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Cutting the red tape



Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway talks to Curtis Godchaux at the "Tell it to the Chancellor" table during yesterday's United Way fund-raiser outside the Student Center.

Blanton and Hemenway receive few complaints about UK red tape

By ROBYN WALTERS
Staff Writer

As far as Chancellor Robert Hemenway and Vice Chancellor of Administration Jack Blanton are concerned, not many people at UK have any frustrations.

At least that's the signal they got yesterday.

The two administrators sat from noon to 1 p.m. at the Student Center to "cut through the red tape" for those who donated a dollar to the UK United Way campaign.

In the hour the two were there, several students and staff members stopped by to say hello and donate a dollar, but few had any serious complaints.

One staff member who came up to the table jokingly asked if anyone had complained that it cost too much to complain.

Dean Grosney, an electrical engineering senior, said he thought people might not have stopped by because they were intimidated by talking to two of UK's top-level administrators.

Blanton said while he was glad he did not receive many complaints, he had hoped to raise more money for the United Way effort.

"I was pleased that there were not more frustrations, but I was a little disappointed that we did not raise more money," Blanton said.

Gregg Hewins, a mathematics graduate student, spoke to He-

menway about a personal problem he was having.

"This is a good idea. You could charge more, and people would still come and tell their problems," he said.

Mark Rucker, a political science senior, said he thought more people did not air their grievances because the event was not well-publicized.

Rucker said if the UK administration had more time, holding more events like the one yesterday could help improve its image with students. "It is a whole new concept. Everyone thinks they stay locked in the Administration Building, and this shows that they really do care about students."

Bush, governors meet to reform U.S. schools

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — President Bush sat down with the nation's governors at an education summit yesterday, summoning them to forge "fundamental changes" in a national school system wracked by drugs, high dropout rates and mediocrity.



BUSH

Governors circulated a memo outlining their own goals for the educational summit, the first ever conducted between a president and the states' executives.

Their plan called for eliminating illiteracy, curtailing the dropout rate and making American students the equal of their counterparts anywhere in the world, especially in mathematics and science.

The summit scene was the historic campus of the University of Virginia, whose establishment was the proudest accomplishment of Thomas Jefferson — America's first "education president." The university is still called "Mr. Jefferson's school" and Bush referred to it that way, too.

"It's time to get on with it," said Bush, challenging the governors to do more than just study the issues and to act without partisanship. "We must decide on a course of action; the time for study is now over."

One plan pushed by the administration and welcomed by a number of governors would allow parents to shop around for schools, sending youngsters to the ones they think will educate best.

"This is a mechanism that's very, very important," said Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos in an interview.

"I've called it the cornerstone for restructuring," he added.

He said he would begin a whirlwind tour in mid-October to sell the idea to educators in states that will include North Carolina, Colorado and California, conducting hearings during the day and meet-

ing with working parents at night.

Before leaving Washington, Bush told reporters that he was looking for commitment from the governors "to make those fundamental changes that are needed if we are going to improve educational performance."

Controversy over federal spending rumbled just below the surface, but a number of governors said it would not be a major issue at the meeting. Bush said he was not prepared to "quintuple spending."

Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas, a Democrat, conceded, "We do not expect a big increase in federal funding to flow out of this summit."

"Millions of Americans cannot read, some never even make it to graduation, dropping out of school and society as well," he said. "Drugs have invaded our classrooms, violence has entered our schoolyards, and clearly the enlightened America dreamed of by Thomas Jefferson still eludes us."

A consensus appeared to form quickly around a need for "national performance goals" under which every school's performance could be measured against all the other U.S. schools.

"I think we will establish the fact that we need measurable national goals," Bush told reporters before leaving Washington.

The meetings between Bush and the governors were closed to the public.

The White House said the governors wanted that arrangement in order to facilitate candid exchanges.

The touchy funding issues, though not being pressed, was raised by Democratic Gov. James J. Blanchard of Michigan in an "open letter" to Bush.

"We do not come to rattle a tin cup ... but we cannot afford to have our education revenues 'bled' by the federal government," Blanchard said, saying the federal government was retreating from its role.

But money is not the issue, former New Hampshire Republican Gov. John Sununu, now Bush's chief of staff, said. "We've got to do it smart, we've got to do it right," he said. "Our problem is not money, our problem is using the money that is there effectively."

Changing schools no easy task

By LEE MITGANG
Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — What's so wrong with America's schools that the president, his Cabinet and the nation's governors must retreat to this quiet college town to spend two days searching for solutions?

After all, the nation is pouring \$353 billion into education. That's \$5,246 per pupil this year, 29 percent more in real, inflation-adjusted dollars than in 1981, according to federal estimates.

But all that money and a decade-long clamor for school reform seem to have hardly dented the national deficit in what students know about the world around them.

Bush, the governors and educators all have expressed how the summit yesterday and today will be a first step in supplying U.S. schools with something they've never had before: national goals and standards.

Keith Geiger, president of the National Education Association, met privately yesterday here with Govs. Garrey Caruthers of New Mexico, and said the governors "had a sense of optimism that the meeting can come up with some general goals" to take home to their states.

"But the governors have some question about whether the meeting can put together a plan to meet those goals. That's not going to happen in two days," Geiger said, adding that with more than 900 reporters crowded onto the University of Virginia campus, "the only sure thing is that this is a big media event."

SGA Senate rejects bill for housing march

By MICHAEL L. JONES
Editorial Editor

The Student Government Association Senate defeated a bill to send 20 UK students to the Oct. 7 Housing Now march in Washington, D.C., by a 17-10 vote last night.

The vote on the bill came after an amendment sponsored by Senator at Large Ashley Boyd was defeated. The amendment proposed that SGA donate the \$1,000 asked for the march to the Horizon Center for the Homeless.

"I'm opposed to spending any money at all, but if we have to spend money, I'd rather spend it locally," College of Law Senator James Musser said on behalf of the amendment.

During the debate a number of senators said that they opposed the bill because of one passed earlier sending College of Fine Arts Senator Rob Lohman, Senator at Large Andrew Stein and executive branch official E.J. Bunzendorf to a leadership conference in Washington during the same time as the march. The three will take part in the march as part of the leadership con-

ference.

Nevertheless, Bunzendorf supported the Housing Now bill.

"We are playing the lottery for a \$32 billion jackpot," she said, referring to the amount Housing Now is asking Congress to allocate for national housing programs.

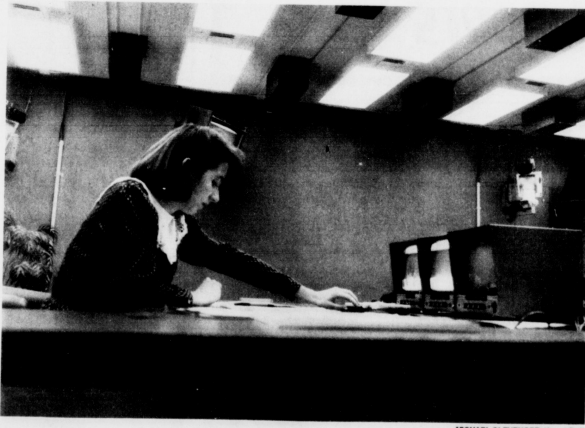
Bunzendorf said that giving \$1,000 to help the 800 documented homeless in Lexington would be like giving "\$1.25 per homeless person."

"That is three times less than any of you spend on a lunch at this University," she said.

In other action the Senate also allocated \$2,400 for Alcohol Awareness Week, including \$850 for a magician.

"You just gave \$850 for a magician, and you couldn't give \$1,000 for 20 students to lobby for the homeless," UK student Vish Bhatt said to the Senate during members' privilege.

SGA President Sean Lohman did not attend the meeting because he was in Washington meeting with Kentucky Sens. Wendell Ford and Mitch McConnell. In his absence SGA Vice President Paige Foster



IT'S SHOWTIME: SGA Vice President Paige Foster glances over some notes before last night's Senate meeting. Last night was the first televised meeting of the SGA Senate.

read a statement he had written. Lohman said in the statement that passing the Housing Now bill would be a "positive step in bridging the gap between SGA and students."

Lohman also referred to the request by the state's eight university presidents to ask the Kentucky Council on Higher Education to come up with alternative tuition-setting formulas.

Lohman and several other of the state's student body presidents said they would oppose any move to tinker with the formula.

"We fought it and now it is a dead issue," Lohman said.

Debaters take gold in tourney

Staff reports

UK's top varsity debate team defeated Harvard University in the final round of the 1989 opening National Collegiate Debate Tournament Tuesday in Iowa to take first place.

UK's Calvin Rockefeller, a communications junior from Birmingham, Ala., won the match that defeated Harvard University on a 3-0 decision.

The UK duo of Rockefeller and T.A. McKinney, a political science junior from Nashville, Tenn., won 12 consecutive ballots in the four elimination rounds.

In the octa-finals the UK duo defeated Emory University's second team 3-0, and in the quarter-finals they defeated Emory University's top team 3-0. Their victory in the semi-finals was another 3-0 decision over Wake Forest University.

UK's second varsity debate team advanced to the octa-finals.

UK's Debate Team will host two national tournaments Oct. 4-9.

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UK instructor pens antique signatures

By REBECCA MULLINS
Contributing Writer

Joe Nickell can sign other people's John Hancock's as well as he signs his own.

Nickell, a UK English instructor, pens such noted signatures as Benjamin Franklin and John Hancock as a hobby. He also detects forgeries, updates documents and collects a variety of antique writing materials.

"Forgeries add spice," he said. Several pieces of his collection will be shown through Saturday in the Peal Gallery of the Margaret I. King Library North.

Nickell began collecting antique writing materials about 10 years ago. In addition to works from the 20th century, he also has collected items from ancient Egypt and Babylonia that will be on display.

One of the more valuable pieces is a small Babylonian clay tablet that Nickell said is the receipt for beer. The exhibit also includes an ancient Egyptian religious fragment from the "Book of the Dead," a collection of spells ancient Egyptians buried with their dead to lead them safely to the afterlife.

Some items in the exhibit are more humorous than historical.

Nickell has a "wide-mouthed ceramic hound dog from the 1950s that once held a damp sponge to blot ink." While it may be more common and less valuable than other items in the exhibit, Nickell said he values it.

"I am interested in things people

have used for writing throughout time, not only the rare," he said.

Most of the exhibit includes items from the Revolutionary War period to the 20th century. A 17th century quill pen and ink stand, and a large ink stand similar to one owned by Thomas Jefferson when he lived at Monticello are among the items displayed.

Nickell said 17th century letters were folded in such a way that envelopes were not necessary. The letter opener became useless when the envelope was invented, he said.

Nickell said his interest in writing materials hasn't stopped at collecting. He also does calligraphy, creates his own ink recipes and detects forgeries.

He said he began detecting forgeries in college. A document's age or authenticity can be revealed by viewing water spots on the paper under a microscope.

The "Antique Pens of a Feather" exhibit in Peal Gallery is open 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. today and tomorrow; and 9 a.m. - noon Saturday.

Matsuda's character only depth in 'Rain'

By TIM FOGLE
Staff Critic

After the United States dropped atomic bombs on Japan, black rain fell over large areas of the Japanese countryside for days. The rains poisoned the population and future generations, manifesting itself in disease and birth defects on an end and exploding into an intense hatred for America on the other.

Or so goes the premise of "Black Rain," the atmospheric cops 'n' guts thriller starring Michael Douglas as everybody's fa-

vorite character - a New York cop. It seems the New York and Japanese mobs are in cahoots in a double counterfeiting deal, and just by coincidence Douglas and his partner are hanging around when something goes awry.

Sato, a brash young Japanese gang member (Yusaku Matsuda) breaks in on a meeting, takes one of the \$100 counterfeiting plates (reputed to be the best in the world) and stabs one gangster and slits the throat of another.

After a short chase, Douglas thinks he's collared a simple double-murder suspect, but is forced

to give him up to Japanese authorities. Douglas and his partner Charlie (Andy Garcia) escort Sato to Tokyo and unknowingly turn him over to some of his gang buddies disguised as cops.

Douglas takes the escape as a personal challenge and sets out to right the wrong.

But the real star of "Black Rain" turns out to be Yusaku Matsuda as the despicable Sato.

Without ever speaking a word of English, he creates one of the best screen villains since Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Terminator." Cocky, smirking and defiant,

Matsuda is the perfect counterpoint to Douglas' rugged, slightly corrupt police veteran. Using a knife as his primary weapon (and watch what he does with it at the final mafia meeting) only adds to his threatening demeanor.

The Oriental mafia and international counterfeiting are potentially fertile ground to make a film upon. But this film never breaks through the surface clichés of either one.

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Jazz band performs today

By KIP BOWMAR
Arts Editor

Jazz and big band music always have had their loyal fans, according to UK's Room 22 Jazz Ensemble Director David Henderson, but he said a resurgence of alto saxophone in Top 40 and rap music has increased the popularity of jazz in the last few years.

UK will get a chance to see the jazz ensemble in a free concert featuring contemporary jazz and big band swing at 8 tonight in the Recital Hall of the Singletary Center for the Arts.

The Room 22 Jazz Ensemble is one of two UK jazz groups and is composed of students. Former director Dale Warren said the group is 18 years old.

"It's a very select group," Warren said. "Only 40 students are used in the two jazz groups, and we probably have twice that many try out."

Henderson said the program's

musical selections will run the gamut from Count Basie and several swing tunes to the more contemporary jazz of Bob Mintzer and Matt Harris.

The ensemble will feature Miles Osland, UK's new director of jazz studies, on alto saxophone. Osland will perform a tune by Billy Strayhorn, who wrote for Duke Ellington's band.

Henderson said there is a parallel between the history of jazz and swing and the history of American culture.

"The study of this music is a study of how people thought about music at the time," Henderson said.

"When you think of Duke Ellington or Count Basie, you think of swing," Warren said.

"The music is much more sophisticated in terms of harmonics and counterpoint. But we have a lot more available to us in terms of synthesizers."

Barkin, Pacino fail to ignite 'Sea'

By MICHAEL L. JONES
Editorial Editor

Imagine a genetically engineered cross between Ziggy and Bruce Lee, who happens to look like Al Pacino.

All right, now picture this: A seedy New York City (shouldn't be hard) with a whole subculture of kinky singles who meet through ads in a local magazine.

Got it? OK. You're going to have to forget about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and all those other social diseases, but I know you can do it.

Ready? Now here's the hardest part. Imagine someone with the looks of Ellen Barkin having to look through a sex rag for dates.

Done?

Put it all together and you have:

A) A bad episode of "Hunter."
B) The plot of the new Duran Duran video.

C) "Sea of Love," Al Pacino's comeback film.

What do you say? B.? No, but that would have been my guess too. The answer is C.

Al is back in "Sea of Love" — a sexually charged, psychological thriller.

You remember sexually charged, psychological thrillers don't you? There was "The Big Easy," "No Way Out," "Someone to Watch Over Me" and the champ — and overrated — "Fatal Attraction."

"Sea of Love" has been compared to "Fatal Attraction" by some critics, but it is far inferior to that Close-Douglas romp.

That's not to say that the movie is terrible, but as the genre goes

it's nowhere near as good as it could be.

The pairing of Barkin with Pacino won't be sending anyone out for a cold shower. They are about as exciting together as Michael Caine and Christopher Reeves were as gay lovers in "Death Trap."

The only character who shows any life in the film (besides Barkin, who can bring life to anything she doesn't wear clothes in) is John Goodman of television sit-com

"Roseanne." Goodman is hilarious as Pacino's partner. Maybe he is so good because this whole film has a sit-com feel; it's like a mediocre episode of "Hooperman."

"Sea of Love" would have been a great television movie, but it doesn't have the steam it takes to light up the big screen.

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Residents don't need 24 hours for visitation

Sometimes what seems like a good idea on the surface may turn out to be more trouble than it's worth. A case in point is the idea to implement a 24-hour visitation policy in two of the UK campus' co-ed residence halls.

Morality aside, while some students have expressed a desire to have full-time visitation in co-ed dormitories, there just doesn't seem to be a groundswell of support or a clear need to open dormitories all night.

The idea was first kicked around last year by then-senators at large Sean Lohman and Paige Foster of the UK Student Government Association, but it was met with opposition by the UK Residence Hall Association.

This year Lohman and Foster, now SGA president and vice president, hope the issue gets a little better reception from the RHA.

Proponents of 24-hour visitation say that since residents pay for their room and board they should be allowed to have visitors whenever they wish.

Lohman and Foster also claim that implementing 24-hour visitation in two co-ed dormitories would increase safety standards, which they say could be improved upon.

While most who live in co-ed residence halls are legal adults, they must realize that by choosing to live in a dormitory they are giving up some rights. Having 24-hour visitation could create uncomfortable situations among roommates, leading to "roommate disenchantment," as the residence life folks refer to it. As UK administration officials said recently, the University cannot be everything to everyone, and 24-hour visitation is such a case.

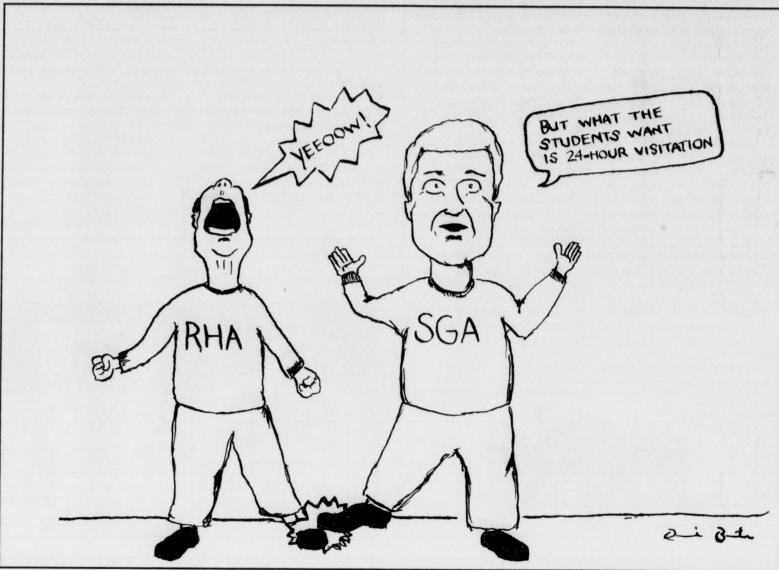
The argument that safety would be improved by implementing 24-hour visitation is a bit puzzling.

Residents in dormitories with 24-hour visitation would be given a master key to the front door, Foster said, and visitors would have to sign in and be escorted to residents' rooms.

But handing out master keys to all residents would seem to increase the possibility that a key could fall into the wrong hands. Furthermore, 24-hour visitation would mean that more residence advisers would have to be on staff during the graveyard shift — surely an exciting idea to all RAs.

If students have a problem with current visitation policy, then perhaps something could be done to expand them by a couple hours rather than opening up the dormitories all night.

Should 24-hour visitation ever become a need in dormitories, it would appear that the RHA, who is supposed to represent residents' interests, would be aware of it before SGA. While SGA certainly should lend RHA a hand if asked, it should be careful not to step on other organizations' toes and alienate them against student government.



Educational aid UK students have the responsibility to lobby lawmakers

"What are the burning issues on the minds of UK students these days?" a UK official asked me the other day at lunch.

It was one of the few moments I was speechless.

There probably are some issues that UK students should be concerned about, but it is not clear if many of them are aware of any issues, much less concerned about them.

Aside from passing the next exam and going to happy hour, too many UK students are indifferent toward what's happening in the civilized world if it does not appear in the box scores, comics, astrology or classified sections of the newspaper.

The most crucial issue facing not only students but the entire commonwealth is the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

Since the state Supreme Court ruled in June that Kentucky's primary and secondary education system is unconstitutional, lawmakers, the governor's office and interest groups have been trying to come up with ways to finance the restructuring of the state's public school system without having to raise taxes or cut any programs that



C.A. Duane BONIFER

are guarded by the Iron Triangle.

The bitter facts are, however, that unless the federal reserve decides to dump several hundred million in the state's coffers, there will have to be revenue enhancements enacted — known as taxes — to pay for the reforms.

And that could mean trouble for higher education.

With primary and secondary education on the forefront of the public conscience, it is imperative that higher education remind the state's politicians that education in the 20th century is a continuum.

Unless higher education is funded at the proper levels, the hundreds of millions that will be spent on primary and secondary education will be a waste.

Primary and secondary reform may mean better-quality high school graduates and higher test scores, but if there is not at least one shining undergraduate institu-

tion for them to attend in Kentucky, most of them will migrate out of the state and probably not return.

In addition to prospective students leaving the state, it will not be long before some of the state's outstanding faculty will be lured away by larger salaries from other schools. As the state of Oklahoma can attest, it does not take other universities long to get wind of a state that does not adequately fund higher education.

And that will leave UK and the other seven state universities with the leftovers to train tomorrow's leaders.

Most of this decade, higher education has been shunned by state leaders for one economic excuse or another, which has forced universities to cut back or reduce many programs. As one college dean said recently, UK has been told by Frankfort to cut the fat so many times that most programs are down to the muscle.

With so much at stake, it would be a disgrace for those who claim to be student leaders to cower from this issue and not take the responsible decision to help higher education's cause.

Students have a moral responsibility to give something back to UK, especially in light of what it provides them. It would be a travesty if higher education were forced to reduce its quality because students were too lazy to contact their state representatives.

There are several student organizations that could be mobilized to help higher education. Residence halls, student government and greek organizations, which have claimed for too long that they are socially conscious, are valuable resources that can be used by higher education lobbyists.

More than 150,000 people attend the state's universities and community colleges. If only 10 percent of them lobbied Frankfort and sent lawmakers and the governor a strong signal that it is time to act like responsible public servants, the state could improve its situation.

But as Courier-Journal staff writer Robert Garrett observed this summer, the history of education in Kentucky is a story of missed opportunities.

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Housing Facts

√ Since 1980, Budget Authority for all federal housing assistance programs has been cut by more than 75 percent — from \$32 billion to \$7.5 billion a year.

√ In 1983, nearly 10 million households occupied housing that did not meet minimum quality standards.

√ From 1970-1985, the number of units with gross rents below \$125 per month dropped from 15 million to 2 million.

√ Nearly three-quarters of low income renters receive no housing subsidies.

√ Sixteen million households pay more than 35 percent of its income for rent today. Eight million families pay more than 60 percent of their income for rent.

√ Rent burdens among single female householders have skyrocketed from an average of 38 percent in 1974 to 58 percent in 1986.

√ Housing needs are so great and housing assistance so scarce that families wait about 24 months for a Section 8 Certificate (which allows them to get government assistance for housing), with families in some cities facing a wait of nearly 30 years at the present rate.

√ In the past eight years, federal support for low income housing programs has fallen 77 percent to less than \$8 billion a year, while government subsidies for upper-income homeowners, in the form of mortgage tax-exemptions has grown to the \$46 billion a year.

√ A woman's average salary in the United States in 1986 was only 64.3 percent of the average amount earned by males. Couple this fact with the lack of affordable childcare and the increasing numbers of single women who are head of households and you can understand the recent increase in the numbers of homeless women and children.

√ The Federal minimum wage of \$3.35 per hour has not increased since January of 1981. However, during that time, the cost of living has increased 32.7 percent.

√ Aid to families with dependent children has been reduced more than 30 percent. The proportion of children living in poverty has increased.

√ Over the last 15 years, the poorest 20 percent of this nation's households experienced an 8 percent drop in annual income from \$5,507 to \$5,107. However, the wealthiest 20 percent saw a 12 percent increase over the same period.

SOURCE: LEXINGTON CHAPTER OF HOUSING NOW

The Housing Now march on Washington is Oct. 7. They are attempting to send 1,000 people from the Lexington area at \$85 a person. Anyone interested in going can call Paul Winther at the Lexington Chapter of Housing Now or write 321 Richmond Ave., Lexington, Ky. 40502.

Incident at Ole Miss underscores racial ignorance of young Americans

Two decades have past since the Civil Rights movement, but the venom of prejudice still poisons our society, even this generation that was supposed to grow up in an unbiased love.

Last week the Lexington Herald-Leader ran an Associated Press story that exemplified the continuing racial conflicts in the United States. "Members of a University of Mississippi fraternity painted racial slurs on the naked bodies of two white pledges and dumped them on the campus of a mostly black

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college nearby."

The response was distressing: "They (the members of Beta Theta Pi) had no idea that there were racial connotations in it. They should have, but the appear not to have viewed it that way," Ole Miss public relations director Ed Meek said.

The meaning of "we hate niggers" is obvious, and anyone who is old enough and intelligent enough to be in college knows the meaning of "KKK."

Granted, it is Meek's job to smooth out embarrassing incidents, but ignoring the blatant prejudice of those students will only ensure further scenes.



Catherine MONZINGO

The article reported that the fraternity's charter at Ole Miss was suspended and that apologies were extended to Rust College officials by the fraternity officers and Ole Miss Chancellor Gerald Turner.

I wonder how much true sorrow was felt by those fraternity members, besides that of selfish regret at being caught.

The only method I have been able to come up with to help those fraternity members appreciate their actions is to have them spend time on the Rust campus and view life from the black perspective.

Unfortunately, that would more than likely only broaden the division of the races, which I do not advocate.

Equality is a state, an attitude. It is not something that can be forced; laws that are not embraced by the majority of citizens mean nothing. The only way we can achieve equality is to broaden our minds and close the racial rift.

I believe in equality and unity — something that should not be so alien to citizens of the United States.

I believe that we can accomplish greater things if we cease



Spike Lee's controversial summer movie "Do the Right Thing" centered around modern-day race relations.

quibbling over racial superiority.

Further, using colors to classify people is absurd; we are certainly complex enough to have other identifying characteristics.

Lately, I have been trying to avoid "color" to describe people. I have had to be a bit more creative and a little long-winded, but it is an effort worth making in attempt to unite us.

"African-Americans," I do not understand your plea for cultural identity. I have grown up with the culturally ambiguous "Monzingo" surname and consider myself, nevertheless, a secure member of society.

Soon those of us in college will be taking our places as social teachers. Our challenge, like the generation before us, is to be colorblind and to value intelligence. We must make it clear to our peers and our children that ethnocentrism will not be tolerated.

To paraphrase Martin Luther King Jr., judge the contents of a person's character and not the color of his/her skin. It will take this to bring together the citizens of the United States.

We pray it succeeds. Catherine Monzingo is a history sophomore and a Kernel columnist.

Soviets still pose threat, Cheney says

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union is modernizing its armed forces and still poses "a major threat" to Western security despite President Mikhail Gorbachev's promised cutbacks and pledges of reform, says Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney.

Cheney, releasing the Pentagon's eighth annual assessment of Soviet military strength yesterday, sounded a note of caution amid the sweeping changes in the U.S.-Soviet re-

lationship.

"While the United States encourages the evolution of ... a Soviet Union dedicated to democratic principles, we cannot react unilaterally to Soviet initiatives that are not yet implemented or to proposals which, if implemented, can easily be reversed," Cheney said in the study, "Soviet Military Power."

"It is ... clear that despite the dramatic changes occurring in the Soviet Union and the Soviet leadership's declaration of benign intentions toward Western democra-

cies, Soviet military capabilities continue to constitute a major threat to our security," Cheney said.

"Indeed, while some Soviet military units and equipment have been withdrawn from Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union will remain the world's largest military power, even if the General Secretary's promised unilateral reductions take place," Cheney said.

The annual study, which in its early editions under the Reagan ad-

ministration was derided on Capitol Hill and outside government as a propaganda effort, has evolved into a more comparative summary of the U.S.-Soviet military balance.

Cheney said the likelihood of conflict between the superpowers "is as low as it has been at any time in the postwar era."

If the Soviet leader's economic reforms are enacted without corresponding democratic growth, "the West could face a far more formidable Soviet threat."

UK professor and wife to give talk about China

Staff reports

UK anthropology professor William Y. Adams and his wife, anthropology museum associate curator Nettie Adams, will give an informal talk tonight about the student protests they observed while visiting China.

The Adams' saw the student's unrest at Peking University from March through early June.

"The thing you could perhaps most readily compare it with would have been the freedom marches in the South back in the days of the desegregation movement," William said.

The program is co-sponsored by the Paterson School of Diplomacy, UK International Affairs and Transylvania University. It will be held at 7:30 in 230 Student Center.

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