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Education rally to promote increased funding

By JAY BLANTON
Executive Editor

David Holton, chairman for Student Advocates for Higher Education, has been asked several times whether students can make a difference in getting more funding for the state's eight universities.

And Holton says that students "won't know until we try."

On Tuesday, Holton and university students will get the opportunity to try and make a difference when SAHE sponsors a march and rally on the Capitol in Frankfort in support of higher education funding.

"The worse thing that can happen is for us to miss an opportunity to have an impact," said the third-year UK law student. "The opportunity is (there) for students to play a significant (role) in the state's future."

The march to the Capitol begins at 2 p.m. Students will begin to assemble at 1:30 on Second Street and will



proceed up Capital Avenue to the steps of the Capitol building.

At the Capitol, four speakers will speak to the marchers in a special ceremony.

Afterward, Holton and the eight university student government presidents will present a resolution — requesting more funding for higher education — to the state Senate, House and possibly Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.

Following the march, a rally will be held at the Capital Plaza Dudgeon Civic Center Arena at 3:30 p.m., where student groups will provide entertainment and more speeches will be presented.

A similar rally was held during

the last session of the General Assembly two years ago to urge funding for higher education. This year a march has been added.

Two years ago, however, students were rallying to praise what had happened in terms of funding for higher education.

Gov. Martha Layne Collins' budget proposal for higher education — which was later enacted — recommended a 20-percent increase in funding for the state's universities.

This time around the situation is vastly different. Wilkinson's budget only recommends a 0.5-percent increase in funding for state universities in the 1988-89 fiscal year and a 5-percent increase the following year.

But UK administrators say that the slight increase in funding for next year is really no increase at all.

The governor's budget, if enacted by the state legislature, would mean

only \$900,000 in additional state revenues in 1988-89. UK needs almost \$19 million just to stay even.

Consequently, this year's rally is much more important in terms of influencing legislators to increase higher education funding, said Robert Bell, chairman for the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education.

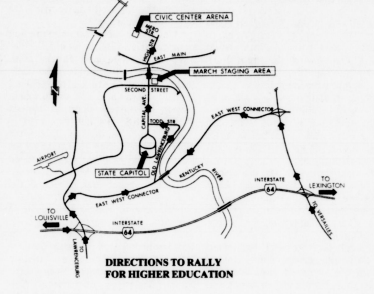
Two years ago students were rallying in support of a budget request by the governor, "which we were very happy with and very pleased with," Bell said. "That's not the circumstance today."

At UK the emphasis on Tuesday's rally is readily apparent.

UK President David Roselle told more than 30 faculty, administrators and student leaders yesterday that it is essential for the University to have a large turnout at the rally.

As the largest school in the state, Roselle said UK must be a leader in making the rally a success.

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Shop talk



Pete Pinney, a professor in the College of Architecture, discusses some design techniques with Tim Collins, a third-year architecture student, last night in Pence Hall. The building is usually lit up at night as students work on projects.



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SGA votes to give boot to vice president post

By JULIE ESSELMAN
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association gave final approval last night to an amendment that will abolish the position of executive vice president.

The Senate approved the measure by a 26-5 vote, three votes more than the required two-thirds majority.

The amendment will take effect next year.

At its last meeting two weeks ago, the senate gave its initial approval of the amendment by a vote of 25-9. Senate by-laws require that amendments pass by a two-thirds majority in two separate meetings.

"I think it's great," said Executive Vice President Brad Dixon, the primary sponsor of the bill. "I'm really glad about it."

The amendment provides that students elect one president and one senior vice president. The president would then be able to appoint a chief executive officer to oversee the operations of the executive branch.

Speaking before the senate, Dixon repeated most of the arguments that have been made in favor of the amendment.

"The office of the executive vice president was meant to be as a manager, but in history that hasn't happened that way," he said. "Traditionally the president wants to control the executive branch and that's their right."

There was some concern about possible political motivations behind the amendment since student government elections are less than two months away.

"If you're thinking about it politically... and you vote against it, you're being hypocritical," said Senator at Large James Rose. "I wish everyone for once would look at the merits of the bill."

"This office was created for political reasons," Dixon said. "Are you going to keep it for political reasons? If you vote against this bill because it helps or hurts) one group, that's political motivation. In that case, I would rather you abstain."

There was relatively little opposition to the amendment voted during the senate's meeting. Instead, many senators reiterated their support for it. "Everyone agrees that if you can appoint someone to that position, you can get a lot more done in a year," said LCC Senator Chris Essid.

Essid said he had gathered 65 signatures from LCC students supporting the amendment.

Communications Senator Jason Williams had a bill in executive committee that would require straight ticket voting in student elections, but after the senate's vote, he said he would withdraw his bill.

Dixon said he thought the amendment would not significantly affect any students who are planning on

Committee OKs bill on marital rape

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press



BRAD DIXON

running for office in the upcoming SGA elections.

"When the bill was submitted, people were already thinking about plan 'B,'" he said. In fact, he said "it may encourage some people to run who otherwise might not have."

In other business last night, the senate passed by acclamation a bill urging the UK administration to put the replacement of the CAP VAN as a top priority of its transportation and safety budget. The van provides evening transportation and security for UK faculty and staff. In addition to having mechanical problems, the current van can only service one handicapped person.

FRANKFORT — A "marital rape" bill that proponents say would give Kentucky women another way to escape domestic violence was approved yesterday by the House Judiciary-Criminal Committee.

There were objections that sex acts within marriage, no matter how offensive, should not be punishable as severely as sex forced upon a woman by a stranger. But the chairman of the committee, Democrat Dottie Priddy of Louisville, said, "Force is force, whether it's by a stranger or your spouse."

House Bill 309, sponsored by Rep. Marshall Long, D-Shelbyville, would delete from Kentucky law any reference to marriage as a defense against a rape charge.

The law presently allows a husband to be charged with rape of his wife only if the couple are legally separated, awaiting a divorce.

Assistant Jefferson County Attorney Don Zeller said that is inadequate because legal separations are rare in Kentucky.

Wives can now charge husbands with assault, but that also is inadequate because it requires "physical

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Escorts provided by campus groups

SGA service to feature set routes; escorts' background checked by police

By SHARON RATCHFORD
Staff Writer

UK's Student Government Association will begin a six-week escort service Feb. 21 to help students travel safely across campus.

"We're trying to encourage people to walk in groups across campus," said Susan Bridges, SGA senior vice president and author of the program.

Unlike many such services that have been tried, the SGA escorts will not be on call. Instead, they will walk mapped-out routes around designated segments of the campus, kind of like a bus service, Bridges said. The escorts will accompany students while they walk on those routes.

Bridges said SGA is working with the UK Police Department to design a route, but tentative spots include the library, the Student Center and Donovan and Blazer residence halls. Pamphlets will be distributed to publicize the route and the times that the escort group will be at each point.

The service will be offered from 8 p.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday.

Each employee will wear a bright orange vest and carry an I.D. badge. The escorts will announce themselves when they reach a stop, Bridges said.

All the employees must go through a police check of their background and an orientation process before they start work.

In the orientation session, which is scheduled for next Thursday, UK police will brief the escorts on their duties and on how to handle emergencies, said Stephanie Bastin, campus safety coordinator for UK police.

Bastin made it clear that the purpose of the escorts is simply to provide safety in numbers. If an emergency would come up, they would contact a police officer.

"They're not there to protect the people they're escorting," Bastin said. "They're not charged with the responsibility of a police officer."

The Student Senate approved about \$1,800 for the program in November to be used for escort salaries, advertisements and general promotion of the service, Bridges said.

If the program gets a good response, Bridges will request more funds from the senate so the program can be continued through the rest of the semester.

"I would hope that since this escort service has the backing of the Student Government Association, it would go over (well)," Bastin said.

If the service is successful, Bridges said she would like the SGA to take it on as an ongoing project.

The SGA is paying the escorts to help ensure reliability, Bridges said. From a staff of 10, three employees will work a night. They will be paid \$4 an hour, said John Floyd, a chemical engineering junior who will be one of the escorts.

Floyd said one of the biggest benefits of the SGA service is that the employees are checked out by police. Some people are hesitant to call volunteer-escort services because they do not know if the escorts themselves are safe, he said.

"I think if enough people are made aware of it, and it's around for awhile," people might use the SGA service, Floyd said.

Sigma Chi accompanying students to and from fraternity functions

By EVAN SILVERSTEIN
Staff Writer

Sigma Chi fraternity has organized a service to escort party guests home from fraternity functions.

The program, known as the Sigma Chi Escort Service, was first used at Sigma Chi's Jan. 20 party. It's a result of two meetings the chapter had with UK Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Art Gallaher.

"The same concepts were reiterated both times — that something was needed for campus safety," said Scott Damron, who is a member of Sigma Chi and the program's founder.

Damron said the service is needed because of some dangerous areas around campus where incidents have been reported.

One of those areas, according to Damron, is the dimly lit Clifton Avenue circles, located near the Sigma Chi house.

"From what I understand, the circles are just prime (for trouble)," Damron said. "From north side of

campus, that's a cut-through and also from the sorority houses to south side of campus. That is where I've understood that some girls have had close encounters (with strangers)."

Damron said anyone at a Sigma Chi party may request an escort, who will walk them to their destination. There is no charge for the service.

Escorts wear Sigma Chi apparel, including large buttons with the escort service logo written in bold letters. Escorts are required to fill out a log telling who they escorted, at what time and where they took them.

Although escorts walked home only seven people during the first night of the service, Damron said he is enthusiastic about the future of the service and thinks the number of people asking for escorts will increase as the service becomes better known.

So far, he said the program has been well-received.

"We went around to every sorority

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Sports

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Claiborne gives answer to 'where's the beef?'

By CHRIS ALDRIDGE
Staff Writer

In terms of beef, the Kentucky football signees should get a Grade A rating.

Headlining the list of 27 new Cats is a dozen linemen to beef up the depleted ranks in the UK corral.

"We feel like we've got a good group of linemen, both offensive and defensive," Kentucky coach Jerry Claiborne said. "They've got good height, and they've got good weight at this particular time in their career."

All but one of the 12 linemen stand 6-foot-3 or better, and all weigh in excess of 230 pounds. This should help fill the void created by a graduation in which Kentucky lost four starting offensive linemen.

Claiborne said the new Cats have both size and mobility.

"We feel like most of them can run pretty well," Claiborne said. "And that's just gotten to be a must in football nowadays."

UK again failed to sign the state's Mr. Football — linebacker Kurt Barber of Paducah Tighman. He's heading west to Southern California. Last year, Frank Jacobs chose Notre Dame.

Although the top catch got away, the Cats did receive some needed help in the offensive backfield. UK signed four, including two junior college transfers who may be able to step in and contribute immediately.

"This is an area where we felt like we needed to get some more depth

to go with the people that we have returning to our football team," Claiborne said.

But judging from their careers thus far, probably the two best players the Cats inked yesterday are quarterback Ryan Hockman and running back Alfred Rawls.

Hockman, at 6-3, 190 pounds, was named a Super Prep Magazine All-American as a senior when he connected on 121 of 225 passes for 1,699 yards and 21 touchdowns. He was also named the Dial Ohio Player of the Year and was a member of United Press International's All-State team as a senior.

"We think he's an outstanding quarterback," Claiborne said.

The 5-10, 200-pound Rawls originally signed with Southeastern Conference rival Georgia after rushing for 2,046 yards and scoring 36 touchdowns his senior year at Wilcox County High School in Pitts, Ga.

But after failing to meet the NCAA's Proposition 48 standards for academic eligibility, Rawls opted for Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, the same school that produced UK senior tight end Charlie Darrington.

Last season, Rawls rushed for a Mid-America Bowl-record 244 yards and scored two TDs as N.E. Oklahoma defeated Hinds (Miss.).

Rawls and defensive lineman Scott Booth, a transfer from North East Mississippi Community College, are currently enrolled at UK. That means both players can participate in spring practice, something that Claiborne likes.

JERRY'S KIDS			
Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
Alfred Rawls	TB	6-3	190
Scott Booth	DL	5-3	268
Ryan Hockman	QB	5-9	190
Chuck Bradley	DL	5-6	270
T.J. Maynard	DL	5-6	245
Dean Wells	FB	6-4	224
Jeff Walke	DL	6-5	248
Craig Walker	TB	6-0	205
Brad Smith	QB	6-3	185
Brad Shuford	DL	6-4	280
Eugene McClain	TE	6-4	240
Travis Hahn	DL	6-3	230
Matt Branum	DL	6-3	237
Rich McCune	DL	6-3	250
Pieppie Smith	LB	6-3	205
Chuck Lattimer	DL	6-7	232
Albert Burks	DB	6-4	185
Tony Miskaek	DB	6-1	200
Todd Perry	DL	6-5	240
Chris Reedy	LB	6-5	235
Greg Lahr	DL	6-4	243
Tin Harris	DB	6-0	180
Brad Armstead	DB	6-2	175
Rodney Sheppard	FB	6-1	225
Mickey Dean	TE	6-5	235
Sterling Ward	DB	6-0	170
Jody Matthews	DL	6-1	245

"If you can get them in spring practice, that's a big advantage," Claiborne said. "They're two years older than a senior coming out of high school."

The only player that orally committed to UK but has yet to sign is Alfred Jones, a 6-5, 190-pound wide receiver. He is also from N.E. Oklahoma A&M.

UK evens the score, beats Tigers, 69-62

Staff reports

The University of Kentucky basketball team evened the score against Auburn last night by downing the Tigers in Alabama, 69-62.

Auburn handed the Wildcats their first loss of this season in January when John Taylor hit a three-point bomb with nine seconds left to upset UK 53-52 at Rupp Arena.

With last night's win, the 10th-ranked Wildcats improve to 17-3 on the season.

UK is 9-3 in the Southeastern Conference.

Auburn falls to 12-7 overall, and 5-6 in the league.

UK was led by sophomore guard Rex Chapman who had 25 points. Chapman also leads the Cats this

season, averaging 17.8 points per game.

Seventeen of Chapman's total came in the first half to help the Cats gain a 49-31 halftime lead.

Also contributing to UK's win were senior center Rob Lock and freshman guard Eric Manuel, who each had 12 points.

Wildcat senior guard Ed Davender added 10 points.

Auburn's senior forward Jeff Moore led the Tigers with 18 total points. He was followed in scoring by 6-foot-8 senior forward Chris Morris. Morris added 13 points.

Caylor, who did UK in the last time around, was held to single digits on the night with nine points.

UK will next take on Alabama at 1 p.m.

UK volleyball team signs 3

Staff reports

Three high school standouts signed letters-of-intent with the UK volleyball team last night.

Yvette Moorehead, a 5-foot-11 middle blocker from Detroit, Mich.; Cathy Debuono, a 6-1 middle blocker from Bronxville, N.Y.; and Stephanie Green, a 6-1 middle blocker from Belleville, Ill., will join the UK team next season.

"This is one of the stronger classes we have ever had," UK coach Kathy DeBoer said. "They

are all good athletes, dedicated students and quality people. I'm excited about the prospect of working with them."

Moorehead, from Henry Ford High School, has a 33-inch vertical jump and was rated a bluechip recruit on several midwest scouting reports.

DeBuono led Tuckahoe High School to four consecutive area playoff appearances and was named to first team All-County.

Green was named All-Area the past three years while competing for Althoff Catholic High School.

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•Rally

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To encourage students and faculty to attend, Senate Council Chairman Bill Lyons said he was asking faculty to invoke a "rule of reason" in letting students miss class to attend the rally.

Student Government Association President Cyndi Weaver said she expects a large University contingent to attend the rally, but she said it's hard to anticipate the numbers because many students will drive, since UK is close to Frankfort.

Buses will be leaving from the Student Center at 12:30 p.m.

Holton said he expects at least 3,000 people to participate in the rally and march and hopes that up to 6,000 turn out.

A march of several thousand people is not done every day or every year, Holton said.

Roselle can certainly attest to that.

"I've never marched on the state capital," Roselle said. "It's an interesting exercise."

•Fraternity escorts

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and announced it to them," he said. "We got a really good response from them."

"I think it's a great idea," said Bridget O'Neill, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. "I think it makes you feel a lot safer on campus. If there is a guy around it makes matters a lot easier."

However, the service could create some problems, according to UK Police Chief W.H. McComas.

"I have some reservations about it," McComas said, "but I was especially concerned about the service not being affiliated with the UK Police."

"To run it haphazard or without some very strict controls on it, I think that they could very well open themselves up to some public criticism," he said.

One of the people who took advan-

tage of the escort service was Mary Jean Gleeson.

Gleeson, a French junior, was escorted from the Sigma Chi house to the Delta Zeta house, where she is a member.

"I think it is a very courteous service... it says a lot about the guys in the fraternity," she said.

Panelistic Adviser Becky Headley said the escort service is "commendable."

Headley, who served on a panel of faculty members concerned with campus safety four years ago, said the service is a good way to improve campus safety.

"There is no doubt that there are areas of this campus that are not entirely safe, whether it's day or night," she said. "I think definitely it's going to improve the situation to a degree for women at that party."

•Committee OKs 'marital rape' bill

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damage" that does not always result from rape, Zeller said.

Carol Furrow, a Shelbyville woman who said plastic surgery was needed for the injuries she suffered in three years of beatings and sexual assaults by her ex-husband, asked the committee to give women the legal option of filing marital-rape charges.

"I think a lot of people think this happens in the lower socioeconomic groups," Furrow said. "There's a

lot more goes on behind closed doors than you will know."

"Rape is criminal behavior, no matter who is the victim, and it should be treated as such," added Phyllis Alexander of Lexington, president of the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association.

But Rep. Tom Kerr opposed the bill, saying he objected to creating an offense within marriage equal to common rape. "It should be a more serious crime for a stranger to force

himself on you," said Kerr, D-Taylor Mill.

And Rep. Dan Seum, D-Louisville, said he feared people could be wrongly charged with rape in the bitterness of divorce. "What a tremendous tool this would be in a child custody case," Seum said.

The bill now goes to the House Rules Committee, which can send it to the full House for a vote or to another committee.

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Sigma Chi escorts should be screened by UK police dept.

Sigma Chi fraternity should be commended for an establishing an escort service for its party guests.

Some areas students may have to walk through to get to the Sigma Chi house are poorly lit and possibly dangerous at night or early in the morning.

Scott Damron, a member of Sigma Chi and the originator of the service, has said that some of the areas are "prime" locations for trouble. We don't think anyone would dispute that.

However, the manner in which Sigma Chi is choosing these escorts leaves a bit to be desired. All chapter members are eligible and automatically accepted as escorts.

Now while we realize that the brothers of Sigma Chi have no reason to doubt the integrity and responsibility of each other, the girls being escorted might. And that doubt would be justified.

Things dwell in people's past that could only turn up through a proper check of police records. We're not saying that any of the Sigma Chi's have lurid histories or even police records. What we are saying is that no one has any way of knowing unless a proper check is done.

UK Police Chief W.H. McComas has said that he has "some reservations about it." So do we.

If there is no process or restrictions through which to verify the responsibility of an escort, Sigma Chi can't possibly hope to gain a positive response from the campus.

The UK Student Government Association has begun organizing an escort service of their own that would cater to all UK students traveling anywhere on the campus. But SGA's escort service is taking necessary steps to establish itself.

SGA is working with UK Police to check the records of escort applicants. Sigma Chi should do the same.

If safety is the premise, all steps should be taken to make sure that it is the outcome.

Letters

UK could be in 'Jeopardy'

I had a professor once who is the author of a book on modern literature's most confusing, most obtuse and some say most talented writer. It's a book that helps people understand and study this writer's work.

I had a TA once who slammed his knapsack down on the desk and proceeded to teach 25 idiots at the Escape-The-Math-Requirement Plan symbolic logic. Teach it so they could understand it, not just pass the course.

I had a professor once who taught me that "Tococo" had to do with seashells.

I had a professor once who used to be on national TV a lot and another one who showed me how to get someone on national TV.

I have a professor now that lends me articles of interest, just because I'm interested.

These professors work at the University of Kentucky, but probably not for long.

Either call (800) 372-7181 and ask your legislator to vote for federal tax code conformation, or win on "Jeopardy" and give your professors the cut they deserve for teaching you what you know so far.

Katie Urch is a journalism junior and a UK staff assistant.

Columnist contemplates life's more bewildering questions

Todd Jones wrote a sports column the other week that consisted of simply a number of questions. I read it and I thought what an easy way to write a column. Just ask a bunch of questions and not even make an attempt to supply or even lead anyone to the answers. How provocative!

So, I thought. (Sometimes I think very short thoughts.)

Then I thought: "Hey, I have to write a column this week. How about I just ask a bunch of questions, instead of struggling through a piece on social or life issues that no one is going to read anyway." Besides, by asking numerous questions I don't have to take any particular side to an issue or exert any mental energy.

Thanks, Todd. Here are some of the questions I would like to have answered:

Who is David Botkins and why do we allow him to constantly represent us as the student body of this University? Does he represent us?

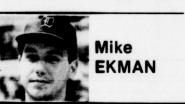
What is the nutritional value of a condom? (Just in case I pull the wrong lever.)

What contraceptive properties do Snickers and Almond Joy bars possess? (For the same reason.)

How many Democratic candidates does it take to screw in a light bulb? (Maybe we should ask Donna Rice for the answer to this one.)

How can it be that the political outlook for this country's next presidential election actually looks as dim and unpromising as our own recent election for governor?

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Mike EKMAN

Are the words politician and leader synonymous?

Aren't we all mad as hell as Brad Dixon? Who?

Why is there a rise in the number of pit bulls in this country? Why is there a rise in numbers of movie critics in this country? Maybe it's breeding.

How could Wimp Sanderson's parents have known when they named him?

Does Ed hate Rex? Does Rex hate Sean? Does Eric drink 2-percent milk? Does he really care?

Did Eddie forget about the three-point line? Is it really a line?

Does Mindy Shannon know how to make small talk, or what? Why do we care what Tom Brockaw has to say about the movie "Broadcast News"?

Are there really such things as rhetorical questions?

Why do people look so offended when I ask them not to smoke in my presence? Why are these same people offended when I poot? (Euphemism: pass gas.)

Is C.A. Duane Bonifer the most opinionated person in the world? And what does C.A. stand for? (It



Take care

Students should take advantage of SGA's escort service

On the night of June 9, 1984, UK student Lin-jun Chen walked into the Chemistry building. She never walked out.

Almost a year later, Elzie Alexander Morton was sentenced to life in prison for Chen's murder. But there should never have been a trial. There shouldn't have been a murder.

But a murder did occur on the UK campus. And it should raise our concern about the issue of campus safety.

Although an extreme case, a murder on campus isn't the only sort of safety-related crime that happens at UK. The University has more than its share of exhibitionists, sexual harassers and the like. And much of it goes unreported.

But Lin-jun Chen's murder and other safety-related crimes don't and shouldn't have to happen.

The Student Government Association is starting a program



Jay BLANTON

which is aimed at trying to prevent it.

Starting Sunday, Feb. 21, SGA will begin an escort service at night in an attempt to promote safety on campus.

Under the direction of SGA Senior Vice President Susan Bridges, the escort service will have five student escorts walking beats around campus Sunday through Thursday from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Wearing fluorescent orange jackets and IDs, the escorts will be walking bus-type routes for easy access to students who want an escort to walk them wherever they need to go on campus.

The program is a pilot program

for six weeks. Whether it will continue next semester depends on how much students use it, Bridges said.

The idea of an escort service probably is not new, but it's long overdue at UK. Walking on campus late at night is not smart for anyone to do.

But that doesn't mean that students should have to spend their evenings in their dormitory rooms huddled in fear.

Students need to be able to feel safe when they go to the library at night or walk to the Student Center for dinner.

Now that doesn't mean that with an escort service, students should abandon all common sense. But an escort program would prevent a lot of worries students have about campus travel at night.

And SGA's program is slightly different from other attempts to have an escort service. All escorts in the program will have undergone police checks and are paid for their services.

Our student government is taking proper steps by working closely with the UK police department to ensure an effective and safe program.

It only makes sense for students to take advantage of this SGA service.

In fact, the escort service is one SGA program we need to keep and to support at this institution.

We, at the Kernel, gripe so often about how student government doesn't do anything but argue and scheme about elections. (And nobody even cares about that, except the Kernel.)

This program, though, is something that we must support and use. Student government has provided us the means to protect ourselves and our campus more effectively.

Now it's up to us to use it.

If we do, we won't have to read about anymore Lin-jun Chen's.

Perhaps it's the best service student government can provide for us.

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Artist's note: There are times when mere words are insufficient to convey one's feelings regarding an issue or event. In the opinion of this former editorial cartoonist, Gov.

Wilkinson's treatment of higher education in Kentucky merits something stronger than the typical letter to the editor.

Thomas J. Stipanovich is a law professor.

Editor's note: Because of a production error, this cartoon was repeated today.

Diversions

Erik Reece
Arts Editor

Midnight Oil kicks up 'Dust' on idea shortage

By ROBSENG
Staff Critic



Midnight Oil is one of those bands I've always wanted to check out on vinyl but never have. 10897654321 has been hailed as a masterpiece by Trouser Press. The few songs I have heard were hard-driving, politically conscious songs that sounded like articulate Clash.

Somehow, though, Midnight Oil's newest album, *Diesel and Dust*, comes up as a disappointment, albeit not a major one. The guitars have been almost completely shuffled out of the mix and replaced by some textured keyboard riffs.



What's left is a collection of songs concerning personal and global politics that is still danceable but somewhat detached musically from its subject matter.

In keeping with the band's spirit of democracy, everyone in Midnight Oil has a hand in writing the songs. Some of these songs were penned in 1986, so some of the material already seems dated, considering that these issues have been addressed by a multitude of artists in the past couple of years.

"Put Down That Weapon" is a rather pessimistic view of the disarmament talks. "Some things aren't meant to be/Some things don't come for free" and "They keep talking about it" sings bandleader Peter Garrett, but the only thing he has to tell the world leaders is to "put down that weapon or we'll all be gone."

"Warakurna" and "The Dead Heart" are both anti-apartheid songs, although "Warakurna" is more vague in its references. As



Australia's Midnight Oil pads their politically defiant lyrics with three-chord simplicity.

such, "The Dead Heart" is the more effective of the two due to its direct and concise statements concerning the entrapment of the black people in the oppressive South African society.

The album ends on an optimistic note with "Sometimes," but its "life's a bitch-but-don't-give-in" philosophy is a message we've all heard before.

Except for the last song, the album is marred by unspectacular guitar-playing that adds little to the mood of each song. The Edge has proven that basic three-chord guitar strums can add atmosphere and feeling to songs of political and religious tensions.

The desert is mentioned enough times in the songs to become the album's central metaphor. The band, like the people in the songs, seem to be wandering in some vast wasteland in search of direction. Their musical well also seems to have dried up a bit.

Bags to perform at Babylon

Critically acclaimed on alternative music charts, The Bags are touring behind the LP, *Rock Starve*. Paul K. and The Weathermen will open the show. Music starts around 10:30. The cover is \$3.

Exhibit catches eye, handbag

By KILEY ARMSTRONG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sometimes, Stephen Taylor Woodrow can't wait to be off the wall.

Especially after six or seven hours of posing as one of "The Living Paintings" at a Manhattan art museum.

"You get panic attacks. You think 'Everyone's staring at me,'" said Woodrow, a British performance artist whose piece explores the relationship between art and its audience. "When I eat, they see every little bit going into my mouth."

Five days a week, Woodrow — covered with black spray paint — attaches himself to a harness and dangles from a canvas on a wall at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in SoHo.

Beside him hang artists James Melloy, painted red, and Dale Devereux Barker, in blue.

"They're like traditional portrait scenes," said Woodrow, citing the precedent of "The English Artist" (J.M.W.) Turner, who tied himself to the mast of a ship to see what it was like in a storm.

"But our hanging here, I suppose, is fairly untraditional," he conceded.

Each living painting portrays a mood. Melloy slouches and seems bored, but agrees to shake hands with an onlooker; Barker, looking shy and sad, tentatively extends his

hand (to be touched; Woodrow — the hostile one — frowns, brusquely gestures to a middle-aged woman to move closer, then yanks her hair.

"Are these for sale?" wondered museum-goer Paul Zimmerman, a Brooklyn actor-writer. "Can you buy one of these guys and hang him in your living room?"

You can't, but the artists receive an honorarium for hanging out in the museum, which charges \$2.50 admission.

Brash New Yorkers who come to watch can laugh, ask questions or dish out insults. But the artists cannot answer, "because painting is a visual media," Woodrow said before climbing the wall.

Consequently, he said, "feelings are intensified. . . . I'm always angry."

Once Woodrow snatched a handbag.

"It does funny things to you. I do things I wouldn't normally do," he explained. "And it can get boring in a way. So rifling through a bag for something to eat or something to do becomes legitimate."

Asked about a report that he had spit at his audience, he replied, "I'm just a little bit messy with my food. It's also a way of getting people away."

After the exhibit closes in New York Sunday, Woodrow starts his next work which may be "loosely based on the theme of living furniture."

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