

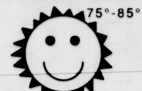


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## Student government not public, opinion says

### Universities' student organizations can close their meetings, state attorney general says

By C.A. DUANE BONIFER  
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and JAY BLANTON  
Executive Editor

University student governments in Kentucky are not required by the state to have their meetings open to the public, according to the attorney general's opinion issued in May.

The opinion says that since student governments are not created

by state law, their meetings are not subject to the Open Meetings Law, wrote Thomas R. Emerson, assistant attorney general.

The opinion was requested by Chad Carlton, then-editor of the College Heights Herald, Western Kentucky University's student newspaper, after one of his reporters was asked to leave a WKU Associated Student Government meeting in May.

Although an attorney general's opinion is not legally binding, it is often used in an advisory capacity.

The opinion states that "it appears from the information... supplied" that the ASG is not a public agency "within the meaning" of the Open Meetings Law.

Since the organization was not created "by statute or executive order or by local legislative action," its meetings are not subject to the

Open Meetings Law, the opinion continues, citing the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

A public agency, as defined by the Kentucky Revised Statutes, is "any state legislative, executive, administrative or advisory board, commission, committee... which is created by or pursuant to statute or executive order."

The opinion was based on a 1980 case involving The (Louisville) Cou-

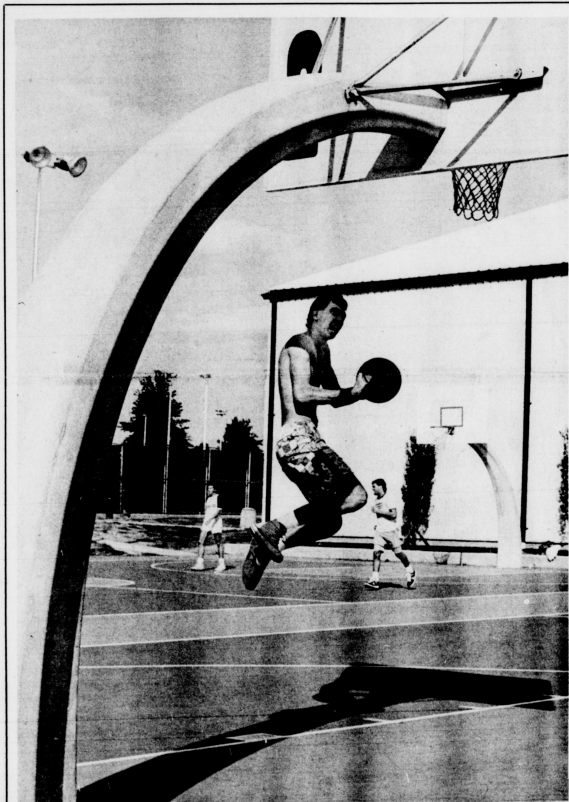
rier-Journal and the University of Louisville as well as a similar opinion handed down on the Murray State University student government in the early 1970s.

Carla Harris, current Herald editor, called the opinion "bogus," claiming the organization should fall under the Open Meetings Law since it "supposedly represents the student body" and is partially funded by student fees.

However, the attorney general's opinion says that even though an organization's funding may come from an outside source — such as a state agency, — that is not a determinative factor in the application of the law.

Whether or not ASG's meetings should be open can be decided only by ASG bylaws or the organization which created it, the opinion reads.

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Hang time

Ron Alexander, an architecture sophomore, goes up for a layup yesterday afternoon at the

Seaton Center outdoor basketball courts. Warm weather is expected today and tomorrow.

## SGA says it wouldn't close any of its UK senate meetings

By JAY BLANTON  
Executive Editor  
and C.A. DUANE BONIFER  
Associate Editor

Although the state attorney general issued an opinion that said student governments can close their meetings, several members of UK's student government say that probably wouldn't happen here.

SGA President Cyndi Weaver said policy dictates that the Student Government Association's meetings are open to the public and the press.

SGA's constitution states that "all meetings of the student senate, as well as its committees, shall be open to the public."

Because of the "open meetings" section in SGA's constitution, the implications of the attorney general's opinion aren't "all that great for UK," said Communications Senator Scott Ward.

Even if someone wanted to revoke that section of the student government's constitution, Ward said an amendment would be hard to add.

Students need to know what happens in SGA meetings, Weaver said, and the only way they can is if students are allowed in the meetings.

The opinion, issued by the attorney general's office last May, states that because a student government is not a "public agency," its meetings do not have to be open to the public.

A public agency, as defined by the Kentucky Revised Statutes, is "any state legislative, executive, administrative or advisory board, commis-



CYNDI WEAVER

sion, committee... which is created by or pursuant to statute or executive order."

Since university student governments aren't created by statute, its meetings are not necessarily open to the public.

An attorney general's opinion is meant as an advisory statement and is not binding by law.

Weaver, though, said she believes that because much of the operating expenses for SGA come from state funding and student fees, there is a responsibility to keep the meetings open.

Since SGA receives about \$12,000 from the state as well as activity

fees from the student body, the students have a right to know what their student government is doing, said SGA Senator at Large Susan Brothers.

The press, Brothers said, is the medium by which students know what SGA is doing.

However, the attorney general's opinion states that the source of funding is not a factor in defining what a "public agency" is.

Aside from the legalities of the issue, though, Weaver said it's important, from a philosophical standpoint, that student government meetings be open.

UK is a community, in a sense, Weaver said. In that regard, student government should operate in the same manner as any other government.

"I can't see any reason why student government should ever be closed," said Senator at Large David Bokins.

"I defeats the purpose of student government," Hassert said. "Closed meetings cheat the students out of their right to have a say in their representation."

SGA Executive Vice President Brad Dixon said he couldn't really think of "any reason why we would have to close a meeting, but I'd hate to put myself in a box."

"If you think about it," Dixon said, "the U.S. government has a closed session, but they have things of national security to deal with."

## SDC preparing for this school year

By JODI WHITAKER  
Staff Writer

The Student Development Council will sponsor informational booths around campus today through Sept. 9 in order to recruit new members.

SDC is composed of students who work with the Development Council and Development Office staff, a group of prominent business persons and civic leaders from throughout the United States, to promote UK and help raise funds to benefit the University.

This year's SDC officers have several plans for the upcoming year, said James Rose, SDC chairman.

The officers met with UK President David Roselle previously on Aug. 19, and Rose said he was very receptive to many of their ideas.

Committees have been assigned to break down the tasks for the upcoming year. These committees include a campus coordinating committee, a scholarship development committee and a special projects committee.

The campus coordinating committee will be working on the Senior Challenge, blitz week and a phone-a-thon. The scholarship development committee, whose main goal will be fund raising, will be helping the Student Activities Board with Parents Weekend.

On Sept. 22, the committee will have a full executive meeting, and on Sept. 23, they will have their first full meeting with the newly selected members.

The other officers are: Mary Wis Eates, vice-chairwoman; Tina Frits, secretary/treasurer; and Amy Figg, public relations.

The council is currently accepting applications from students who are interested in joining the organization. Rose said the organization wants to have a wide range of stu-

dents that represent the student body.

"We're looking toward a positive year," Rose said. "We want students who are ambitious and who like to work with other student leaders and community and business administrators as well."

"They should have reasonable academic success, and are involved in other activities, but not to the extent that they have no time for this committee, but who are motivated

and have the time and willingness to promote and strengthen UK."

Applications for new members may be picked up and returned to the Student Development Office in the William B. Sturgis Development Building, located on the corner of Rose Street and Rose Lane.

The applications are due Sept. 16. On Sept. 18, the selection committee will meet to select the new members, with interviews being held on Sept. 21, if needed.

By MARK R. CHELLGREN  
Associated Press

FRANKFORT — House Democrats reached a tentative agreement on a resolution to the financial problems of the workers' compensation program, apparently clearing the way for legislative action on the issue.

The agreement calls for an annual assessment of \$110 million on businesses with the coal industry picking up 44.9 percent and other employers paying the remaining 55.1 percent.

The assessments would be based primarily on a surcharge on workers' compensation insurance premiums with another percentage set by an industry's use of the Special Fund.

"I think we just reached a consensus," House Speaker Don Blanford announced on leaving a caucus of House Democrats.

He added qualifiers that the plan must be proved fiscally sound and sufficient to pay the estimated \$1.7 billion debt of the workers' compen-

sation program and the ongoing costs of benefits and administration.

Blanford, D-Philpot, said the agreement also includes a provision that the recommendations of the governor's Task Force on Workers' Compensation be adopted without revision.

Not all of the 73 House Democrats attended the caucus, but more than the 51 members necessary for passage voted their approval of the proposal, Blanford said.

Given the vote, Blanford said he will recommend that Gov. Martha Layne Collins call the General Assembly into special session in early October.

The time is needed to draft legislation and do a more formal study of the calculations, he said.

Collins said late yesterday that she has not seen the latest proposal, but is willing to listen.

"We have made progress and we intend to continue the dialogue with legislative members and review their suggestions," Collins said.

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## U.S. agrees to withdraw warheads

By GENE KRAMER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If West Germany makes good on its offer to retire its Pershing IA missiles, the United States will withdraw the rockets' American-owned nuclear warheads from German territory, the State Department said yesterday.

It declined, however, to specify whether the warheads would be destroyed or stockpiled for future use.

Replying to a barrage of questions about the 72 Pershings, department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley restated the U.S. position that their future

"is not subject to any form of negotiation with the Soviet Union."

"The warheads of the Federal Republic of Germany Pershing IAs are controlled by us, and always have been," Mrs. Oakley said. "They are part of our program of cooperation with our West German allies."

After the Pershings became a sticking point in U.S.-Soviet medium-range arms negotiations, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl last month offered to remove them in the interests of a superpower agreement.

"If the conditions laid out by Chancellor Kohl in his Aug. 26 statement are met and the FRG (Federal

Republic of Germany) consequently retires the 72 Pershing IAs, we would, of course, withdraw the warheads," Mrs. Oakley said.

"We really don't get into the definition beyond that of what would happen to them," she continued. "They would be withdrawn... I am not defining what withdrawal means. We are simply saying that we will withdraw them from the Federal Republic of Germany."

Soviet officials said in Moscow and Washington on Tuesday that the Pershings' nuclear warheads should be eliminated as part of the pending agreement on medium-range missiles.

But Mrs. Oakley said the pending treaty "involves missiles, which is the launch vehicle," rather than warheads. She agreed to check further when it was suggested that this could open the door to the Soviet Union redeploying on other weapons the nuclear warheads from the SS-20 missiles it would destroy under the agreement.

## Corrections

Due to a reporter's error, the article about the A. Paul Nestor Creativity Awards in yesterday's Kernel contained some incorrect information.

Nominations for the award will be accepted until Oct. 1 and can

be made by faculty, staff and students.

The two runners-up will receive only a letter of recognition. Nominations will be reviewed by 10 judges.

# Sports

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Sports Editor

Jim White  
Assistant Sports Editor

## Wildcats' Gardner 'playing it by ear'

By JIM WHITE  
Assistant Sports Editor

UK junior defensive end Carwell Gardner has had his fair share of setbacks since last season ended.

The 6-foot-2 225-pounder was suspended from the team during spring practices following a dispute with an assistant coach after an intersquad scrimmage at Commonwealth Stadium.

This summer, Gardner, who was in contention for a starting job at defensive end, was reinstated to the team with one condition: He had to earn back his scholarship.

"The bottom line was that it was just a misunderstanding," Gardner said. "I didn't really ever leave the team to tell you the truth."

"I just got taken off scholarship, that's all that really happened."

This summer, however, as the Louisville native was getting ready to prove to the UK coaches that he was ready to clean up his act, he was forced to sit out again. But this time it wasn't his fault.

A cracked vertebra was the culprit.

"It first happened to me my freshman year of spring ball," Gardner said. "I cracked the right side of my vertebra and it healed. Now this year, over the summer, I cracked the same vertebra but on the left side."

After taking it easy throughout August, Gardner thought he was

ready for two-day workouts. But his back had other ideas.

"I worked the first day of two-days and after that I didn't go until the second-to-last day," Gardner said. "I tried to go again, and I hurt it again. And I've been out ever since then."

"The muscle spasms have quit but I can still feel the crack when I move certain ways," he said. "I plan to be back hopefully for the first game or if not, the second."

But when he does come back, Gardner said he will have a slightly different outlook toward football and school.

Although the injury has frustrated Gardner to no end, he said the time off did give him some time for an attitude adjustment.

"Getting pulled off the scholarship made me look at some things I was doing — like not coming out to practice," he said. "Just spending time by myself made me look at some things and realize some things that I was doing wrong. I had to change."

At the time of his suspension, words like "unfair" and "misunderstanding" were being used to describe the incident. Now, however, Gardner said he understands the coaches' actions.

"At the time I was causing some problems," Gardner said. "I would have an injury or something, or I wouldn't lift my weights and I had problems in the classroom. It just all built up."



MARK ZEROF/KERNEL Staff

UK defensive end Carwell Gardner's quest to regain his scholarship has been temporarily halted by a back injury.

"Right now it's just basically all up to me again," he said. "I'm just working hard in the classroom and I'll try to work hard when I get back out on the field."

Gardner's main concern right now is just when he will be able to get back out on the field.

And with a scholarship at stake, Gardner hopes he will be back in full pads soon.

"(The injury) really hurt me," he said. "I've been nervous and scared a little bit. It brought me down a little bit but I just have to overcome

## UK names assistant tennis coach

Staff reports

John Dinneen has been named as women's assistant tennis coach, according to UK Athletic Director Cliff Hagan.

Dinneen replaces Ed Schultz, who left the UK program to pursue other interests.

The 26-year-old Dinneen is a 1983 graduate of Harvard University, where he was captain and Most Valuable Player of the 1983 Ivy League, Intercollegiate and North American champion squash teams. He was also a four-year member of the varsity tennis team.

"We're very fortunate to have John's experience and background in our women's program," Hagan said. "Our program has made great strides in the last five years and with the addition of Dinneen, we'll see continued success."

Dinneen feels confident in his new position.

"I'm looking forward to working with our women," he said. "I've worked with some of the players through (United States Tennis Association) Junior Federation Cup program and I'm ready for the challenge at Kentucky."



JOHN DINNEEN

Dinneen, a New Jersey native, served as one of only four coaches responsible for the continued development of a select group of United States women amateur tennis players.

Included among those players was UK standout Sonia Hahn.

"John brings tremendous credentials to our program," women's coach Sue Rudd said. "(He) has five years of experience as an assistant coach and is an effective recruiter."

"As a graduate of an academic institution the caliber of Harvard, John also knows the necessity for recruiting athletes who are scholars as well."



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# Diversions

## R.E.M.'s 'Document' loses murkiness of past albums, falters on second side

By TIM FOGLE  
Contributing Critic

DOCUMENT  
R.E.M.  
I.R.S. Records

The latest release from those obscure Athenian beat bands, namely R.E.M., is an unfocused, eccentric, piece of paranoia. It's also their best yet because that schizophrenia is what makes them work.

Titled *Document*, the new album continues in the direction that John Cougar Mellencamp's producer, Don Gehman, took them with *Lifes Rich Pageant* in 1986. Gehman's straight-ahead style worked wonders for Mellencamp. R.E.M. seems to have called a lot of that because while Gehman's not back on *Document*,

the sound is. Heavier drums where before there were none, along with a generally crisper studio sound have helped pull the band out of the murky mire that plagued them after *Murmur*.

No longer does Michael Stipe's voice go down in the vortex of those proverbial swirling guitars. Although the sound is better, as always, the lyrics are painfully cryptic. Mainly courtesy of Stipe, the words seem pulled from somewhere other writers can't go. By not taking themselves too seriously — a major virtue — R.E.M. gets away with some of the weirder stuff of any non-underground band.

Loyal to the Bank of America, from "Exhuming McCarthy" and



Take your instincts by the reins, from "Fine Worksong," are examples of R.E.M.'s gloomy, anarchic mood that they have exhibited in the past on stage. In "It's The End of the World As We Know It (and I Feel Fine)," we learn that Lenny Bruce is not afraid.

He would be if he listened to side two, which other than for "The One I Love" seems a total waste of time. "King Of Birds" and "Oddfellows Local 151" are

typical of the overly moody material that serves to do nothing but alienate. Here they only add to the oddball mystique in a negative way. It seems impossible that a band can be so good and so bad on one album.

The best track on *Document* is "It's The End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine)," the kind of quirky poem that R.E.M. seems capable of spewing out at will. Michael Stipe has established himself, in the tradition of Dylan or Morrison, as the finest lyric poet of the '80s. If Dylan Thomas were alive today he would front a band like R.E.M.

Ultimately, *Document* does what it intends to, confuse us all.

## Beat Farmers coming to UK



### Staff Reports

On Sept. 24, the Beat Farmers will bring their countrified blend of rock to UK's Grand Ballroom, the Student Activities Board concert committee announced yesterday.

The cost will be \$8 and tickets will go on sale tomorrow.

The Beat Farmers' three LPs have shown them to be an eccentric brew of musical stylings. They are currently touring in the support of their latest album, *The Pursuit of Happiness*.

The Beat Farmers' live shows are known to be fun, loud, and drunken. It should also be noted that the Farmers are not a band likely to conform to the campus alcohol policy.

Their live antics often tend to overshadow the Farmers' precise and literate songwriting ability. They also have recorded covers by artists ranging from Johnny Cash to Lou Reed. Their live version of Bruce Springsteen's "Reason to Believe" gives an ironic danceability to the song's morbid lyrics.

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#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1987

\*The Parents Weekend "Hossier Mother, Hossier Father" Welcoming Reception and the Student Athletic Council Tailgate party will be held at the Seaton Field from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

\*University of Kentucky vs. Indiana University football game is at 1:30 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1987

\*The Parents Weekend Brunch will be from 10-12 in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Center. The price per person is \$6.50 and tickets may be purchased at the Student Center Ticket Office or at the door.

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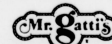
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# Viewpoint

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## SGA responsibility overrides legalities

Last May, the state attorney general issued an opinion which said that university student governments don't have to comply with the open meetings law.

The opinion was requested by Western Kentucky University's student paper, The College Heights Herald. A Herald reporter was forced to leave a student government meeting while personnel matters were discussed. The paper's editor felt the open meetings law was being violated.

The attorney general believed otherwise. In short, the opinion, although not legally binding, says that student governments can close their doors to the press — and more importantly you — whenever they meet.

From a legal standpoint, the attorney general's opinion might or might not be disputable. However, what it fails to do, or perhaps neglects to realize, is the representative nature of a student government.

For any student government to do the representative job it was created to do — openness is imperative. A student government is inherently designed to be open for student input as well as student examination.

Because students both elect and partially fund (in UK's case pay) the representatives, student governments must be held accountable for their actions. This cannot happen behind closed doors. History dictates that secret meetings and deals result in deception and cheating.

Our SGA cannot close its meetings to students because its constitution prohibits it from doing so. Murray St. and the University of Louisville have similar provisions.

However, a constitutional amendment could give our student government the power to do so.

But legalities in this matter become simple technicalities. The responsibilities, however, are not.

## Drinking and driving not a good combination

There is not a more sobering thought than an alcohol-related death.

It's a terrible waste of life that should never have to happen.

Contemporary mores make alcohol use an accepted part of daily life, and for most people, that's OK. There are many things that drinking mixes well with to make a good time.

Driving, however, is definitely not one of them.

A chapter of SADD, Students Against Drunken Driving, formed last year at UK.

SADD is a nationwide group of high school and college students that has been trying to reduce the number of alcohol-related driving incidents.

The group is not out to make tee-totalers out of any of us, simply put, if you're going to drink, don't drive.

The most obvious solution would be for the student to not miss class. Ever. But how many of us are never sick? Unless you're Linus Pauling, very few.

So why is there so much red tape surrounding something so common, and something so ill-timed?

Good question. And regardless of the answer, the red tape will still exist. It begins on the first day of class. The instructor passes out a syllabus and states that unexcused absences will not be tolerated.

An excused absence is, however, fine. The difference between the two lies in the written supporting of the statement. "I was sick," by a physician, thereby making the excuse acceptable.

So you're sick several weeks later. You wander over to the Student Health Service like you've been told you're supposed to. You miss two classes for a physician to give you generic Tylenol and Advil and send you home, saying "Stay in bed."

You go to the cashier's window, learn that you owe nothing because it's covered in the registration fees, and ask for an excuse.

People submitting material should address their comments to "The Soapbox," Kentucky Kernel, 035 Journalism Building, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042. This can either be done by mail or dropped off at the office.

## Soapbox: Cafeteria closing wrong

In the Kernel the other day I noted that the cafeteria service is discontinued at Blazer — losing money. The same day I noted that there was no coffee left for refills in the University Club dining room in 214 Student Center — another new economy I suppose.

A couple of years ago the cafeteria line at the Student Center was stopped — losing money, the administration said, and besides, the students wanting a full meal could go to Blazer's.



The University Club mentioned above has year-by-year had its activity, service and menu reduced — always because it was losing money, and always without prior substantive consultation with the club leadership (but with the claim that they had been consulted). These actions, in turn, always resulted in producing diminished patronage and less income the following year.

I can also remember Donovan Forums in earlier years. Many participants liked to take supper at the Student Center after the forums — but then the lines were closed after lunch. Yes, losing money.

There seems to be a bottom-line mentality in the University business administration that might do honor to a high school bookkeeping class or please an entrepreneur trying to make his business — but then to get an easier divorce settlement — but I submit it is no way to improve a university. It seems to me that the main

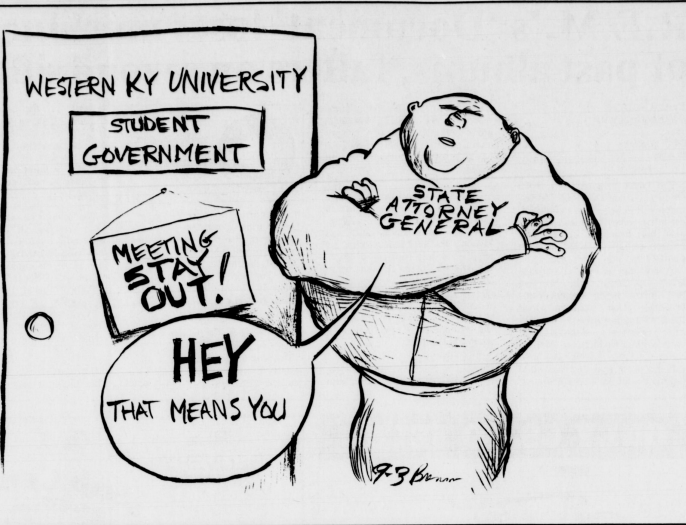
function of a student center or residence hall is to provide opportunities for "collegially," interaction with peers in various parts of the educational process, and/or in other human interplays and sociable living.

I do not believe that a university which does not regard the needs of its students can call itself a quality university. The business administration is forcing this University into this category.

Of course, as a principle it is good for every unit of an operation to be self-supporting, but the principle should not be driven to absurdities. In an integrated operation, some units inherently are income-using, others income-producing.

The business problem for the whole operation is to use income effectively, not to destroy the whole operation by arbitrarily eliminating essential functions.

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## Sick leave Excused absences a myth with UK Student Health Service

Getting sick is a normal facet of everyday life. Unfortunately, at this University, it can also be costly.

Not costly as in money, costly as in grade. For the newcomers, allow me to explain.

There is a great discrepancy in the policy of this University, concerning excused absences — one that affects every single student that ever passes through these hallowed halls.

The Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities states that as students are to provide excuses for absences and that it is at the discretion of the instructor whether or not to accept these excuses.

This gives the instructor a great deal of power and the student few choices.

The most obvious solution would be for the student to not miss class. Ever. But how many of us are never sick? Unless you're Linus Pauling, very few.

So why is there so much red tape surrounding something so common, and something so ill-timed?

Good question. And regardless of the answer, the red tape will still exist.

It begins on the first day of class. The instructor passes out a syllabus and states that unexcused absences will not be tolerated.

An excused absence is, however, fine. The difference between the two lies in the written supporting of the statement. "I was sick," by a physician, thereby making the excuse acceptable.

So you're sick several weeks later. You wander over to the Student Health Service like you've been told you're supposed to. You miss two classes for a physician to give you generic Tylenol and Advil and send you home, saying "Stay in bed."

You go to the cashier's window, learn that you owe nothing because it's covered in the registration fees, and ask for an excuse.

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What a shock. The 1986-87 "Crossroads," also known as the Student Handbook, states on page 49, "The health service has a long-standing policy that excuses are not written for students who miss classes or exams. Class attendance is an administrative matter between the student and the faculty member."

You are now stuck between a rock and a hard place. You've missed two classes to go to the University's health service — that you've paid for — and they won't even write you the excuse the instructor has to have.

As I said, it's a lovely example of red tape that students simply don't need. The only visible way to get an excuse is to see a doctor off-campus, which costs big bucks.

So why pay the health service fee? Because if you're full-time, you have to.

It's automatic. And you're stuck paying two doctor's fees just to get "I vouch she was sick" scribbled illegibly on a piece of paper.

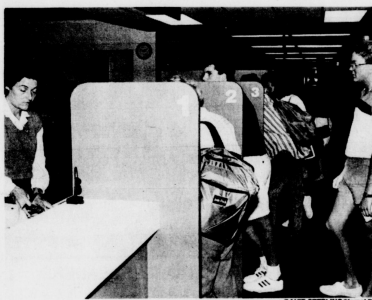
Granted, most instructors are understanding. But what if you miss more than one, two, or even three days?

For example: You break your leg and are on crutches. Everytime it rains or you miss class because you obviously can't hold an umbrella and walk on crutches unless you glue it to your face.

And still the instructor wants a written excuse. Sure, the Health Service Ombudsman can call and verify one's presence at the facility, but in Crossroad's next sentence it says, "Details about the student's health are never given out without the student's permission."

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Instructors quit asking for written excuses.



Students wait to see a physician at the University Health Service. It's not easy to get an excused absence when visiting the service.

I take it this means the ombudsman is going to call and say "she was there, but I can't tell you if she's sick or not. It's against our policy."

A lot of good that's going to do. Another branch of this excused/unexcused absence policy concerns the deaths of family members. Only immediate family members are covered under the heading "excused."

But what if your favorite uncle dies? As I've said, most instructors are understanding people, believe it or not. However, there are a few policy diehards who make it difficult to avoid jeopardizing one's grade with unexcused absences that may deduct points off one's final total.

For these individuals, or rather because of them, I suggest the following changes in this policy.

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ten excuses, or accept on faith verbal testimonials.

Deaths of non-immediate family members be excused within reason (this means don't have seven aunts, six uncles and two nephews die in the same semester.)

Standing excuses for those temporarily disabled be granted according to particular circumstances.

The health fee is ceased to be incorporated automatically in the fees of full-time students, allowing those of us who wish to choose our physicians elsewhere to do so without paying, in effect, two doctor's fees, one of which we will not be using.

These suggestions may not solve every person's problem, but they should make life a little easier until they cure the common cold. Until then, gesundheit and go to class. Who knows? You might infect the professor, and then he'll have to cancel class so you can both heal.

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**Glass houses**

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# U.S. potential target in Philippine coup

By JAMES W. HATTON  
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Conspirators in plots leading to last week's bloody coup attempt discussed killing Americans and burning CIA headquarters in Manila, the government said yesterday.

A general who commanded the army under deposed President Ferdinand E. Marcos was involved in plotting a military takeover, said the report, prepared by President Corazon Aquino's security force and released by the Presidential Palace.

Mrs. Aquino, in a national broadcast yesterday, said 53 people were killed in Friday's coup attempt, including 12 loyal soldiers, 19 rebel troops and 22 civilians. Hundreds were wounded, including her son, Benigno Aquino III.

Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, who led the coup attempt, remained at large, and the military intensified air and ground searches for him in Manila and north and east of the capital.

The "after battle" report said Marcos loyalists met July 14 at a Manila restaurant to discuss "CIA support for destabilization," bombing campaigns, the assassination of three unidentified Americans and "burning of CIA headquarters." It did not elaborate.

It named Maj. Gen. Josephus Ramos, former army commander, as being involved in plotting a military takeover. Mrs. Aquino fired Ramos after taking power in a February 1986 civilian-military uprising that ousted Marcos, who fled to Hawaii.

The report said intelligence agents

learned that Ramos and Honasan planned a "blitzkrieg attack" last June, but it was postponed.

The charges about killing Americans and the CIA were in the background part of the report, and it was unclear whether all the alleged plots were part of the same conspiracy and why other plots were postponed.

Mrs. Aquino said 50 officers and 1,300 enlisted men took part in the revolt, but did not say if that included those who joined in Cebu City, San Fernando and southeastern Luzon. She said 1,033 mutineers were in custody.

The mutineers "turned their backs on their duties and pursued their own goals," Mrs. Aquino concluded,

switching from English to Tagalog, a Malayan dialect spoken in the Philippines. "They ignored the lives of our brothers because all they wanted was to kill me and run our government."

"I grieve for the dead on both sides," she said. "When I ordered the attack I knew that there would be violence. But it was necessary because I had to prevent greater violence."

Honasan led attacks Friday on the presidential palace, broadcast stations and key military installations, including armed forces headquarters at Camp Aguinaldo.

The rebels said they were acting because of the government's handling of the Communist insurgency, its move to give some autonomy to Moslem rebels in the south and mountain tribesmen in the north.

# New police unit to be tougher on spouse abusers

Associated Press

Lexington police have formed a new Domestic Violence Unit that will focus on spouse abuse cases as crimes and not just social problems.

"It's an attempt to do something before one kills," the other, said Lt. Jerry Wright, who is working in the new unit.

Historically, Wright said, patrol officers have been trained to mediate domestic disturbances at the scene. But he said studies show that arrest is a superior deterrent.

From now on in Lexington, authorities will deal with spouse abuse this way:

First, Wright said, if police have probable cause to suspect domestic abuse, they will arrest the abusers.

Assistant County Attorney David Sproull said the charges will not necessarily be dropped if victims change their minds.

The victims might be subpoenaed to appear in court anyway if police have their statements saying they were abused and there is physical evidence of abuse, Sproull said. But he said each case will be handled differently.

If convicted, the abuser would go to jail or into a diversion program run by Comprehensive Care Center,

a mental health facility, and the county attorney's office.

Meanwhile, Wright and Sgt. Sandra Devers will be tracing cases of domestic abuse because there has been no way in the past for authorities to determine how many times a

couple has been involved in such incidents.

Now, the officers will make a return call or visit to each victim or suspected victim. The unit will get a copy of all emergency protective orders from Fayette District Court and all applications for arrest warrants to determine how many times a

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