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Hall director quits amid controversy over rule violation

By JULIE ESSELMAN
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The hall director of Haggin Hall resigned last week under pressure from the Office of Residence Life after breaking a residence hall policy.

Marc Johnson, a residence hall staff member for the past four years, handed in his resignation to the director of residence life Friday afternoon, apparently because of violating UK alcohol policy.

"The violation occurred in my apartment. I accept full responsibility," Johnson said.

Johnson would neither confirm nor deny that the infraction was alcohol-related, saying only that he resigned "because of a violation of a rule."

But a source close to the case and one Haggin Hall resident adviser said Johnson, 22, violated UK alcohol policy. UK policy prohibits alcohol in the residence halls.

"Let's just say an alcohol policy was violated," said Jeff Chrzczon, who began his second year as an RA at Haggin Hall this semester.

The violation occurred the week before students arrived at UK this semester, Chrzczon said.

Craig Hart, an assistant hall director in Haggin, was named act-

ing hall director upon Johnson's resignation.

Chrzczon said that he plans to turn in his resignation today because of "a professional disagreement with the way residence hall life handled the situation of Marc Johnson."

Residents of UK's dormitories usually are given only a warning for violating UK alcohol policy for the first time, Chrzczon said. But Johnson was not given that same "due process," he said.

Johnson said that after the policy violation was discovered by residence life officials, he was given the choice to resign or be fired.

Bob Clay, the director of residence life, would not comment on the circumstances of Johnson's resignation, saying it is "a personnel matter and something I can't discuss."

"His reasons are his own, and I respect them," Clay said.

Clay did say, however, that Johnson resigned in good standing.

"He was a good staff person," Clay said. "Marc's a good person and a friend of ours."

Jim Ploskonka, assistant director of residence life, said last night that he didn't want "to take time to comment on it at this time."

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6 more bombs explode as drug wars intensify

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — The father of three reputed drug barons appealed for the government to end its fierce war on drugs and negotiate a peace, but six more bombs exploded yesterday in the cocaine trafficking center of Medellin.

"Let there be dialogue, let there be peace, let's have forgiveness, let's carry out a kind of erasing and (start with a) clean slate," Fabio Ochoa Restrepo said in an open letter to Colombian President Virgilio Barco. The letter was published yesterday in a Bogota newspaper.

In Washington, Justice Minister Monica de Greiff reiterated the Barco government's refusal to negotiate with drug traffickers, who are blamed for the assassination Aug. 18 of Sen. Luis Carlos Galan, a leading presidential candidate. The slaying prompted an unprecedented crackdown on drug trafficking.

Colombia's police intelligence chief said yesterday that Abra-

ham Majuat, identified as a top financial man for drug dealers, was implicated in Galan's death. Gen. Manuel Maza Marquez would not elaborate, and no charges were filed against Majuat, who was arrested Monday at a ranch near Medellin. Authorities also seized 4½ tons of cocaine there.

Bombs blew up at six state liquor stores yesterday in Medellin. The shops are a source of patronage for political leaders.

No one was hurt in the early morning blasts, according to national police spokesmen in Medellin. They estimated damages at \$100,000.

They were the latest in a wave of terror attacks in Medellin since the cartels declared war on the government. The city had been hit by 17 bombings, killing two people. Three prominent citizens' homes have been doused with gasoline and set afire by pre-dawn attackers.

A seventh bomb went off outside a tourist agency office in Bogota, but it was not clear if the attack was related to drug trafficking.

DRUMMING UP SUPPORT



Brian Morgan, Timothy R. Logan and Rusty Wright of the UK Marching Band prepare for UK's season-opener. UK begins the season Sept. 9 at Commonwealth Stadium against Indiana.

Band excited about 1989 football

By GREGORY A. HALL
Contributing Writer

The preseason has brought high hopes for many UK football fans, especially the UK Marching Band, who call themselves the football team's "12th man."

"They're packed and ready to go to a bowl game," said W. Dale Warren, director of bands. "They can't wait for December."

But December is seven weeks and more than three months away, so the 282 members of UK's Marching Band are concentrating their efforts right now on preparing for UK's season-opener against Indiana University Sept. 9.

Band members arrived on campus about a week before the first week of classes. The band's leaders reported Aug. 12 and the rest of the group arrived in the following days.

"It's neat that you have 280 people willing to give up a week of their summer to come back early," said Chandra Holloway, a drum major and a secondary education senior from LaGrange, Ky.

While upperclassmen are used to the first week of practice, the practices can be a little intimidating for some freshmen.

"It was very scary because I didn't know anybody the first week and it was really hard to meet new people," said clarinetist Troy Koch, a music freshman from Louisville, Ky. "The longer you go, the better it gets because you meet new people."

During the first week, the band practiced on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday practices lasted from 9 a.m. until noon.

Since the start of classes, the band has been practicing three times a week from 5 until 7 p.m. on Stoll Field.

This year's 282-member band is the largest in 10 years, according to W. Harry Clarke, director of the School of Music. And Warren said this year's group is his best.

"It's by far the best group I've had since I've been here," Warren said. "It's just a bunch of super-motivated people."

In addition to learning the songs for football games, band members also have to learn formations and how to keep pace with the music.

"There are so many individual places that people have to memorize. So it's a lot more difficult than people realize," said John

Valentine, assistant band director.

Last year's band had to play through the rain at many of the football games, and Valentine said he is hoping for better weather this season.

"After last year's monsoon season, I'm surprised that they all came back," he said. "They had webbed-feet by the end of the year."

"I pray for a dry year," said Matt Heltion, the assistant manager and a marketing senior from Lexington.

Warren, who served as assistant band director for four years, replaced Clarke, who was the band's director for 21 years.

"There is a fairly severe withdrawal syndrome," Clarke said. "I'll miss the butterflies and apprehension when you get the band out there for the first performance of the season. I could not have done this unless I have left the band in good hands."

Another newcomer is Assistant Band Director David Henderson, who previously toured as a trombonist.

The band will perform four halftime shows this season at Commonwealth Stadium. The In-

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Legislators consider relaxing tax law

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — State lawmakers say a law that allows citizens to control property taxes may be relaxed in order to raise funds for Kentucky schools.

The law, commonly referred to as "House Bill 44," was passed 11 years ago so citizens could control the increase of property taxes. But now some lawmakers say the bill may be too stringent.

The legislators say relaxing the measure could raise funds that are needed for schools, especially in light of the Kentucky Supreme Court ruling that declared the state's elementary and secondary education system unconstitutional.

The law allows property tax revenue for school districts and local governments to grow 4 percent a year, in addition to any money gained from new property added to the tax rolls.

But if a school system or local government wants to raise more than that, it must advertise its plan, and voters can then petition to have the plan placed on the ballot.

Rep. Joe Clarke and Sen. Michael R. Moloney favor taking a look at modifying the measure. The Courier-Journal reported Tuesday.

"The initial intent of House Bill 44 was good and should be preserved," Clarke said, but the legislature "overdid it."

Moloney and Clarke said the power to decide revenue increases above 4 percent should be held by school board members and other elected officials, not by the voters, as it is under the measure.

They said local governments and schools would be helped by repealing that provision. But although they advocate the change, it remains to be seen whether there will be enough votes for it.

Compared to local governments and schools, state government faces even tighter restrictions under the legislation. Unlike the local entities, it can't benefit additionally from new property because that's counted as part of the 4 percent growth. Moreover, the state can't try to go over the 4 percent limit as schools and local governments can.

The rate is now 20.3 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation — down from 31.5 cents in 1979. This drop has caused the state to lose hundreds of millions of dollars during the past decade compared to what it would have received if the rate had remained at 31.5 cents.

As a result, the bill has driven down the state tax rate, as well as many local governments' rates. As property values have routinely gone up, the state has had to cut its rate to stay within the 4 percent limit.

School districts in some cases also have had to lower property tax rates to abide by the law.

Some lawmakers say the first step toward changing the law is to reform the property tax system so everyone is fairly assessed and to make the position of county property valuation administrator appointive rather than elective.

Moloney and Clarke suggested the state also should freeze the current state property tax rate at 20.3 cents, thereby allowing state revenues to grow more than 4 percent annually.

Pitino holds press conference

UK coach Rick Pitino said yesterday at a press conference that his Wildcats basketball team is "out of shape." Story, page 3.



PUTTING ON A SHOW: UK Wheelcats John Hancock (24) and Larry Oney practice for a charity basketball game against Lexington police to be held Sept. 8 at Memorial Coliseum.

Wheelcats and police to hold charity game

By JONATHAN MILLER
Contributing Writer

The UK Wheelcats and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County police force will combine talents to sponsor a charity basketball game at Memorial Coliseum Sept. 8. The proceeds will go to the Disabled Students Association and Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

"Having three children of my own, I know I want drugs gone by the time they're grown," said Mike Paulus, the Wheelcat team representative and fund-raising coordinator.

Several local celebrities are expected to attend the event, Paulus said.

The UK men's basketball team, along with Rick Pitino, former UK All-American Kenny Walker and

some players from the UK football team have confirmed their appearances, Paulus said.

Free T-shirts, buttons and blue-and-white basketballs with Pitino's autograph will be available at the game.

The 15 members of the Lexington police force realize their disadvantage of not being accustomed to playing in wheelchairs, and they said they are not looking to come away with a victory.

"We realize we don't have much chance of winning," said Don Nicholson, who is a member of the police force and president of D.A.R.E. "However, we (at the police force) are happy to be involved with such an important fundraiser."

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DIVERSIONS

UK Theatre completes auditions for first season. See back page.

Hall director resigns after violation of policy

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Johnson was beginning his sixth year of living in Haggin Hall. He had been a resident adviser there for 3½ years and an assistant hall director for one semester before becoming hall director this semester.

Chrzczo said he thought that Johnson was not given the same degree of leniency that other residents would be given in similar alcohol-related cases.

"I disagree with the way that

(resident advisers) are not allowed to make the same mistakes as the rest of the 575 students in this building are," he said. "We're not allowed the same due process."

"I'm not saying the policies are wrong," he said. But Chrzczo said that Johnson is "respected throughout the staff and throughout the halls" and that "it's really sad that no one gave him a second chance."

Chrzczo said he was resigning because of the "principle" of the

matter. He said he already had notified Clay by phone of his resignation and that he thanked Clay for his support in this "professional" splitting of ways.

Chrzczo said that he and other members of the Haggin staff met with Clay and Ploskonka Sunday night to discuss the matter. Although Chrzczo said that was a "good gesture" by Clay, he said they did not reach a satisfactory resolution of the problem.

Both Chrzczo and Johnson said

they know of at least three other resident advisers in Haggin who plan to resign this week over this situation and because they are dissatisfied with aspects of the residence life system.

Clay said he will hold a meeting tonight with the Haggin staff to "finalize the appointment of the new hall director."

Haggin Hall is the residence for 575 male students this year, according to Clay. In addition to the hall director, the residence hall staff includes two assistant hall directors and 20 resident advisers.

Band marches into 1989

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diana game will feature Wild West melodies. Other shows will feature a tribute to George Gershwin and another will feature patriotic numbers. The band also will travel to the Vanderbilt University and University of Florida games where they will perform.

The band's routine will differ some this year. A tunnel will be formed when the football team enters the field, a landing area will be created for parachutists with the game ball, and the

band will enter the field from the sideline.

Some traditions, however, will continue. The band will continue the marching "K" as it plays the UK Fight Song.

"That is the piece of music that we respond to with enthusiasm, vigor, and pride," Warren said. "We know we're going to get a standing ovation when we crank up 'On, On, U of K.'"

The band also will continue to play "My Old Kentucky Home" at each game.

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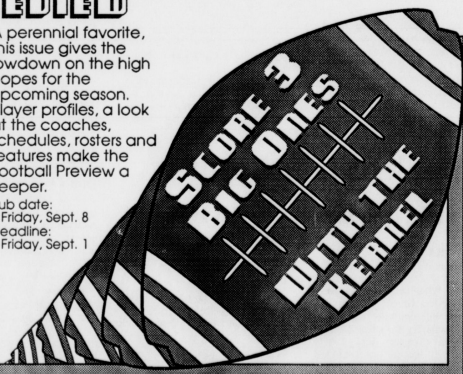
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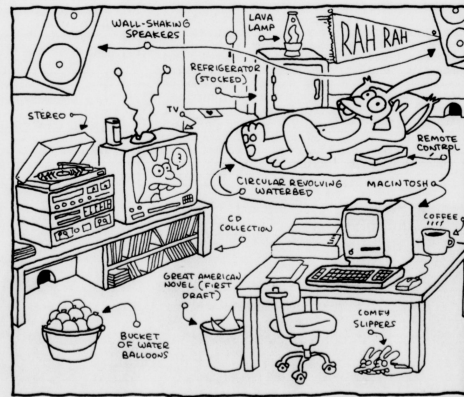
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SPORTS

Barry Reeves
Sports Editor

Pitino says his Wildcats have a long way to go

By BARRY REEVES
Sports Editor

Only in Kentucky would the demand to interview the UK basketball coach be so great that a special news conference would have to be called at the end of August — before football season even begins.

There have been more than 100 requests by the media for an interview with new UK men's basketball coach Rick Pitino, according to UK Sports Information Director Chris Cameron.

So UK tried to satiate everyone at once yesterday by holding a luncheon for more than 50 members of the media at Wildcat Lodge.

But Pitino was quick to remind the media what sport they should be writing about.

"We have an outstanding football team, and we are not here to take any space or thunder from our football team," Pitino said. "This is football season, not basketball season."

"They have the right to be covered on a national scale. And from what I hear, they are probably going to be a bowl team."

Pitino eventually stopped talking about football and got around to discussing the basketball team he has inherited.

And he had a lot to say:

•Most of UK's basketball players are out of shape. Only senior guard Derrick Miller worked over the summer to stay in good physical condition.

"They are an out-of-shape basketball team, the most out-of-shape team we've ever seen," said Pitino, speaking for the entire staff. "They did not work very hard over the summer with conditioning."

"Only Derrick Miller has paid the price to get into great shape. The important thing is that we will get them into great shape before Oct. 15. Right now, only Derrick Miller could go out there and play in one of our practices and last to the end of one of our practices."

•Pitino said he was surprised that so many people have been driving by the location where his house is being built.

"I don't know why they are wasting their time. It's just a hole in the ground," he said. "I am not upset (about the drive-bys) and from what I hear, nobody is upset."

"I think, really, that they are looking at my neighbors' home, which has a theater with 39 seats in it," the 36-year-old coach said.

•The new UK coach sent a message to his players when he suspended Miller for the first eight

practices. Miller was suspended because he missed eight classes during the summer session.

"I called Derrick in at the beginning of the summer session and told him that one rule that I have is that players are not allowed to miss class," Pitino said. "I told him that this program is going to be based on honesty, and if I ask you if you are going to class, I expect to get the right answer."

"I asked him whether he was making class and he said 'yes' and then I checked and found out that he was not making class," Pitino said. "But since that point, Derrick has been outstanding."

•Pitino and his staff — Herb Sendek, Orlando "Tubby" Smith, Ralph Willard and Billy Donovan — spent the summer running around the country watching and evaluating high school talent.

"This summer has been a very fruitful one for evaluating talent," Pitino said. "We spent most of the summer evaluating talent at basketball camps and tournaments alike. Then we spent two weeks running the Kentucky Basketball Camp."

•Pitino and his staff will spend a month, beginning Sept. 10, on the recruiting road making stops in 60 high school prospects' homes.



MEETING THE PRESS: UK basketball coach Rick Pitino addresses more than 50 members of the media yesterday at Wildcat Lodge.

Follow the Cats
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IU tickets for students available

Staff Reports

Student tickets for UK's season-opening football game against Indiana University will be available today beginning at 8 a.m.

The distribution will be conducted on a first-come-first-serve basis at the ticket windows outside Memorial Coliseum.

A student can get one ticket with a validated student ID or a class schedule for the IU game. They can pick up another student's ticket with that person's validated student ID.

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One greek adviser would save money, show budget needs

Everywhere you look around the University, departments are having to cut back because of budgetary constraints. Colleges are having to hold faculty positions open, buildings are having to do without an extra coat of paint and departments are having to do with one less clerk or secretary.

Over the summer, Michael Palm stepped down from his position in the Dean of Student's Office as the adviser to the fraternity system. Palm's last few years as adviser can be described as mediocre when he was having a good day. Decisions seemed to take forever, and some fraternities complained about not receiving enough attention. Victor Hazard has taken over Palm's spot as acting adviser.

Last week Becky Headley announced her resignation as co-adviser to the sorority system effective Sept. 30. Susan West, who has been serving with Headley, will take over all of the responsibilities.

Most student organizations, such as the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Board and WRFL, only have one University adviser working with them. It seems strange, therefore, that fraternities and sororities each need their own adviser.

Headley said that having only one adviser for the greek system would be a lot to ask of only one person, although several universities have their greek systems set up that way.

Having two people work with the greek system costs the University money, and during these austere fiscal times, the University needs to focus its financial resources on faculty and staff salaries.

By placing the greek system under one adviser, a person in the Dean of Student's Office would be freed to tend to tasks that have been neglected because of the budget situation.

Since the dean's office already has two advisers, either Hazard or West should be put in charge of the Greeks. That would save the University the expense of conducting a search for someone to replace Palm, and it also would give the dean's office a chance to evaluate the position of advising the greek system to see if one person is capable of handling the job.

Hazard has received high marks for the work he has done with the fraternity system, and he would appear to be a good choice for greek adviser.

During the last meeting of the General Assembly, UK students were conspicuously quiet when it came to lobbying lawmakers on behalf of higher education. With the exception of a handful of UK students, one could have easily thought that all was well with higher education during the 1988 session.

The greek community accounts for almost 20 percent of the student body, and as a group they could be a very effective lobbying force for higher education. Perhaps if they felt the effects of how poorly higher education is funded, they would join higher education's cause with vigor when the 1990 session opens.

Christian publication offers disturbing views

I am writing out of a deep sense of concern over the *University Christian*, a periodical widely circulated on UK's campus and directed toward its student body. The periodical seems to espouse a far-right social, political and religious philosophy.

I am particularly concerned about the sexist and homophobic content of the fall 1989 issue. Feminists' legitimate concerns are dismissed rather contemptuously.

While I am sure that the publishers of *University Christian* are decent, well-meaning individuals, I feel that they are badly misinformed and that their views are far outside contemporary psychology and theology. Their treatment of the gay and lesbian community is due to offend many individuals, whatever their sexual orientation.

To present rest-room sex and drag queens as typical of the gay

Jesus never mentioned homosexuality . . . what little the Bible does say against it . . . reflect(s) the tribal taboos of the ancient Hebrews . . .

and lesbian community is basically the same thing as saying that dormitory gang rapes and drunken orgies are typical of heterosexuals.

The American Psychiatric Association voted years ago to drop homosexuality as an illness. Modern psychiatrists are quite skeptical of attempts to change someone's sexual orientation and most seek to help their gay and lesbian clients develop positive self-images rather

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than try to become heterosexual. Sexual orientation is not an either/or phenomenon, and a considerable percentage of the population is somewhere in between the extremes of exclusively heterosexual and exclusively homosexual.

Theologically, Roman Catholicism, while condemning same-gender sexual activity, admits that there are born "constitutive" homosexuals.

The Episcopal Church is moving toward blessing same-sex unions, and the Unitarian Universalist Church and the Metropolitan Community Church (a mostly gay and lesbian Christian denomination), have long done so.

Jesus never mentioned homosexuality, and what little the Bible does say against it can perhaps best be taken as reflecting the tribal taboos of the ancient Hebrews and the personal prejudices of St. Paul, a somewhat autistic individual who never even met Jesus except in some sort of vision.

I strongly urge anyone who may have problems discerning his or her sexual orientation or dealing with it to seek competent, professional, non-judgmental help.

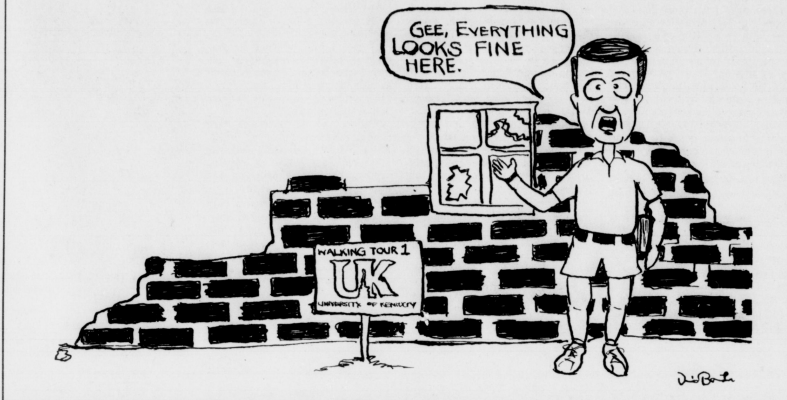
The UK Counseling Center offers those services free to students. Help is also available to the general public at a moderate fee through UK's Counseling Psychology Services Clinic.

There is a Gay and Lesbian Service Organization with a gay hotline in Lexington.

To put oneself in the hands of an authoritarian religious group while feeling confused and vulnerable is unwise and could have tragic consequences.

Patrick L. Buck is a Spanish and Italian graduate student.

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Realistic idealism

Columnist will spotlight community-service programs

Last December, on the Monday night of finals week, I finally did something I had been wanting to do all semester but had either been too busy, lazy or even wary to get around to.

No, it wasn't to finally begin my research paper or start a regular exercise routine. I simply wanted to volunteer at the downtown Horizon Center, which provides meals for Lexington's hungry and homeless citizens.

My sister had worked at a shelter for homeless women in Washington, D.C., and after hearing about her experiences I felt that I too should donate some of my time to helping these less fortunate.

But I didn't really know how to go about getting involved in a community-service program — I didn't know of any UK programs or organizations that could get me started, and I was rather reluctant to go about it on my own. Finally, I found a group from the Newman Center that works at the Horizon Center on a regular basis and I joined them on that Monday evening.

Now I know that's a pretty feeble excuse for not getting involved in community service — some initiative and a simple phone call to any local social agency would have



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solved my problem.

And unfortunately I have used that same excuse, and the "fact" that I'm too busy, to explain why I haven't volunteered in the community since then, even though I enjoyed getting off campus and into the city to help out at the center during that busy time.

Nevertheless, it did get me thinking that there probably are a lot of other students like me who want to work in community-service programs but fail to do so because no one really prompts them finally to just do it.

Granted, many students already do volunteer service. And there is one student group, Communities in Unity, that somewhat successfully has been trying to coordinate student volunteerism.

But UK lacks a coherent volunteerism program to channel the largely untapped and immense resource of the more than 20,000 students, and all the faculty and staff, too, into community service.

As close as the Lexington campus is to downtown, there still seems to be too much of a sense of isolation on campus — we too easily get stuck in our own little world of classes, work, studies and social life and ignore what's going on in the outside community.

There are innumerable unmet needs in Lexington that UK students, faculty and staff could help meet, from long-term programs tutoring younger students, to helping build or repair homes for low-income families, to fixing and serving meals to hungry people.

And this year could mark a big change in the way the University has treated community service. If the efforts of several groups and individuals proceed as planned — and the University community responds enthusiastically — there should be at least a few programs established to prompt and help interested students find volunteer opportunities in Lexington.

And perhaps we all will develop a stronger sense of the social commitment and responsibility we have, not only as recipients of a public education, but more broadly as human beings responsive to the well being of our fellow people.

Let's call it realistic idealism. To complement these activities

and promote the idea (or, rather, the action) of public service, this column will appear every other week, highlighting those UK groups or individuals who volunteer their time, energy, strength, knowledge and simple compassion to those less fortunate.

Occasionally it will describe particular areas or situations where student volunteers could be of great assistance.

It is not meant to preach or make you feel guilty if you don't volunteer for some reason or the other.

I'm hoping that it simply will prompt some people to perform some sort of public service with their fellow students and associates as examples, or that it at least will keep the needs of others on our minds so we don't pretend they don't exist.

If you know of any people or organizations who either deserve recognition for their volunteer service work or have unmet needs with which the University community could help, please let me know about them.

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Only the simple go without protection

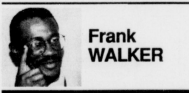
Scanning through the list of new students, hoping to come across some home folks, I stumbled upon the name Jesse B. Simple. Upon closer examination, I learned that Simple was a product of Langston Hughes High in Harlem, New York.

It was clear to me that the office of admissions was the victim of yet another practical joke. A character of the same name had been immortalized by Langston Hughes during the Harlem Renaissance.

With a little effort, I managed to find the address of the person listed as Simple and trekked across the yard to satisfy my curiosity.

Just as I was about to knock on the door of 312 Holmes Hall, it opened to reveal a slightly built, harmless looking character.

"I did it, I confess," he said. "How much is it gonna cost me?"



Frank WALKER

I started to explain to him that it would probably only require a stop at admissions with the correct information, but he cut me off and said: "Just tell me how much it's gonna cost. I might not have the money right now, but I'm good for it or my name ain't Jesse B. Simple."

I looked at him in amazement and said, "But your name isn't Simple, is it?"

"Of course it is," he said, "but you don't look like the Vend-Plus police; aren't you here about the vending machine that I broke?"

"No," I replied, "I'm here to

see you. I'm a fan of a fictional character with the same name as yours; but what did you do to the machine?"

"Oh," he said sheepishly. "I wanted some pud'n', but every time I tried to get some the machine would give me one of these."

He reached into his pocket and pulled out a condom.

"Now I'm nobody's genius, but I know that they don't put a jelly-type lubricant in pud'n', especially Snac-pac, though I don't disagree with it possibly being a 'propa laxative,' and what's with this trojan on the wrapper? I thought the school mascot was a basketball."

"It's a rubber," I said.

"Rubber," he exclaimed, "All the money UK athletics has, and they can't afford leather basketballs?"

"No, Simple," I said. "The

school mascot is a wildcat and the thing in your hand is a prophylactic, a hood, a raincoat, Jimmy's hat . . . for protection when you do the wild thing, the nasty, you know practice reproduction."

He still looked confused, so I screamed, "You put the damn thing on your penis before you have sex to keep from transmitting diseases or getting your partner pregnant!"

He looked at me out of the corner of his eyes and said, "Why didn't she just say so?"

"She who," I asked, thoroughly confused.

"The machine," he said. "You know I've been around the teacup enough times to know where the handle is, but it's just like a woman to give you something you don't know you'll need."

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Letters

Fat not sexist

In speaking only with women, Kernel staff writer Cynthia Lewis irresponsibly researched the article "Keeping Extra Pounds Off While at UK May Be Difficult" (Aug. 28 Kernel).

"The Freshman 15 Plague," according to her perspective, is an exclusively female problem, even though the adjustments to college life cited as factors for causing weight gain (stress, exams, being

away from home and growing up) are experienced by all students, regardless of their sex. Do not both women and men have access to the same campus and local foods and endure similar first year student realities?

The female focus of Lewis' article reflects either her victimization by or decided reinforcement of the idea that women should be keenly concerned with being thin, because that is the way our modern culture would have it.

This is beautiful. This value judgment is subtly stated in "gain-

ing weight means not having a self-image problem, and thus physical appearance is the basis for self-esteem (or lack thereof)." Because it is too far out for us to conjure that self-worth should be developed on the esoteric principles of inner beauty, how about if we focus (at least) on total physical health rather than simply being thin?

Not gaining weight and the energy spent on that endeavor will reward us with:

- ✓ better quality sleep
- ✓ sharper perception while awake

- ✓ boosted, more consistent energy
- ✓ endurance in all activities
- ✓ healthier skin
- ✓ toned, flexible muscles
- ✓ greater overall health, including decreased risk contracting many diseases and afflictions, both minor and grave

It should be obvious that "health" is the necessary focus for both sexes.

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DIVERSIONS

Auditions completed for first plays of UK Theater season

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The first auditions of UK's 1989-90 theatrical season were completed yesterday after two days of casting that attracted more than 80 students.

Cast lists were posted today for three different productions, including a mainstage play, a Second Season show and a Five and Dime production.

Patrick Kagan-Moore, a theater arts professor, will direct "The Dining Room," by A.R. Gurney Jr. as the department's first mainstage production.

Kagan-Moore said he was "very impressed" with the turnout.

"I thought the talent level was quite high," he said.

Usually about 40 people turn out for auditions, Kagan-Moore said.

"We hope that we can continue those kind of numbers," Kagan-Moore said.

Gurney's play revolves entirely around a dining-room set which symbolizes a dying institution in America—the family.

The breakup of the American family "has been a major theme for dramatists over the last ten or twelve years," Kagan-Moore said. "It's an inevitable process, and I don't think that he's bemoaning it... it's what's happening."

"Vampire Lesbians of Sodom" by Charles Busch will kick off UK Theater's Second Season, a new concept that allows students and faculty to direct less traditional shows on a limited budget, but with technical support.

"It's not a commercial title," director Ron Smith, a theater arts graduate student, said of the play. "It's not the kind that will bring out the usual theater patrons."

"Vampire Lesbians" is the campy saga of two vampires whose feud lasts throughout history. Their conflict begins in Sodom and concludes in modern-day Las Vegas.

"It has men cross-dressing, women cross-dressing," Smith said. "One of the reviews of The New York Times said 'forget your genders, come on, get happy.'" Although less than mainstream, the play fits well within the Second Season concept.

"This is for experimental theater," Smith said. "This is for shows that if you're going to be offended, don't bother coming. It's the first time, really, that a

gay play has been done here," he said. "I thought it was maybe time for a little sexual ambiguity to happen on the stage."

Also posting a cast list today was Carolyn D. Smith, a theater arts graduate student who will direct what has tentatively been titled a "Night of Original Short Works."

"Night" will be mounted as a Five and Dime production, which means that the director and cast are given little more than a stage to work with. There will be no bud-

get for the show and admission is free.

"There is not an overriding theme; this is simply a workshop for new works done by people here at UK," Smith said. "In the department you just don't see playwrights' new stuff being done, and that's what I want to do."

Smith's production will feature two one-act plays, one by part-time theater instructor Bill Felty and

another by former UK student David Dees.

"Night" will offer two other unutilized scenes by Kim Wagner, another former UK student now residing in New York, and Haven Miller, an information specialist with the College of Agriculture. A monologue written by Smith herself also will be performed.

Final cast lists are posted outside the theater department office in the Fine Arts Building.

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