit of beating the odds.

Much of the improvement can be attributed to last winter's trade of Rafael Palmeiro to the Texas Rangers for Mitch Williams.

Zimmer made the southpaw Williams his bullpen ace where the "Wild Thing" has saved his 36th game last night for Greg Maddux, who recorded his 19th victory.

The Cubs also have experienced the leadership that only an experienced veteran can provide. While Andre Dawson hasn't produced prolific numbers at the plate, his all-star fielding and behind-the-scenes work with other players again have proven his value.

Second baseman Ryne Sandberg has quietly put out big offensive numbers, combined with another gold glove season in the field.

In the outfield, bleacher bums welcomed rookies Dwight Smith and Jerome Walton.

Earlier in the season, when the entire outfield went down, even the bleacher bums were amazed by the production from Lloyd McClendon's bat. His bat was so powerful that Zimmer utilized the former Red as a substitute for the injured first baseman Mark Grace.

The Cubs led the division early in the season and then yielded the advantage to the Cardinals and the Expos. The Canadians faltered after the All-Star break giving Chicago a second chance.

The normal test of a champion is no longer how well they played. A championship season is the result of avoiding injuries. The Cubs defied that rule with quality reserves, like McClendon, who filled in more than amply.

It looks like the Cubs will be facing the Giants, who lost last year's NLCS to the Cardinals. Even though the Giants have a more experienced and more imposing roster with better numbers, the Cubs are destined to win. They've made it this far against equally large odds.

Cub fans, pop the champagne. Onto the fall classic. Staff Writer Greg Hall is a journalism freshman and a Kernel columnist.

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Kip Bowmar
Arts Editor



Finster's work comes to UK

BY KAKIE URCH
Senior Staff Writer

The Talking Heads put it on an album cover. So did REM. UK's got it in a museum.

It's folk art by Howard Finster, the self-proclaimed "World's Minister of Folk Art Church, Inc."

A 57-piece show of his work that opened recently in UK's Center for Contemporary Art in the Fine Arts Building demonstrates "breadth, wide range of subjects and variety of different media" in Finster's work, said Art Jones, a UK art professor.

The show, "Howard Finster: Painter of Sermons," features Finster's distinctive biblical, pop culture and fantasy figures juxtaposed with his rambling and loosely spelled preaching in many different media.

The figures dance through a multi-media morality play in mirror paintings, "dried-paint sculpture," pop-can monoprints, wood cutouts and large paintings.

"Finster's work is really wild. The work has energy. It buzzes. I can't see how someone wouldn't react to Howard Finster," Jones said.

The show was put together by curator and UK graduate Larry Hackley for the Folk Art Society

of Kentucky and the Berea College Appalachian Museum. Additional funding was provided from the Kentucky Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The show's catalogue was designed by Ellsworth Taylor, also a UK graduate, and includes an essay on Finster by UK art professor emeritus James S. Pierce.

Finster, who is in his seventies, is very prolific, producing more than 10,000 numbered pieces since 1976. The UK show includes works from the pre-1976 period and more recent works.

'Voices' traces apartheid

By KIP BOWMAR
Arts Editor

"Voices of Sarafina," a film that provides an inside look at the lives of children of South Africa, will be shown by the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center tomorrow and Friday.

The movie, which offers a behind-the-scenes look at a musical of the same name, documents the lives children living under the system of apartheid in South Africa.

"A film like 'Voices of Sarafina' lets people see the real human cost of apartheid through the lives of children," said Chester Grundy, director of Minority Student Affairs. "People can see the damage done to innocents."

"One thing this film can do is raise the idea that people think that the problems in South Africa have gotten better," said Frank Walker, director of the MLK Cultural Center.

The director of the stage version, Mbongeni Ngema, recruited several children from the shantytowns of Soweto and other areas in South Africa.

The stage version was performed at New York's Lincoln Center.

Walker said the film offers a touching, yet disturbing view of conditions some blacks have to endure under apartheid.

"Voices of Sarafina" will be shown at the Student Center Theater tomorrow and Friday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1.

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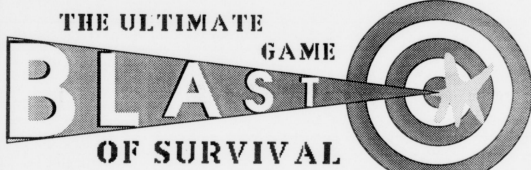
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UK should end separation of races on campus

In the past month, the University has set forth a plan for the future that includes many far-reaching goals. Among these, Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway stressed that UK should articulate our values and diversify the campus community.

It is that concept of "community" that Hemenway hopes will inspire all members of the University to address UK's weaknesses and improve upon them. But the University will be a true community only when it addresses the needs of everyone in the University system — with their different backgrounds and ideas.

But as it stands now there seems to be at least two distinct communities on campus — the white community and the black community. According to two stories in the Kernel last week, many black students feel isolated from the rest of the campus community and are concerned that their needs are not being addressed.

Many students complained about a lack of social life or University-sponsored activities for blacks. The Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center has provided a place for social gathering and cultural events, but if there is only one room on the entire campus where black students feel comfortable and where the University is doing something for them, then UK may have problem.

One of the main ways to address this problem is to recruit more black students and faculty. Both Hemenway and UK President David Roselle have made that a top priority in their plans for UK's future. As Frank Walker, director of the MLK Cultural Center, said, "This is a university, and a university is supposed to have different cultures."

But black students won't come to UK unless they know they will be welcomed here. The University can do only so much to provide black students with a sense of belonging and to address their needs, particularly in this time of financial stress, besides encouraging more cultural events and cultural awareness on campus.

One student suggested expanding and promoting the MLK Cultural Center to attract black students. This also would serve to make more available to the rest of the campus the many intellectual, social and cultural events the MLK Cultural Center has to offer.

But black students also will have to play a major role in developing more opportunities, establishing more social activities and gaining more influence on campus. Chester Grundy, director of minority affairs, pointed out that black students need to be more active in influential student organizations, such as student government or the Student Activities Board, if they want to enact any changes.

Then perhaps black students will not feel like they belong to a totally separate group within the larger UK community, but

Housing Facts

- ✓ In Lexington-Fayette County there are at least 800 documented homeless people, some of whom have children and hold full time jobs.
- ✓ Experts say that for every documented homeless person there are two undocumented homeless people.
- ✓ A person working full time for minimum wage would have to spend 66% of his gross income to live in a two bedroom apartment.
- ✓ In Kentucky between 1986-87, there was a 26 percent increase in the homeless population. As of 1987 there were 35, 837 homeless people in Kentucky.
- ✓ A recent survey by the Kentucky Department of Education found that there are at least 3500 homeless children in Kentucky at this time. This includes only the homeless children whose parents are sending them to school.
- ✓ In the United States between 1986-87, there was a 25 percent increase in the homeless population. There are now approximately 3 million homeless adults in the U.S. and 500,000 homeless children.
- ✓ The average age of a homeless person is 40 and it is decreasing rapidly.
- ✓ Twenty percent of the homeless are employed full time.
- ✓ Two-thirds of the homeless are single men. One-third to one-half of them are veterans.
- ✓ Families make up 40 percent of the homeless population.
- ✓ Evidence suggests that by the year 2003 there will be a 600 percent increase in the number of homeless people. At least 18 million people will be homeless unless something is done.
- ✓ In Kentucky, there are 127,000 families living in housing that should be condemned.

Source: Lexington Chapter of Housing Now

The March on Washington is Oct. 7

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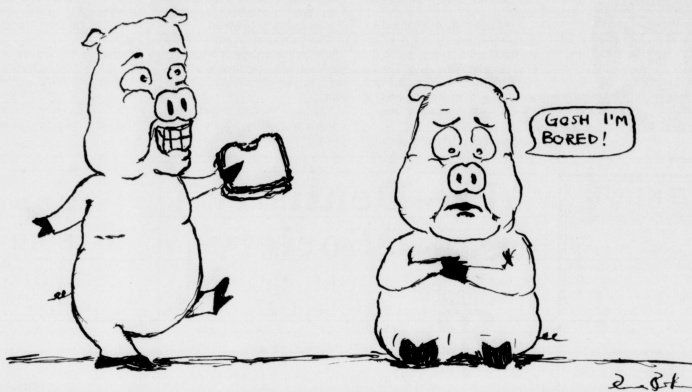
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Education

Kernel editorial on tuition hike was way off base

This letter is in response to an editorial in the September 19th issue of the Kernel. Normally, I would not lower myself respond to a Kernel editorial, however this particular editorial could not be overlooked.

The history behind the editorial is that I opposed a tuition increase that was researched by the presidents of the eight public universities and the editor of our school paper disagrees with my decision.

C.A. Duane Bonifer, editor-in-chief of the Kernel, states that tuition at UK is low, and that "at the pain of some students, I need to consider the financial situation of this University and state."

First, if Mr. Bonifer were not on scholarship, maybe he would realize the great burden of tuition on the average student. Second, I realize much more than Mr. Bonifer the funding problems that we are currently experiencing. However,

Guest OPINION

the student will not make up the difference where the state falls short of its obligations toward higher education.

What the Kernel editors don't seem to realize is that students are already facing a substantial increase in tuition for next year. In fact, we are looking at an increase of 16.7 percent in our tuition over the next biennium.

Therefore, I feel that any attempt to raise tuition further would severely hinder some students in the pursuit of a higher education. Obviously, the Student Government Association does not want to see that happen.

The Kernel editors then continue by stating that student opposition to a tuition increase would divide

higher education going into the General Assembly, I could't agree more, and that's why we asked the Presidents to agree not to consider an increase this year.

As student body president, I can't be afraid to go against the administration on delicate issues. Especially when they are researching tuition increases, an action which I verified with two university presidents as well as the student member of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education. I did stand up and say that I would fight them if they proposed such an increase.

However, it was not until two weeks ago in Louisville that the Presidents of Kentucky universities went on record as saying that they will not consider an increase.

It was an issue that students felt strongly about, and it was my job to fight it.

Now we are clear of this issue, and we are coming together as a

University system, and as higher education, to fight for more funding by the state.

We, the student body, can take a leading role in this effort. We need to write to our representatives and senators in Frankfort and let them know how we feel toward more revenue and how much it is needed.

The Student Government Association will once again lead the effort on behalf of students here at UK to fight for more funds for our University. I suggest that the Kernel stick to running a paper and we, the elected representatives of the students, will continue representing the Student Body.

Once again, the Kernel obviously has a lack of information to write about, so here we are in the editorials. Duane, when you get some real news let me know!

Sean Lohman is the SGA president and political science junior.

SGA's Lohman, Foster need to take notice of the real life dynamic duo

UK's dynamic duo will lead us toward great academic heights, eventually.

No, it's not Paige Foster and Sean Lohman, who cry "No fair!" anytime a check with "Payable to: University of Kentucky" is written.

The duo consists of UK President David Roselle and the new boy wonder of the campus, Robert Hemenway, chancellor for the Lexington Campus.

But in the race to save the commonwealth from the evils of financial inadequacy, the president left his anti-bureaucracy bat spray in the Bat Cave.

The biennial budget request that was approved by the UK Board of Trustees last week made concessions to the General Assembly for conciliatory reasons that may be advantageous now. But those concessions are futuristically detrimental to the goal of putting UK with the Ivy Leagues.

UK will give up about \$10 million, following a 1982 outline, in lieu of added funding it could receive by a 1988 arrangement. The University cannot afford its



Greg HALL

present state to sacrifice funds for a disjointed effort to improve primary education.

The new-attitude budget makes amends for the needs that state primary and secondary education have. It supports the theory that higher education will be aided by better elementary and high schools.

Although not false, the argument is part of the "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" mentality. Why isn't it in the best interest of primary education to raise the level of higher education?

U.S. Senator Wendell Ford has suggested that the state reform all levels of education. That would be too heavy of a burden for the General Assembly and the Joker Wilkinson in Frankfort. Regardless, education as a whole needs money — and lots of it.

Our noble student leader (to be referred to as the Riddler, since he can't make up his mind) opposed tuition increases in a speech at the first SGA Senate meeting. Then after the Board of Trustees meeting last week, of which Lohman is a member, he made no mention about opposing a significant increase.

The simple fact is a quality institution needs more money than it did under the 1982 formula, and more money than what UK was expected to ask for at 1990 General Assembly. That probably will mean higher funding and higher tuition. Quality costs.

A move like that can do nothing but dampen the spirit of those on the campus who are begging for betterment of the status quo.

Everything that the dynamic duo has done to this point has pointed in that direction. But this latest move is something out of the Kentucky politics textbook that is responsible for the current state of education in the commonwealth.

If this University's aim is truly

to be one of the finest institutions in this country, the administration must fight Frankfort now for more money and continue to gradually raise admissions standards.

Kentucky has had a sad tradition of postponing educational improvements.

In 1989, UK followed that tradition, pushing the goal back in the interest of politics.

Can the dynamic duo rescue UK from the restraints of mediocrity?

Will the Joker continue to force the dynamic duo into the political arena?

And will the Riddler please stop his incessant whining about tuition so that he can promote quality education, instead of his likely re-election campaign?

Stay tuned bat fans. Same bat channel. Same bat time.

Hopefully, the next biennial request won't sing the same bat song.

Staff Writer Greg Hall is a journalism freshman and a Kernel columnist.

LETTERS

Human rights

Call me naive, call me unprepared, but I thought that going to college would be a step up in maturity. I thought that the rumors and gossip and especially the cliques of high school would be left behind only to find out they've grown into fraternities and sororities.

What compels a person to join a greek organization? Are you really that insecure? Don't you have your

own personality?

Does the "need" to be popular override your sense of individuality?

I'm not trying to say all members (of greek organizations) fit this stereotype, but many of you do.

Also, why can't I walk across campus in a tie-dye and an earring or anything else I choose to wear without people treating me like I have a contagious disease?

Must you stare and comment on

someone just because they choose to dress differently than you?

Who can say one person is better than another based on the size of their wallet?

Should any person or group have that power? Why do we let them?

Hippie, greek, punk, yuppie — why must people be labeled and put into categories?

How about human, person or individual?

Are we really that scared of each

other that we can't deal with people without hiding behind a name or putting them behind one?

I'm not saying everyone should go out and rip their jeans or get their ear pierced to make a statement, just don't gawk at those who do choose to express themselves in this fashion. It doesn't make them any less human or uncivilized. Live and let live!

Kyle Wade is a landscape architecture freshman.

SAB concert co-chairman resigns

By PAMELA MITCHELL
Staff Writer

Student Activities Board Concert Committee Co-Chairman Kip Bowmar stepped down from his position at the board's meeting last night, citing academics and a possibly perceived conflict of interest, as Kentucky Kernel arts editor.

"Academics are the first reason why we're here (at college)," Bowmar said.

"I knew from the beginning it

would be a big time commitment. It was adding up and I was getting behind."

By resigning, Bowmar said that as arts editor of the Kernel he could better cover SAB-sponsored programs without worrying about a perceived conflict of interest.

"I did not directly make decisions concerning coverage of SAB events (as arts editor), and I think that created some problems in coverage of the arts scene on campus since SAB has a lot to do with it," he

said.

The other co-chairman, Lynn Garrett, said she was "kind of shocked" and was mainly "thinking about getting through the next two concerts" without Bowmar as co-chair.

She said SAB would wait until December to fill the vacant position.

John Herbst, director of student activities and adviser to SAB, said he understood the reasons Bowmar resigned.

"I hate to see him step down, but I think he has legitimate concerns," Herbst said.

Bowmar said he will continue to help Garrett with concerts in an advisory capacity.

"It's difficult to replace somebody in the heat of the moment, but Lynn Garrett will do a great job," he said.

"It's been a great experience; one I'll always remember in a positive light."

C-J sued over controversial picture

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A controversial front-page photograph of a dead pressman sprawled on a conveyor belt after he was shot by a deranged former co-worker has prompted a lawsuit against The Courier-Journal of Louisville.

The suit by the victim's family charged the newspaper with "extreme and outrageous conduct" in printing the picture on Sept. 15, the day after Joseph Wesbecker shot 20 Standard Gravure Corp. workers with a Chinese-made AK-47 assault rifle, killing eight before taking his own life.

"The printing of this photo was totally irresponsible," Michael Hance, a lawyer for the family of Richard Barger, said Monday. "The family obviously underwent a tremendous tragedy. It was compound-

ed by the publication of the photograph."

The photo showed the upper half of Barger's body lying on a conveyor belt with his arms outstretched in the basement of the downtown printing plant, near rolls of paper that the company uses to print advertising and Sunday supplements.

Part of the 54-year-old pressman's face was visible in the photo. Standard Gravure leases the pressroom from The Courier-Journal.

The suit, which was filed Thursday, alleges that the newspaper intentionally and recklessly inflicted mental distress on the family and that publication of the photo was an invasion of the family's privacy.

Publication of the photo was "a deviation from all bounds of decency and was done maliciously, wantonly, willfully in disregard of the

consequences," the suit said.

An overwhelming majority of readers who have commented about the photo have criticized the newspaper for being insensitive to the family, the newspaper said in a story published yesterday.

The readers said the photo was too graphic and in poor taste.

Courier-Journal Editor David Hawpe has said the photo was intended to accurately represent the event and heighten the community's awareness of the consequences of gun violence.

Hawpe declined to comment on the suit.

"We have turned the suit over to our attorneys for whatever response is appropriate," Hawpe said yesterday. He said the newspaper's lawyers also would have no public comment on the matter.

The suit names Barger's widow, Roma Jean Barger, and her three sons as plaintiffs.

The Gannett Co. Inc., the newspaper's owner, also was named as a defendant.

After the photo appeared, the suit said, Roma Barger "begged and pleaded" with newspaper editors to refrain from republishing or releasing the photograph.

Despite her pleas, the newspaper "callously and maliciously allowed the photograph to be used by other publications, including Newsweek magazine," the suit said.

Hance said the paper's refusal to refrain from releasing the photo was "the straw that broke the camel's back."

The lawyer said the family believed that the decision to run the photo was "a horrible mistake."

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