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UK program offers second chance at education

Employees can brush up on skills, learn in Operation Educate

By KIP BOWMAR
Executive Editor

The words begin to roll from Horace Miles' tongue as he follows the images on the computer screen. After finishing a sequence of yes-no and fill-in-the-blank questions, another image flashes on the screen, saying, "That was perfect Horace" and flashes the score 11 for 11. His personal satisfaction punctuates the exercise.

Miles, an employee of UK's Services department, is one of the many successful participants of Operation Educate at UK (formerly Operation Read at UK), which is designed to help improve UK's employees' basic literacy skills.

Miles is taking the course to improve all his skills. "Maybe some day I'll swap my bucket for a desk job," he said with a grin.

It's a program that has left many smiling.

"The program has two components," said Connie Johnson, Operation Educate coordinator. "We have a basic skills component and an Adult Basic Education/GED (General Education Development) component."

In Kentucky a GED (General Education Development) certificate is the equivalent of a high school diploma. In a recent survey it was discovered that approximately 50 percent of all Kentuckians over 25 did not have a high school diploma or a GED. The same survey showed that 400,000 adult Kentuckians had poor basic literacy skills.

"The program really unfolded from a grievance, actually," said Marsha P. Collins, manager of Human Resource Development, which started the program back in 1986. "There was an employee who was turned down for a promotion because of poor reading skills. From there we thought there was a need."

Once Collins and UK Human Resource Services Director Walter Skiba estimated 200-250 UK employees could benefit from basic literacy training, informal surveys of supervisors of the Physical Plant Division, the Housing department and other campus employers were tak-

en.

Supervisors predicted those in need of help would be too embarrassed to step forward. Collins, however, went to the Fayette County Adult Basic Education program and received literacy training.

"They sort of adopted us," Collins said. "They took us under their wing and showed us how to run a program."

She said tough choices had to be made about the program before an official proposal was written up and submitted.

The two key choices, however, centered on whether the tutoring would occur on the job and where the tutors would come from. The answer to the second question came easy.

"We thought, of all the places that should believe in literacy, this should be it," Collins said. "We decided to use volunteer tutors from the campus."

The first problem was solved when it was decided UK employees

UK employee Horace Miles is taking courses to improve all his skills. "Maybe some day I'll swap my bucket for a desk job," he said with a grin.

would be given paid release from work to participate in the program. Many studies had indicated employees had difficulty participating in programs after work. Problems cited included family responsibilities, transportation, second jobs, and fatigue.

A proposal was drawn up and submitted to then Lexington Campus Chancellor Art Gallaher, who reacted very favorably. From that Operation Read at UK was born and began to offer the basic literacy skills training in 1986.

Since that time, the administrations' support for the program has remained strong, Johnson and Collins say.

In fact, Johnson said she felt the strength of the program was "The University's commitment to the program and its desire to improve the basic skills of its employees."

Apprehension and embarrassment among employees receiving the literacy training quickly was dispersed, Collins said.

"At first you'd see them sneaking around here (Memorial Hall, where some tutoring sessions take place). But after a while they weren't embarrassed at all. You could see the pride they had in what they were doing."

The program then experienced some growing pains. "We had employees who were testing too high for the basic training," Collins said. "They were so disappointed because it took a lot of courage to come forward."

In March of this year, the ABE/GED component became the second leg of Operation Educate at UK. This part of the program focussed on helping people get their GED's. The thirty spots in the two classes quickly filled up, and a burgeoning waiting list ensued. To alleviate the problem, two more GED classes have been added for the fall.

The basic literacy section also is experiencing a surge of growth. "We currently have 20 employees in the basic literacy section who are waiting for tutors," Johnson said. "We always have a need for tutors in our program."

She said her biggest surprise is "The motivation that the employees bring to their tutoring sessions and their want to improve employment positions."

Both tutors and students have been enthusiastic about the program.

"Although it costs the University money, they should get the money back because employees will do a better job," one tutor said. "They will be able to read instructions better and make less mistakes. UK will also save money because they will be able to promote from within."

He added: "I can't think of anything a university could do that's better. It's a win-win situation."

"I think it's great," Miles said.



MICHAEL MU/Karnel Staff

Marsha P. Collins (left), manager of Human Resources and Development, sits with Connie Johnson, coordinator of Operation Educate. Operation Educate is a program that helps UK employees improve their basic literacy skills.

"It gives people a chance to advance and gives old people a chance to brush up on their skills."

Miles, who earned his diploma from the old Dunbar School in Lexington, classified himself in the latter category.

Miles hasn't been shy about his involvement in the program, adding: "A lot of people where I work have been inquiring with me since I've been using the computer."

The GED classes had a recent success. Billy Seiring was the first UK

employee to earn a GED since the classes started in March - and the third overall in the program who has attained a GED through involvement in the program.

"I had finished the 12th grade but lacked some required courses," Seiring said. "The teachers have been really helpful."

Seiring didn't know whether he will begin taking college classes.

While Seiring and others may reach their concrete goals, Miles has his own goal.

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UK to unveil new vending machines next week

By PAMELA MITCHELL
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More than 400 responses supporting UK's new vending machines came into the food services office from faculty and staff, and managers are hoping for the same response from students.

By adding the new Vend•Plus cards, changing over to Pepsi Cola from Coca Cola and adding health foods, food services' efforts have received good reviews so far, said Roger Sidney, vending manager of

food services.

"Responses have been very positive overall," Sidney said.

UK plans to install the new vending machines, which will allow users to access an account in order to make purchases Aug. 1-14.

"It's a two week window (between the dates)," Sidney said. "We should be totally installed by the 14th."

The machines and Vend•Plus cards will operate 24 hours a day, as long as the user has money in the account.

In order to access the machines

through a Vend•Plus card, the user either can purchase one out of the vending machine or use a meal card.

If a card is purchased from a machine, the user should go to an Automatic Debit Machine (ADM) and deposit dollar bills, which will be credited to an account.

A maximum of \$20 per day can be deposited, and the money will remain in the account until it is used up.

"The account is good forever," Sidney said. "There is a \$5 charge to get unused money back if you

choose to take it out. But we do want as many people as possible to set up accounts."

Also, you can go to Student Billings and set up a Vend•Plus account. Go to the office in the Student Center room 257 and deposit a minimum of \$20, then go to room 239 and have a card made up.

In order to transfer money into your account, go to an ADM machine the next business day and deposit money.

Food services set up the daily maximum to protect card users if

cards are lost or stolen.

"If you lose your card, you lose all the money (you put in that day)," Sidney said.

However, card-holders can call the vending office and have their account closed out in order to protect any other money left.

"If you don't close your account, someone could access it," he said.

The new machines will offer a variety of brand-name foods and health foods, including low-calorie, low-cholesterol, and low-salt foods, as well as fruit and juices.

4 students go to D.C.

Staff reports

U.S. Rep. Larry J. Hopkins (D-Ky.) met last week with four UK students from China to discuss proposed changes in U.S. immigration law - proposals which would make it easier for Chinese students to remain in the United States while the current political unrest in their homeland continues.

The students, Liguang Xu, Shen Q. Pan, Chunwei Huang and Y.J. Chang, were in Washington to meet with members of the Kentucky Congressional delegation and seek their support for the changes.

Chinese student representatives testified last Thursday before the House Subcommittee on Immigration.

The four from Kentucky attended the hearings in support of the speakers.



Four Chinese UK students present Rep. Larry Hopkins (D-Ky.) with a T-Shirt last week in Washington.

Acquaintance rape brochures funded by interim senate

By CAROLYN MAYER
Contributing Writer

The UK Student Government Association interim senate unanimously passed a bill Tuesday night to allocate money for the distribution of brochures about the problems of acquaintance rape.

The interim senate approved the allocation for \$330.95 for the brochures, which will be given out during freshman orientation at UK in August. Brochures on the subject are currently available at the Student Health Service.

"The brochure will let students know what constitutes rape, what to do in case you're raped, and where to go to get help," said SGA President Sean Lohman yesterday.

The bill, which was introduced by Lohman, was to have been discussed at a July 11 senate meeting but due to lack of quorum no meeting was held.

"For the past couple of years (ac-

quaintance rape) hasn't been addressed. People are raped on this campus and there are many who are afraid to report that they've been raped," he said.

"They need to know what constitutes date rape and how to get help. We can't be too ignorant of it."

Lohman said response to the bill has been "very positive."

"We've been attacking the alcohol issue ... but we need to move on to something that I think is a very pressing issue on many campuses, including ours."

In other senate action, Senator Rob Lohman presented a bill asking for \$1,000 to be given for a Fall semester 1989 documentary film festival. "There would be seven shows, one every two weeks," Lohman said. "We are only asking to be funded by SGA because this is the first one."

The interim senate will hold its next meeting Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Patterson Office Tower.

UK chemist exploring fuel alternatives

By JONATHAN MILLER
Contributing Writer

America must adopt an alternative method to making gasoline from crude oil because in 1990 crude oil will cost \$100 per barrel, about \$2.50 a gallon.

That was a prediction made by experts during the oil crisis of the late 1970s, said UK chemist Burton Davis. A prediction the UK chemist said is obviously wrong.

But finding an alternative method for making gasoline - an idea that's been tossed around since the 1940s - has always intrigued scientists.

Davis, who works at UK's Center for Applied Energy Research, is

working on just such a project. He's trying to develop a process that would convert methanol to gasoline. "I was working at Mobil where the catalyst, ZSM-5, was accidentally discovered, which works instrumentally in the conversion process," Davis said.

Davis said the process goes like this: natural gas (methane) is first converted into a "synthesis gas," which basically is carbon monoxide and hydrogen.

This gas is then converted into liquid methanol. The catalyst, ZSM-5, is then used to set up a complex series of chemical reactions, resulting in gasoline, he said.

Coal also can be used as a source

material instead of natural gas. The only difference is it must first undergo a slightly more complex gasification process, Davis said.

"The U.S. is buying oil around \$20 per barrel currently," Davis said. "During the oil crisis we were spending \$42 per barrel. "If the price ever reaches \$35 per barrel, then synfuels will get the go ahead from the government and industry to be into use," he said.

The UK Center for Energy Research Laboratory has been in the lead for synfuels research at the state level. It also collaborates with a plant in Wilmington, Ala., which is the only synfuel plant that produces transportation fuel.

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SUMMERTIME MOVES

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UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton was not a happy man, especially after the NCAA slammed UK basketball with a three-year probation in May (left).



Faculty, staff and students may be glad to see the new robotics facility, which is rapidly nearing completion (right).



Pro-choice supporters took to the streets this month to protest the Supreme Court's decision that states could somewhat monitor abortions (far left).



UK President David Roselle and Mayor Scotty Baesler teamed up in June to announce their war on drugs (top right).

New UK basketball coach Rick Pitino was able to enjoy a laugh with ex-Cat Kenny Walker following Pitino's hiring in May (bottom right).

Lexington sees renewed interest in black heritage

By ANN HALCOMB
Staff Writer

Many African-Americans at UK have recently become aware of and started to celebrate their African heritage by wearing various African accessories and apparel.

"It is for a genuine political and cultural base for people to express themselves," said Chester Grundy, Director of the office of Minority Student Affairs.

Beneath all the attention being paid to African fashion lies more complex issues. According to Grundy, the clothing and apparel is only a means to assert a "new attitude, awareness and awakening of political consciousness."

Black Americans are becoming more alert to their cultural identity.

"African-American people are more and more seeking out symbols of who we are," said Msiba Ann Grundy, a teacher and counselor at the Central Kentucky Re-Ed School.

One of the more popular items being worn is a necklace Africans call a nubie. It's also called the rasta chain by Rastafarians.

(Rastafarians are members of a Jamaican religion whose god is Haile Selassie and who believe in freedom for blacks and a return to Africa or the Motherland).

The chains may also be referred to as freedom pendants or awareness bands.

Nubie is derived from a former country, Nubia, which was once an area of Sudan, Egypt and Ethiopia.

According to Frank Walker, program coordinator for the Martin Luther King Cultural Center at UK, the pendants are metal and/or leather and are in the colors red, black, green and gold, each representing

certain ideas.

Black, red and green are "liberation" colors, which stand for the colors of the African national flag. Red represents the blood lost by all African people, and green means the land. Gold stands for Africa's mineral wealth, but also has something to do with sunshine.

Red, green, and gold are colors linked more to Jamaica and the Rastafarians who started making and selling them more than four years ago. It was at this time that they were being worn in places like New York, Nashville, Tenn., and Atlanta.

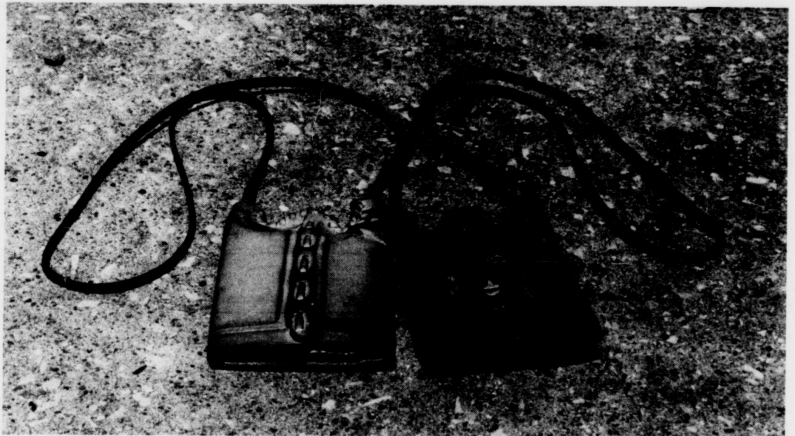
In the middle of the nubie is an African symbol. One of these symbols is the continent of Africa which is synonymous with the Motherland. Another common image is Nefertiti, who was a 14th century queen of Egypt. The Lion of Judah, also an African emblem, was one of the 12 tribes of Israel.

Also pertaining to Judaism, the Star of David is an original African symbol, and signifies the second King of Israel and Judah.

Nubies and other items such as African-made jewelry, scarfs, hats, kente cloth, T-shirts, and pins in the shape of the continent of Africa have been popping up at a few retail stores across the country.

According to Mrs. Grundy, most of the clothing and accessories are made in Africa, but there have been various fake products being sold to unsuspecting customers in which the label may read 'made in Japan.'

Kente cloth, from West Africa, is made of intricately woven print, and is made into skirts or other apparel. The cloth comes in thousands of patterns representing family histories and are "very expensive" in terms of human hours, Mrs. Grundy



This African-made juju bag, or neck wallet, was originally a medicine bag. Items like this have gained renewed popularity recently across the country.

said.

Mrs. Grundy said that many African-American women are turning to the African fabric, but wear it in a cut that is in a more modern fashion.

Hats or kufis, and scarfs made of kente cloth are often color-coordinated but are not as available.

T-shirts explaining the various African colors and symbols promoting black pride are popular too.

This is not the first time that African clothing has influenced fashion. Even back in the 1960s trade beads were worn. But according to those who wear the paraphernalia now, the recent popularity is not a fad but an awakening to their cultural heritage.

"I hope that it is clear that people know that this is not just a fad,"

Walker said. "We feel like the interest in the paraphernalia is a reflection of the renewed interest in our cultural heritage."

Walker wears a juju bag, or neck wallet. Juju bags were originally used as medicine bags.

"As a direct descendant I am very pleased to see it happen," he said. "The whole idea behind the paraphernalia is to promote African heritage and to put the knowledge out to the public."

"The actual wearing is part of a larger thing that is happening not just on college campuses but across the nation," he said.

The King Cultural Center (located in the basement of the Student Center) plans to bring in vendors from the country in order to make the Af-

frican clothing, jewelry, accessories and sculptures more available to the public soon.

"At the University there has been a significant number of people who have been sincerely interested, not necessarily in wearing the articles, but in the knowledge behind it," Walker said.

This fall, vendors will make their art available at the Festival of African-American Heritage, which will be held in downtown Lexington September 22-23.

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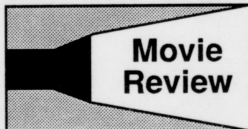
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DIVERSIONS

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New Reiner comedy a sure-fire summer hit

By G. LINCOLN TEACHEY
Contributing Writer



Rob Reiner will probably be forever remembered as Michael "Meat-head" Stivic from "All in the Family." In the last few years, however, he has been responsible for directing some successful and funny movies ("This is Spinal Tap" and "Stand by Me").

This summer Reiner has released a wonderful romantic comedy called "When Harry Met Sally," starring

Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan. Crystal plays Harry Burns. Harry meets Sally Albright (Ryan) for the first time in 1977 after graduating from college. They drive to New York together where they both plan

to make their living.

On the drive to New York, Harry tells Sally that he believes that men and women can never become good friends without sex getting in the way.

This becomes the main plot of the movie as Harry and Sally spend 12 years as best friends, falling in and out of relationships and marriages with other people only to realize how much they have come to love each other.

Reiner has created a movie based

on human interaction and dialogue.

The humor is fresh and witty. It doesn't rely on slapstick, parody, or cool one-liners.

"When Harry Met Sally" is proba-

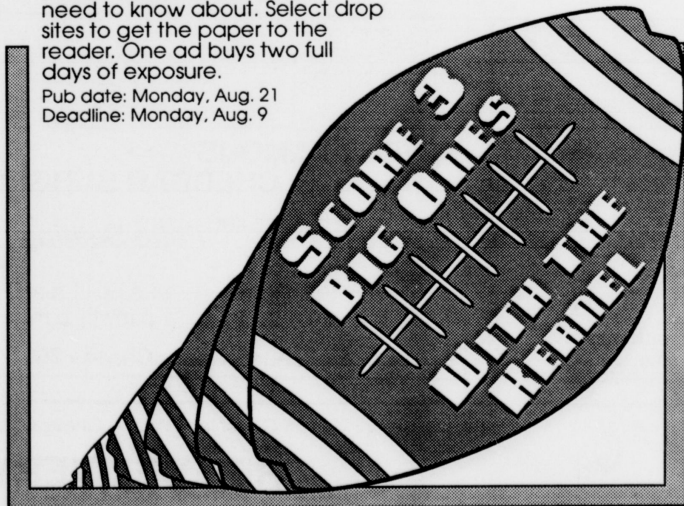
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Lee continues streak with powerful film

By KIP BOWMAR
Executive Editor



By tackling major issues like racism, which the majority of Hollywood chooses to ignore, Spike Lee continues to build his reputation as a maker of important films.

His latest joint, "Do The Right Thing," is set in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn and occurs in one sweltering, simmering, and eventually scorching 24 hours.

Lee, who serves as writer, actor, director, and producer as he did in his first two feature films, treats the subject matter seriously and both sides fairly.

He has a feel for this neighborhood, which goes back to his thesis film for graduate school "Joe's Bed-Stuy Barbershop: We Cut Heads." Lee didn't make it look like Hollywood visits Brooklyn.

In the movie Lee plays Mookie, a pizza delivery person for Sal's Famous Pizzeria. Sal (Danny Aiello) is a wonderful and by far the most versatile character of the cast.

The conflict begins when Buggin Out (Giancarlo Esposito) complains that there are only Italians on Sal's Wall of Fame. Buggin Out's character is extreme and leaves no room for compromise with Sal.

Buggin Out joins forces with Radio Raheem (Bill Nunn) to take the

confrontation a few degrees higher. The heat is stressed over and over as Lee, illustrating the racial climate, matches a scorching summer day.

But unlike the weather, the racial tensions are always on the edge of bursting into flames.

There are a number of striking camera angles at interesting moments in the movie which actually give a new perspective.

The soundtrack is one of the most diverse I've ever heard. The score was composed by Bill Lee, the filmmaker's father, who put together the score for both "She's Gotta Have It" and "School Daze."

The ensemble appeal of the cast is surprising giving the somewhat segmented nature of the film.

The film deals well with issues of violence, frustration, and misplaced anger without providing answers. Doing the right thing is both different and difficult for every character. That's one reason why it's so good.

"Do The Right Thing," rated PG-13, is currently showing at Crossroads Cinemas.



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Mookie (played by Spike Lee, left) and Sal (Danny Aiello), share an intense exchange of viewpoints playing at Crossroads Cinemas.

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SPORTS

Kip Bowmar
Executive Editor

LeMond's ride to the top was truly spectacular

It seems there aren't many moments of pure drama left in sports these days. The Super Bowl is usually a blowout, the baseball playoffs in recent history have seemed a little mundane, and the NBA playoffs border on tedium.

One of those rare moments of drama at the very pinnacle of a sport occurred this past weekend.

Greg LeMond, an American cyclist, won the Tour de France, the world's most prestigious cycling event, in such fashion.

Over the course of a grueling three weeks, 178 of the world's premier cyclists pedaled 2,100 miles over France. Through the Pyrenees and the Alps, they rode and gave chase to each other while some faded in a paralyzing mix of heat and exhaustion. For LeMond, who became the first American to win the Tour de France in 1986, it was an opportunity for redemption.

Following his breakthrough win in 1986 LeMond learned how fleeting fame can be. He was shot in a hunting accident by his brother-in-law and nearly died two months before he was supposed to defend his title. His in-law had mistaken him for a turkey hiding in the bush.



Kip BOWMAR

What a way to go.

LeMond was shot in the lower back and some wondered if he'd ride again. When he overcame that injury he had to deal with an appendectomy and a knee injury. By the time he returned this year he had missed the last two Tours.

People were skeptical as to whether LeMond could regain his level of greatness. Most figured he would be near the leaders in this race, but no one expected him to contend for the title.

Early in the race LeMond trailed Frenchman Laurent Fignon (a champion of the race in 1983 and again in 1984). With a solid performance in a time trial in the mountains, LeMond seized the lead on July 6 and held it until the 11th. He then lost the lead before reclaiming it after the 15th stage. In the Alps, LeMond would be tested again.

Fignon, a superior climber,

surged past LeMond and took a slim five-second advantage. In cycling, every second is crucial. As the climbing stages became more intense, Fignon's lead over LeMond ballooned to 50 seconds.

Going into the 20th and next-to-last stage, LeMond was confident he could make up time on the leader. He won the stage but Fignon was right behind him.

Frenchmen rejoiced, knowing the final stage was only 15 miles and it would take almost a miracle for LeMond to overtake Fignon.

Going into the final stage, LeMond told reporters, "It's really difficult to make up a second a mile, much less three."

It was, however, a time trial, Le-

His story is one of courage, perseverance, triumph, and drama. LeMond's story is one that should be told and retold.

Mond's strength, which went from Versailles to the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

LeMond bared down and stunned Fignon and all of France by completing the trial in a record 26 minutes and 57 seconds and averaging nearly 35 mph. Fignon finished 58 seconds behind in the final stage and lost the title by eight seconds, the closest finish in history.

And there was the singled-minded LeMond, who said, "I didn't think, I

just rode."

His story is one of courage, perseverance, triumph, and drama.

In a summer where the nations' pastime is embroiled in a gambling scandal and Olympic heroes detail their usage of steroids, LeMond's story is one that should be told and retold.

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Pitino names Willard associate

Staff reports

UK basketball coach Rick Pitino completed his staff last week by naming Ralph Willard associate coach.

Willard, 43, was assistant coach-video coordinator for Pitino on the National Basketball Association's New York Knicks last year after serving as a volunteer the previous year.

He was an assistant coach at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., in 1985-86 and a member of coach Jim Boheim's staff at Syracuse University in 1986-87.

"Ralph has been a friend since his high school days, where he was one of the premier coaches in the Long Island (N.Y.) area," Pitino said.

"He later did a great job at Syracuse University with Jim Boheim in their drive to the championship game and also the past two years with the New York Knickerbockers."

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Willard was athletics director and head coach at St. Dominic's High School in Oyster Bay, N.Y., from 1972-84, winning one New York state championship and three Long Island Catholic Championships.

He played college basketball at Holy Cross College.

Pitino had previously named Herb Sendek and Orlando Smith assistants and Billy Donovan graduate assistant.

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UK assistant coaches Rod Sharpless and Joe Phillips have been chosen to participate in the National Football League Coaching Fellowship Program.

Sharpless, who enters his eighth season as UK defensive tackle coach this season, is currently working as the recipient of the Hugh Culver-

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house Coaching Fellowship with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He is assisting Tampa Bay defensive line coach Mike DuBose in the Bucs' training camp at the University of Tampa.

Phillips, beginning his second year with UK as graduate assistant coach, begins work in the Washington Redskins training camp on Monday, July 24, at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. Phillips is the recipient of the Redskins Coaching Fellowship Internship and will be assisting Redskins receiver coach Jack Burns.

"We're happy and honored for both Rod and Joe to be selected," UK head coach Jerry Claiborne said. "I think the experience will definitely help them in their coaching careers. They can pick up good ideas and just getting the opportunity to work with a professional team is a plus."

Both Sharpless and Phillips will be involved in on-the-field coaching, as well as staff and team meetings. Sharpless will return to UK in time for the Wildcats' first practice on Aug. 15. Phillips will return to UK Aug. 21.

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The College Football Hall of Fame will be taking its show on the road for the 1989 season and one of its stops will be Commonwealth Stadium on UK's campus.

With the sponsorship of the USF&G Company, a Traveling College Football Hall of Fame will appear at top college football games from coast to coast for the next three years.

Water Company donates files

Staff reports

A wealth of Lexington history was given to the UK library July 24 as the Kentucky-American Water Co. donated its historic files which date back to the company's founding in 1885.

The collection provides a detailed record of Lexington's growth, particularly during the early 20th century. Historians will find the names of Lexington residents, businesses and industries, both famous and forgotten.

One of the earliest documents is the first handwritten annual report when the company was called the Lexington Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company. Among the ear-

ly customers listed are Belle Brez-ing and jockey Isaac Murphy.

The collection includes many early photographs, including one showing convicts digging the city's first reservoir.

The collection includes documents as recent as 1974.

Much of the material was gathered in 1985, as part of the company's centennial observance. Recently, the company decided to hand over the collection to the UK library's Department of Special Collections and Archives, which will provide safe storage and preservation, as well as making the material available to scholars.

"The growth of the community and the water company are closely

related. We wanted to ensure that this collection would be preserved for generations to come," said Robert Edens, president of Kentucky-American.

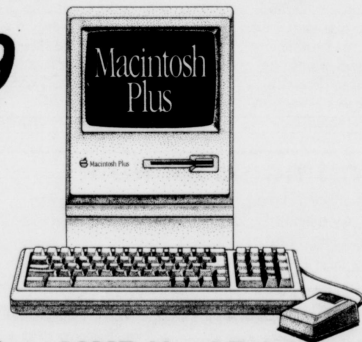
"This is a rich resource for the business history of Lexington," said Bill Cooper, a curator at the library.

"We try to collect things that have research value relating to Kentucky and the local area. This certainly fits."

Highlights of the collection will be on display through tomorrow in the Peal Gallery of King Library-North. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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Bush not doing anyone a favor with new plane

Has President Bush gone mad? He talks about balancing the budget, yet he keeps pushing the B-2 Bomber (also known as the Stealth Bomber) program.

It has already cost taxpayers \$22 billion and its results are meager, at best. It has never made a flight with the landing gear up, although the government promises such momentous occasions will happen soon.

The armed services predict that by the time the program is completely operational, the planes should cost only \$530 million a piece. They want 70 of these things.

The U.S. has the largest deficit in its history yet Bush is trying to push a weapons system with a total cost of more than \$60 billion.

This is also supposed to be the era of superpower cooperation and trust. If this is so, why build a bomber whose main purpose is to avoid radar detection and presumably make sneak attacks on the Soviets or any foe easier?

If Bush is really interested in balancing the budget and meeting the specifications of Gramm-Rudman, the Stealth Bomber program is a good place to start.

UK outdoes itself with new programs

While UK may not match other benchmark institutions in the realm of faculty and staff salaries, it does reach out to its employees with other programs.

One such program is Operation Educate at UK, which strives to help UK employees either improve basic literacy skills or obtain their GED's.

That in itself would be positive, but the program goes a step further. The employees who participate, both as students and tutors, are given paid release time from their jobs, up to three hours a week.

As other states have shown, literacy rates and education are tied directly to the economy. Kentucky will likely improve its economy when it turns around the education system.

This program is a step in the right direction. It attempts to erase whatever barriers the student might have faced in the past and tries to help them improve their literacy skills.

The improved skills will help most of these people in their current jobs and may even help some get promoted.

For some it may be the newfound ability to sign their name, or the freedom to open a checking account. For others it may be getting that GED and beginning to take college classes.

Three people have earned their GED, aided in part by involvement in the program.

Many others have had their self esteem and confidence raised in the basic literacy component. While the numbers may be small, what they represent is not. It represents UK helping its own people to advance and thereby helping itself.



Almost done

As another disappointing summer draws to a close, so do our dreams

Kentuckians were very fortunate this summer. Although it got hot and humid again, we didn't have any major drought. Although the beloved Wildcats got placed on a three-year probation, the sun still shone the next day.

By all accounts, it was a pretty typical summer. Just checking the baseball standings and seeing the Reds in their traditional fifth place in the National League West standings lends credence to that.

On a more personal note, it wasn't too bad of a summer on this side of the editorial page either. I was lucky enough to work two jobs that I really enjoyed. I met a lot of interesting people, did a lot of interesting things and even learned how to not split my infinitives.

But somehow I just can't shake the notion that it could have been better. I'm willing to bet most people feel the same way.

Every summer since high school I've noticed a similar trend. It's something my former roommates and I discussed a lot. We seem to think we can change our lives in a span of just over three months.

Now I'm no different. After final exams ended in early May and I packed up for home, I had visions of what the summer would be like, visions I think everyone must have. Work a fun job and get paid a decent salary. Go out with your friends and have a good time. Get in shape.

It makes sense, really. Summer is the time when we relax after two long, hard semesters. When we recuperate from year-long relationships with girls/guys, good and bad teachers, eight-hour, all-night cram sessions on history tests and, of course, the double cheeseburgers at Wildcat Grill.

But do we really take it easy? We use summer as a time to change our lives. Some make the change financially by working crazy, nutty hours on late night shifts - just aiming for the dough, or the



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chance to move up the ladder. Some do it socially, using their added free time in such intelligent ways as expanding their beer bellies.

The whole point of summer is simple: we want to get ahead or catch up after falling behind. Taking an eight-week or four-week class, or working the late shift at Hardee's is not unlike taking a make-up exam.

We consciously try to erase our past if it wasn't so great, or change some part of our appearance if we don't like it.

And I still contend that the year is only nine months long. Summer, then, is like the rinse cycle of a washing machine.

Don't get me wrong. I think changes are great. I'm just tired of having to lie to myself. Too often our summers turn into Procrastination 101, and we don't get any credit for it.

No, change can be good. The Kentucky Kernel, for instance, will undergo some changes of its own. With the introduction of new computers in the newsroom, the student paper will hop into the 1990s. We'll have one of the youngest and most inexperienced staffs in recent memory, full of fresh and innovative ideas, rested from the summer.

Also, I'll be happy to see some of the friends in the next few weeks who I haven't seen since school let out. They will, of course, have changed.

No matter how bad our summers are, we never let anyone - not friends, especially not strangers - know how bad it was. We try to look our best, our freshest. We get our hair cut, wear our fanciest

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duds (that still look cool), and perhaps sport a tan.

We also come back with a little bit more money from that summer job. Our books, for the most part, are new, our clothes are a little different.

Mostly, we come in with a newer attitude. A better outlook, which is good.

But then the year turns sour again. We get out of shape, the money dwindles, the hair gets longer. We get a little older, spend more time at the watering holes than in the chemistry lab, wait until the night before the big term paper is due before heading over to the library.

Chances are, things won't go as planned. Before you know it you're behind in your schoolwork. Your grades suffer. Your life generally decreases.

So you vow that next time, things will be different. That you'll get you're act together.

Next summer.

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Grass greener at Plum Lick ... when it rains

The grass was beginning to wither. The crossing on Plum Lick creek was dry. It looked almost as barren as it had most of last year during the bad drought. The cattle were restless. The No. 10A cow had figured out how to worry the horse-shoe latch off the gate at the end of the lane coming from the pasture. She had been leading the search for anything greener, even if it were just something different to break the monotony of the summer heat. The sheep's heads hung low as they nibbled at the last sprigs of weeds in the lot behind the barn.

The nodding thistles had lost their green vitality, their thistle-down had departed weeks ago on their journeys, which will result in mass seedlings in the spring of 1990. The tobacco plants were hunkered down, their roots as yet unable to make the connection with the fertilizer and lime that had ben spread there earlier in the year. the coolness of



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the late spring and early summer nights, and the unusual moisture back then had triggered the blooming mechanism. Up and down the roads of the Plum Lick area, tobacco crops were producing their flowers too soon. Farmers scratched their heads and wondered, what possibly could go wrong next?

The television weather folks were not, as they say on Plum Lick, "hollaring rain," much less "speaking of rain."

"Great weekend shaping up. No rain in sight. You all enjoy yourselves this weekend."

The usual urban dialogue bore no relationship to rural needs. Those of

us who don't golf, don't tennis, don't fish, don't hunt, don't picnic, don't boat, don't softball, don't surfboard, don't skateboard, don't skydive, don't do much except work while the sun is shining - we entertain ourselves during dry times by anticipating the blessings of wet times.

Good news for the television weather folks is more bad news for most of us down on Plum Lick, and the other way around is true. Our good news is mainly the city feller's bad news.

Fact is, most of us around Plum don't put much stock in weather forecasts on television. Anytime somebody says there's a 50 percent chance it'll rain, you'd think they'd know there's a 50 percent chance that it won't. It doesn't take a whole lot of imagination to figure that out.

Which side of the 50 percent the weather falls on, we don't think in

terms of umbrellas. Carrying an umbrella down here makes about as much sense as going swimming with shoes on. As dry as it had been, and as much as we had been needing rain, when it rains we walk around in it, look straight up and let the sweetness splash on our faces.

"Listen."
"I hear it."

Rain was beginning to fall in the early morning hours. The wonderful sound for which we'd waited so long had finally descended upon the tin roof of the Issac Shelby Crouch house, as it had so many times before during the past 139 years. Television was not a factor in 1850, nor was it now, because the screens were dark, the transmitters off in the wee hours of the morning.

Pure water ran down and along the gutters, mingling with the leaves of last year. The breezes through the giant water maples in the yard blew the moisture through the open win-

dows, across the bedroom, one of the main advantages of not having artificial air conditioning.

Without words, mother and father embraced. The essence of the break in the weather brought them together in tenderness. There was no 50 percent commitment. Such is the wonder of living on the land, where the falling of rain is not a matter of inconvenience, but the recognition of necessity.

The rainfall filled the cistern, replenished the crevices leading to the aquifer from which the pump pulls the lifesaving water up to the livestock trough, to the spigot in the barn, to the taps in the old house where we live out our years.

"Isn't it beautiful?"
"Yes," she sighed.
And the rain kept falling all day.

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Flagburner, look in our eyes - no one is cheering

While you burn the American flag be sure to look over your shoulder, a crowd is watching, and no one is cheering. As the black smoke curls upward round your narrow shoulders, turn and looks into the faces of the crowd. Flagburner, can you see their faces or are you blinded by your newfound freedom?

Flagburner, can you see the gaunt, stubble-faced man struggling to stand tall as his muscles clench with rage?

The flag you burn was a symbol to him, a symbol of blood spilled to buy democracy and liberty for the child he never held.

Years ago, he stood on an un-named beachhead while artillery and machine guns ripped the flesh from his friends.

Then, in the blink of an eye his time came as well. His life ended that day, but his dream lived on, in

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the eyes of a child.

Flagburner, do you see the small, frail woman standing beside him, her body wracked by hunger, her

face masked in sorrow?

The flag you burn was a symbol to her, it meant the hope of freedom and justice far from the killing fields of southeast Asia.

Her fight to save her family ended as a brutal wave swept the bow of an overcrowded boat, pulling her to a watery grave in the Pacific. Her life ended that day, but her


dream lived on, in the eyes of a child. Flagburner, do you see the child who now stands between them? Look into his eyes, can you see what he can see?

It is the symbol of all his parents fought and died for, now smoldering at your feet.

As the last embers die, ask yourself this: What will be his answer when you howl for someone to stand and fight for your rights?

Flagburner, look into our eyes.

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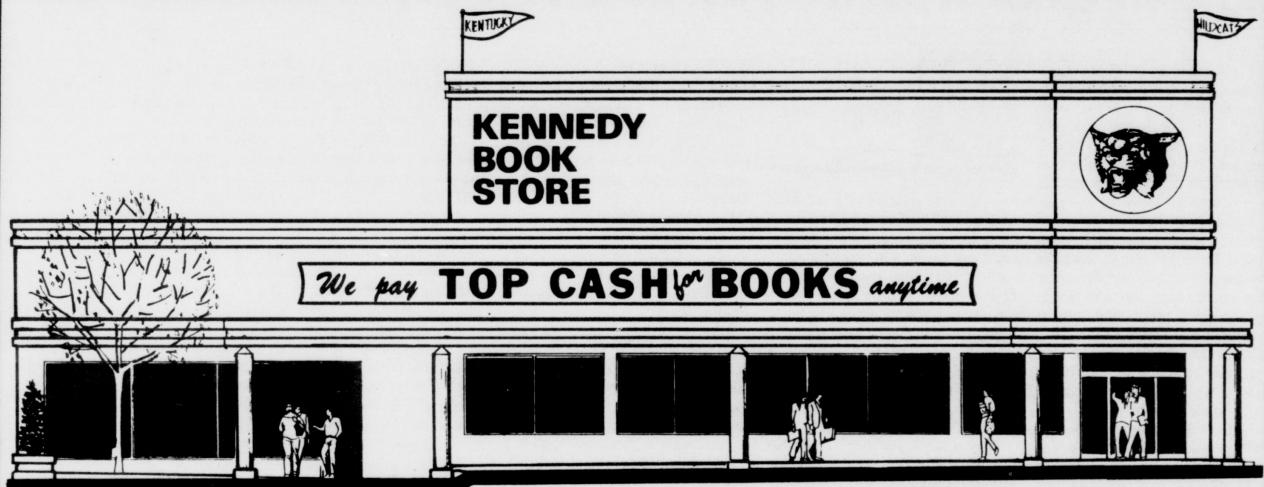
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