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SGA meeting may focus on fiscal responsibility

By GREGORY A. HALL
Senior Staff Writer

Last year the Student Government Association Senate made its television debut. Tonight the Senate may have one of its largest viewing audiences when goes on the air at 7:30. (Teleable Campus Channel 19). The Senate could address the issue of fiscal responsibility in SGA, as was prompted by a Kentucky Kernel investigation into uses of an

unregulated presidential checking account.

Some senators said the issue would be addressed, but they were not sure if the Senate would go into executive session.

The investigation showed that SGA President Sean Lohman used an unregulated checking account, for which he had sole signature authority, to pay bonuses to election officials and office employees and to cash a personal check.

ANALYSIS

Lohman inherited the account that was started in fall 1985 by then-SGA president John Cain. Unlike other SGA accounts, the checking account had no administrative oversight. Lohman closed the account last Wednesday at the request of UK officials.

Records show the vast majority of expenses were just. But, on occa-

sion they show that the SGA president's freedom over the account may have been too great.

"It could have been Mother Teresa in charge of that account and you still would have needed some controls," College of Allied Health Senator Jill Lowry said.

Although the checking account did not break any University regulations, some senators say Lohman could have exercised better judgment.

"I don't think he meant to do anything wrong, but I think he was irresponsible in his management of that fund," Senator at Large Kim Goodwin said.

Lohman paid Jason Vandiver, the president-appointed chairman of the volunteer election board, \$50 after the spring election, which Lohman won.

Lohman also gave more than \$1,500 in bonuses and honoraria to office employees during his two

years as president.

Lohman and other SGA officials have justified the bonuses to office workers because of the work office workers perform.

Lohman used the account to cash a personal check and write himself and his brother, Eric, each a check from the account. He also used the account for a trip to Indianapolis and the Big Four basketball classic

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UNDER COVER



STEVE MULFELAND/Kentucky Kernel Staff

Mild temperatures and rainy conditions made for wet weather yesterday for one UK student, walking by the Health Sciences Building on campus. Intermittent light rain should grace the Bluegrass again today. There's an 80 percent chance for the wet stuff.

CAREER DECISIONS

Center helps students find jobs, perspective

By LISA TAYLOR
Contributing Writer

Although finding a job should be a major concern for UK students, it shouldn't be their only one, counselors at UK's Career Center say.

"Some think that the only goal of a college education should be getting a job," said Drema Howard, a career counselor and associate director of the center. "I try to help students see ... that a job is only one aspect and that they need to take into account their own goals and values."

The center, located on the second floor of the Mathews Building, hasn't always had this philosophy. It was primarily an employment office and recruitment center as late as 1980, when it was called the "Placement Center."

Today's Career Center provides a complete Resource Library to aid students in choosing a career. The center also offers workshops on resume writing and job interviewing skills, including mock job interviews.

Many of the students who come to the center, however, do not utilize anything but the job placement program, Howard said.

Brenda Owen, a fifth-year pharmacy student, did not attend any of the workshops because "they didn't fit into my schedule. I would like to have participated, but the times (for the workshops) were very fixed." Electrical engineering senior Gary Phelps said many students simply don't know about all of the services offered by the center.

"It's not well-known what all

they can do," Phelps said. "Putting out a paper to students of what they offer might help."

One service offered by the center helps students locate employers who don't recruit on campus. The center is connected to a computer network that stores student resumes, Howard said. The network matches students' qualifications with employers across the country.

The center, which offers its free services to all UK students and alumni, is planning an expansion to better meet the needs of job-seekers. Larry Crouch, director of student services, said the center has collected one-third of the \$1.5 million it needs for a new building.

The new facility will be located on Rose Street next to the King Alumni House and will include 20 interview rooms, an audio-video studio where students can tape their own mock interviews and five rooms where recruiters can benefit from talking with individuals and small groups.

The new facility will also feature video telephones that will allow students to talk to recruiters throughout the nation. Crouch said a start date for construction has not yet been planned. "That depends on how the fund raising goes," he said.

Although most students who visit the center are juniors and seniors, Howard stressed that freshman and sophomores seeking potential majors and career direction can benefit from talking with counselors. The center has computer programs that match students' likes, dislikes and personal goals with possible careers.

One of the programs asks students questions about a variety of subjects, including interests, pay levels and geographic preferences. The computer then prints a list of occupations that students may wish to explore, Howard said.

Many alumni also have turned to the service, especially when they want to make career changes, Howard said.

The center has been very successful in its original goal of helping students find jobs, students who have used the service said.

"I have a lot of prospects now,"

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Iraq must leave Kuwait 'fast', Bush says

By EDITH M. LEDEKER
Associated Press

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Allied warplanes and the USS Missouri's mighty guns shattered the morning peace from Baghdad to Kuwait's embattled shores yesterday.



Hard-pressed Iraq banned sales of heating oil and other fuel to its citizens, who grew ever more desperate under a mid-winter siege.

Baghdad said 428 civilians have been killed thus far in what the official radio condemned as "savage" bombing.

Up on the desert war front, the Syrian contingent in Operation Desert Storm clashed with the Iraqis for the first time.

The Saudi military said Syrian artillery drove 30 intruders back into Kuwait after they crossed into Saudi Arabia. But a news pool report from the front said U.S. Marine officers gave a different account: Iraqi troops struck twice across the border, overrunning a Syrian position in one attack, being pushed back in the second.

Behind the scenes in Mideast capitals, meanwhile, diplomats and

Arabs feel 'betrayed' by U.S.

By MARC DALEY
and MARY BETH MAZZEO
Contributing Writers

Two professors specializing in Middle Eastern issues said at UK last night that anti-American sentiment by the Arabs can be traced all the way back to World War I.

William Shorrock, a professor at Cleveland State University, and William Adams, an anthropology professor at UK, discussed Arab attitudes towards Western nations in "The Arabs & The West", the second in a series of forums held in UK's Student Center.

"Many Arabs feel betrayed by the West, a betrayal for which no adequate recompense has been given," Shorrock said.

Shorrock said that, despite

President Bush's insistence that the current crisis has nothing to do with Arab feelings during World War I, it has deep roots there and in events leading up to it.

The anti-Western sentiment may have started with European colonialism of Middle East countries in the mid-1800s and continued with English and French mandates of many Arab countries after World War I, he said.

Many European nations began to colonize Middle Eastern nations for economic and political reasons, he said. The central nation in this imperialism was Turkey, which Britain colonized. Britain sought to exert a great deal of Western influence on this nation. As a result, Shorrock said, it became dependent on British re-

sources to survive economically.

As Western nations began to weaken, Turkey was convinced to go to war against them on Germany's side.

As a result, the Western nations persuaded the Arabs to lead a revolt against Turkey. In return, the Arab revolutionaries thought they were going to obtain independence and land. However, the Arab territories were parceled out in treaties to Western nations.

The Arabs felt they should have gained control of Palestine, and that they were cheated out of it by the Western nations. "Indeed, Palestine is a promised land. Great Britain promised it to itself, the Arabs thought it to itself, and the Balfour agreement promised it to the Jews," Shorrock said.

get out of Kuwait," now, fast," Bush said.

The U.S. chief executive said he was sending the Pentagon's top leadership — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin L. Powell — to the war zone this week to assess how the U.S.-led offensive, now 20 days old, is progressing.

President Bush said yesterday he doubts Iraq's army can be ex-

pelled from Kuwait without a ground war and announced he is sending Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell to the Persian Gulf for a "firsthand status report."

Bush, at a news conference, said "it would be a lot easier to see a successful conclusion" if Saddam Hussein were ousted or killed, but he stressed that the U.S. objective was still simply to

drive Saddam's forces from Kuwait. Any other world leader would have yielded by now rather than submit his country to relentless bombings and missile attacks, Bush said.

Spelling out rigid conditions for any cease-fire, Bush said Saddam would have to undertake "a credible, visible, totally convincing withdrawal" and return Kuwait's exiled leadership to power.

"He's got to say, 'I'm going to get out of Kuwait, now, fast.'"

Twenty days into the war, Bush portrayed himself as being at peace with himself, comfortable with the momentous decisions of sending American troops into battle. "I'm sleeping quite well, as a matter of fact."

Bush said, "I know what I've got to do," but he added, "I can't tell you I don't shed a tear for families and for those that might be lost in combat."

The U.S. command reported another 2,000-sortie day in the Desert Storm air war, and said American warplanes took special aim again at the dug-in Republican Guard, backbones of the Iraqi defense of Kuwait. Giant Air Force B-52 bombers struck Republican Guard positions in six raids, the command said.

It said U.S. warplanes also continued focusing on resupply lines to the Iraqi troops in Kuwait and southern Iraq, striking a 25-truck convoy in one instance late Mon-

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UK TODAY

An RHA-sponsored blood drive continues from 2 to 9 p.m. at Haggin Hall.

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DIVERSIONS

Americanizing

The solution to nation's education dilemma is to bring down other countries' standards

Even as you read this, 4-year-old school children in Tokyo are composing operas in Latin. Here at home, recent surveys indicate that the average high school senior thinks that Joan of Arc is an actress on "Knots Landing" and that Joyce Carol Oates is a breakfast cereal.

British school kids are adding bizarre new elements to the "Periodic Table of Elements" at a rate of three per day. Meanwhile, American youngsters slowly fossilize as exploding turtles battle it out with sub-machine guns on TV.

German children can name the shoe size of every American president, including Chester A. Arthur (a size 9). Billy and Betty Lunchbox have arguments on the school bus about which New Kid on the Block has the coolest hairstyle.

Scary? You bet it is. Education in the United States isn't what it used to be. Something needs to be done; citizens need to scream.

And every educational muckety-muck agrees on one thing: No one can agree about what to do. There are no easy answers.

After all, a serious attempt to raise American educational standards would mean patience, sacrifice and commitment. That's why



Toby GIBBS

the new solution is obvious: Let's forget about raising our standards and do something much easier. Let's get every other country on the face of the earth to lower theirs.

Sound difficult? Not so.

Let's use the lovely island nation of Japan as an example, shall we?

By lobbying their legislature, advertising on their television networks and flooding them with handy-dandy anti-education paraphernalia, in no time Japanese test scores will drop like nobody's business, to coin a phrase.

To see how this could happen, let's begin with what we can do in the classroom.

Japanese children work too hard.

We need to lobby for more study halls, where they can sleep on their desks, shoot spitballs, carve vulgar phrases into the desks and copy each others' homework.

Pointless classes can be added to the curriculum. Endless hours can be spent while a portly physical ed-

ucation teacher yells at the children about why they shouldn't horse around while they put up the volleyball net — a common occurrence here. Let's encourage them to take health, so they can waste time reading an inane textbook about yogurt.

When former President Ronald Reagan is in Japan again for another of his multimillion dollar speaking tours, let's ask the Gipper to sell them on his administration's cafeteria food policy.

Ketchup is officially classified as a vegetable, salt is a meat and cheese puffs are dairy products. What is the official designation of that strange gelatin dessert we used to have all the time in elementary school? Science hasn't figured it out.

Anyway, Japanese school children will have trouble retaining information when the pangs of hunger leave them chronically woozy.

Is there even a Japanese version of our famed American brand of Cliff's Notes, that miracle of Yankee ingenuity that makes it possible to skim through a Shakespearean tragedy during the detergent and light beer commercials we see during a typical network sitcom? If not, let's invent one for them.

But the classroom is but one im-

portant phase in the overall plan.

The workplace is just as important. We need to encourage employees in the average Japanese business-plant to waste time on an office sumo-wrestling pool. Long distance phone calls to long-lost friends on company time? Go for it, we can tell them.

Want to call in sick so you loaf around the house watching the Japanese version of "The Match Game?" Go ahead, we'll tell them you have that time coming.

We need to divert their attention away from pioneering breakthroughs in computer science and electronics.

Namely, we need to get them to do what American workers do best — photocopying each others' wazoos on the copy machine for laughs.

Japan is just one country that needs to be "Americanized." Other industrial nations need the treatment as well. All of this may take a while, but it will pay off eventually.

In time, the day will come when the average Japanese businessman spends days on end watching football and slowly growing roots into a La-Z-Boy, occasionally yelling into the kitchen, "Hey, hon — beer me!"

When that day comes, it will be



JERRY VOIGT/Staff Artist

an exciting new day for American education.

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Van Damme still looking for a role

Actor's latest action flick short on style

MOVIE REVIEW

By D.R. WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Critic

After seven films, you would think that Jean-Claude Van Damme would have discovered the secret to making a reliable low-budget action film, instead of being a part of yet another near hit.

His latest attempt, "Lionheart," does provide a few new angles on the usual Van Damme persona and plenty of opportunities to showcase Van Damme's martial arts talents.

His character this time is Lyon, a reluctant member of an especially corny and inept French Foreign Legion, who deserts in order to go to America and help his dead brother's wife and child.

Naturally, once in America, he doesn't try to check out an honest day's pay but rather plunges immediately into the lucrative bare-knuckles fight circuit.

Of course, Van Damme flicks have never been known for plots worth taking seriously. His best film, "Cyborg," had him as a Mad Max-type hero doing battle against quasi-humans in a rather sunny



PHOTO COURTESY FOX

Jean-Claude Van Damme still has not discovered the secret to making a reliable low-budget action flick.

post-apocalyptic world.

The success or failure of his films rely solely on the amount of actual acting talent is around him and how much screen time is given to his well-choreographed fight scenes.

Van Damme's acting tends to improve on a step-by-step basis, so indeed his performance was a little better than the last. The best acting comes from newcomer Harrison Page, who adds a necessary dose of humor and spontaneity as Lyon's streetwise manager.

Several times, Page's straightforward dialogue and wry comebacks make up considerably for the rest of the screenplay's clichés and nonsense.

Unfortunately, "Lionheart" has the overall look of a shoddy C-grade flick. Van Damme is on the brink of big-budget stardom.

When will he decide to cross over?

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Dance fever sweeps Rio De Janeiro

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Dance fever gripped this South American city this month as George Michael, Prince, Deee-Lite and Carlos Santana thrilled thousands of fans at the mammoth Rock in Rio II music festival.

Despite heavy rain, thousands hopped and gyrated to the rhythm of Michael's hit, "Father Figure," as stage lights and lasers flashed over the crowd at Maracana soccer stadium, the world's largest outdoor arena with a concert capacity of 120,000.

A high point was a Jan. 20 concert when a capacity crowd jammed the stadium to hear the heavy metal band Guns N' Roses. Attendance during the first five days topped 400,000, promoters said.

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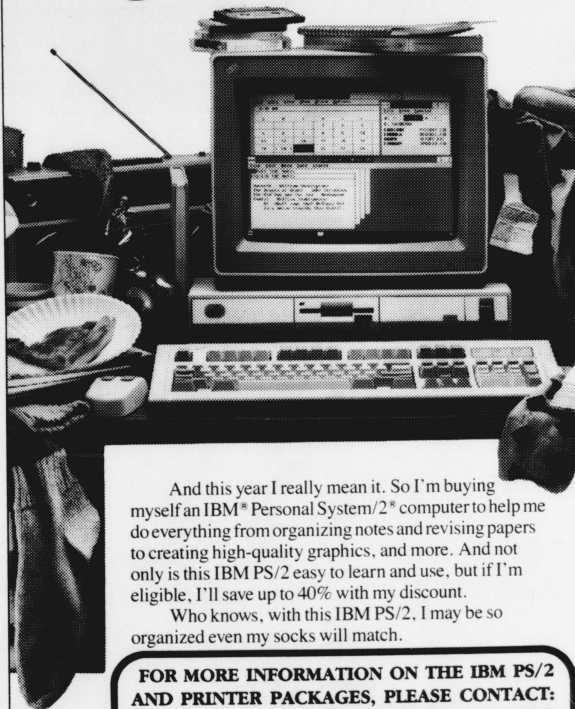
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SPORTS

Kats seek win, dominance

By TAMMY GAY
Staff Writer

Before the 1990-91 season began the UK women's basketball team set the goal of winning all their in-state games.

That goal slipped away just last month — after a disappointing 70-63 loss to Louisville.

However, UK coach Sharon Fanning isn't going to let that loss dampen her team's quest to establish dominance in the state of Kentucky.

"It is a priority to win in-state games," Fanning said.

The Lady Kats, (14-7 overall, 1-5 Southeastern Conference) will get a chance to put a link on the chain they want to lay around the commonwealth's borders tonight when they face Morehead State University tonight in Johnson Arena on the Morehead campus.

The Lady Eagles, however, have enough talent to test UK's bruised mettle.

Morehead has won two of its last three games. They defeated both Austin Peay and Murray State universities, raising their record to 10-9 overall and 3-4 Ohio Valley Conference play.

"We have to go in there (Morehead) playing our very best game if

"It is a priority to win in-state games ... We have to go in there (Morehead) playing our very best game if we expect to win."

Sharon Fanning,
Lady Kats head coach

we expect to win," Fanning said. The game is the first of five straight road games for the Lady Kats — before they come back home for their regular season finale against Florida Feb. 23.

Though the Kats have compiled a dismal 1-5 record in the tough SEC, they have shown a much-needed dominance over non-conference opponents.

"If we don't win our non-conference games, the NCAA will not be a reality for us," Fanning said. "We must do well with in non-conference (games) and improve our conference record."

Standing in the way of the Kats goal will be Lady Eagles' star player Julie Magrane (sister of St. Louis Cardinals ace left-hander Joe Magrane).

Magrane leads the Lady Eagles in scoring, averaging 18 points and 10.1 rebounds a game.

Two other Eagles average in double figures — Bev Smith with 16.7 points per game and Beth Ousley

with 14.3 points per game. Morehead likes to put up the three-pointer, which may pose problems to the UK defense. Their top three-point threat is Beth Ousley. So far this season Ousley has hit 40.2 percent (43-107) from long range.

Besides being able to hit the trey, the Lady Eagles are very experienced.

"All five (starters) played against us last year — and played well," said Fanning.

After a crushing 87-71 loss to Georgia Sunday, Fanning has developed a game plan for Morehead.

"Play our own game and do a better job of communicating, along with playing good team defense," Fanning said.

Unfortunately for the Kats, they will have to play without starting point guard and lone senior Tracye Davis. Davis is out with shoulder injuries. She hopes to be back for next Saturday's conference game against Mississippi State.

With Davis out, the job of directing the team will fall to freshmen Karen Killen.

"We don't want to push her into anything too quickly," Fanning said.

As the Kats enter the stretch of their season, Fanning feels her team is putting in an effort. The team's strength is "intensity — we are playing awfully hard, and I am proud of that."

Although her team has lost two of their last three games, Fanning does not think her team is struggling.

"When I look at our progress it's our team (she is impressed with). I'm pleased with our overall progress," Fanning said.

"It is the last third of the season ... our time ... beginning to peak."



STEVE McFARLAND/Kernel Staff

UK freshman guard Karen Killen flies up for a shot in UK's 87-71 loss to Georgia Sunday in Memorial Coliseum. With senior point guard Tracye Davis out with injuries, Killen will be called upon to produce.

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ACTORS' GUILD

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Lyman T. Johnson

In 1949, as a result of a Federal Court suit by Louisville civil rights leader Lyman T. Johnson, the University of Kentucky was desegregated. After winning his case and being allowed to attend UK's professional school, Lyman and 30 other black students were still being discriminated against. The University set aside specific desks and tables marked "Reserved for Special Students" in classrooms and the cafeteria. However, students both black and white, protested and the signs were removed.

Wheelin' and dealin': team works for success

Wheel Kats lost in Invitational, but their investment is in future

By MARY BETH MAZZEO
Contributing Writer

Last weekend the UK Wheel Kats held the 12th annual Bluegrass Invitational wheelchair basketball tournament at the Seaton Center. The three-day tournament is considered the best of its kind in the world.

"This is, by far, the best collection of talent at one place at one time in the whole world. This is the best of the best," Woodard said of the Invitational.

The Wheel Kats (26-9) — ranked 32nd in the nation before the tournament — upset 17th-ranked Denver Friday in the first round 67-64.

The Kats, down by 12 points within seven minutes left, came back in the final minutes behind the efforts of 27-year-old Steve Kane and 23-year-old Tim Maloney.

"We made some adjustments," UK coach Mike Woodard said. "Basically, we wanted it more than (Denver) did."

The Kats, however, had little time to savor the victory. They were beaten a few hours later by top-ranked Arkansas 82-52. The Rolling Razorbacks beat Grand Rapids Pacers Sunday in overtime, 67-66, to take the championship.

"We are, by and far, not of the talent level that (Arkansas) is," Woodard said.

Woodard, though, has been building the Wheel Kats into a potential national powerhouse.

He has been coaching the Wheel Kats for the past four years, and holds a 68-22 record throughout the past three years. When Woodard first came to UK, in 1987, he "did it all.... I did everything from sweeping the gym to raising money to being a manager to a guidance counselor," he said.

And, in the process, he has learned the ins and outs of producing a great team. There are a few things to remember when starting up a wheelchair team — and keep-

ing it alive, he said.

Woodard said that recruiting and a good money base is vital to a successful team. When he came to UK, the Wheel Kats were operating on a \$2,000 resource base. Their budget has increased to approximately \$10,000.

The Wheel Kats generate funds in a variety of ways. Their big fundraiser is the Bluegrass Invitational. They are constantly seeking sponsors for the team and often put on benefit games to civic groups and schools within the community for other methods of raising money. "When I first came here we had seven players and had no organized base. It was very much a recreational team," said Woodard.

Woodard has organized the team with a business sense — dividing the team members into committees to ensure the success of the program. There are three committees — marketing/promotion, fund raising and business.

Woodard named a few of the goals that the team wants to achieve in the next year. "Our goal last year was to break the top 25. This year we want to be a top 10 team."

He also said that the Wheel Kats want to increase community awareness and support for the team. "Eventually I'd like to use the wheelchair basketball team as a stepping stone to other sports, like track and field, tennis, etc.," Woodard said.

Lexington is also home to the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. Dr. Stan Labanowich is the commissioner. He has held this position since 1973.

In 1979, he organized the Wheel Kats. He saw starting the team as a chance to "do so much good for so many people. For a lot of these people in their lives, their central interest is the sport," he said.

He also serves as the team's faculty adviser. He sees his position as that of someone who provides



answers to questions.

And, of course, he helps the team raise funds.

As commissioner, Labanowich is the "clearing house" of the organization in terms of information.

He polices the organization to make sure that there are no violations of player eligibility, transfers or recruiting.

UK seems to be on a collision course with a similar rise to the top.

As a former Wheel Kat coach, Frank Burns has a lot to say about the Wheel Kats program and how far it has come in the past few years.

"The Kentucky program has come a long way. A disabled student and community member can now participate.... for a lot of these guys, a chance to play the greatest game in the state is the chance of a lifetime."



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UK's Tim Maloney (23) attempts a hook shot (above) over a Denver opponent Friday in UK's Bluegrass Invitational Tournament.

(Right) UK's Steve Kane (52) pops a shot in the same game. UK beat Denver 67-64 but later fell to the eventual champion, the Arkansas Rolling Razorbacks, currently ranked as the No. 1 team in the country.

Razorbacks have peaked with sponsors

By MARY BETH MAZZEO
Contributing Writer

One winning — and lucrative — wheelchair basketball program is coach Harry Vines' Arkansas Rolling Razorbacks.

In fact, the Rolling Razorbacks have been named the outstanding sports program of the year by the Arkansas Gazette. Vines said, "We treat our game as a sport. I don't look at my guys as in wheelchairs. I see them as basketball players."

He said a key element of his success is his top-ranked team's ability to obtain quality sponsors. When the community saw that the Razorbacks had reputable sponsors, Vines said, many others wanted to sponsor his team. His sponsors include a local bank, Coors' Light, United Medical, among others.

The Rolling Razorbacks operate on about a \$15,000 resource base.

Recently the FBI have approached Vines, asking his players to be the role models used in the drug-free campaign. "They are recognizing these guys as athletes," he said.

'February Frenzy' begins today

By GRAHAM SHELBY
Staff Writer

While March Madness in Kentucky is still a month away, 16 schools descend to Lexington today for what could become "February Frenzy."

The second annual All 'A' Classic returns to Memorial Coliseum with two two-game sessions.

The tournament began last year to showcase the basketball teams of Kentucky's small Class A schools which don't have the talent pool to compete with larger schools.

High schools with an enrollment of less than 425 students in grades 10-12 are designated Class A.

Sam Dunn, tournament media coordinator, said this year's tournament features six "veteran teams" — who played in last year's initial series — as well as six teams who have never participated in a statewide tournament.

Pikeville, Lexington Catholic, Kentucky Country Day, Caverna, Maysville and defending champion University Heights all contributed their sweat to the shine on 1990's inaugural championship trophies.

On the other end of the spectrum, players from Beth Haven, Cumberland, Jenkins, Raceland, Russellville and Trimble County will be the first in their schools' histories to squeak soles with a state title on the line.

Dunn said last year the All 'A' drew over 33,000 fans and that he expected this year's turnstiles to be clicking even more.

"Interest (in the tournament) is extremely high" this year, he said.

The schools' communities have generated substantial support, "particularly, the ones who've never been to a statewide tournament."

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4. Newport Catholic (16-7)	65.9	At Memorial Coliseum
5. Hancock Catholic (14-5)	64.4	1 p.m. - Pikeville vs. Beth Haven
6. Kentucky Country Day (15-4)	62.3	2:30 - Murray vs. Hancock
7. Pikeville (17-4)	61.2	County
8. Lexington Catholic (16-5)	58.9	7:30 - University Heights vs.
9. Murray (16-5)	58.4	Trimble County
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Congressmen to work for flood relief

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two members of Kentucky's congressional delegation indicated they will attempt to restore funds for flood-control projects that President Bush eliminated from his proposed budget.

"We will fight the battles we have fought before," said Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers, R-5th District, who had sponsored measures for flood control work in Kentucky — at Harlan and Barbourville.

They were omitted along with money for another of Rogers' pet projects, the Cumberland Gap highway tunnel.

An aide to Rep. Chris Perkins, D-7th District, said he will seek money for flood-control work planned for Salyersville.

Perkins also will seek funds for reconstruction of U.S. 23 in eastern Kentucky, which also was absent from the president's proposed fiscal year 1992 budget.

The spending plan does provide funds for military construction at Fort Knox and Fort Campbell and authorizes a big increase in its "hu-

man development" efforts. But the spending plan would cut funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The administration did include \$1.7 million for the first two years of pre-construction design work at McAlpine Locks and Dam at Louisville.

The Corps of Engineers project, expected to cost almost \$300 million, would replace an old 600-foot-long lock with one 1,200 feet long.

The budget provides the first construction money for the replacement of locks and dams 52 and 53 on the Ohio River near Paducah.

The new navigational facility at Olmsted, Ill., is expected to cost \$1 billion, which would make it the most expensive project in the corps' history.

The budget includes an \$11.4 million installment.

In military spending, the budget recommends \$46.3 million worth of construction at Fort Knox and Fort Campbell. At Fort Knox, the big-ticket item is \$17 million worth of sewage-treatment-plant improvements.

million for a system to control building temperatures, \$2.7 million to modernize dining facilities and \$600,000 for pistol-range improvements.

For Campbell is to get \$14.8 million for a maintenance plant, \$5.8 million for a three-building headquarters complex for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, \$1.6 million for firing-range improvements and \$650,000 for a sewage plant.

The Appalachian Regional Commission, which is spending \$184 million in the current year, would get only \$100 million next year. But spending on rural education and health programs would increase from \$9.4 million to \$17.4 million.

If a Department of Agriculture budget proposal becomes law, tobacco farmers will have to start paying for printed copies of tobacco-marketing news.

Most farmers already have to pay for printed reports about their crops, but federal law specifically exempted those on tobacco. The savings are projected at \$10,000 a year.

The budget notes that tobacco farmers also will have to pay a spe-

cial assessment of 0.792 cents per pound of burley — one-half of 1 percent of the price-support rate.

The U.S. Office of Surface Mining's total budget would be cut by 12 percent — dropping from this year's \$309.8 million to \$272 million.

Funding to reclaim abandoned mines would be reduced 21 percent — from this year's \$199 million to \$158 million.

As in the past, the administration proposes eliminating the Rural Abandoned Mine Program, which is administered through the Department of Agriculture. The administration claims RAMP duplicates state programs.

Spending by the Mine Safety and Health Administration would total \$186.2 million in the new year — an increase of \$12.6 million over the current level. The major part of the increase — \$7.4 million — would go for enforcement of coal-mine health and safety rules.

Work on coal liquefaction would be chipped from \$43 million to \$17 million, and spending on underground coal gasification would be eliminated.

KEPAC endorses Jones in Democratic primary

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky Education Association, which hasn't had great luck picking winners in recent gubernatorial elections, is backing Lt. Gov. Brereton Jones in the Democratic primary this year.

The endorsement by the Kentucky Educators Political Action Committee could mean thousands of dollars in contributions to the Jones campaign and a ready-made volunteer force.

Technically, the KEPAC endorsement is a recommendation to more than 140 local teacher PACs. To be accepted, the recommendation must be ratified by a majority of those local groups, but that is considered a formality.

Also receiving the KEA endorsement were Democrats John Frith Stewart in the race for lieutenant governor, John Lackey in the primary for attorney general and Bob Babbage for secretary of state.

Republican candidates were interviewed for the four offices that drew Democratic endorsements, but no GOP endorsements were made by the KEA.

Virtually all of the Democratic and Republican contenders were interviewed by the KEPAC committee during last weekend. The only exceptions were perennial GOP candidate Tommy Klein and Steve Collins, a Democrat running for lieutenant governor who was delayed elsewhere.

KEA President David Allen said Jones received the unanimous endorsement of the KEPAC, the first time that has happened in 17 years.

In 1987, the state KEPAC gave \$40,000 to the gubernatorial campaign of then-Lt. Gov. Sieve Besthear. Smaller amounts were contributed by local PACs.

After Besthear's loss to Wallace Wilkinson in the primary, KEPAC threw its support to the Republican nominee, John Harper, whom Wilkinson trounced in the general election.

A change in campaign finance laws means PACs can contribute only \$4,000 to any single candidate. But the KEPAC organization means there are more than 140 local PACs.

The endorsement of Stewart, the least known of the seven Democrats running for lieutenant governor, was predictable, Stewart, an Oldham County lawyer with a substantial practice on behalf of organized labor, is representing the KEA in a lawsuit against the 1990 Education Reform Act.

Lackey is a Richmond lawyer and former lawmaker and one of two Democrats running for attorney general.

Babbage currently is state auditor of public accounts and is one of three Democrats running for secretary of state.

KEPAC has about 28,000 members in Kentucky, each of whom contributes at least \$7 per year to the organization.

UK benefited from Showcase

Staff reports

Kentucky's academic talent and college dollars are staying in the state with the help of the Sweet 16 Academic Showcase.

Six universities in particular have benefited substantially from the Sweet 16 program.

Since the Showcase began in 1985, UK already has enrolled 36 students who won Sweet 16 scholarships. The second biggest college beneficiary is the University of Louisville, which has had 20 Sweet 16 enrollees.


Since Lexington Mayor Scotty Baesler originated the program, more than \$350,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 326 students from 168 Kentucky high schools. The scholarships have to be used at a Kentucky college, university or post-secondary educational institution.

Students are competing this year for \$75,350 in scholarships. Individual first place state winners receive \$2,000; second place, \$1,200; third, \$850; fourth, \$600.

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Kentuckian dies in gulf

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A Jefferson County man is the first Kentuckian reported killed in Operation Desert Storm, officials revealed Monday night.

The Pentagon said Capt. James K. Thorp, 30, of Valley Station was one of four Marines killed Sunday in the crash of a UH-1 helicopter in Saudi Arabia.

The crash was accidental and non-combat related.

Clarification

An article in yesterday's paper on former Solicitor General Robert Bork contained some incorrect information. Bork's meeting with Fayette County high school students was organized by Marlene Helm, of Fayette County Schools, and the Fayette County Women's Club.

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SGA

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to recruit an administrator to UK. In both instances, Lohman said he was not at fault because he reimbursed the account.

At least one UK administrator feels that Lohman's use of the account for personal reasons resulted from a lack of instruction from previous SGA presidents.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Kuder said in an interview last week that Lohman's uses of the account were based on the actions of other presidents.

"A myth has built up about (the checking account)," Kuder said. "And Lohman went merrily about his way considering that he was doing all that was right. I have no rea-

son to question Sean's integrity." Student Center Director Frank Harris said that SGA was allowed to have an outside checking account, devoid of University oversight, to "maximize self-governance."

SGA's faculty adviser J.W. Patterson said he doesn't advise SGA on anything unless asked.

Tonight the Senate may ask him — or another University official — to watch more closely. Some senators have discussed, and Lohman said earlier he would agree to have, a co-signer on any new SGA checking account.

Lohman said a checking account is needed to circumvent the two-to-three-week wait required to get money by a UK invoice.

The account was funded by about \$15,000 in yearly revenues generated by SGA from the sale of phone book advertisements.

And because of that, Lohman said the money in the checking account was different from the money in the state-funded and student fee-funded SGA accounts.

"When you have an organization like student government, a certain amount of the money is the students' actual money," Lohman said in an interview last Wednesday. "We try and keep the student money separate. And then we spend our own organization's money on developing our own organization."

But some take a different view of the money in the checking account.

"It is their money, but they're custodians for the rest of the students at the University to carry out business for the students at the University," Harris said.

"We must hold ourselves accountable for every cent of that money," Lohman said. "But I think

that there is a difference when you're spending students' money and when you're spending the money that our organization has generated. We were elected to spend that money in the way that we see fit."

And tonight the Senate may see fit to implement more checks and balances over the account and SGA expenditures.

Lohman said SGA is "an organization just like any other (student) organization." In a sense he is right, but unlike any other student organization, SGA is entrusted with the responsibility to use students' money for students' and UK's benefit. And tonight, as the Senate and its handling of the checking account situation is scrutinized by students watching on television, SGA's legislators might determine to increase scrutiny of SGA spending.

Career

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Owen said. "It cuts down on the amount of work you have to do, and having to state goals on your application (to the center) helps you get organized."

Students who want to participate in the center's job placement program must fill out a registration form that reads like a job application.

Then students watch a film, have their registration validated and wait for employers to post a sign-up sheet so they can choose companies that interest them.

Employers then post a "preference" list of students they would like to interview.

Besides maintaining extensive directories that keep student profiles on file for thousands of employers nationwide, the center provides a listing of over 70,000 job openings in its library.

Howard said that most of the companies the Career Center works with never come to campus but keep in touch through the center's extensive network.

One of the goals of the center is to guide students whose chosen careers have a less obvious demand.

"We teach these students about the 'hidden job market' — the fact that 85% of jobs are never advertised," he said.

Turning out students who know not only where the jobs are but also how they can find their ideal jobs remains the largest factor in the Career Center's success.

Gulf

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day; British officers reported strikes on an ammunition storage site south of Baghdad, and a railway junction and rail bridge in southern Iraq, among other targets.

They said one-third of the key bridges in Iraq have been destroyed. A key U.S. Air Force commander, Col. John McBroom of the First Tactical Fighter Wing, told reporters yesterday some Iraqi ground units fighting "capabilities" were cut in half by air strikes.

American commanders say they want the attacks on armored vehicles and bunkers to reduce Iraqi fighting power by half before they will order a U.S. ground offensive against the half-million-man army

assembled in Kuwait and southern Iraq.

"The air war is absolutely getting to him," McBroom said. Iraqi troops in Kuwait got it from another quarter as well — the battleship Missouri, on station within 25 miles of the Kuwait shore at the head of the gulf.

For the second time in as many days, the U.S. command reported, the huge warship's 16-inch guns opened up twice overnight — once with six rounds that knocked out part of an Iraqi long-range artillery battery in Kuwait as it shelled coalition troops in Saudi Arabia, and once with 28 rounds that destroyed an Iraqi radar site.

At midday yesterday, the Missouri could still be seen off Khafji, in Saudi Arabia's northeast corner, firing its guns toward the Kuwaiti coastline again, an informed source reported.

The Missouri's thunderous debut off the coast is another signal of the approach of an conventional ground assault, probably including an amphibious landing by thousands of Marines who recently completed a "dress rehearsal" assault in the southern gulf.

"What the Missouri is doing, that's just target practice, getting ready for us," said a Marine officer at the Pentagon in Washington.

Out on the assault ship USS Okinawa, aloft in the gulf, ordinary Marines know a landing is all but certain.

"Most of the people realize they will have heavy casualties," Lance Cpl. Rod Sturkie told a reporter. "But no one likes to talk about it too much."

In Baghdad early yesterday, post-midnight explosions shattered windows and shook residents from their beds for another early morning

spontaneous in basement shelters. Witnesses said at least four allied missiles — probably cruise missiles — hit the city, Associated Press correspondent Salah Nasrawi reported from the Iraqi capital. They said one was at a military site.

Baghdadis, already trying to cope with critical shortages of heating oil, cooking gas and gasoline, were told by official radio yesterday that all fuel sales to civilians had been banned.

It was a crippling irony of war for the oil-rich nation, and will probably mean the shutdown of public transportation within days. Nasrawi said horsedrawn carts had already become prized possessions in the old riverside city of 4 million people — 1 million of whom are believed to have fled.

The Iraqi capital's water supplies were already partly cut off and its electricity totally cut off.

The Doggy Bag by Kenn Minter



UK creative writing contest now accepting manuscripts

Staff reports

March 5 is the deadline for UK undergraduates to submit manuscripts to the annual Dantzer Fiction and Farquhar Poetry competitions, sponsored by the English Department.

A \$100 cash prize is offered to the winner in each category.

The rules for submission are as follows:

Fiction should be neatly typed, double-spaced, with author's name and address clearly indicated on the story. Short stories or excerpts from

longer works (maximum length of 20 typed pages) may be submitted.

Poetry submissions are limited to 10 pages per individual. These pages may include one or two poems. The poet's name and address must be clearly indicated on the manuscript.

Photocopied manuscripts are acceptable, as no manuscripts will be returned.

The contest is open to current UK undergraduates only.

The winner of each contest will be published, with the author's consent, in the 1991 edition of *Still Life*,

the literary supplement to the Kentucky Kernel. Students are also encouraged to submit their work to *Still Life* at the same time they submit to the Dantzer-Farquhar contests.

Results of the contests will be announced in mid-April. The awards will be formally presented in late April at the English Department's annual Awards Ceremony.

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Unregulated SGA account raises questions

The independent checking account UK Student Government Association President Sean Lohman closed down last week raises many questions about how student government has conducted its affairs for several years.

For six years, SGA presidents have used an unregulated checking account funded by revenue from the printing contract on the UK telephone directory. SGA has received about \$15,000 a year from the printing contract, said Student Center Director Frank Harris. Lohman closed the checking account upon the University's request.

Records show that Lohman used the account most of the time for SGA and executive branch business, but a few of his uses of the account raise some serious questions about what he was thinking and why no one knew something questionable was going on in SGA. Lohman used the unregulated checking account on two instances for personal matters. He also used it to pay \$1,409 in honoraria to SGA's secretary and to give bonuses to office personnel.

While none of Lohman's uses of the unregulated checking account violated University regulations, it does leave one wondering why an attitude has permeated SGA that it was OK to hand out honoraria and bonuses to office employees with SGA funds.

When asked about the account, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Kuder explained: "A myth has built up (about the checking account). And Lohman went merrily about his way considering that he was doing all that was right. I have no reason to question Sean's integrity."

The evidence thus far has not given us a reason to question Lohman's integrity, but it does give us a reason to question his judgment.

Simply because an attitude had prevailed in SGA that an unregulated checking account was OK to use — even once in awhile for personal uses — does not mean that taking advantage of it was right.

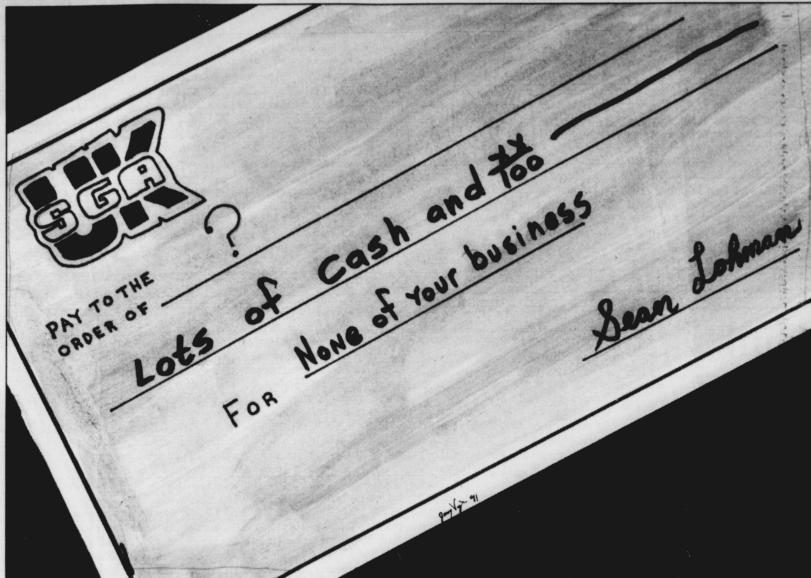
Harris said he had cautioned previous SGA presidents against having a checking account because of the potential for its abuse. If that is the case, why didn't Lohman realize the potential that an unregulated checking account could be questioned.

While a certain amount of not recognizing the problems of an unregulated account falls on Lohman's shoulders, the SGA Senate also must accept problems caused by the account. One of the Senate's jobs is to serve as a check on the executive branch, and by not asking questions about it, senators failed the students they serve.

College of Allied Health Senator Jill Lowry said that she feels "kind of responsible" for not being fully aware that the SGA president had an unregulated checking account. "I feel like I didn't ask enough questions and make that safer for who was in office."

If another checking account is required, the executive branch should be required to submit a monthly financial statement to Senate detailing all expenditures.

SGA can play an important role in the campus' life, but until this matter is fully resolved, many students will question which students SGA considers first in its slogan, "Students First" — students in the SGA executive branch or all UK students.



Opposing war and supporting U.S. troops

Now, three weeks into the Persian Gulf war, I am still unsure exactly what my position on it is.

Although I wrote several columns against this war before it even started, I decided to re-evaluate my position after the fighting began.

I was concerned about the thousands of troops in Saudi Arabia and wanted them to come home immediately. I believed, and still do believe, that this is a war for oil and is an act of U.S. aggression and meddling.

But I don't think the United States could or even should pull out now. If nothing else, this war has shown that Saddam Hussein is a world threat and must be removed.

Whether U.S. deployment of troops and the war itself is right or wrong, I believe I need to support our country and its soldiers.

But while I like to act on my beliefs, I can't bring myself to do anything about this.

To participate in anti-war protests will make no difference in the course of action — the U.S. military will finish what it started. But to attend pro-war, pro-troops demonstrations is against what I believe.

While I, of course, support the troops, I cannot support this war and so cannot join those who say that the United States is doing the right thing.

When President Bush and some



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war supporters tell me that America must defend freedom at any cost, I ask why we did not send troops to Tiananmen Square two Julys ago or to struggling Soviet republics last month.

But then not all who want freedom are economically capable of writing big checks to Uncle Sam for years to come.

There probably are other students who feel as I do — objectors to the war who feel as if their hands are tied behind their backs by their support of the men and women serving in the armed forces.

Since the war started, this helplessness has kept me catching up on the news at least every few hours. My reactions during the last few weeks went beyond my usual half-attentiveness to current events. I found myself holding my breath when I saw the first footage of American pilots held as POWs by the Iraqis.

One pilot, who had cuts and bruises on his face, recited his name and rank slowly: "Navy Lt. Jeffrey Zann, of the 35th Attack Squadron of the USS Saratoga in the Red Sea."

I was stunned, and thankful. My brother was stationed on the Saratoga in the Mediterranean Sea for almost two years. He is no longer in the Navy, but I wondered how I would feel if he were still on that ship.

I wondered if that would have made a dent in this inability to act. Like many other people, I have fallen prey to what is being called the "CNN complex," a fixation with continuous news. Then last weekend I set a rule for myself: no newspapers, no television news and rapid channel-switching of my stereo to avoid any and all war updates.

That lasted until Sunday morning. I broke down and turned the television to CNN. Within five seconds I heard that, during my news hiatus, a number of Marines had been killed by "friendly fire."

Now there's an oxymoron for you.

I heard that Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf said that Saddam is under the care of three doctors and is taking heavy tranquilizers to cope with the stress of seeing his country being defeated. These drugs, Schwarzkopf said, make Saddam incapable of caring what happens to his own people.

I can't believe that. We don't know where the man is or what he is doing or what his next military commands will be, but we know how many doctors he has, what drugs he is on and that his mental

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state has diminished his obvious concern for the fate of his people.

The jollity of our general's tone makes me wonder how much of Schwarzkopf's report is truth and how much may be morale-boosting propaganda.

What it all comes down to is that I am still against this war.

I still believe our people are dying for oil, which is an example of unwarranted U.S. military bullying. I cringe every time I hear about more U.S. deaths. But I cannot attend protests because they serve only to undermine our troops' morale. Despite common sense and what we believe as individuals, this conflict has begun and we must, for better or worse, finish what has been started.

Most of all, I feel helpless. Senior Staff Writer Meredith Little is an English junior and a Kernel columnist.

Robert Bork should be next justice to sit on U.S. Supreme Court



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Monday afternoon Judge Robert H. Bork was jovially fielding questions from a group of Lexington high school students at the Lafayette Club in downtown Lexington.

His visit was part of the Lafayette Club's Distinguished Speaker series and he probably was the most distinguished speaker they will have this year.

Judge Bork was nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan. Bork was at the time sitting on the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He had previously served as Solicitor General under Richard Nixon and on the faculty of Yale Law School.

The Reagan administration thought that Bork's confirmation was going to be merely a formality — little thought was given to any negative campaign that might appear.

Bork was considered in 1986 when Justice Antonin Scalia was nominated to the high court, but the Reagan administration decided to postpone his nomination until the next opening.

The reasoning for that decision turned out to be somewhat ironic. Bork was considered a sure shot by the White House. He was so quali-

fied that his nomination was held in case Republicans lost control of the Senate in the 1986 mid-term elections, which they did.

The campaign against Bork's confirmation began only 45 minutes after Reagan announced his nomination.

In a speech from the Senate floor, Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts lashed out: "Robert Bork's America is a land in which women would be forced into back-alley abortions, blacks would sit at segregated lunch counters, rogue police could break down citizens' doors in midnight raids, school children could not be taught about evolution, writers and artists would be censored at the whim or (sic) government, and the doors of the federal courts would be shut on the fingers of millions of citizens for whom the judiciary is often the only protector of the individual rights that are the heart of our democracy."

The smear campaign went downhill from there.

The great advocates of privacy procured Bork's movie rental history from his movie rental store and distributed it to the press. Gregory Peck was un-motiballed for anti-Bork TV ads.

In great contrast to that, Lloyd Cutler, a liberal attorney and counsel for President Jimmy Carter, told Bork, "You seem to frighten a lot of people, but I have read everything you've written and you don't frighten me."

Judge Bork eventually appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee where Sen. Kennedy contin-

ued his baseless attacks and was joined by Sen. Joseph Biden. Before the hearings were over Biden was forced to drop out of the 1988 presidential race after his habitual plagiarizing was discovered. (Ted Kennedy managed to refrain from drowning any young females throughout the entire process, though.) The idea that men of such despicable character presumed to take the moral high ground with Bork was outrageous.

Bork eventually was rejected by the Senate. The defeat was a result of an unprecedented attack on a Supreme Court nominee for purely political reasons.

But why was the attack mounted? Clearly the attack by Kennedy was without substance; what was his motive? Bork answered the question in his brilliant book, *The Temptation of America: The Political Seduction of the Law*.

Bork writes: "The confirmation battle ultimately was about whether intellectual class values, which are far more egalitarian and socially permissive, which is to say liberal, than those of the public at large and so cannot carry elections, were to continue to be enacted by the Supreme Court. ... The behavior of people involved reflects a

left-liberal culture in near despair."

After years of having a court willing to make up the Constitution to fit the mold of the left-wing agenda, the liberals' hold on the Court was being threatened by the Bork nomination.

Robert Bork epitomized the scholarly, strict interpretation approach to the Constitution, which the left so greatly fears. His imposing intellect easily could articulate how law should be interpreted, and not created, by judges.

The left realizes it cannot win in the arena of public opinion, so it fights for its life in the judiciary where it can impose its will without public consent.

The idea of original intent, or original understanding, states merely that the Constitution and law in general should be interpreted to mean what the laws' writers intended.

For example, the right of privacy created in *Roe v. Wade* does not exist in the U.S. Constitution.

Without making a value judgment about abortion, it is obvious that the Constitution does not protect its legality, and does not hinder it either.

It is certainly something that should be left to the democratic pro-



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cess to decide. If enough people want abortion, they can pass a law protecting its legality without a judge interfering.

Robert Bork's rejection by the Senate is a blotch on American history and a gross politicization of our judiciary. Bork's philosophy of original understanding is the only

defensible interpretative policy, and Bork is its most eloquent advocate.

As such, and to right a great wrong, when the next Supreme Court seat opens, Robert H. Bork should immediately be nominated to fill the vacancy.

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HEADLINES

Gorbachev Clashes With Lithuanians Over Poll

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev stepped up his war of words with Lithuanian leaders yesterday by rejecting their independence poll set for Saturday and ordering instead a Kremlin-controlled referendum.

Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis insisted the nonbinding ballot would be held as planned.

"Lithuania is in observance of law... and views the president's decree as impermissible political interference in the matters of the sovereign Lithuanian state," he said in a statement read by spokeswoman Rita Dapkus.

Security forces arrest 10 Israeli Arabs

JERUSALEM — Israeli security forces have arrested 10 Israeli Arabs on charges of spying for Iraq, police said yesterday. It was the second case of Israel detaining Arabs on spy charges since the war began.

The Arabs, from the northern Israeli town of Acre and three villages in the Galilee, were arrested over the last two weeks, police said in a statement. More arrests are expected, police said.

"The members of the spy ring are suspected of being recruited by an activist from the Palestine Liberation Organization's mainstream Fatah group, a former Israeli Arab linked with Iraqi intelligence now living in Iraq and Egypt," the statement said.

Pope greets Polish leader

VATICAN CITY — In a meeting of Poland's two favorite sons, Pope John Paul II greeted Lech Walesa yesterday and told him the church stands ready to defend Poland's new-found freedom.

Walesa, who first met with John Paul a decade ago as head of the fledgling Solidarity labor union, returned in a state visit as the country's newly elected president.

Walesa said he wanted to thank the pope and the church for support in the struggle against the former communist regime and that it was "not by chance" that he chose the Vatican for his first state visit.

Trial Begins for Chinese Activist Charged With Sedition

BEIJING — The first of four leaders of the 1989 democracy movement went on trial yesterday in a Chinese court, charged with plotting to overthrow the Communist government.

The proceeding marked a new phase in a monthlong series of trials of several dozen leading participants in the movement. Most of the others were charged with counter-revolutionary incitement and sentenced to up to seven years in prison.

Yesterday's defendant, 29-year-old Chen Xiaoping, is one of only four charged so far with sedition — a crime punishable by death.

Computer programmer convicted

BARTOW, Fla. — A computer programmer who battled over the years with his neighbors yesterday was convicted of killing one of them by spiking their Coca-Cola with deadly thallium.

Construction accident ignites explosion

GREENDALE, Wis. — A construction accident yesterday ignited a natural gas explosion that crumbled an apartment building for senior citizens, killing three residents and injuring six others, authorities said.

Judge Refuses To Dismiss Charges Against Winnie Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A judge refused yesterday to dismiss kidnapping charges against Winnie Mandela, overruling defense claims that prosecutors failed to provide enough evidence to proceed with the trial.

Sweeping Changes Proposed for Ailing System

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration yesterday proposed a landmark overhaul of the nation's banking system that would reduce government guarantees to depositors and break down traditional walls between banks and other businesses.

Darman Says Budget Helps Poor; Democrats Doubt It

WASHINGTON — President Bush said yesterday that \$51 billion in pledges from allied countries should enable the United States to contain its own spending for the first months of the Persian Gulf War to \$15 billion.

Judge Criticizes Inventor, Bans Further Use

PONTIAC, Mich. — A judge said yesterday Dr. Jack Kevorkian was more interested in getting publicity than in helping the terminally ill, and she banned him from again using his drug-injecting "suicide machine."

Sugar Taste Relieves Distress in Newborn

CHICAGO — A study that found sugar can ease newborns' reactions to pain is the first to establish a strong link between taste and the way humans respond to the sensation of pain, researchers said yesterday.

Government Aims To Limit Baby Market

BUCHAREST, Romania — New adoption procedures go into effect Wednesday that could put an end to Romania's dubious distinction of being one of the West's primary markets for adoptions.

Incumbent Favored in Mayoral Primary

CHICAGO — This city has long been known for tempestuous politics and no-holds-barred campaigns, but this month attention is focused on the Gulf War instead of a mayoral primary in which the incumbent is overwhelmingly favored.

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'Friendly fire' war deaths still heroic

By **DEBBIE HOWLETT** and **TOM SOUTIERI**
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Cpl. Dion Stephenson is "an American hero," whether an Iraqi bullet or a U.S. missile killed him. "It doesn't change a thing," said James Stephenson, his father. "He's still a hero."

The military said Sunday that seven of the first 11 U.S. casualties in ground fighting — Stephenson included — were mistakenly caused by a Maverick missile fired from a U.S. plane during a "hellacious" battle last Tuesday at the Kuwait border.

Marine Maj. Gen. Robert Johnston, a U.S. Central Command spokesman in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, said it also is likely a Marine was killed by "friendly fire."

The term is a wicked irony of every war.

"It can happen under any circumstances," said Trevor Dupuy, a former Army colonel and an analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"It really isn't avoidable. The country should simply recognize that when someone is killed in battle, it doesn't matter who fired the shots. They are killed in action just like anybody."

"Historically there's always casualties by friendly fire in close battles because it's a fight for your lives," said Lt. Col. Jerry Humble of the 1st Marine Division, which lost 11 Marines.

As many as 2 percent to 5 percent of all casualties are caused by friendly fire, Dupuy said.

The reasons for errant fire are as diverse as each battle.

•Combat is a new experience for many of the troops.

•Night fighting increases the difficulty of identifying targets, sometimes causing an ordinary truck to appear to be a tank.

•Air attacks are quick and often not precise enough to avoid troops fighting or scouting nearby.

•Miscommunication between different service branches and forces from allied nations.

Friendly fire is something Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the U.S. commander in the Persian Gulf, knows firsthand.

"I've been bombed by my own Air Force; I was bombed by B-52s one time in Vietnam," he said last week.

It was pointless to get angry, he said, because it is something that happens in every war.

As a lieutenant colonel in Vietnam, Schwarzkopf commanded a battalion with an artillery unit that at least twice shot short into U.S. ranks, killing at least two men. The story of one of those victims, Michael Mullen of Waterloo, Iowa, was the subject of the book and TV movie, "Friendly Fire."

The first report of casualties from friendly fire in the Persian Gulf came five days after an engagement

near Umm Hujul, a battle one Marine officer described as "hellacious."

Stephenson and the other Marines were part of a reconnaissance patrol that spotted an Iraqi battalion, fronted by 50 tanks, trying to cross the border.

The Marines fired TOW anti-tank missiles.

The patrol also took anti-tank missiles and artillery fire from Iraqi forces in what Johnston called "very

intense, very close combat."

Humble said Marine air and ground forces exchanged fire with the Iraqis from as close as 25 yards.

The marines called in air support and soon spotted Marine attack helicopters and Army A-10 planes — known as "tank killers" or "warthogs" — bearing down on nearby Iraqi positions.

An errant Maverick missile, the type A-10s carry, ripped into one of

the light armored vehicles.

It "came in on the back left-hand side and went into the engine compartment on the bottom right, so clearly it was an airborne missile," Johnston said.

"We have every reason to conclude it was in fact a friendly missile."

The military investigates all reports of misdirected fire to better understand how it can be avoided.

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