

SGA votes for equity in center

By JAY BLANTON
Staff Writer

SGA last night recommended to the administration that Student Agencies not be allocated the space it has requested in the Student Organization Center.

On March 10 the Student Activities Board voted 10-6 to recommend to Student Center director Frank Harris that Student Agencies be given about 1,000 square feet in the organization center.

Organization representatives, however, criticized the vote because they thought it was unfair to give one organization more space than other groups. The criticism led to a vote by the newly formed Student Organizations Assembly, March 25, requesting that Student Agencies not be given the space.

Several Student Government Association senators were particularly adamant in their criticism of SGA's decision.

Senator at Large Susan Brothers said that SGA, because it represents the students, should consider the overriding interests of the center's organizations above that of Student Agencies.

"I think the number of organizations and all their numbers far outweigh the opposition to this bill," she said. The "60 organizations should have some sort of voice in the room in which they are housed."

However, Senator at Large Theo Monroe said he was bothered by the concept that every organization, no matter how small, be given equal space.

"Some organizations are more important than others," he said, adding that there is a "lot of dead floor space that can be used."

Student Agencies Vice President Micha Anderson agreed.

"We're not trying to move anybody out, there is enough room down there where you can put two Student Agencies down there and not displace anyone," Anderson said.

Senator at Large Brad Dixon labeled the dilemma a "conflict of two futures." Dixon said Student Agencies

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Gubernatorial support

Gov. Martha Layne Collins speaks during a meeting of the Women's Basketball Coaches

Association, which was held at the Civic Center yesterday.

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Peace Corps offers opportunities abroad

UK office trying to attract eligible graduates to work in impoverished countries

By KIMBERLY SISK
Staff Writer

The UK office for the Peace Corps is looking for students interested in working overseas.

To increase campus awareness, the office sponsored an all-day interest session yesterday to attract prospective applicants.

A 25-minute film and discussion period, which included return volunteers, and an information table were part of the drive to increase visibility.

Pat Danridge, UK's Peace Corps representative, said her office wants to inform the public and students about the organization.

Danridge said the goals of the Peace Corps are to provide technical assistance to impoverished countries, to provide an opportunity for

people overseas to get to know Americans and for volunteers to bring what they learn back to the United States.

"We are looking for someone with a bachelor's or master's degree in agriculture, health, education, linguistics or languages, who is open-minded, flexible, can learn a language and is willing to do things they've never thought about before," Danridge said.

As a volunteer, basically all travel and medical expenses are paid and after the 27-month stint is over, the volunteer receives a monthly readjustment check.

During the 27 months, a 3-month training period is held in the assigned country, which includes learning a language, adjusting to

cultural differences and specific job training.

In the application process, Danridge interviews applicants to determine their suitability and how adaptable to change they are.

"This is not a precise indicator, but it is a pretty good determinant for how they will work overseas," she said.

"Many times people decide themselves that they are not suited for it" after going through the interview, Danridge said.

After she approves an application, it is evaluated by a regional panel and is then sent to Washington, D.C. for assignment to a specific country.

Danridge spoke of her own experiences as a volunteer in Cameroon, West Africa. Although the government provided her housing, "in other countries a volunteer may

stay with a family or have their own that had built in a rural area among the people.

The Peace Corps was established in 1960 by President John F. Kennedy and has had more than 120,000 volunteers from every state. There have been 166 volunteers from UK.

Chris Haragan, a past volunteer who returned to UK to get a mas-

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U.S. crew rescues Honduran soldiers from Sandinistas

By REID G. MILLER
Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — U.S. military helicopters with American crews ferried Honduran soldiers to a remote border area yesterday where up to 1,500 Sandinista troops were reported trying to fight their way back to Nicaragua.

U.S. officials here said 14 helicopters from Palmerola air base were carrying infantry and artillery units to the "Las Vegas salient" about 120 miles east of the capital. The salient is a triangular-shaped area of Honduras that juts into Nicaragua along the irregular frontier between the two countries. It has long been the site of a major camp of the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels, called contras, who fight the Sandinista government from bases in southern Honduras.

Honduran military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 1,300 Sandinistas crossed the frontier last Saturday in pursuit of rebels and were trapped inside Honduras by contras who cut off their retreat.

Other sources put the number of Nicaraguan government troops at nearer 800 and said most probably would slip through the net because it was difficult to block all paths through the jungled mountain terrain.

U.S. officials said about 100 Sandinistas and 80 contras had been killed in four days of fighting.

Accounts of fighting could not be verified independently. Honduran military sources said soldiers were ordered to keep journalists out of the area.

Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government denies any incursion and says the reports are designed to win U.S. aid for the contras.

The U.S. Senate was expected to vote by today on President Reagan's proposal for \$100 million in military and non-lethal aid to the rebels. The House of Representatives defeated the proposal by a 22-210 vote last Thursday.

Reagan approved \$20 million in emergency aid to Honduras on Tuesday to help it cope with the reported incursion.

American officials said the helicopters were ferrying about 500 to 600 Honduran soldiers, roughly a battalion, to the salient in four Huey and 10 Chinook helicopters of U.S. Task Force Bravo. The task force of about 1,200 men is permanently based at Palmerola, a Honduran base about 60 miles southwest of Tegucigalpa.

A U.S. Embassy officer in Tegucigalpa, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the American helicopters were unarmed and would drop the Honduran soldiers at what he called a secure landing site at least 10 miles from the fighting.

UK summer counselors assist future students

By CYNTHIA A. PALORNO
Assistant News Editor

Students can meet the people who run the University while preparing new students for their days in Big Blue Country by assisting at the summer advising conferences.

"It's the best job I've had," said Clint Willis, a business and economics graduate student. Willis worked on the conference during the summer of 1984.

Ten students — five female and five male — will have the opportunity to work in a public relations role for the University from June 2 until July 18. These students work with freshmen who will be entering UK in the fall and their parents during the summer orientation program.

Don Witt, director of advising conferences, called the job "an opportunity for students to share their experiences here at UK with the new freshmen so those new students will be informed and confident about the University."

Willis said the job gave him the opportunity to meet a lot of people, make new friends and learn the ins and outs of UK.

The summer advising conference format is based on four weeks of advising and registration. Most are one-day sessions, but there are three two-day sessions. The student assistants have panel sessions during which they discuss college life, specifically life at UK, with the new students and their parents.

Witt said the panels are important because they give the new students opportunities to ask current students about what to expect of the University. This is an important part of the program because often it's the first chance these students have to talk with current students.

Student assistants also work one-on-one with the incoming students and their parents.

"The atmosphere is informal yet professional," Willis said.

Witt and his staff are looking for students who enjoy working with people and have an interest in UK and the new students enrolling in the University.

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Tomorrow last chance for award nominations

By SHARON RATCHFORD
Staff Writer

Abbey Marlatt remembers feeling "pleased, very honored and very surprised" when President Otis A. Singletary announced that she was one of the recipients of the 1985 Sullivan Awards.

Marlatt has been a professor of nutrition and food science at UK since 1956.

Jess Gardner "about fell out of (his) chair" when he was told. He received one of the awards in 1953, when he was president of UK's Fraternity Council.

"The significance of this award," is that it has "nothing to do with grades or leadership ability," said Sandra Lykins, chairwoman of the 10-member Sullivan committee and assistant dean of students.

Gardner, an associate professor of health and safety, is one of the 10 faculty members who will choose the 1986 winners.

Gardner said the Sullivan Award is the "honor award of the year."

The award has been given since 1927. Each year two graduates — one male and one female — and one non-student who is associated with the University in some way are presented with a medallion and a framed certificate while a citation summarizing why they are receiving the award is read. Lykins said.

Many famous Kentucky personalities have received the award, including Paul Blazer, founder of Ashland Oil and the namesake of Blazer Hall; Elvis J. Stahr Jr., dean of UK's law school from 1949-1957; president of Indiana University from 1962-1968 and current president of the National Audubon Society; and Barry Bingham Sr., chairman of the board of The Courier-Journal and Louisville Times Co., Gardner said.

In 1926, the award was created as a memorial to Algernon Sydney Sullivan as a "permanent award for character," Lykins said. Sullivan died in 1887.

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INSIDE

The UK baseball team was defeated yesterday by ECU 8-6. For the highlights, see **SPORTS, Page 2.**

The Humana Festival will conclude at the Actors Theater of Louisville this weekend. For details, see **DIVERSIONS, Page 3.**

Today will be partly cloudy and cool with a high in the mid to upper 50s. Tonight and tomorrow will be partly cloudy. Lows tonight will be in the lower to mid 50s, with highs tomorrow in the lower 60s.

Students recount Nicaragua

Recent visitors say U.S. misinformed about Sandinistas

By KEITH ASHLEY
Contributing Writer

Three UK students spent their spring break vacations in a country at war.

Walt Mansfield, a political science junior, Kim Burris, an anthropology junior, and Flo Estes, a doctorate student in education, recently returned from a trip to Nicaragua as members of the Witness for Peace organization.

Yesterday during an informal discussion, Mansfield and Burris offered a firsthand account of the conditions they encountered.

Mansfield described sitting in the northern Nicaraguan countryside and reading a newspaper's word-for-word reproduction of President Reagan's speech, which claimed that Sandinista communist agents were committing atrocities, such as the murder and rape of civilians, in the exact area in which they were sitting.

They witnessed nothing of the sort and found no evidence, no claims from even the poorest, homeless Nicaraguans of such actions.

Mansfield and Burris explained this as part of the Reagan administration's "continuing disinformation campaign to justify military action."

The students cited numerous accounts of activities and conditions in Nicaragua that were in no way com-



Walt Mansfield (left) describes his trip to Nicaragua yesterday.

parable to U.S. government and media descriptions.

During their visit in Nicaragua, the students went to relocation camps for victims of contra violence.

In one camp, they talked to a couple of people injured in the much-

publicized attack on a bus driven by a Swiss agronomist and carrying only women and children passengers. The vehicle had been visiting a Sandinista military camp.

In this camp, the students spoke to a young girl whose leg had been

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SPORTS

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EKU hands UK another frustrating loss

By WILLIE HIATT
Sports Editor

UK's ninth-inning rally against Eastern Kentucky yesterday sums up the type of season the Wildcats have had this season — close, but no cigar.

Down 8-6 with two outs, Robbie Buchanan and Greg Stephens hit back-to-back singles only to have the rally fizzle out when Jim Murphy grounded out to third base for the final out.

That inning told the season's tale. "Almost every game we've lost has been the same way," said senior right fielder Clint Arnold. UK's key (old) player of the game. "I've been on teams where we've lost close games, but this year it seems like every one."

In the first of a 14-game home-stand, the non-conference loss dropped the Wildcats to 6-13 on the season. What that record doesn't say, though, is that seven of those losses have been by two runs or less. "It's frustrating," UK coach Keith Madison said. "Most of the games we've been in we've played very good baseball."

Where the problem recently has been pitching in the late innings, yesterday the problem surfaced with UK's first six hitters.

UK's sophomore starting pitcher Vince Tyra was rocked for six straight hits (five singles and a home run) before escaping the first inning with seven earned runs on seven hits.

"You can't get a guy warmed up that fast," said Madison, when asked if he considered going to his bullpen in the first inning.

As if the gusting winds partly explained Tyra's rough first inning, the Wildcats in turn jumped on the Colonels' starting pitcher Jeff Cruse for five runs on three hits in the bottom half of that inning to close the score to 7-5.

While Tyra (2-3) took the loss for UK, he settled down to scatter three hits over the next five innings before being relieved by freshman Darrell Conley. Similarly, Cruse (3-0) gave up only seven more hits and one run in going the distance.

"We were really sloppy the first inning," said EKV coach Jim Ward,

whose team is 14-7 on the season. "If we had given (Cruse) support the first inning, his win would be even more impressive."

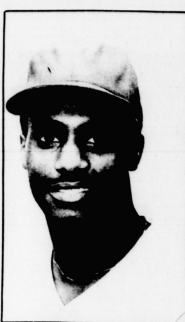
Despite relief pitching woes for UK, Conley came in for Tyra in the seventh inning and turned in a solid performance. He gave up only three hits and one run when EKV's Robert Moore doubled in Marc Seimer with two outs in the eighth.

Besides the bullpen, Madison also points to inexperience (the Wildcats have nine freshmen) and injuries in explaining narrow losses this season.

Senior Russ Schueler is out with an injured hip, junior Mitch Knox bruised his thumb and Arnold has struggled with asthma. Not since early in the season have those three been in the lineup together.

"If we could get (them) in the lineup all at the same time, we would be a much better ball club," Madison said.

Arnold led the Wildcats in hitting with a double and a triple and Stephens hit three singles. Freshman



CLINT ARNOLD

centerfielder Chris Estep's fourth-inning home run was hit third hit of the season, all three of them being home runs.

SIDELINES

Staff and AP reports

Wildcats start spring football practices

The UK football team held its first official spring practice yesterday, looking to build on last year's 5-6 record.

One of the team's main concerns will be rebuilding the team's offensive line, which lost four starters from the 1985 squad. UK coach Jerry Claiborne has moved several players from defensive line to the offensive side, including 6-foot-7, 275-pound redshirt freshman Mike Pfeifer.

"We feel Pfeifer is one of the better-looking physical linemen," Claiborne said. "He is not the only person who will be switched. We are going to try to get the best people at different positions."

Entering his senior year, Mark Logan, who led the Wildcats in total offense last season at the tailback position, will move to fullback. Logan will be teamed in the backfield with junior-to-be Mark Higgs.

The spring practice season concludes with the annual Blue-White spring game at 7 p.m. April 26 at Commonwealth Stadium.

UK tennis team takes on Tennessee today

The UK men's tennis team looks for win No. 12 against Tennessee today at the 16-team Blue-Gray Tournament in Montgomery, Ala.

The Wildcats (11-5), who dropped out of the top 20 in last week's Head Intercollegiate Tennis Standings, split two away Southeastern Conference matches during the week by beating Mississippi State 6-3 and losing to Auburn 5-1.

The squad's No. 1 doubles team of Greg Van Emburgh and Pat McGee is ranked seventh in the country, while UK's No. 2 team of Richard Benson and Kenny Rylee is ranked 30th.

The UK women's tennis team (14-5), ranked 17th in the latest poll, also travels to Alabama this weekend for three matches. The Lady Kats meet Alabama and South Alabama in Tuscaloosa tomorrow, then travel to Auburn to play the Tigers Saturday.

The women won three matches and lost two during their Texas swing last week. UK beat Southern Methodist, Texas A & M and Texas Christian, but lost to Texas and top-ranked Trinity.

Tamaka Takagi and Sonia Hahn, the team's top two singles players, are ranked 40th and 58th in the nation, respectively, and as the No. 1 doubles team, they place 23rd.

Firsthand knowledge sees Kansas as champions

It's over, and I still can't believe it.

But one emotional setback certainly won't dampen an otherwise excellent season.

It'll be very tough this weekend to watch the four teams that are vying for the national championship in Dallas.

Because we have beaten the two teams that will play in the first game — LSU and Louisville — I feel as though we deserved a place in the Final Four.

LSU, coached by the eccentric Dale Brown, has the most momentum of any team in Dallas. I don't think anybody really expected them to get to the Final Four.

However, once you get to the Final Four, momentum is negated. It is a goal that I think once you get to that point everybody has the same amount of enthusiasm.

While LSU has the most momen-



ROGER HARDEN

turn, Louisville is definitely playing the best of anyone. Forward Billy Thompson and "Superb" Herb Crook are beginning to peak. This tournament has given them confidence. Any team that has gotten this far has players who have carried them to this point. And these guys have certainly proven that.

Compared to when we beat them in December, Louisville is playing much more as a team now. I think all of the Cards have exceptional talent, but they have just started to sacrifice their skills and develop a team-oriented attitude.

Louisville will win Saturday,

though. The Cards are simply more talented and they will beat the Tigers at their own game — playing together as a team.

For LSU to win, Derrick Taylor will have to control the tempo of the ball game and not get into a running match with Louisville. The Tigers will have to shoot very well because they will only get one shot against the taller Cardinal squad.

LSU will have to stay out of foul trouble because its bench is so limited. Louisville by nine.

The second game between Kansas and Duke will be closer, but not by much. Kansas is a very well-coached basketball team. They are very mature, and their starting five have played together for basically two straight years.

Without a doubt, the Jayhawks have the best front line in the nation in 7-foot-1 Greg Dreiling, 6-11 Danny Manning and 6-8 Calvin Thompson.

Ron Kellogg, the shooting guard and Kansas' leading scorer, can either shoot you in or out of a ball game. When he's on, he's unconscious. He's a scoring machine.

Duke's All-American guard Johnny Dawkins must have an outstanding scoring night if Duke is to beat Kansas. The Blue Devil front line has a lot of trouble with teams that play above the rim. And the Jayhawks will give them fits. Kansas by seven.

Monday night will see two evenly matched teams fight it out. Kansas should claim the title because they've got the championship mentality. They expected to be where they're at now. Kansas the victor, in a very high scoring contest, 81-78.

Roger Harden is a telecommunication senior and the newly appointed graduate assistant coach for next year's UK basketball team.

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DIVERSIONS

ATL festival 'drawing board' for new plays

By ERIK REECE
Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE — Once a year the word comes down from on high and sends actors and agents scurrying back to regional stages with expectations for a new season and critics back to their respective feature sections with a spectrum of opinions.

The catalyst of these creative and critical energies is the annual Humana Festival of New American Plays, staged for a six-week run which will end this weekend at Actors Theater of Louisville.

The festival is the premiere production of a collection of never-before-staged plays in America, and the result of such notoriety is seen on the name tags of those attending.

Critics, playwrights, actors, agents and instructors — largely from New York's off-Broadway and as far as Egypt — flock to

Louisville for a preview of what styles and themes American theater will entail in the coming year.

The result is a clientele that ranges from upper-crust agents in pinstriped suits to reprobate artists dressed in pinpricks and high tops.

In its 10th year, the festival seems to be beginning to require a certain patina from its audience. The Pulitzer Prize-winning plays of the festival's early years are gone, and in their place are daring experiments in forms that have gone relatively unawarded.

Consequently, viewers seem to see the festival as a cohesive display of fresh talent rather than a competition that would ultimately celebrate successes like D.L. Coburn's "The Gin Game" or John Pielmeier's "Agnes of God."

For this reason, the Great American Play Contest, which in the past

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Jon Jory,
ATL producing director

accompanied the festival, is being dropped as of this year.

Jon Jory, ATL's producing director, commented at a press conference that the festival's plays seem to be moving away from strictly defined naturalistic and realistic forms.

"The American writer is tearing down walls, playing with time frames, working with images, experimenting with form," Jory said. "He realizes the change inflicted on the festival and theater as a whole and cites ATL's audience as the reason it hasn't lost its sense of importance."

"We have one of the most sophisticated audiences in the country, one that is extremely forgiving of what can be called failure," he said.

Jory believes all American playwrights benefit from the festival no matter what its critical appraisal may be.

"We wanted to work with writers," Jory said, "and it's become a broad road for American theater."

Though all of the plays contained in the '86 Festival are being performed on stage for the first time, they have been performed as staged readings at their other theaters.

The Shaper
By John Stepping

Cast in a California surf shop, "The Shaper" takes a long, hard look at the way simple lives get twisted beyond repair.

This is by far one of the festival's most difficult plays to grasp as well as to perform. The characters are somewhat junks/alcoholics who have kept their hands in so much transgression that they couldn't possibly cleanse themselves of their

George Gerdes is the strongest member of this six-person cast as Del — the owner of the surf shop, the brother of Tiresias who has come out to California to see about getting Del off cocaine charges, and the homosexual lover of Bud, his partner in crime.

Throughout two acts, we see each character fall deeper into confusion concerning an understanding of themselves or each other. Attempts to find answers to questions only turn into manic acts of despair and desperate searches for impossible solutions. These pathetic creatures drift through drugs, homosexuality, incest and armed robbery before collapsing under the burden of their self-imposed woes.

The dialogue of "The Shaper" is minimalist, stripped down to the core of its clear, cruel meaning in the style of David Mamet and Harold Pinter. The scenes run quickly together, giving the viewer no time to contemplate each shocking occurrence, but rather dragging him deep into psychological depravity that lends itself to analysis only after the play has been depleted of its tragic content.

Because it is nearly impossible to like as an entertaining experience, "The Shaper" pushes its audience to closely consider its intentions. The problem here is that many may disregard it as violent shock-drama before giving it a chance to cultivate through the thought process. For "The Shaper" to achieve its task, it is crucial that the audience ponder its intent as a work of art.

Smitty's News
By Conrad Bishop and Elizabeth Fuller

Like "The Shaper," "Smitty's News" is cast securely in tragic genre that explores the brutal activ-

ities of the psychologically unstable. Unfortunately, the storyline of "Smitty's News" is unnecessarily shocking, jerking its characters through the mechanics of predictable melodrama.

In two acts, "Smitty's News" contains various Greek concepts of tragedy. The most notable is Deedee the D.J. (Suzanna Hay), who sits above the stage in her booth and acts as the chorus of the play's development.

The action, however, seems too much like a rehashing of Tennessee Williams. Dessie (Jane Ives) is a mother of a 15-year-old daughter, Kim (Melody Combs), who is involved in a sexual relationship with her 19-year-old cousin. She is eventually beaten and raped by a friend of her cousin, who is an accomplice to the crime. Kim is left paralyzed from the waist down by the incident.

Dessie previously had her first child taken away from her because she beat it. She, therefore, cannot prove in court that she did not inflict her husband's wounds. The boy who raped Kim is set free and Dessie is left to cope with this injustice.

George Gerdes plays Michael, Dessie's hard-core lover who will have nothing to do with Dessie's self-pity and resentment. However, Kim's self-imposed dumbness is eventually too much for Dessie to take. As a result, the suicidal tendencies that plague Dessie seem simply common and far from provocative.

"Smitty's News" attacks the relativity of "what is real" from various angles, including asides by a Jehovah's Witness and furious monologues by Dessie.

The acting, however, isn't convincing enough to deserve the concern of its audience for characters that are impossible to like. Combs overexaggerates the convulsions of a 15-year-old who suffers from her mother's protectiveness. Jane Ives is likewise too zealously over the top.

Gerdes is the play's only solid actor with his Jack Nicholson-like tough guy affectation. Yet the inconsistency of the script makes it difficult to believe in his role.

"Tent Meeting," the second edition to the trilogy preceding "Illuminati," premiered at last year's festival and was the only play to receive consensus approval from the critical community.

"Illuminati," written in nine, furious days, concludes the life story

of the Rev. Eddie in a dark comedy that flirts openly with sacrilege.

The cast of "Illuminati" consists of two actors — the playwrights, Levi Lee plays Eddie and Larson is Brother Lawrence, his ineffectual, peg-legged, humpbacked assistant. Lawrence is the most devoted of religious apprentices, who hangs on every Calvinistic word uttered by Eddie.

"Illuminati" seems to be set in a spiritual junkyard under an archaic pulpit to the left, an organ to the right and a facsimile of Christ's cross looming in the background. The play also includes every imaginable gadget or prop from a crucifix that doubles as a flask to a bicycle that doubles as a fogging wheel when pedaled by Eddie in an effort to drive home the frequent absurdities that the church attaches to Christian theology.

Likewise, the dialogue is just as clever and poignant. Larson and Lee leave no religious sect unabused.

The major plot is interrupted regularly by cynical metaphysical scenarios that act as dream sequences. They range from heavenly lurch breaks that find Paul and Timothy, as construction workers who write the books of the Bible in their spare time, offering such auspicious suggestions as, "You can pick your nose but you can't pick your disciples," to a one-on-one basketball game between the Rev. Eddie and the Grim Reaper.

Consequently, the framework of "Illuminati" as a whole is made up of the Rev. Eddie's analogy that "life is like a basketball game."

Act two begins with Eddie bearing on his back a basketball goal, which he proceeds to hang on the cross — Christ-style. His one-on-one game with the Grim Reaper follows, leading Eddie to realize that he loses the game of life because his opponent cheats.

The death of the Rev. Eddie leaves Lawrence to deliver the sermon on "life as a basketball game." It is then that "Illuminati" is wrapped up in a concise denouement, with Lawrence offering his thought on how life should be lived, contrary to what Eddie believed.

Larson and Lee have mastered their characters and offer virtually flawless performances. The humor of "Illuminati" is in no way cheap or outdated, but instead stirs coals that provoke serious examination of personal convictions.

"Astronauts," "To Culebra," "No Mercy," and "Illuminati" were performed in the Pamela Brown Auditorium. "The Shaper" and "Smitty's News" were performed in the Victor Jory Theater. "Illuminati" will be performed for the last time this weekend at ATL. Call (502) 385-3327 for reservations.

New plays exhibit innovative forms with traditional themes



Playwrights/actors Larry Larson (left) and Levi Lee (right) explore the dark side of fanatical evangelism with hilarious results in "Illuminati." Larson and Lee's performances and clever dialogue cast "Illuminati" as a comedy and a satire of heroic proportions.

Editor's note: Kentucky Kernel theater critic Erik Reece traveled to Louisville to cover the Humana Festival of New American Plays Critics' Weekend and to review some of the more noteworthy productions. Here are his observations on these sometimes experimental, sometimes iconoclastic plays.

By ERIK REECE
Staff Writer

The Humana Festival of New American Plays consisted of nine plays. Reviews of six of these, performed during the March 21-24 Critics' Weekend, follow in alphabetical order.

By the time the festival returns in '87, the Lexington theater audience may be treated to or subjected to, as the case may be, one or more of the plays that premiered nationally at Actors Theater of Louisville.

Astronauts
By Claudia Reilly

When all is said and done — and there was quite a bit of saying and doing in "Astronauts" — what emerges is a familiar aftertaste from a 2½-hour, two-act performance that drifts between dark comedy and all-out farce.

"Astronauts" is an off-beat play to satirize certain human conditions that seem unfamiliar to those living in the norm. Wayne S. Turney plays Francis Xavier Hoffman, a gay Jewish-Catholic music teacher who happens to teach at an insane asylum for Catholic youth and happens to be a compulsive liar.

He is plagued by the friendship of Bernice Bertolis, a naive co-worker who teaches typing and one day brings home Mary "Red" Dern, a paranoid schizophrenic killer, because she reminds Bernice of her sister who committed suicide at age 17.

Bernice's sister was consumed by an interest in astronomy as is Mary Dern. What follows is a complicated scheme to get Mary back to the asylum before she starts killing innocent people. At the same time Francis is trying desperately to get noted rock star Harvey Sherman to do a benefit concert for the insane children of the school in order to justify a salary raise for himself. The frenzy that follows cannot be aptly reduced to description.

Though much of the dialogue is fresh, the play's too often seems to be setting each other up for point-less one-liners. After a time, there looms an unsettling feeling that you are sitting through an evening of TV sitcoms.

"Astronauts" is set in Francis' apartment and on the roof directly above it. To its credit, the play employs clever blocking and rock 'n' roll excerpts that set up humorous transition between scenes. This tactic is most effective when Mary appears for the first time on Francis' roof with her knife raised to the sky and the music of James Taylor's version of "Up on the Roof" juxtaposed in the background.

However, 2½ hours is just too long for the type of humor used in "Astronauts." As a result, the storyline often becomes predictable, thus losing a large degree of its comic flavor.

All of the five actors and actresses are appropriately farcical in exaggerating their mannerisms. It is the script itself that ultimately fails "Astronauts."

To Culebra
By Jonathan Bolt

Like "Astronauts," "To Culebra" is far too long for what it tries to do. In 2½ hours, "To Culebra" wears out the extended analogy of the building, or rather failing to do so, of the Panama Canal in an effort to celebrate what Ferdinand De Lesseps calls "the ingenuity of the human spirit."

A memory play, "To Culebra" intertwines courtroom scenes where Ferdinand De Lesseps (Fredric Major) and his son Charles, the two Frenchmen who acted as proponents of the building of a canal through Central America, are being tried by the French government for fraud with particular events leading up to their conviction. Charles (William Verderber) tries admirably to live up to the expectations of his father while searching for an identity of his own.

What he must ultimately understand is that his father, the builder of the Suez Canal, is living a life of illusion, surrounding himself with crooked business partners who eventually land France in great debt because of the evidence of a canal through the isthmus of Panama.

"To Culebra" whittles away precious time by going into the tedious mechanics of canal building that

only act as burdening trivia in the overall context of the play. Though the acting is usually strong, the dialogue is so loose that characters' direction is lost by the time it could have any impact on its audience.

No Mercy
By Constance Congdon

"No Mercy" puts to task brilliant-ly the history of the atomic bomb as a metaphor for man's struggle to come to terms with the elusive realities of life and death.

Bob Burrus plays Roy Layton, a former soldier who guarded the testing of the atomic bomb in New Mexico. A crack in his goggles left him blind in one eye and, in the present, he is trying to find reasons for his son's death while attempting to understand his own existence.

"No Mercy" operates largely as a memory play with Jonathan Bolt (playwright of "To Culebra") offering a superb performance as Robert Oppenheimer, the genius inventor of the A-bomb. He drifts in and out of each scene, both the present and the past, also trying to comprehend his role in history and the meaning of his existence.

Joshua Atkins is Justin, a mute child, a visionary, a younger but maybe wiser version of Oppenheimer, who may be the only character who truly understands, however in herently, the progression of the play.

Jackie (Beth Dixon) is a radio preacher who believes in faith through an understanding of scripture. Jackie and Roy seem to battle each other indirectly through their diverse beliefs of how faith is achieved.

Roy possesses certain attributes of the Greek characters, Oedipus and Tiresias as he gradually moves toward an understanding of life and death — as if he were seeing life through his good eye and death through his blind eye.

Like many of the serious dramas in the '86 Festival, "No Mercy" continually works into its structure various Greek undertones.

The final realization of both Roy and Jackie is that neither of them understand what they think they do. This modernistic "fall from pride" is both haunting and disturbing, and it works excellently in the context of "No Mercy."



Debra Monk (left) as Sherry and George Gerdes (right) as Del, a bisexual who prefers armed robbery to running his surf shop, try to forget their conditions through sex, drugs and alcohol, as in this scene where Del and Sherry, ex-lovers, draw a screwdriver in Conrad Bishop and Elizabeth Fuller's "The Shaper."



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U.S. must maintain restraint in dealing with invasion crisis

Someone facetiously suggested yesterday that Daniel Ortega or his secretary may be working for the CIA. Unlikely as that is, the Nicaraguan leader certainly seems to have a knack for cutting his own throat.

The last time aid for the contra rebels was going down for the count, Ortega took the opportunity to travel to Moscow seeking aid himself. The same scenario is now being played out, since the reported Nicaraguan invasion of Honduras will quite likely swing Congress behind President Reagan's \$100 million in aid for the contras.

Reagan isn't leaving anything to chance, though. Honduras is getting \$20 million in emergency military aid.

One only wishes more of the news was coming from Honduras and not Washington. Until Tuesday, that country didn't seem to be aware that 1,500 Nicaraguan troops had penetrated 12 miles into its territory, beginning Sunday. Washington and Tegucigalpa finally did manage to get their stories straight.

But both Honduras and the contras have suggested that Reagan is exaggerating the scope of the invasion.

Of course, the thing one would most fear to believe is that the administration is somehow fabricating the whole incident; even some members of Congress dared to voice their skepticism, suggesting the story could be a ploy to ensure congressional passage of the aid bill.

Reagan's grasp of the truth, particularly about Central America, is indeed flimsy at best. Nicaragua vehemently denies the reports, but it would be hard to imagine even Reagan trying to put such a big lie over on the world. Let's just put any memories of the Gulf of Tonkin right out of our minds.

Granted the unbelievably stupid timing, it's likely enough Nicaragua sent troops into Honduras, which willingly or unwillingly is harboring the contras. Certainly some kind of retaliation for the rebel raids would be only natural. The important thing is that Nicaragua should withdraw any forces from its neighbor, while the administration should restrain its hysteria and listen to the supporters of the Contadora peace initiative.

Let's also hope those U.S. troop-transport helicopters stay on the ground and away from the border. Flying missions there is asking for casualties, which would bring U.S. involvement that much closer.

SGA election '86

People who run for office in the Student Government Association are popular; they have a lot of friends. At least it seems that way considering all the mail that comes to the *Kentucky Kernel* office.

As much as the *Kernel* is committed to print a forum for political dialogue, space doesn't permit us to print all the letters we receive. We will attempt to reflect the proportion of letters we receive for the candidates.

People submitting material should address their comments to the editorial editor at the *Kernel*, 113 Journalism Building, Lexington, Ky. 40506. All material must be typewritten and double-spaced.

Writers should get material in as soon as possible. Noon Monday, March 30, is the absolute deadline, however.

Writers must include their names, telephone numbers and major classifications or connection with UK.

All submissions for the SGA elections must have this information or will not be considered for publication.

Officiating in intramural basketball leaves much to be desired this year

For those of you who thought the UK parking system was bad, you should have witnessed the intramural basketball officiating — perhaps this system ranks among our worst.

I've been playing intramural basketball for the past three years and the game for much longer. I feel I am quite knowledgeable of the game and very competitive. Winning is very important to me, fun, yes, but I am very serious about the game.

However, the officials of the intramural games are not so serious. In the first place, the requirements for the so-called officials are the attendance of the two meetings and passage of a 50-question multiple choice test. This information was given to me by an intramural official. This seems to be an inadequate and lenient procedure.

Certified high school officials must attend about six to 10 officiating clinics and a state meet. They must pass a difficult lengthy exam. This according to a Kentucky High School Athletics Association representative.

My team was given the same official four straight games. He was a poor excuse for an official. Giving a team the same official for consecutive games is simply bad scheduling and can cause partiality if during the first game impressions were made and grudges developed. If consistency and fairness were charac-

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teristics of these officials and they were used each game, then my complaints would not be justified but this isn't the case.

Several examples support my claim. I was given a technical for saying "Jesus Christ" when about 40 feet from the official. Yet this official apologized to me during half-time, saying he had given it "due to rigid religious beliefs." I don't believe my Catholic priest would have called such a foul. However, during one game, an ex-football player consistently yelled obscenities to the officials. He received no foul, much less a technical.

Does this not show just how inconsistent these officials are during games? During our last game, the ball was kicked out by the opposing team and possession was given to them. We argued the call. The official exclaimed he did not know who hit the ball and threatened a technical if we didn't quit arguing.

In a separate incident, I personally was given a technical for saying,



Front line has no respect for ideologies

War doesn't choose its victims. It rarely reflects the reality. Reagan and his administration have chosen blindness, lest the faces of their war reveal their inhumanity and the depravity of U.S. Latin American policies.

Walt Mansfield, Flo Estes and Kimberly Burris were there, on the front lines, far removed from the safe environs of the Bluegrass, or Washington, D.C. Their story bears witness to the reality, a reality of faces, a truth encumbered by pain, treachery, deception and injustice.

Witness one man's story of 12 days in Nicaragua — 12 days in which he saw the unfortunate reality the policymakers of the U.S. government are so safely sheltered from.

"It was an intense journey, in the midst of the war zone. It was bitter, incredible — and frightening.

"We met with a number of contra victims including an 11-year-old girl, Marielena, who was wounded in the attack on the school bus at Somotilla in which the Swiss agronomist and five women were killed. She told us how the mines went off as they were driving down this dirt road. They were trying to crawl out of the truck and the contras came running from beside the road, firing their guns as they ran and as these innocent civilians were running for their lives.

The little girl was hit in the left leg and left hand. She is still mangled, can't walk and may lose part of her hand. Residents carried her out to meet with the visitors in the hot sunshine, Mansfield said. "Incredible. She looked at Flo and said she knew that the contras were backed by the U.S. government. Then she said, smiling to Flo, 'But we don't blame the American people. We know it is the government which is doing this to us, not the people, not you.'

"We found this sentiment all over the country. The people are wide open to North Americans. They don't so much hate the U.S. government as they despise its policies. After all they have experienced 150 years of the United States invading their country — so they are more disgusted and amazed than surprised at the ridiculous policies of their northern neighbor."

"Did you not see the guy kick the ball?"

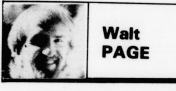
It seems to me technicals are frequently called, yet there are times when the teams can beat the hell out of each other for five minutes or so. When a foul is committed and no call is made, obviously players will try to get away with fouls, which results in many fights between two teams.

I realize officiating is a difficult job and this column is directed at the incompetent officials, of which there are many.

One possible solution to this problem might be to have every team pay an entry fee. Not one of great value but enough to substantiate hiring better officials. Or perhaps the players should call their own fouls with one or two officials present only to settle disputes.

It is not my intention to compare the intramural basketball program to high school ball or that of any higher level. But we players respect the game and most of us expect the intramural system to be based on fairness, promoting good competition — this certainly means knowledgeable officials. I voice my opinion in hopes of major improvements next season.

Greg Bichett is an accounting junior.



Walt PAGE

The only government at war with Nicaragua is ours. Hundreds of representatives from all over the world are there helping this tiny country and its people, countries such as France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Canada, Greece, Australia, Switzerland, Great Britain.

Also, Latin American countries are helping the Nicaraguans, including Panama and Costa Rica, countries the U.S. says are terrified of them.

"Yes, the Soviets are there, but not because of the degree the United States claims, Mansfield says, nor to the degree that the United States can be found in the rest of Central America. The Soviets built the only hospital in an area of 35,000 people, and it wasn't what we normally think of as a hospital, but rather four tents and one cinder block building which housed their sup-

plies. It was primitive, but it was all they had. And the United States is sponsoring the contras in their horrific policies of destroying such hospitals and killing the few health care workers in the area."

In the meantime, international cooperation is the norm among countries other than the United States. In one year, Nicaragua wiped out polio. The Cubans provided the vaccines and the French took it around the country to the people. They are currently wiping out malaria via similar international cooperation. And the United States is only seeking to halt such actions, doing nothing to cooperate in the well-being of the people in the region.

"One day we read about Reagan saying that the communist soldiers of the Nicaraguan government were terrorizing their own people, assassinating and mutilating them, and that the people were afraid of the government and the army.

"We were in the middle of the area he was making the accusations about. And it was nothing but a lie. A complete lie.

"We were standing not five feet from a group of soldiers. They were playing with children in front and around us. Some of the soldiers were fathers of these children," Mansfield said.

They talked to another girl who was shot in the bus attack, shot in the face by the Reagan-sponsored contras. The bullet came out of her neck so she couldn't talk, but could write.

She wrote, "Please go home and tell your government, your president and your people: I don't want something like this to happen to my friends."

Mansfield, Estes and Burris will present a short slide presentation, followed by a discussion, at 7:30 tonight at the Kentucky Mountain Club, 320 Transylvania Park.

Walt Page is a journalism graduate, a senior in nursing, philosophy and religious studies; and a *Kernel* columnist.

Liddy's opinions not paranoid

First let me make it clear that my intention is not a personal attack on David Naylor for his March 13 column on G. Gordon Liddy, but rather a defense for views such as those held by Mr. Liddy. I believe Mr. Naylor's column was just as guilty of "crushing the insight and reflections of the individual" as Naylor believed Liddy's speech was.

And as far as the "American dream" of speaking our minds and having our opinions accepted by others, isn't that what you, Mr. Naylor, and I are trying to do? I hope only to give another point of view, not to upset either Mr. Naylor or those with similar views.

In Mr. Naylor's column, he tells us that Liddy is selective in his use of facts and charisma and that this marks him as a dangerous man. I don't know of a politician who is totally unbiased and presents all the facts. Nor does Naylor present all the facts or remain unbiased in his column. He makes the summation that Liddy served only a fraction of the time in prison that a common citizen might serve, which I believe is unbiased.

For instance, two men convicted for the murders of two Trinity High School students in Louisville were sentenced to life in prison but will be eligible for parole in only 6 1/2 years. Todd Lee, also recently convicted of murder, was sentenced to 20 years and will be eligible for parole in only 30 days.

Then Naylor tells us to keep in mind throughout his column that Liddy is an ex-con. Well then, let's also remember Corazon Aquino's husband, Martin Luther King Jr., Thomas Paine along with other revolutionary leaders — all ex-cons. Should we condemn them too or discount their ideas because of their transgressions against the government? Liddy did no more than these men, if not less.

All of these men were fighting existing governments while Liddy

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was working for the existing government. And operations such as Watergate are certainly not uncommon in politics. As Liddy pointed out, Carter's debate briefing book certainly did not walk on its own into Reagan's hands. And I doubt that this had little to do with Reagan's winning the election. Furthermore, an operation such as these is mild in comparison to those during Kennedy's administration.

He commanded the assassination attempts on Fidel Castro. As a matter of principle, is murder not worse than breaking the lock on a file cabinet? After all, isn't that what Watergate was all about? A matter of principle. The cover-up was the real issue, not that they burglarized the Democratic national headquarters. Furthermore, I don't believe that we as American citizens need to know everything of our government's operations. Mr. Naylor's trivial example of Carter's Christmas flight is hardly appropriate. In fact, I would probably not feel as secure if the president's time out of the White House was kept more of a secret than his time in the White House.

I do feel safer knowing that my government is working through clandestine operations. These are invaluable fact-finding operations. But it is because of people like Mr. Naylor that many of our covert operations are not successful. They start snooping around in things that most likely don't pertain to them anyway, and insist that they be told what is going on and who is involved.

This serves only to destroy these operations. The identities of count-

less CIA agents are uncovered and thus rendered powerless. With their identities known, and their informants fearing being found out, no one will cooperate for fear of being uncovered and publicly embarrassed or even harassed. Thus a simple fact-finding operation collapses.

I could not believe I even saw the next issue come again in the *Kentucky Kernel*. So I will not beat the Rambo issue to death, but if anyone still holds to the idea that the United States is like Rambo, going in and avenging our casualties of war or our hostages, maybe it is you who doesn't have an accurate view of our military. In the real world, the good guys don't always win and underdogs seldom make heroes against such odds.

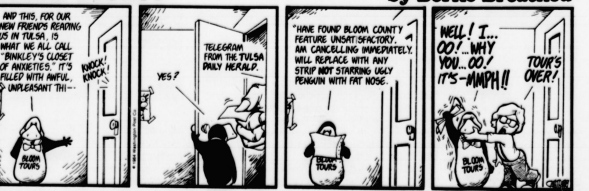
This is evident in our history in Kennedy's Bay of Pigs and more recently Carter's attempt to free the hostages in Iran. And like it or not, the fact remains that we are outmanned, outgunned and out-funded by the Soviets.

Lastly, I don't believe Liddy is instilling us with a sense of paranoia. It is obvious that Mr. Naylor was already paranoid. I don't see that he ever even trusted his own government, much less an opposition, to deal with our national or foreign affairs, without the government publicly disclosing its every move.

And although thought-provoking, Liddy's speech was in no way one to convince me that he, or any one man, knows everything or "the Truth." Nor do I believe that a single man, an orator as Naylor stipulated, could bring the destruction of our nation.

Darryl L. James is an undecided freshman.

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

SPECTRUM

Staff and AP reports

Extravaganza previewed by local band

Kiya Heartwood, a member of the local band Stealin' Horses, will perform at 9 tonight at the Bottom Line as a preview for next Thursday's Women's Music Extravaganza.

Reports say most remains identified

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Pathologists have identified the remains of at least six of the seven astronauts killed in the explosion of space shuttle Challenger, according to relatives and public reports.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration declined to comment on the reports. The agency has said repeatedly since it announced March 9 that divers had found part of the crew cabin and remains on the ocean floor that there would be no further statements until the operation was complete.

"We do that out of deference to the families," said NASA spokesman Hugh Harris.

Contra aid approval likely

WASHINGTON — The Senate yesterday inched toward likely approval of President Reagan's \$100 million aid plan for anti-leftist rebels in Nicaragua under a Democratic leader said the White House "torpedoed" a bid to build a bipartisan compromise.

Sen. James Sasser of Tennessee, who has emerged as a spokesman for Senate Democrats on Central American policy, said genuine progress had been made during a united position before Adm. John M. Poindexter, the national security adviser, appeared in Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's office and intervened.

He said Poindexter vetoed an attempt to write into the aid plan a guarantee of direct talks between Washington and Managua, with no pre-conditions.

He added that he believes the administration felt it need not compromise on the issue because its hand was strengthened by reports of a Nicaraguan raid into neighboring Honduras and the hostile reaction that caused in Congress.

Police kill 25 blacks in 24 hours

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Police said yesterday they shot and killed 25 blacks in 24 hours in unrest across South Africa, and reported the deaths of three others in black-on-black attacks.

Police in the black homeland of Bophuthatswana said 11 people were killed and scores were injured when police opened fire with shotguns and rifles at a meeting with 5,000 people that had been called to smooth over civilian complaints of police brutality.

Col. M.A. Molapo, district police commander, said the crowd began throwing gasoline bombs and stones, and police fired in self-defense.

Residents said they believed as many as 100 people were injured when police fired rifles and shotguns during the meeting on a soccer field in Winterried. They said more than 1,000 were taken into custody.

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As student assistants, they are public relations personnel, resource people and tour guides. They also have some clerical duties.

This summer job can be profitable, as well as educational. Students

work 37 to 40 hours a week for \$3.75

Housing in residence halls is available for a fee even if the students do not take any summer classes. Should any student assistant need to take a class, attempts will be made

to accommodate a morning schedule

For the first three weeks, the student assistants go through a very thorough training period to introduce them to the University. They have sessions with representatives

from such departments as dean of students, financial aid, housing, interfraternity council, panhellenic and minority student affairs. Applications are available in 204 Miller Hall. The deadline is Monday.

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ter's degree in agricultural economics, worked in Togo, West Africa. "I came back with the ambition to improve my skills so I could return overseas," Haragan said. He taught local agriculture agents and farmers in Togo how to use oxen for agricultural purposes, replacing their hand tools.

Dannridge said each volunteer goes through a proving period with the people and are compared to past volunteers.

Dannridge said interest in the Peace Corps program is increasing. "More people are asking questions

and more people are definitely returning applications." Minorities are especially encouraged to apply. About 5 percent to 6 percent of the volunteers are minorities, Dannridge said.

The people overseas are always asking where the people who look like them are, she said. "The perception is that the corps is for white, middle-class members" and that's not necessarily true, she said.

For more information about the program, call 257-8646.

Advertisement for 'The Men of the '80's Male Dance Revue' at the Woodland of Lucid Avenue. Features L.I. Teas \$2.25 and a library of 'Fri. Sat. NERVOUS NERVOUS MELVIN'.

Advertisement for '\$\$ SCHOLARSHIPS \$\$' from the UK Student Development Council. Offers \$1,000 scholarships to students with demonstrated service to the University of Kentucky.

Advertisement for 'UK COUNSELING AND TESTING' services. Includes 'READING FOR SPEED', 'READING CRITICALLY', and 'TIME MANAGEMENT AND MOTIVATION'.

Large advertisement for 'KENTUCKY Kernel CLASSIFIEDS'. Lists rates for various ad lengths and includes logos for MasterCard and VISA.

Advertisement for 'for sale' items including backpacking equipment, a mountain house, and a 1979 Chevy Camaro.

Advertisement for 'for rent' properties including a 3-bedroom apartment and a 2-bedroom apartment.

Advertisement for 'LANCES JUNIOR HONORARY' and 'MIKE FARRELL' services.

Advertisement for 'PERSONALS' including 'ADRIAN', 'ALPHA XI DELTA', and 'ADRIAN'.

Advertisement for 'for sale' items including a 1984 Ford Bronco and a 1984 Ford Bronco.

Advertisement for 'SERVICES' including 'ACCURATE TYPING', 'PROFESSORIAL SERVICES', and 'STUDENT DEVELOPMENT'.

Advertisement for 'LEASING TERMS' and 'MARRIOTT' services.

Advertisement for 'TRITENNIS' and 'BOYFRIENDS' services.

Advertisement for 'LIFE' and 'START PLANNING' services.

Advertisement for 'WANTED' and 'ROOMMATES' services.

Advertisement for 'help wanted' and 'Scholarships'.

Advertisement for 'FREE PREGNANCY TESTING' and 'WANTED' services.

Advertisement for 'Tonite at 8:30 ALL SPORTS TRIVIA'.

Advertisement for 'HELP WANTED/ALL INTERN' and 'SUMMER JOBS'.

U.S., Libya in standoff in Gulf of Sidra

By NORMAN BLACK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The military confrontation between the United States and Libya in the Gulf of Sidra settled into an uneasy standoff yesterday with the U.S. 6th Fleet primed for action against an enemy who did not appear.

The Pentagon said ships and planes from the U.S. naval battle group continued to operate below Libyan strongman Col. Muammar Khadafi's "line of death" in the gulf, but no Libyan planes or patrol boats had ventured farther than 12 miles from the North Africa coastline since early Tuesday morning.

Navy jets and a missile cruiser attacked four Libyan ships after they ventured into the gulf or Mediterranean Sea on Monday and early Tuesday. The Pentagon has said three apparently sank and one was hit but

managed to return to Libyan waters.

U.S. attack planes have conducted two assaults on a radar-guided missile facility near the Libyan town of Sirte. All of the military strikes were prompted by the firing of at least six surface-to-air missiles against U.S. planes as they flew over the gulf on Monday, officials said.

Khadafi claims the gulf, a large, U-shaped appendage of the Mediterranean that cuts into the central Libyan coastline, as his own territorial waters. That contention is dismissed by the United States, which recognizes only a 12-mile limit.

Robert Sims, the Defense Department's chief spokesman, said the American force continued to operate yesterday under orders that specified any Libyan plane or boat approaching them in the gulf was to be considered hostile.

"But there have been no new incidents to report; no hostile action from the Libyans. U.S. forces have remained outside Libyan territorial waters, but have continued to operate in the gulf itself," Sims said.

Pentagon sources said the Navy had three combat ships still steaming in the Gulf of Sidra — the cruiser Trimmeroga and destroyers Scott and Caron — but that the carriers Coral Sea, Saratoga and America remained at stations well to the north in the Mediterranean.

The return of relative calm to the region occurred as Khadafi declared it was "a time of war." The U.S. government, fearing terrorist reprisals by the Libyans, tightened security at government buildings in the United States and at embassy buildings abroad.

Libya's official radio called for Arab suicide squads to attack U.S. embassies and other interests worldwide, exhorting the "Arab nation" to be transformed "in its entirety into suicide squads and into human bombs, missiles and aircraft to deter and resist terrorism and destroy it for good."

A radical Palestinian faction, Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council, similarly threatened retaliation for what it called the "abominable American aggression."

In Moscow, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev sharply criticized the United States for its armed clashes with Libya, and proposed opening talks on withdrawing all U.S. and Soviet warships from the Mediterranean.

Canadian family planning Ashland Oil takeover

By JAMES F. PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The wealthy Belzberg family of Canada disclosed yesterday that it offered at least \$60 a share, or nearly \$1.6 billion, to acquire Ashland Oil Inc., a leading U.S. independent oil refiner and marketer.

The offer came in a letter to John R. Hall, Ashland's chairman and chief executive, from Samuel Belzberg, chairman of First City Finan-

cial Corp., the Belzberg family's principal holding company.

Margaret Thomson, a spokeswoman at Ashland's headquarters in Ashland, Ky., said the company had no immediate comment on the proposal.

But there was immediate reaction in the Kentucky General Assembly, where a measure filed in the House could preclude the Belzberg takeover attempt if enacted and if the takeover is seen as hostile.

March 10 was the deadline for introducing bills in the 1986 legislative

session, which is drawing to a close, so yesterday's measure was an amendment to an existing bill.

Under the amendment, anyone acquiring 10 percent of a corporation's stock for the purpose of a hostile takeover would be barred from acquiring additional stock for five years.

"We're putting some teeth in the shark-repellant bill," said Rep. Charles Holbrook, a Republican from Ashland, the corporation's hometown.

He was referring to a bill enacted

for Ashland Oil's sake by the 1984 General Assembly to require that 80 percent of a corporation's stockholders must agree to a takeover to which the board of directors is opposed.

The Belzberg letter was included in a filing made with the Securities and Exchange Commission in which First City said it and an affiliate already own or have options to buy a combined 2.63 million, or 9.2 percent, of Ashland's 28.6 million common shares outstanding.

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mangled in the ambush. The girl explained to them how the vehicle was blown up and then the people were shot as they crawled away.

"The most overwhelming thing," Burris said, "is that the Nicaraguan people don't blame the citizens of the United States.

"These people are actually in fear that we will use the atomic bomb on

them, like Hiroshima." Burris said. "They are walking on eggshells, waiting for a U.S. invasion. The Nicaraguans would come and plead with us to go back to America and tell our citizens the truth about what is happening."

The students said the Nicaraguans told them that no matter what the United States does, they will fight to

the end in support of the Sandinista revolution.

The students visited groups representing other facets of the Nicaraguan population.

They also witnessed Soviet and Western European representatives working with the Nicaraguan government.

The students were not official guests of the Nicaraguan government.

Instead, they were invited by Nicaraguan churches — the same churches that Reagan claims do not exist, Mansfield said. In fact, almost all the people the students met were strong Christians.

•Award

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"He lived a very exemplary life, displaying character that was almost above approach," Lykins said.

During the latter part of the 19th century, Sullivan and his wife opened their New York hotel to young men of the South who needed help getting contacts with businessmen. This group of young men became known as the New York Southern Society.

It was this group that in 1925 asked the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn., to establish the award. The next year it asked 14 more colleges and universities in the South to establish it.

All 15, including UK, agreed, but Lykins said she is not sure how many are still presenting the award.

Nominations will be accepted until 3 p.m. tomorrow. They must be sent to Lykins, 513 Patterson Office Tower.

•SGA

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cies is developing and its future is certain.

The organization center's future, however, is one of uncertainty, Dixon said.

It has developed a sort of "mob mentality against Student Agencies... I'm sorry to see that."

SAB President Paul Hayden, who attended the senate meeting, said that if anybody has anything to say about the situation, it must be brought to SAB. "Dean Harris will tell you himself."

After the meeting, Anderson was upset because he felt he was not fully informed about the content of the meeting.

"I did not come completely prepared to discuss the bill... in my opinion I should have been given more information about what was going to happen," Anderson said.

Information for this story also was gathered by Senior Staff Writer Brad Cooper.

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