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Faculty upset about UK presidential selection

By BRAD COOPER
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UK's College of Business and Economics faculty are asking the presidential search committee not to select a new president until the faculty have more input into the selection process.

In a resolution to be submitted to Robert McCowan, chairman of the UK Board of Trustees and head of the 10-member search committee, the faculty are asking to be given more background information about

the two leading candidates for the presidency.

UK President Otis A. Singletary will step down from the post he has held for 18 years on June 30. "The college is not taking a position on the candidacy," said Michael Tearney, chairman of UK's School of Accountancy. "The college's concern is that it appears that there hasn't been enough faculty input."

Richard Furst, dean of the College of Business and Economics, will send the resolution to McCowan on the faculty's behalf. Furst declined comment on the resolution.

McCowan and four other members of the search committee could not be reached for comment about the resolution late last night.

The resolution was passed unanimously at a faculty meeting Tuesday afternoon, Tearney said.

Tuesday's meeting was prompted by newspaper reports that Charles Wethington, chancellor for UK's statewide community college system, and David P. Roselle, provost of Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Va., would meet UK faculty and students, he said. Roselle will meet with administra-

tors at 10 a.m. today and then with 19 student leaders at 1 p.m. in the President's Room in the Student Center.

He will meet with the Senate Council, the Community College Council and five selected faculty members at 3 p.m. in the faculty club.

Wethington will follow the same agenda on Friday. With the unexpected announcement, Tearney said, some faculty members were concerned that they were left out of touch with the selection process.

"I was surprised they narrowed it down so fast," he said. "It's good for the University to name a new president as soon as it can, but we need to slow it down so that these candidates meet a sufficient number of faculty and students."

Some faculty and administrators say they think a decision could be made as soon as next Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Search committee members have refused to identify Wethington and Roselle as finalists, leaving the possibility that other candidates may be brought to campus. The committee

has not set a deadline for naming the new president.

Some members of the College of Business and Economics said they do not think the events scheduled for Wethington and Roselle provide enough faculty input.

"I'm perplexed and somewhat disturbed about the lack of general faculty input and consultation," said Curtis Harvey, a professor of economics who attended Tuesday's faculty meeting.

"At other universities, it is typical

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Tower's statements contradict Reagan

Commission to say in final report that U.S. tried to make hostage exchange

By TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Tower commission will report that the United States sold arms to Iran to win the release of American hostages, despite contrary statements by President Reagan, but the panel could not determine how profits from the deal were diverted to Nicaraguan rebels, a source said yesterday.

Concluding a three-month investigation, the three-member board headed by former Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, will deliver its findings to the president at 10 a.m. EST today and discuss its report at a news conference an hour later.

On the eve of the report's release, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan had sent the board a letter last Friday, as it was completing its work, because "he simply felt there were other recollections and clarifications he wanted to provide the board."

In two meetings with the board, Reagan made conflicting statements about when he authorized the first shipment of U.S. weapons to Iran,

according to published reports. Current and former White House aides have disputed each other on when Reagan approved the transaction.

An administration source said Reagan's letter offered yet a third version — that he simply had no recollection of when he approved the shipment and that he may have allowed himself to be influenced by the recollection of others.

Meanwhile, a source at the Tower commission said the panel concluded that an arms-for-hostages swap was at the center of U.S. contacts with Iran.

While the idea of trying to establish ties with a strategically important nation "may have been in the president's thoughts," the source said, "we didn't accept the notion of it being the driving force. That does not appear in fact to be what drove the program."

Neither of the sources would comment except on condition they not be named.

Reagan has insisted that a trade was not involved. "Let me say it was not my intent to do business

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Phone-aid number gives students financial help

By BOBBI WOLOCH
Staff Writer

More than \$100 million in financial aid goes unclaimed every year because students don't realize the money is there, said Ann Hemphill, vice president of a company that has access to more than \$4 billion in student aid sources.

To combat this problem, freshmen and sophomores can call a toll-free number to reach Student Aid Finders, a nationwide service based in New Jersey which locates financial sources for students, "regardless of academic achievement or financial need," Hemphill said.

Students who call 1-800-AID-FIND are sent a packet containing information on the program and a form that must be filled out and returned within 30 days, Hemphill said from the service's branch in Boston.

Student Aid Finders uses a computer to match the student's background and interests with the specific type of aid available, she said.

Although the service costs \$39, the fee is refunded if a student cannot be given at least five aid sources, Hemphill said, and those available are given free-of-charge.

Hemphill said 98 percent of the students who call receive at least five sources.

"What we look at is what a student was able to achieve," she said. "We send them a form, find out their background and interests" and locate the appropriate sources.

For example, students may receive grants because they are Italian, good bowlers or basketball players, Hemphill said.

Funds for the service are provided by various organizations and businesses, Hemphill said. Student Aid Finders does not receive money from the federal government, she added.

"The money is there," Hemphill said, "it's just waiting for someone to take it." The service is strictly for freshmen and sophomores.



Swordplay

Mike Hardin (right) fences with another member of the UK Fencing Club, who asked not to be identified, yesterday in Alumni Gym. The fencing team practices every day in Alumni Gym, which is located on Euclid Avenue.

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Engineering week offers students information

By JUDY FURST
Contributing Writer

Distinguished alumni speakers, contests and exhibits will offer valuable information to UK and high school students during Engineering Week.

Engineering Week, which began Feb. 21 and continues through Feb.

28, is an annual event sponsored by the UK College of Engineering.

"The week is for high school students and undergraduates students looking for a field," said Wei-yang Lu, coordinator of the event.

The week is designed to acquaint high school students and the public with various engineering activities.

This year, along with a bridge construction and a crash survivability contest, a new contest is being introduced.

The contest, open to all Kentucky high school students, involves building a model car run on mouse power. The only allowable source of power is one mousetrap. The contest will be part of an open house.

The open house, held on Friday, will mark the final day of Engineering Week. On this day groups of high school students will have the opportunity to tour the college.

During open house each of the UK engineering departments will present exhibitions and demonstrations in Anderson Hall.

UK, Vanderbilt open Latin American speech series

Economic, social issues key to stability of Venezuelan, Brazilian democracies

By DAN HASSELT
Senior Staff Writer

The UK Latin American studies department initiated its lecture exchange series with Vanderbilt University yesterday with four lectures about democracy in Latin American countries.

The series, titled "Latin American Democratization in the 1980s: Historical Precedent and Prospects for Permanence," began with lectures about Venezuela and Brazil at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. before 38 people in 230 Student Center and ended with lectures about Uruguay and Colombia in the evening.

The conference exchanges professors from the two universities for guest lectures.

UK's Latin American studies department and Vanderbilt's Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies created the conference as a "low-cost way to enrich both programs," said Kenneth Coleman, the

current director of UK's department and the new associate director of International Programs.

The programs plan to make the conference an ongoing project, said Coleman, an associate professor of political science who gave the first lecture.

In his lecture — "Venezuela's post-1958 Democracy: Prototype or Deviant Case?" Coleman discussed the uniqueness of Venezuela's progression toward a permanent democracy from a historical perspective.

The discovery and development of large oil supplies in Venezuela after World War II provided the new democratic government with funds to "buy out the opposition," in effect, Coleman said.

The funds helped to erase conflict with the former military government and the Roman Catholic Church, which had been alienated by the government. By 1975, oil ac-



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counted for 88 percent of the government's revenue, he said.

Such a boost would not be available to any new democracies in Latin America today, he said.

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Transitions in governments changing Latin America's future, professors say

By WILL RENSHAW
Staff Writer

Governmental transitions of Uruguay and Colombia were the topics discussed by Martin Gargiulo and Jonathan Hartlyn last night during the second session of the lecturers exchange program held in 230 Student Center.

Gargiulo, professor of Latin American studies at Colombia, headed off the evening by speaking on "Uruguay: Unions, Parties and the Political Left in the Process of Democratic Transitions."

The major emphasis of the lecture dealt with the power of the leftist or radical party during the last three decades.

Gargiulo pointed out that until the '60s, Uruguay "stood at the forefront of democratic rule in Latin America."

In 1971, the Communist Party won more than 39 percent of the votes

and the country fell into a large economic crisis with a largely increased crime rate, and by 1976, there was little leftist activity due to the banishment of leftist officials by the Communist Party.

A total change came between the years of 1980-84, when the leftist party "saw a restoration to the previous political scenario," Gargiulo said.

At this point the leftist party was presented as the "force of peace," and the labor force cast a high vote in its favor.

Gargiulo concluded by saying "the challenge for the left is to construct a modern democracy within the Socialist Party, that can continue to capture votes."

The location was then changed to Colombia by Jonathan Hartlyn of Vanderbilt University, who spoke on "Colombian Democracy: Political

INSIDE

Following in the wake of the "Big Chill," "The Decline of the American Empire" comes highly touted. But in the end, it fails to satisfy. For a review, see **DIVERSIONS**, Page 6.

Wildcats fall to Georgia, 79-71. Second loss of the season to the Bulldogs lowers Kentucky to 9-8 in SEC action. For the story, see **SPORTS**, Page 3.

WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness and mild today with a high 50 to 55. Rain is likely tonight with lows in the lower 40s. Showers are likely tomorrow with a high near 50.

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Venezuela's 29 years of continuous democratic rule is the second longest in Latin America, with the 39 years in Costa Rica being the longest.

The government is a "two-plus party democracy," in that the two major parties alternate control of the presidency while the smaller parties participate in the legislature, Coleman said.

The key to democracy in Latin America is "to create economic policies that will overcome centuries of social inequality," he said.

Economics also is a major factor for the democratic government in Brazil, said James Lang, a professor from Vanderbilt. Lang lectured on "Brazil: Democratic Transition, Debt and Developmental Dilemmas."

The conflict between Brazil's financial debt (to foreign banks) and its "social debt" (to its people) creates a shaky situation for the new democratic government, which came to power in 1985 with the elec-

tion of the first civilian president in 20 years.

The government must decide whether to use its very limited funds to pay its financial debts or to better living conditions for its 137 million people and pay off its "social debt," Lang said.

The "social debt" involves reducing infant mortality (32 percent of the people who die in Brazil are under 4 years old) and malnutrition (only 42 percent of Brazilians attain their normal body weight from birth to age 17).

It also involves redistributing income (the poorest 50 percent of the people own 14.1 percent of the wealth, while the richest 5 percent own 37.9 percent) and putting more money in primary education (only 10 percent of those who enter the first grade make it to the 12th grade).

These problems, a large foreign national debt (currently totaling \$108 billion) and increasing oil im-

port costs contributed to the old military government's failure, Lang said.

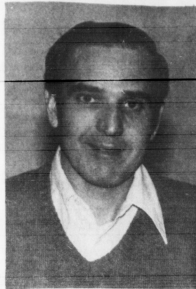
"When the (old) government lost control of the country's future, it lost the last shreds of legitimacy it had in Brazil," he said.

Unlike the progression toward democracy in Venezuela, "the image (in Brazil) was not of transition but like a snowball going down a hill," he said.

If the new government doesn't address these needs, the people will quickly turn their backs on the new democracy, Lang said in conclusion.

After Lang's lecture, there was a 35-minute discussion period concerning both his and Coleman's talks.

Coleman spent seven months in Venezuela during 1985 as a Fulbright professor at Simon Bolivar



JAMES LANG

University in Caracas. Lang lived in Brazil for a while until August 1984.

The exchange is funded by an enrichment grant from the UK College of Arts and Sciences.

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Reforms, Guerrilla Challenges and Drug Violence."

For the majority of its history, Colombia's government has been dominated by two main aspects.

The two-party political system, consisting of a strictly liberal party and a conservative party, and the violence due to drug traffic have shaped Colombian history.

In 1953, there began a series of seven revolutions between the two parties, during the course of which more than 20,000 people died.

At the end of these revolutions, the Communist Party emerged victorious and the country "reverted back into increased violent activity," Hartlyn said.

During the '70s, the National Front emerged and ended Communist rule. With this end came a decrease in violence and increase in economic growth, not experienced during Communist rule, he said.

A "plebiscite" government — a



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government of the common people — emerged at this time and is still active, Hartlyn said.

"Unfortunately, there has also been a resurgence of guerrilla activity," he said.

Parties complete list for offices; candidates offer proposals

Republicans and Democrats finish slate for all positions

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Republican Party filled its slate for statewide offices but failed to land any prominent candidates as the deadline for entries in the May 26 primaries passed yesterday.

On the Democratic side, Alice McDonald and Brereton C. Jones completed the field of major contenders for their party's nomination for lieutenant governor.

State GOP Chairman Robert Gable, who waited in the secretary of state's office as the filing period ended at 4 p.m., declined to declare the absence of well-known candidates a major blow to the minority party.

"I'd love to think that we had people that you members of the press all felt were widely known and progressive candidates for every post," Gable said. "We will certainly hope to have a good deal of press attention given to these candidates."

"We have at least one person filed as a Republican for all eight of the statewide posts. That was something that was by no means certain some

time ago. I feel very good about that.

There will be Republican primaries only for governor, lieutenant governor and secretary of state. In 1983, the party had primaries in all of the statewide races except auditor.

The party managed just one candidate each for attorney general, treasurer, auditor, superintendent of public instruction and agriculture commissioner, so each will automatically be certified as the nominee for the general election.

The state GOP was sent reeling on Jan. 2 when Larry Forgy, considered the party's best hope for governor in 20 years, said he would not run. Forgy had been building a campaign for more than a year and had raised about \$700,000.

Leonard W. "Back" Beasley, a political unknown from Willisburg, also filed for the GOP nomination yesterday. Already on the ballot were Joseph E. Johnson III, a former county judge and state rep-

resentative from Lexington, and Thurman Jerome Hamlin, a perennial candidate from Laurel County. Neither has waged a discernible campaign.

McDonald, the superintendent of public instruction, and Jones, a wealthy Woodford County horse breeder and civic activist, will compete with Attorney General David Armstrong, Agriculture Commissioner David Boswell and Pike County Judge-Executive Paul Patton in the Democratic race for lieutenant governor.

McDonald said she could overcome the high negative rating she has registered in public-opinion polls.

"If I believed in polls, I wouldn't be standing here today because I never would have gotten into the superintendency race," McDonald said, referring to her upset of former superintendent James Graham in the 1983 primary.

Other Democrats filing yesterday were: Larry E. Moore of Frankfort, James L. Wilson, Louisville, and Robert Mead C.P.A., also of Louisville, all for treasurer. The latter

"We'll have an active primary for governor in the Republican Party and I feel very good about that."

Robert Gable,
state GOP chairman

brought a court order to show that C.P.A. is now his legal last name.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Keese, Belfry, and Bill Abner, Wallins, for agriculture commissioner.

Other Republicans filing yesterday were:

Lawrence R. Webster of Pikeville for lieutenant governor. Webster is a former city attorney who writes a political satire column for the Appalachian News-Express, a Pikeville newspaper.

Ronald L. Sanders of Hanson and Mary Jameson Bacon of Frankfort for secretary of state.

Carol W. Reed of Frankfort for treasurer.

Beverly Griffin of Louisville for auditor.

Gubernatorial candidates recommend solutions for workers compensation

By MARK R. CHELLGREN
Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The growing financial instability of Kentucky's workers' compensation program drew a variety of proposals from gubernatorial candidates yesterday.

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the forum, has said it believes the workers' compensation fiscal situation is the major problem facing the state right now.

The Special Fund of Kentucky's workers' compensation program faces a \$1.6 billion debt for disability benefits already awarded but for which there are no funds to make payments. A state study estimates black lung cases make up at least 65 percent of that debt, which is growing by an estimated \$2 million every week.

Three of the candidates said the state would have to provide financial assistance to the program — employers now pay the cost of the entire program — while others pro-

posed drastic changes in the eligibility for benefits.

Lexington businessman Wallace Wilkinson had the most drastic proposal — to eliminate benefits for all miners suffering from the early effects of the disease, called stage one cases, and restrict benefits for those with stage two cases.

Grady Stumbo, a Hindman physician making his second run for the Democratic nomination for governor, said the elimination of benefits for black-lung sufferers would break a commitment that the disease would be compensated, not the disability.

Former Gov. Julian Carroll said state government will have to step in and help retire the Special Fund liability because to leave the entire burden on business would be devastating to the private sector.

State Rep. John Harper of Shepherdsville, the only Republican on the panel, said industries that do not contribute to the problems of black lung and asbestosis should not have to pay for the benefits to sufferers of those diseases.

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Andy Dumstorf
Sports Editor

Sports

Dawgs conquer UK, 79-71; Wildcats fall to fourth in SEC

By TODD JONES
Senior Staff Writer
and the Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Dennis Williams scored a career-high 29 points, seven in the final 4:39, as Georgia downed Kentucky 79-71 in a Southeastern Conference basketball game last night.

The victory clinched no worse than a third-place tie in the SEC race for Georgia, which raised its overall record to 17-9 and conference mark to 10-7.

Kentucky fell to 16-9 overall and 9-8 in the conference as it lost to the Bulldogs for the second time this season, but only the 14th time in 86 meetings.

"I think Georgia played well the whole game and we played well only at times," UK coach Eddie Sutton said. "We didn't put a good 40 minutes together."

However, Georgia had to withstand a second-half flurry of 3-point

baskets by the Wildcats after building a 49-39 lead with 14:43 to play. "Our team reacted and played really well this evening," Georgia coach Hugh Durham said. "Fortunately, Kentucky didn't start to shoot the ball well from the outside until late in the game. We were lucky because they are such feared outside shooters."

Derrick Miller had three of the 3-pointers down the stretch as the Wildcats closed to within 59-57 with 8:07 remaining and later cut the lead to 63-60 with 5:03 left before Williams, operating inside, allowed Georgia to regain control.

"This is the worst shooting ball-cup I've ever coached as far as percentages," said Sutton, whose team shot a dismal 40.1 percent from the field. "Free throws are just killing us."

Georgia went ahead to stay 33-32 in the final minute of the first half on a layup by Derrick Kirce, who then opened the second half with another layup.

KENTUCKY (71)										
Player	min	fg	ft	re	st	pts	tr	bl	st	pf
Blackmon	30	3	5	2	3	5	0	1	8	
Lock	17	4	3	3	3	5	0	1	11	
Chapman	31	5	15	0	0	1	5	4	11	
Davender	32	6	12	2	3	3	2	1	15	
Miller	15	5	9	0	0	1	5	0	21	
Andrews	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Thomas	10	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	
Junius	23	1	4	1	2	5	0	0	3	
Team	200	28	57	7	12	28	14	12	79	

GEORGIA (79)										
Player	min	fg	ft	re	st	pts	tr	bl	st	pf
Kirce	23	10	15	0	0	6	0	1	23	
Kirce	40	3	8	1	4	6	2	3	7	
Burdette	21	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	2	
Williams	40	9	11	13	3	3	2	23		
Anderson	36	6	12	4	4	2	8	2	16	
Harrison	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Kessler	20	1	3	3	1	0	5	0	5	
Team	200	29	47	21	26	24	14	12	79	

Halftime: Georgia 33-32. Three-point goals: Kentucky 8-15; Miller 4-5; Blackmon 2-3; Davender 1-2; Chapman 1-5; Georgia 0-0. Shooting percentages: Kentucky 49.1; Georgia 61.7. Free-throw percentages: Kentucky 58.3; Georgia 60.8. Technical fouls: Turnover: Kentucky 9; Georgia 8. Officials: Larry Ware, Jim McDaniel, Herman Ramsey. Attendance: 11,200.

Chad Kessler added 20 points and Willie Anderson 16 for the Bulldogs. "I was encouraged," Sutton said. "I thought we played better tonight than we have been. Georgia just played a super game."

Ed Davender led Kentucky with 15 points, Miller had 14 and Rex Chapman and Robert Lock had 11 each.

Hoyt suspended from 1987 season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cy Young award-winning pitcher Lamarr Hoyt, who was involved in three illegal drug incidents in the past year, was suspended for the 1987 season by Commissioner Peter Ueberroth yesterday.

"While our first priority is to provide help to those who need it, we will impose discipline where appropriate," Ueberroth said in a prepared statement. "Given these cir-

cumstances, I have determined to make Lamarr Hoyt ineligible for the 1987 season."

Hoyt was 8-11 in 35 games with a 5.15 earned run average for San Diego last season. He was unconditionally released Jan. 7 after drawing a 45-day sentence for a drug conviction that could have jailed him for two years.

Hoyt had pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges in November after marijuana cigarettes were found in his car a day after he was

arrested for trying to smuggle illegal pills into the country.

Hoyt spent one month in a rehabilitation center for chemical dependency last February after being stopped by U.S. Customs agents for drug violations.

He was charged with weapon and drug violations again in April and agreed to a public nuisance count in exchange for having the other charges erased.

After going 24-10 in 1984, Hoyt was made the first \$1 million pitcher in the American League.

SMU football banned in '87

Action taken against Mustangs' repeated violation of rules

By DENNEH FREEMAN
Associated Press

DALLAS — The NCAA banned football at Southern Methodist University for the 1987 season for "abysmal" repeated violations of NCAA rules.

The punishment, announced yesterday, was the harshest football penalty in NCAA history, and SMU officials accepted it without rancor or plans to appeal.

However, the NCAA stopped short of imposing the "death penalty" for the first time.

The NCAA may have softened the blow because the school had cooperated fully to uncover recruiting violations and a slush fund for players. SMU was the first school to face the possibility of the "death penalty" — a complete shutdown of football for two years — under NCAA legislation passed in 1985 for repeat offenders.

Only six schools voted against the measure, including SMU.

"Not only is Southern Methodist University a repeat major violator, but its past record of violations is nothing short of abysmal," said the NCAA report.

The probation, SMU's record-tying seventh since 1958 and the third this decade, lasts until 1990. The Mustangs can play only seven Southwest Conference games in 1988 — none at home — and are barred from television or bowl appearances.

"It will have a long-range impact on the program," said NCAA enforcement director David Berst, who announced the sanctions.

"We believe the 'death penalty' has some deterrent value," Berst said. "It shows how serious the Infractions Committee takes repeated violations."

"We intentionally only made it seven games so the conference and SMU will have to work together and face the problem."

SMU loses non-conference games against Oklahoma and New Mexico

this year, and Oklahoma and Notre Dame in 1988 at an estimated cost to the school of more than \$500,000.

The Mustangs also are limited to a head football coach and five full-time assistant coaches until August 1989, and can award only 15 scholarships in 1988.

SMU had nine assistants and 25 scholarships. Off-campus recruiting is prohibited until August 1988. The NCAA report said an unnamed booster paid 13 football team members \$47,000 during the 1985-86 academic year and that eight student-athletes continued to receive payments from September through December 1986, totaling about \$14,000.

Berst said the NCAA agreed to grant anonymity to those involved so of the full scope of the payoffs could be determined.

"We decided to accept this without question because SMU was going the extra mile," he said.

Coaches hope NCAA's action will deter future violations

By JOHN NELSON
Associated Press

Big time college football should take warning from what happened to Southern Methodist, coaches and athletic administrators said following SMU's punishment yesterday.

"If you don't get the clear, vivid picture now as to what's involved, I don't think you'll ever get it," South Carolina Athletic Director Bob Marcum said.

Although some schools expressed sympathy for SMU, they also were

hoping the action would deter cheerers.

"You would hope that this ruling would really help," said Gerry Faust, former Notre Dame football coach now at Akron, "and that it would make people aware that college athletics is striving to have competition in an honest and above-board way."

Although the NCAA could have banned football at SMU for two complete seasons under the new death penalty rule, administrators felt the sanction was strong enough to get the point across.

"They might not call it the 'death penalty,' but it left them on life support systems," South Carolina's Marcum said.

Iowa Athletic Director Bump Elliott said recruiting and scholarship sanctions would make it difficult for SMU to recover.

"I think they will recover," Elliott said, "but it's going to take some time. And who knows how long?"

College Football Association head Chuck Neinas joined Southwest Conference officials in their concern over rescheduling for the 1987 season.

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Presidential search must reflect input from UK campus

So who's it going to be? Charles Wethington — chancellor of UK's community college system — or David Roselle — provost of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Va. — or someone nobody's aware of?

The hottest topic on campus these days focuses on who will be the next person sitting in that big chair in the Administration Building. Rumors have it that the decision has already been made but if those rumors are just rumors, then precautions must be taken.

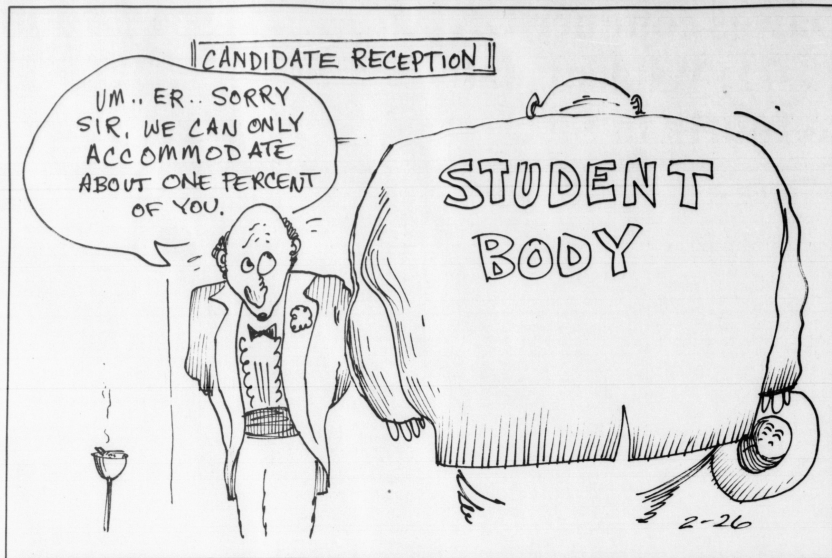
First of all, the presidential search committee shouldn't rush into a decision just for the sake of next week's Board of Trustees meeting.

Second, don't forget about the people who will most be affected by a new president — students, faculty and administrators.

Today and tomorrow, two informal student receptions will be held so a select group of student leaders can meet Wethington and Roselle. That select group will number fewer than 20, which means that less than 1 percent of the student body will be given the opportunity to meet the next possible president of this University.

Now Donna Greenwell, Student Government Association president and a member of the search committee, said students aren't being discouraged from attending, although she would like to keep the number small. Therefore, if you are really interested in meeting the two leading candidates, don't be discouraged if you didn't receive an invitation. Go anyway.

Roselle will be at today's get-together and Wethington will be at tomorrow's. Both meetings are at 1 p.m. in the President's Room in the Student Center.



Faculty members who have an interest can meet Roselle at 3 p.m. today in the faculty club. Wethington will meet faculty members at 3 p.m. tomorrow at the faculty club.

Speculation is that one of these two men will be the next UK president. If they are qualified and have what it takes,

then the sooner the decision comes, the better. But if not, then wait. We're used to waiting for decisions.

The UK presidency is one of the most important positions in Kentucky. The search committee mustn't rush into something if it isn't absolutely sure it's making the right choice and if it hasn't seriously considered the opinions of the people already at UK.

Reagan & Co. will continue aiding contras despite objections

Last week the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted to stop all further aid to the contras, or so-called "freedom fighters," who are trying to overthrow the Nicaraguan government. In response to this, President Reagan is expected to veto the measure as soon as he can. And many opponents of contra-aid agree that it will be very difficult for Congress to override it.

In all reality though it really doesn't matter whether or not President Reagan vetoes it because the contras are going to get their funding one way or another. In 1982 Congress passed the Boland-Zablocki bill. It was supposed to prohibit the United States from giving aid to the contras for the purpose of overthrowing the Nicaraguan government, but covert U.S. aid continued nevertheless. So as you can see, our government has gotten around laws restricting aid to the contras before and will do it again if necessary.

And with this funding the contras will be permitted to continue in their efforts to overthrow the Sandinista government. They will continue to burn schools and hospitals, destroy farming co-ops and murder Nicaraguan civilians.

I find it ironic that on the one hand the United States government takes great pride in claiming to be

Bill FUGATE

the "leader of the free world" yet on the other it is supporting a group of mercenary-terrorists who are attempting to overthrow the democratically elected Sandinista government.

The Reagan administration has rationalized its support for the contras by saying that the Sandinistas are a Soviet-proxy and that they pose a direct threat to the national security of the United States.

It is true that the Sandinistas receive aid from the Soviet Union, but that came about after the United States cut off aid to Nicaragua in 1981. The United States has since placed a trade embargo on Nicaragua.

The Sandinistas are struggling to defend their country against the aggressions of a superpower while also trying to enhance the quality of life of its people, and our continued support for the contras only pushes the Sandinistas to depend on the Soviet

Union that much more because they simply cannot do it alone.

Despite having to defend its country from the aggressions of the United States, the Sandinistas have made some impressive accomplishments since coming into power. They have been given international recognition for their health and education programs, union membership has increased from 27,000 to 260,000, and they have made great advancements in their land reform programs.

President Reagan of course ignores these facts. He seems preoccupied with trying to convince the American public that the Nicaraguan people are "trapped in a totalitarian dungeon," under a "Communist regime of terror."

I find it ludicrous that President Reagan should ignore such accomplishments while at the same time showing no respect for things such as international law. By refusing to comply with the World Court's decision, which sided with Nicaragua on the issue of U.S. intervention, the United States government has put itself in the same company of Iran as the only two countries to ever ignore a decision handed down by the World Court. We seem to have a lot in common.

Throw in the fact that our efforts

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to overthrow the Nicaraguan government are in direct violation of the five basic principles of the United Nations Charter of 1945, and it becomes obvious that our foreign policy in Nicaragua has served only to discredit us in the eyes of the world.

The fact is, the U.S. government doesn't care about democracy in Nicaragua or in any other country in Central America and it never has. All the U.S. government wants in Central America are dictators who will suppress internal opposition and who will make decisions according to the interests of our government. A good example of this was Nicaragua, where our government had its way for close to 50 years thanks to the brutally repressive dictatorship of the Somoza family.

This is not happening in Nicaragua at the present and that's why the Reagan administration is so anxious to topple the Sandinistas. The longer the Sandinistas stay in

power, the longer they serve as an example to neighboring countries, such as El Salvador and Guatemala, that change is attainable.

The idea of the Sandinistas setting an example for others also seems to be the reason why the Reagan administration has undermined any efforts at a negotiated peace by stepping up aggression, while ignoring or attacking peace initiatives by others, such as the Contadora Group and Nicaragua itself.

In fact, Nicaragua has sent numerous signals for peace to the United States since 1983. The most recent example being the release of Eugene Hasenfus, the U.S. gunrunner who was captured when the shipment plane he was flying was shot down over Nicaragua. President Daniel Ortega fully pardoned Hasenfus, a U.S. prisoner of war, in time to spend Christmas with his family. What more can President Ortega possibly do to express his willingness to negotiate peace?

All in all, I don't think the Reagan administration will be satisfied until the Sandinistas are overthrown and a military regime is installed. So for now the U.S. government will continue funding the contras.

The scary thing about this is that even proponents on contra-aid admit that the chances of the contras overthrowing the Sandinistas are very slim. So what happens-if, or should I say when, the contras are totally wiped out? Does the Reagan administration manipulate the anti-Communist emotions of the naive "America" audience and send troops to Nicaragua in order to justify our foreign policy in Central America, promising that it won't escalate into another Vietnam-type war? Well, that of course remains to be seen.

One thing's for sure though, thousands of Nicaraguan civilians have been, and will continue to be, slaughtered by our tax dollars in the name of "freedom." What's happening in Nicaragua is very real and very wrong. Innocent people are dying because of our ignorance.

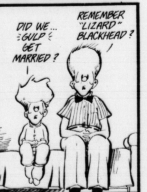
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LETTERS

Column trivial

In the Feb. 17 issue of the Kernel, I was confronted with the most slanted, incoherent and simple-minded column Bobbi Woloch has yet to produce. Using dinosaurs, big-inferior creatures and small-inferior creatures to represent various groups, she proceeded to write a column that made a weak attempt at criticizing the government and its current welfare system.

While I agree that there are certainly many things about our government and welfare system to be criticized, it is ridiculous and unfair to say that our government "bait" poverty for its "small-inferior" creatures. I would like to inform Woloch that the United States, along with every other nation in the world, had poor people at its beginning and will always have them despite any type of welfare program implementations. As far as her subtle compar-

son of our democratic system to communism is concerned, I suggest that Woloch try living under the control of some voraciously carnivorous communist dinosaurs before she makes her next comparison. I further propose that until Woloch's writing improves in both content and coherence, your paper could make better use of its space by printing another comic strip instead of Woloch's worthless columns.

Thomas D. Gosser,
Microbiology freshman

UK benchmarking

You may have heard the argument that both the level and the amount of increase of tuition at UK are roughly in line with the other benchmark colleges in nearby states. The implication is that UK is typical so there's no reason to complain about the tuition. We should totally reject this "benchmark mentality." Just be-

cause lower and middle-income students all over the country are being excluded from a quality college education by rising tuition and declining federal financial aid, does that mean that Kentucky students have to be excluded too?

Can Kentucky ever achieve the excellence in education that all our politicians talk about if our tuition policy is based on what everybody else is doing?

An administration and board that slavishly follow the benchmark schools when making major decisions like setting the tuition are condemning UK to mediocrity, not excellence. We're keeping up with the Jones as the Jones sink into poverty.

If we make our major decisions by following the benchmark schools, why do we need an administration at all? We could save a lot of money by eliminating duplication and putting UK under the management of Indiana. Better yet, three out of four

university systems could fire their administrators and put themselves under the management of the remaining one. We could call it Benchmark U.

Kentucky should have enough courage and initiative to freeze tuition now, attract growing numbers of the best students regardless of their financial situation, and leave the other benchmark states behind.

Geoffrey M. Young,
Agriculture economics graduate student

Editorial week

I was thrilled on reading your thoughtful article "Banning advertising won't stop people from taking a puff." However, you didn't go far enough. You completely forgot to mention that prostitution and drugs should not only be legalized, but advertised.

Like tobacco growers and sellers, people who sell drugs and

those who pimp for a living "don't do so to kill, they do so to make a living, to support families, to help state's economies." As you well know, the second largest cash crop in Kentucky is marijuana, which adds much-needed money to the state economy.

Ironically, the people who oppose drugs and prostitution are people who don't profit from it. Thus it is easy for them to support ideas that would destroy an industry they don't need. But pushers and pimps need "their industry and they are looking for ways to improve their products, making them less hazardous to consumers' health." — sterile needles and contraceptives, to name just a few.

Why should tobacco advertisement be allowed when illegal drugs and prostitution are not? After all, a couple of marijuana cigarettes won't kill you. A pack a day of cigarettes will certainly increase your chances of dying. The point is, nothing should be

banned. The public must be responsible for its actions. Blame cannot be placed on industries that simply want to sell a product that kills, (but hey, what the heck?) no one is being forced to use the product.

Taking illegal drugs is bad for your health — that fact can't be disputed. But not having advertisements isn't going to make the problem go away.

Now on a serious note: Your editorial was the dumbest argument I have ever read in my life. Do you think that just because people make a living selling something that kills thousands of people a year, costing other taxpayers' money, raises health insurance for others, is OK? It is sick people like you who are only interested in making a buck for yourself without thought for the safety and welfare of others. That is the real problem in the United States today.

Kerry Barker,
Statistics professor

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'Decline' tainted by sexual philosophy

By TIM CARTER
Contributing Critic

"The Decline of the American Empire" is the most recent in a spate of talky, introspective films made in the wake of "The Big Chill."

The film, written and directed by Denys Arcand, is the French-Canadian nominee for the best-language film Oscar and was one of the big crowd pleasers at last year's New York Film Festival. The film has thus garnered a reputation as the epitome of sophisticated, adult filmmaking. Contrary to expectations, "The Decline of the American Empire" is actually a smug, pretentious and completely unrewarding film experience.

The title of the film may be deceptive to some. It refers not just to the United States, but also to Canada (the film is set in Quebec). The title's meaning is considerably more ambiguous. Although it may be meant to be ironic, the exact irony is not clear.

The film concerns itself with a

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group of friends who are to meet for a weekend in the country. As the film opens, we meet the men and the women in separate, sexually segregated groups. While the men stay at home and cook the evening meal, the women go to the gym to pump iron. The irony here is rather obvious — traditional gender roles have been reversed.

With the men and women gathered together in their respective groups, the conversation quickly turns to sex. It does not, for the rest of the film, progress to anything else. It quickly becomes clear, as the film cuts between the talk of the separate groups, that everyone in the group is sleeping with someone else.

In "The Decline of the American Empire," Arcand has unsuccessfully attempted to create a sophisticated treatise on relationships. The characters endlessly intellectualize and



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Four women discuss the quirks and perks of their sex lives in "The Decline of the American Empire."

offer ostensibly witty epigrams about their sex lives. Some of these remarks are mildly amusing; others are absolutely inane.

Likewise, much of the film's situational humor is forced. While working out, one of the women describes the degrading physical positions she must assume while having sex with her abusive lover. As she does so,

she exercises in increasingly tortured positions.

Ultimately, the film's vagueness and muddle-headed philosophizing are its most damning liabilities.

"The Decline of the American Empire" shows tonight at 9:30 at the Kentucky Theater. French with subtitles. Rated R.

Voodoo sex scene cut; gives Lisa Bonet movie R rating instead of X

LOS ANGELES — Director Alan Parker's third cut of "Angel Heart," featuring "Cosby Show" ingenue Lisa Bonet in a sex scene, won the R rating it sought Tuesday after twice being assigned an X rating.

Richard Hefner, ratings chairman for the Motion Picture Association of America, said in New York that Parker had made many cuts to gain the R rating. Tri-Star pictures said the film essentially was unchanged and would be released March 6.

"Individually they weren't long," Hefner said of the cuts, "but they

were so many, so deep and crucial to the concerns of parents, that we felt we could responsibly give our R classification to this third version of the film."

The key scene as originally submitted showed actor Mickey Rourke and the 19-year-old Miss Bonet, who plays one of Cosby's daughters on television, in a love scene that in her mind becomes a blood-spattered nightmare of voodoo ritual.

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