

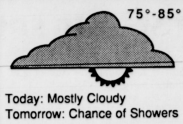


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SGA votes to look at transmission of STDs

By C.A. DUANE BONIFER
Associate Editor

The Student Government Association senate last night overwhelmingly approved a resolution calling for a study in preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.

A task force will now be created by SGA President Cyndi Weaver to meet with campus and local health officials to study the issue. No date has been set for resolving the issue.

The resolution, proposed by SGA Senator at Large David Botkins, originally had called only to study feasibility of placing condom vending machines in University and dormitory restrooms.

However, several SGA senators said that resolution was too narrow

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Susan Brothers
senator at large

in scope and an amendment was later added by Senator at Large James Rose.

Rose's amendment not only called for the study of placing condom vending machines on campus, but also for an investigation of other ways to prevent sexually transmitted diseases.

After a lengthy debate, it was approved by a 20-7 margin.

"I think tonight we illustrated logic and rational thinking overcoming irrational thinking," Botkins said. "I'm very pleased and proud of this student senate."

Rose said he proposed the amendment because "we shouldn't pass



JAMES ROSE

something we really don't believe in."

With the amendment, Rose said he is "satisfied that it needs to go on

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SGA passes budget; questions about size

By THOMAS J. SULLIVAN
Editorial Editor

Although the Student Government Association unanimously adopted its budget of more than \$160,000 last night, some senate members raised concern about discrepancies in it.

"We've put our money where our mouth is this year," said SGA Senator at Large David Botkins.

"We said we were going to emphasize on certain things this year and (SGA President) Cyndi Weaver's budget does that."

However, SGA Executive Vice President Brad Dixon voiced concern over discrepancies in the budget — specifically the \$4,000 cost of operating eight phones in the senate office in addition to long distance bills.

"A lot of them are not utilized," Dixon said. The money that goes to operate unused services could be better spent.

"I'm a very frugal person when it comes to my money and the student's money."

Bryan Payne, senator at large, said he didn't feel the phone expenditure was significant.

"It's such a small cost to the overall picture," Payne said.

Dixon said the phones are just a portion of the misappropriated funds.

"I think we've got too much money in the SGA budget," Dixon said. "We can't spend it all. I would like to take that increase (the \$3 student activity fee increase) from two years ago and give it back to the students — even if it is only \$5."

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Breaking ground

Former UK President Otis Singletary, left, and current President David Roselle and other University officials take part in ground-

breaking ceremonies at the site of the new regulatory services building yesterday.

MARK ZEROF/Kentucky Staff

RFL board of directors sets deadline for station to gain student support

By JAY BLANTON
Executive Editor

Radio Free Lexington's board of directors said yesterday that the next few months are a "make or break" time for the proposed campus radio station.

The board of directors have given the station until Thanksgiving to show that it has the support of the student body. If sufficient support is not garnered by that time, board members say, then the station will be disbanded.

"The (station's) board of directors have been sitting at this desk the last two years," said Scott Ferguson, RFL general manager. Support is "going to have to come from the students."

Radio Free Lexington has been trying for nearly two years to secure funding for a campus radio station.

RFL members had been pointing toward an Oct. 1 air date, but estimates on the renovation of a storage area in the station's Student Center offices exceeded available funds.

Most members, however, were optimistic that student support is behind the station.

Ferguson said that he is confident that the phone survey — designed to poll students about the station — will be overwhelmingly in favor of campus radio.

The survey will question students about whether they would favor a \$1 increase each semester in student activity fees to fund the station.

The survey, which is being conducted by the Student Government Association and Survey Research Center, will begin in the next week to 10 days, Ferguson said. Results from the poll will be available in mid-October.

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United Way luncheon kicks off drive today

By JAYE BEELER
Staff Writer

The United Way — celebrating its 100th anniversary this year — will kick off its UK fund-raising drive today with a training session and luncheon.

The funding campaign will run officially from Sept. 10 to Nov. 17 with a goal of \$310,627, said Debbie Inboden, loan executive for the United Way office in Lexington.

The goal this year is about a 6 percent increase from last year, in which UK collected \$292,334, Inboden said.

The training session at the Worsham Theater for about 600 coordinators and solicitors before the luncheon will kick off the campaign, said Wally Skiba, co-chairperson of the UK United Way and director of UK Human Resource Services.

During the training session at 10:30 a.m., the volunteers will learn background and historical information about the organization, ways to solicit funding, and most asked questions concerning the United Way, Skiba said.

The coordinators and solicitors for the United Way are UK employees who were appointed or who volunteered to help.

The volunteers will distribute pledge cards to every UK employee. The pledge cards are for the employees to designate the donated amount or to request payroll deductions, Inboden said.

"The luncheon at noon is a thank you to all the volunteers for their help," said Jane Johnson, UK United Way co-chairperson and student affairs officer for the College of Fine Arts.

During the luncheon at the Student Center Ballroom, a National United Way film titled "A Place For Us" will be shown.

The speakers will be UK President David Roselle, Bob Showalter, United Way general campaign chairperson and Ray Hornback, UK vice president for University Relations, who will present a comparison of the monetary amounts collected between UK and the SEC teams, Johnson said.

"The luncheon is sponsored by private donations from the United Way and the president," Skiba said.

Door prizes will be presented by Roselle's wife, Louise, and the campaign poster personalities, who are Jake Oxnard and Ashley Strickenburger.

UK psychologist's groups to counsel children of alcoholics

By CHERI COLLIS
Staff Writer

The last few years, there has been increased focus on adults whose parents are alcoholics. These people experience similar problems that need to be dealt with.

Dr. Charles O'Neill, a UK staff psychologist, is starting a group to meet the special needs of students whose parent or parents are alcoholics.

"The special problems (with)

being an adult in an alcoholic family is that there's a great deal of denial," O'Neill said. "The family keeps the secret and continues that denial... adult children report earlier experiences of taking friends to their home... but afraid they might need an explanation to their peers."

As these children get older and meet people with loving "more normal" parents, they start to get disturbed, he said. While growing up, they learn not to expect anything

from anyone so they won't be disappointed.

"As you get older, you begin to tell people bits and pieces," said Liz Corio, a licensed clinical social worker for UK's student mental health center. "It's very helpful to be in groups. Group work helps these people understand that others feel the same (when they) hear other people's stories."

O'Neill's counseling group meets every Wednesday for two hours. To

join the group, people have to first be screened by O'Neill.

In order to keep group size to an effective level, he limits the size of a group to eight to 10 people. He emphasized that people cannot just show up every Wednesday at the meetings.

The value of group counseling is for students to see "they are not the only one struggling with these issues," O'Neill said. "It (group) brings up things you may have denied."

O'Neill's counseling is offered to the UK community only and is free to students, although staff and faculty have to pay a small fee.

Although the mental health center does not offer group counseling, they do see those people on an individual basis. Counseling is free to all full-time UK students as it is included in the tuition's health fee.

Most students in counseling at the mental health center are undergrads in their early 20s, Corio said.

Hour workshops help students overcome academic obstacles

By ROSS L. ANDERSEN
Contributing Writer

Sharon Laumas and Melanie Lybarger are bending over backwards in trying to insure success for students at UK.

In a series of one-hour workshops, the Counseling and Testing Center employees help students learn to tackle common problems facing academic success. Whether you

have difficulty absorbing what you read or just plain procrastinate, they have a workshop that will help you become a better student.

The workshops, which are available to any student enrolled at UK, meet once a week with a new aspect of learning studied each week. This week's workshop showed how to devise a study plan.

"We had 16 students turn out for this week's workshop, which was the

first one. The feedback I got from the students was a lot of them felt really helped," Laumas said.

Other workshops planned for this semester include: Improving Concentration, Note Taking, Critical Reading, Speed Reading, and Study Reading Techniques.

Personal academic counseling is also available on an appointment basis.

Students interested in attending

any of these workshops can easily sign up. They need to go to room 201 of Frazier Hall and pay a one-time fee of \$10.

Students will receive an outline of the workshops planned for the following weeks. They can show up at any they are interested in. No additional fees or registration is required.

Other programs planned include a special two-hour workshop which fo-

cus on ways to get self-motivated and a computer program set up for students preparing to take the GRE.

The study skills center is also involved in setting up tutors for students. Anyone interested in being tutored or becoming a tutor should drop by room 308 of Frazier Hall or call 257-8873.

Laumas was quick to stress that the workshops aren't only for freshmen.

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and it's something the student government has got to look into."

During her presidential privilege, Weaver told the senate she was in favor of placing condom vending machines in restrooms if it would prevent the spreading of sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.

David Allgood, SGA senator at large and one of the resolution's sponsors, said the resolution will enable SGA "to work together to get something done."

"Why not put a stop to something that could spring up before it has a chance to start," he said.

"This says to me that the student government recognizes (sexually transmitted diseases) are a problem

in our society and we are willing to do something about," said SGA Senator at Large Ken Mattingly.

Some senators, however, also had a problem with the amended resolution.

Mary Tripp Reed, SGA Business and Economics senator, said she saw a conflict between the original resolution and the amendment. She also said the resolution did not stress sexual education enough.

Although the resolution did not endorse placing condom vending machines in University restrooms, several senators interpreted the resolution in that manner.

"I think it is offensive to some students and parents to have condom machines in the bathrooms," said

SGA Senator at Large Linda Bridwell.

David Moore, also an SGA senator at large, said he took offense to the possibility of condom vending machines being placed in the restrooms.

"I don't want to go into the bathroom and look at a condom machine," he said. "If we pass this we are promoting sex in the dorms. There are plenty of places people can already go to buy them."

SGA Senator at Large Susan Brothers said she was "surprised by the number of students/senators who said there are alternatives to abstinence other than condoms. Socks won't do it," she said.

State signs settlement over environmental suit

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky officials yesterday signed a settlement to end a longstanding lawsuit filed by environmental lawyers who claimed the state was not properly regulating the coal industry.

Guy Hart, general counsel for the Natural Resources Cabinet, said the agreement was signed by Secretary Mary Helen Miller. Attorneys for the other side have not signed, but Hart said he expects them to do so shortly.

U.S. District Judge William O. Bertelman also must approve the agreement.

Among other things, the agreement calls for Kentucky to receive \$13 million from the federal government during the next three years to help in regulating the coal industry. It would take congressional action for the state to receive the money.

Most of that money would be used to resolve thousands of violations by coal operators from 1978 to 1982, before the state gained primary responsibility for enforcing the federal surface-mine law.

A 13-person team would be created to investigate the violations and attempt to collect fines.

•RFL given deadline

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After conducting forums to gather student input about the station, the SGA senate will then decide whether to go to the BOT to ask for a fee increase.

Ferguson, who hopes to take the fee increase proposal to the BOT in November, said the station has already shown that student support is there.

At the end of last semester the station had about 100 staffers, Ferguson said.

Then Tuesday night, about 110 students, mostly freshmen and sophomores, showed interest in

the station at a staff meeting, he said.

Kenny Arington, chairman of RFL's board of directors, agreed, saying that past actions by students indicate that they support the radio station.

RFL board member Jack Blanton said the next few months are a "make or break" period for the station.

The issue is in the students' hands now, Blanton said. If the students want the fee increase for the station, then the BOT would accept it.

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Sports

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UK rugby team gears up for fall season



MARK ZEPF/Kentucky State

Last season, the UK rugby team won its region and the Southeastern Conference tournament en route to a 20-2 record.

By TOM SPALDING
Contributing Writer

A week from Saturday, the UK Wildcats will find themselves in a grudge-match against the No. 1 team in the region.

But the game will not take place on the grass at Commonwealth Stadium.

Instead, it will be held on a grassy field just south of Commonwealth. The No. 3 ranked Wildcats will take on top-ranked Bowling Green University in rugby.

UK's credentials speak for themselves.

During the 1986-87 season, UK won its own region, the Southeastern Conference tournament, finished with a 20-2 record and came within one point of winning the Midwest Rugby League playoffs. The team that kept them from the playoff victory was Bowling Green.

United States Rugby is divided into four geological regions: the Pa-

cific, West, Midwest and Eastern. UK is located in the Midwest. To reach the region tournament in each league, teams must win the tournament within their own state. Kentucky is the rare exception. Not having enough teams to field a tournament in their own state, the Cats had to join rival Indiana's state league.

"And the ironic thing," third-year player Pat Jackson said, "is that we won their tournament."

Although rugby is not a varsity sport at UK, it has one of the largest memberships of any team on campus.

The game combines all the elements of several sports — the fast-paced, non-stop action of soccer, the high scoring and rugged action of football and the physical, all-out "war" of hockey.

But brown isn't all you need.

"Really it takes a lot of intelligence and smarts when you play rugby," winger Tevis Steere said.

"The game situations are always changing. You never stop learning in rugby."

Despite the sport's very physical nature, team captain Robert Butler said it's not as treacherous as everybody thinks.

"The players are not wimps, but injuries do occur," Butler said. "The more you play, the more you learn to avoid that kind of situation."

"It's not as dangerous as everybody thinks," said junior Tony Scott, "but you have to have (guts) to play. You have to be in good, physical shape to play."

And one of the good things about the UK rugby program is that everybody can play.

"The sport is definitely growing," Jackson said. "It's never been bigger than it is now, especially at Kentucky. Everybody that does try out makes the team."

Kentucky was ranked seventh last year by Rugby Magazine after fin-

ishing third in the Midwest Region. And Jackson thinks they can do even better this year.

"We have virtually all our players back from last year," he said. That includes all-Midwest region stars Mike Law, a sophomore, and junior Bill Carmichael.

"We should be as good or better than last year," Steere said.

The fact that the team has kept improving hasn't gone unnoticed. Even though the team's schedule often parallels that of the UK football team, they usually manage to draw a large crowd.

"We get about a hundred or so fans who come out in the fall," Jackson said. "Then about a hundred more who come out in the spring."

"We really get a lot of support from the school," he said. "In fact, a whole lot more than other schools in the country."

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Giving a little love isn't much to ask

The United Way officially kicks off its campus campaign today in celebration of its 100th anniversary. We can still vividly recall pictures of last year's poster child 4-year-old Travis Dixon, who attends the Lexington Hearing and Speech School because of funding by the United Way.

This year's goal for the United Way is \$310,627. Last year, the campaign, which ran through November, raised \$292,334 — about \$15,000 more than projected.

UK students, faculty and staff have time and time again proven their generosity by giving of their time and money to the United Way. Now they need to give again, and dig a little deeper than the year before.

The programs that the United Way helps fund touch virtually everyone's life. Dixon's mother, for example, is a UK employee.

Giving the spare change here and there isn't much to ask for when you consider all the good that can be derived from it.

Sure times are tight, but this is one way to show a little love — something that always seems to be in short supply in our hectic lives. It doesn't take much to give, and believe or not, giving feels good.

While the UK campaign goes on just once a year, the fund-raising efforts must go on year round, because programs which the United Way helps support are constantly in need.

Giving a little is the least we can do.

Support football team by cheering at games

It shouldn't be any secret that Saturday is the first UK football game of the season — as well as the first home game.

The Wildcats have battled through season after season, showing more promise each year. And for what?

Only to find a lazy crowd and sometimes bleachers clearing as early as the second quarter. They deserve better.

The football team works hard throughout the summer to bolster the power required to have a winning season. But power isn't enough all the time.

The cheers are a source of power too. It's up to you, the students, to provide that power. Cheer your team on. UK has often been criticized for the lack of spirit in the bleachers — a look at last year's Viewpoint pages clearly emphasizes that point.

Don't let that happen again this year. Sports are an important aspect of the college experience. Tickets at UK, unlike some institutions, are provided to the students free of charge. If those tickets aren't utilized and the bleachers aren't filled, that luxury may be lost.

There are many Wildcat fans in the state who are willing to shell out dollars for UK football tickets. Believe it or not, the athletic department and the University realize that.

Last year, the students were threatened with having many of their tickets taken away if the tickets weren't used. Let's not bring that threat to the point of reality.

All we're saying is, go to the game. But don't just go, cheer.

CONDOMS

The Soapbox

The UK Student Government Association has proposed a study about Sexually Transmitted Diseases. One of the suggestions is to place condom dispensers in residence hall restrooms.

What do you think? Would the placement of these dispensers present a positive message to the nation that students are concerned about unwanted pregnancy and the epidemic proportions Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is reaching?

Or would it shed a negative light on the University, implying that it condones pre-marital sex. Is SGA's reasoning behind the placement of the dispensers well-founded?

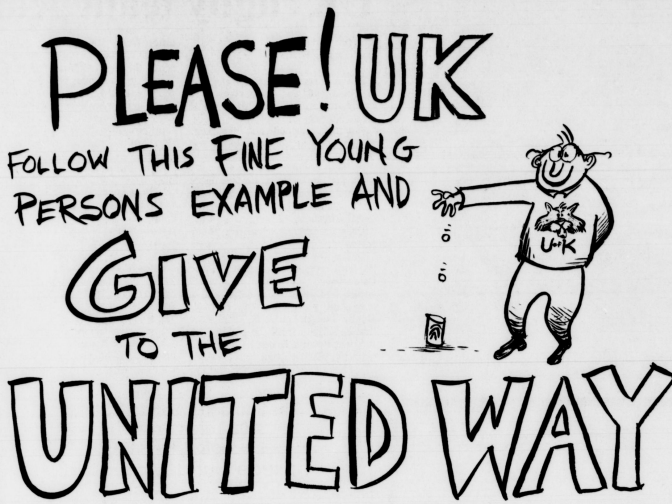
Will the condoms just be used by people who would take part in sexual intercourse anyway if they are more readily available? Or does it just present a message that says "hey, they're here, use them — sex is OK."

This is your opportunity to reply. Submissions to "The Soapbox" will be printed on the Thursday following the introduction of a topic the week before. This is your opportunity to vent your frustrations or your congratulations.

People submitting material should address their comments to "The Soapbox," Kentucky Kernel, 635 Journalism Building, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042. This can either be done by mail or dropped off at the office.

Please include your year and major or affiliations with UK. The Kernel will attempt to print an equal amount of arguments from both sides of the issue.

The name of each author must appear at the end of all printed material unless a clear and present danger exists to the author.



Rip it up

What is the University trying to do? Kill north campus?

I don't want to complain or anything, but it seems that the north side is being treated like the proverbial step-child.

The biggest and certainly most stupid thing done was the closure of Blazer Cafeteria. I will update that mess later.

But there are other things, which may not seem so large or important, that have been changed and it is this that will drive students to south campus.

One of the changes is the enlargement of the impound lot used by the police to store autos that have been towed. As you may or may not know, the lot is located beside the tennis courts behind Memorial Coliseum.

Rather than lose precious parking space or cut down a few trees and extend the lot towards Rose Street, the University, in all its wisdom, covered up the tennis courts.

I guess it was necessary, though, as more parking tickets are being written. I even saw

The Soapbox . . .

Parking extinction cause for concern

tickets on cars that were unloading in front of Keeneland the first day the dorm was open.

When the basketball courts on south campus were taken out because of the new aquatic center, new courts were built beside the new indoor tennis facility. Will the University erect new tennis courts on north campus? Don't hold your breath.

And while we are on the subject of basketball, will Alumni Gym ever be improved? I would be shocked if they swept those infamously dusty courts this year.

The really sad part of all this is how much it is costing people with DinerCards. I have seen students carrying bags of groceries

out of Blazer, on top of the meals they just bought.

I'd be willing to bet that DinerCard balances are higher on south campus than on north campus.

All of this leads me to one conclusion: the University is going south, no pun intended. If you want recreation, food or parking, you must go to south campus. I have nothing against the south, but I believe the University has something against the north.

Contributing columnist Steve Bragg is a journalism senior.

Get a bike

It seems the city and the University saw an opportunity to make money.

Meters have been installed, fees have been levied to park at the stadium and wait to ride a crowded bus to campus, on-campus parking is prohibitively expensive and "good" on-campus parking is a commodity to be traded on the New York Stock Exchange.



Therefore the student has the following options:

- Change the parking regulations (Ha.)
- Live with the situation as is.
- Adapt to the situation.

People in congested areas worldwide have turned to smaller means of transportation such as bicycles (look at Tokyo or New York.) Among the advantages are fuel savings, space savings on campus and time savings in traffic.

Parking for motorcycles is \$1 per month, all in prime locations; bicycles park free. Disadvantages are obvious: rain or snow ruins your day, and you can't readily go to Frankfort and back (if you would want to.)

Safety concerns of pedestrians aren't forgotten, either. Perhaps some walks might be designated for pedestrian use only.

However you, the student, choose to deal with the problem is your decision. I know I don't pay to park.

Soapbox contributor Tim Fulton is an undeclared freshman.

Letters

Tail Great

Last year I heard a lot of stories in the Kernel about student apathy toward the UK football program. Well this Saturday at the Seaton Fields, starting at 11 p.m., that so-called apathy can be funneled into Wildcat "Hygiene."

The newly formed Student Athletics Council will be hosting the first Tail Great Party.

No, "Tail Great" isn't misspelled, it merely means that you'll have a great time. While at the "spirit extravaganza," free food from Grand Junction, free cokes and lots of music from Magee 103 will be the main attractions.

The party will conclude with a pep rally that will wind its way to the stadium in time for the season opener between the Cats and Utah State.

Thanks for your support and we hope to see you all there.

Brad Gemeinhart is a member of the Student Athletics Council.

Attitudes

In reply to Thomas J. Sullivan's column entitled "Grateful Retread" — just what is the point you're trying to make?

Is it that deadheads are just "goofs with an attitude," or is this just an opportunity for you to express your superiority? Perhaps this person, deadhead or not, was attempting to point out a way of putting old tires to use instead of adding them to garbage heaps that are threatening our environment.

Perhaps if you would have listened to his ideas instead of promoting yourself from journalist

(and we use that term loosely) to art expert, you might have been enlightened.

Simply because this person did not care to be haggled by a self-righteous journalist, realizing that anything he had to say would have fallen on deaf ears, he walked away.

Any intelligent person would have seen his efforts as pointless and walked away too.

Perhaps the next time you write a column criticizing a person's point of view, you should at least listen to that view before you pass judgement.

Now we ask you, Mr. Sullivan, who is the "goof with an attitude."

Michele Donofrio and Chris Crowe are UK students.

Band together

I would like to comment on how

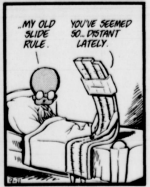
impressed I am with the discipline and hard work of two particular groups here on campus, namely the UK marching band and the varsity football team. Last Friday evening when most of the student body was understandably leaving for the Labor Day holiday, these two groups were practicing hard.

The football team held an inner squad scrimmage and the marching band practiced late into the evening. Sure both groups were coerced for their time and effort, but they have disciplined their skills in order to build a program the University of Kentucky can be proud of.

Please take pride in our University. Support the hard work and effort of both the football team and the UK marching band. You will be glad you did.

George Barber is a UK graduate student.

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Film lore

The 65-year-old Kentucky Theatre traces local film history from the silent to modern era

By JODI WHITAKER
Staff Writer

"A poor man's country club" is one way Fred Mills, manager of the Kentucky Theatre, describes Lexington's only repertory theater in the 20 years he has worked there. And the description fits.

Built in 1922, the Kentucky has gone through many changes over the years. Primary ownership belonged to the team that built the theater, M. Switow & Sons.

The Kentucky was built as a motion picture house and soon became the first in Lexington to have sound.

"The Kentucky was recognized over the years as one of the 10 best operated theaters in the country and was known for its showmanship and all kinds of nifty things it did to promote pictures," Mills said.

Then, during the late '60s and early '70s, the theater showed what Mills categorized as "B-grade movies, karate movies, and the black films." It wasn't until 1978 that the Kentucky became what it is today.

"We started what is known as the Kentucky in 1978," Mills added. "The theater is known as a Revival House or as a repertory theater. We show all different types of films from classics to the world famous foreign films to the first-run hit movies of present day."

The Kentucky also owns Lexington's largest screen, which measures about 20 feet by 42 feet. "It's really unique," Mills said, "because the theater is large and has the largest screen in town. It has a real fine Dolby stereo sound system."

As downtown Lexington began to dwindle and business moved from the area, the Kentucky began to lose its clientele and began to deteriorate.

In 1958, the Kentucky returned to its original owners after a period of

being leased to various companies. After the return, the Switows treated the theater to a complete remodeling. The Switows decided to "create an atmosphere of southern warmth and embody architectural treatments indigenous to the locale," according to the Nov. 3, 1958, issue of *Boxoffice* magazine.

Many unique relics from the history of the Kentucky still exist in the building.

The Kentucky is one of the only theaters in Lexington to have a reel-to-reel projector instead of the common spindle type found in most modern theaters. According to Mills, this type of system cuts down on the dust problem on films and is easier to manage.

Between the projection room of the Kentucky and the balcony of Movies on Main, an adjoining theater, sits a huge fan that came out of a coal mine, according to Mills. It was the first type of cooling or ventilation the Kentucky had. Hundreds of pounds of ice was placed in front of the fan. The fan would blow air over the ice and out a door, and that was the means of cooling the auditorium.

The present stage used to serve as the orchestra pit, which was fully equipped to use for fashion shows and stage shows during the time that the Kentucky was leased out.

The Kentucky was also said to house the nation's second largest organ, which was on a lift that came up from the stage and was played to accompany silent films.

In the concourse of the theater, there are two large domes that hold stained glass windows. The smallest dome is still intact with the original glass, but the glass in the largest

dome was taken out in hopes of improving the acoustics of the theater. However, the center of the large dome is still intact.

The domes added to the atmosphere of the theater by lighting up with different colors, such as amber for daytime movie scenes and blue for night scenes. The lobby also has intact stained glass windows.

The remodeling also consisted of covering marble floors with plush carpet and marble walls with redwood panels. Since then, the carpet has been taken up to expose the marble floor it hid.

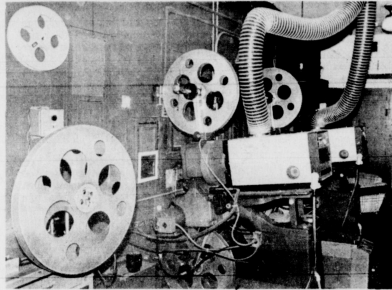
The facade of the building is another unique feature, with its salmon-color brick and windows. The protruding marquis is also one of few that can be found anywhere.

"We're so fortunate to have a large old downtown theater that is able to show or is showing so many diverse films like we show here," Mills said. "And just the fact that

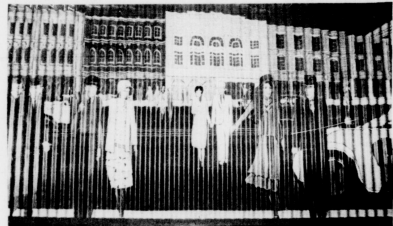
the theater still exists - I'm not so sure that everybody appreciated it. I know that people who come here appreciate the theater, but I think there is a large segment of the community that really doesn't realize what they have in the Kentucky. It's more than a movie... it's an event," Mills said.

"The Kentucky draws a cross-section of people, certainly UK and Transy students, and a lot of young professionals. I would say that the Kentucky draws the true movie buffs, people who really enjoy film. We have our own audience. A lot of people don't go to any other theater in town. They wait until whatever picture they want to see comes to the Kentucky. Some people wait because of the admission price and others wait because of the facility itself.

"This is my child - I've got to take care of it. I've got a lot of feeling and attachment to the place," Mills said.



The Kentucky Theatre underwent renovation in 1978, but kept its reel-to-reel projector (top), its trademark architecture and protruding marquee (below), and a mosaic (below left) that decorates the lobby along with marble floors.



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