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Czechoslovak president says his country welcomes U.S. aid

By JIM DRINKARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel told Congress yesterday that his nation welcomes U.S. help after decades of Soviet domination but that eventually Europe must "decide for itself" how long American and Soviet troops should remain.

His speech, to a joint meeting of the House and Senate, came a day after Pres-

ident Bush told the playwright-turned-president that NATO would "continue to play a vital role in assuring stability and security in Europe" and that the United States would maintain a "strong military presence."

At Bush's request, Havel returned to the White House after his speech to Congress. White House aides said the 45-minute return session was not designed to smooth over any differences on troop levels, but to complete talks on economic issues and

trade.

"They didn't get to all (the items) yesterday," said presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. He said they talked at length yesterday about the future of Europe and agreed to stay in close contact during this period of rapid change.

Havel, the first of the new East European leaders to address Congress, said the United States could best help his country by pressing the Soviet Union to stay on its own road to democracy.

He said he recognized a need for U.S. troops in Europe.

But, he added, "Sooner or later, Europe must recover and come into its own, and decide for itself how many of whose soldiers it needs."

In a speech that was largely philosophical, Havel said Americans need to learn, along with his country, "how to put morality ahead of politics, science and economics."

Havel, who reluctantly accepted the pop-

ular mandate of his country to lead during its time of rapid transition, received a two-minute standing ovation in the crowded House chamber, and appeared somewhat stiff and surprised at the reception.

As he began to speak, U.S. tennis star and former Czechoslovak citizen Martina Navratilova dabbed at her eyes with a handkerchief in the top row of the visitor's gallery.

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SGA may use \$7,000 for additions

By GREGORY A. HALL
Staff Writer

Student Government Association Senate committees approved bills last night that would distribute about \$7,000 to the full Senate for Wednesday's meeting.

The Appropriations and Revenue Committee sent a bill allotting about \$2,800 to the Library Student Activities Committee for 30 coin-lockers in Margaret I. King Library.

The committee amended the bill

to return the \$2,813 to SGA after the lockers are paid for.

The A & R Committee sent a bill to the Senate allocating \$2,300 to the Lexington Community College Association of Students for student activities.

The committee also sent a bill to the floor giving \$1,000 to the Collegians for Academic Excellence. The bill, sponsored by President Sean Lohman, is for a video-recruitment project.

The Campus Relations Committee passed a bill recommending the

Lexington-Fayette Urban County to change the speed limit on many campus roads from 35 mph to 25 mph.

The Political Affairs Committee sent a bill to the floor in effect asking for a turn light for cars turning onto Rose Street from Euclid Avenue.

The Senate will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and will be televised live on campus by Telecable channel 19.



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UK researchers Dr. Byron Young, left, and Dr. Roy Patchell answered questions at a news conference held yesterday at the UK Medical Center. They discussed their study on brain tumors.

UK researchers' tumor study receives national attention

By RHONA BOWLES
Staff Writer

Results of a study on brain tumors done by some UK researchers are being published in today's edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The study shows that patients suffering from a single brain tumor — resulting from cancer elsewhere in the body — are better treated with a combination of surgery and radiation than with radiation only, UK doctors said at a press conference yesterday.

"Patients treated with surgery followed by radiation therapy lived longer and had a better quality of life than patients treated with radiation alone," said Dr. Byron Young, chairman of surgery at UK and one of the main contributors to the study.

Patients who were treated with surgery and radiation therapy lived an average of 40 weeks after treatment while those treated with radiation alone lived an average of 15 weeks after treatment, Young said.

"The type (of tumors) in our study are called metastatic tumors, and the tissue does not originate in the brain. It gets there from somewhere else, like the lungs," said the primary researcher, Dr. Roy Patchell, UK's chief of neuro-oncology.

Young said there are about 20,000 patients in the United States who develop metastatic brain tumors every year. Between 20 and 30 percent of people who have cancer develop brain tumors, he said.

The cause of death in cancer patients, Young said, is often a brain tumor.

"The major cause of disability in patients who have systemic cancer plus lesion is the neurological symptoms, inability to speak normally or walk or use their extremities," Young said. "Surgically removing the tumor better controls the tumor and improves the functioning of the brain and therefore they have a better quality of life and a longer life."

The study was completed last year. Patchell said there are four patients surviving among the 48 in the study.

The study shows that surgery "seems to increase the number of long-term survivors," he said.

An editorial in the same issue of the medical journal confirms the difficulty of performing the research and credits the patients and physicians who made it happen at UK.

Patchell said that prior to the 1960s, people who developed brain metastasis survived an average of only one month, and all died from a brain tumor.

"With improved radiation therapy, the survival length went from one month to about three months, but again over half of the patients died from direct results of the brain tumor," he said.

In this study, Patchell said, only 12 to 13 percent of those treated with surgery and radiation died as a direct result of a brain tumor.

Because UK is one of the few institutions doing this type of research, the University has established a hotline for those needing brain tumor information.



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LIFE AFTER COLLEGE: Susie Flaherty, left, and Sarah Montgomery, both recent UK graduates, enjoyed themselves at Lexington's Business After Hours party at the Marriott Resort last night.

UK loses to UT despite valiant effort

By BARRY REEVES
Sports Editor

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee and UK are similar basketball teams.

Both teams are young, with first-year coaches who installed up-tempo styles. And both teams are dominant at home. Coming into last night's game, the two teams had a combined 14-1 home record in Southeastern Conference play.

Last night the Vols did nothing to change that fact. But Kentucky almost made them.

The Volunteers improved their home record to 7-1 in the SEC, but just barely as Kentucky clawed back from an 18-point deficit to lose by just two (102-100) to hungry Tennessee, before 22,244 vocal fans at Thompson-Boling Arena.

As it had done in Rupp Arena earlier this season, Tennessee dominated the first half and part of the second half. Similarly, the Vols also gave way to UK's pressing, non-stop style.

But this time the Vols didn't fold. The Cats, who clawed back to

within two points after trailing almost the entire game, had a chance to get closer in the final two minutes, but free throw attempts by Reggie Hanson fell short.

Hanson was fouled after hitting a basket with 1:18 remaining but missed the free throw, which would have pulled UK to within 100-99.

Then with 32 seconds remaining, Hanson missed the front end of a one-and-one.

"I told Reggie that the fact that he even hit the rim on that free throw was big, considering the number of minutes he had to play," UK coach Rick Pitino said of his center, who played 39 minutes.

"I was kind of tired and should have gotten my legs under me a little bit more and used my legs," said Hanson, who finished the night with 22 points, seven rebounds and three steals. "But that's no excuse because we shoot free throws every day when we're exhausted."

The win put the Vols into fourth place in the SEC with a 9-6 record. The Cats, losing their second straight game, dropped to fifth at 9-

TENNESSEE 102 KENTUCKY 100

at Thompson-Boling Arena

KENTUCKY (100)
Feldhaus 7-11 3-20, Pelphrey 6-12, 4-5 18, Hanson 10-16 1-4 22, Woods 4-5 0-18, Miller 8-22, 0-0 18, Brassow 2-4 1-2 5, Farmer 2-4 4-4 9, Parks 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 39-74 13-19 100.

TENNESSEE (102)
Reese 8-11 2-2 18, Rivers 1-5-3-4 5, Lockhart 8-13 3-4 21, Houston 5-15-8 10 20, Bell 7-13 1-2 18 29, Taylor 0-1 0-0, Wiseman 1-3 0-0 2, Curry 0-0 0-0 0, Groves 2-3 3-3 7, Totals 33-64 31-41 102.

Halftime—UT 58, UK 39. 3-point goals—UK 9-28 (Feldhaus 3-5, Pelphrey 2-4, Hanson 1-4, Miller 2-10, Brassow 0-1, Farmer 1-2); UT 5-11 (Houston 2-3, Bell 3-6, Taylor 0-1, Wiseman 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—UK 31 (Pelphrey 9), UT 46 (Lockhart 13). Assists—UK 19 (Woods 9), UT 22 (Reese, Houston 5). Total fouls—UK 26, UT 17. Technicals—UT bench A—20, 25.

7. Overall, Tennessee is 14-10, while the Cats are 13-12.

"This was a great win for us," Tennessee coach Wade Houston

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Holiday for presidents not a good idea
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UK Tennis team advances with victory
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Weather

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Tomorrow: rain/snow
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SPORTS

Tennis Cats beat Wisconsin

By **BROOKS DOWNING**
Contributing Writer

LOUISVILLE — The 14th-ranked UK Men's Tennis team advanced in the first round of the USTA/ITCA National Indoor Intercollegiate Team Championship yesterday by edging the University of Wisconsin 5-4 at the Louisville Tennis Club.

The Cats improved to 7-1 this season. Wisconsin fell to 6-2.

Once again the Cats needed a third-set tiebreaker victory at the No. 1 doubles spot to earn the win. UK junior Ian Skidmore and sophomore John Yancey battled to second-and third-set tiebreaker victories to gain a 5-7, 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-1) win over Joey Deer and Bryan Nelson. There were only three service breaks in 36 games.

Wisconsin's Nelson is the brother of UK Lady Kats' basketball player Melissa Nelson.

The Cats were tied 3-3 after the singles matches. Yancey won the first match 6-2, 6-4 over Marc

Schwartz at the No. 1 singles spot. Kentucky also got victories at the No. 3 and the No. 5 spots.

In doubles, Kentucky's Andy Potter and Scott Hulse, ranked 17th by the Volvo Tennis/Collegiate Rankings, put Kentucky ahead 4-3 with a 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 win over Jack Waite and Dan Naberdrick at the No. 2 doubles spot.

Wisconsin tied the score when Jim Mirsberger and David Mirsberger defeated UK freshmen Phil Whitesell and Jon Venison 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 in the No. 3 doubles match.

The Cats now meet the top seed and No. 1 team in the nation, Stanford, in the second round today at 8 p.m.

In other first-round action, unranked Harvard University recorded the upset win of the day with a 5-1 victory over 15th-ranked University of Arkansas.

Monday night UK defeated 9th-ranked Cal Irvine, 5-4, with a third set tiebreaker over the top-ranked doubles team in the nation. Saturday, UK beat Clemson 7-2.



MICHAEL MUKKEL/Staff

UK tennis player John Yancey, shown above in a match Monday, helped the Cats to victory yesterday in doubles.

Talks reach 7th day

By **BEN WALKER**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New proposals by the owners yesterday "provoked outrage" from the players association, said baseball player union chief Donald Fehr.

According to Fehr, who set a deadline for breaking off the talks today, management's latest proposal was to eliminate free agency and multiyear contracts from consideration in salary arbitration.

The large deals signed by free agents this winter — as much as \$15 million over four years — have fueled the rising salary explosion to almost \$600,000 per year in 1990.

Fehr said the owners' approach was: "Let's turn the clock back if we can find a way to do it."

The owners' lockout of spring training entered its seventh day yesterday. All players were due to report on Feb. 28, and Fehr said if

a settlement was not reached by the end of this week the start of the season could be in danger.

The union wants players with two years in the major leagues to be eligible for arbitration, as they were before the 1985 agreement. Owners want the level to remain at three years.

Fehr said, "The owners are not intent and have never intended on making an agreement. This is the kind of approach which causes players (to think), 'why are we here?'"

"My first thought was if someone wants to make our decision process easier, that's a way to do it," Fehr said in referring to how little the union thought of the new proposals.

He said management would have an internal meeting today and then contact the union about a possible negotiating session.

"At this point, I don't know what we're going to do," Fehr said.

Cats' valiant try falls short as UT wins 102-100

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said. "This team has worked hard enough to be 9-6 in the SEC, and they deserve to enjoy some of the fruits of their labors."

"... I am very elated with the win because it keeps us in contention for an (NCAA Tournament) berth."

Kentucky almost had something to say about that. Down 89-71 with 7:45 remaining in the game, and almost counted out, the Cats started their run.

First Richie Farmer hit a 19-footer and a three-pointer to pull the Cats within 13. Following two Allan Houston free throws, Hanson connected on a three-pointer, and then John Pelphrey's three-pointer with 6:13 left made the score 91-82.

"Coach (Pitino) told us in the timeout with 7:45 left that it would be a two-point game," said Miller, who finished with 18 points on eight of 22 shooting. "We could feel it then that we had a chance. We believed in ourselves."

"We could see then getting tired, so we just tried to pick up our (defensive) intensity a little bit to force some turnovers on our press," Miller added.

After Tennessee's Greg Bell canned two free throws, Derrick Miller hit a two-footer, followed by a Sean Woods driving eight-footer and a Hanson free throw. With 4:19 left, the score read: UK 87, UT 95.

Trailing 96-91, Woods, who finished with eight points and nine assists, made an acrobatic pass while on the floor to teammate Deron Feldhaus for a layup to cut the lead to six.

After UT's Ian Lockhart hit the front end of a one-and-one, Woods hit a 10-foot jumper from the left baseline to pull the Cats within 97-93 with 2:17.

"Sean Woods made some big-time plays for Kentucky," Wade Houston said. "He made some baskets with guys hanging all over him... we were in perfect shape defensively."

Following a Lockhart putback, Feldhaus, who had 20 points on the night, hit a three-pointer to cut the Tennessee lead to 99-96. Following Hanson's missed free throws, Bell, who led all scorers with 29 points, sank two free throws with 0:22 left to give the Vols a 102-98 lead.

Hanson hit a layup with six seconds to finish the scoring.

"It was not surprised that Kentucky came back like they did," Wade Houston said. "They made their three-point shots, and we didn't do a good job of stopping their penetration."

"Kentucky is a good team. You don't beat LSU without being good."

Pitino said the difference in the second half and the first half — when he trailed by 19 points — was that his team got on the fast break more often.

"In the first half, we had 13 fast-break opportunities and made six," he said. "In the second half, though, we had 18 and made 16. That allowed us to make our great

run."

After falling behind 12-2 at the start of the game, the Cats forced Tennessee into committing turnovers and were able to get back into the game. UK actually led 22-18 with 13:13 left in the first half.

"I think we were a little bit cold to start the game and were a little timid," Miller said.

With the score tied at 35 with 6:31 left, the Vols went on a 23-4 run, when UK started turning the ball over, to close the half with a 58-39 lead.

"It might have been the best stretch of basketball, overall, that we've played all year," Wade Houston said. "... We did a lot of things well and that was the difference in the game."

At the end of the first half, Pitino thought his team was "just a little tired, but (Tennessee) played some great basketball."

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DIVERSIONS

Costner, Quinn and Stowe keep 'Revenge' from failing

By HUNTER HAYES
Arts Editor

From the opening scenes of Kevin Costner streaking across the Mexican sky in his U.S. Navy fighter jet, "Revenge" looks as if it will become "Top Gun: 12 Years Later."

Luckily, it doesn't. Directed by Tony Scott, who also directed "Top Gun," "Revenge" is an action picture that involves love, deceit and murder — some of the most common themes in American films today.

But the film distinguishes itself by having one of the most talented casts available.

Kevin Costner stars as Jay Cochran, a retired Navy pilot who goes to Mexico to play tennis and hunt with an old friend, Tiburon Mendez, who is played by Anthony Quinn.

Despite the fact that "Shark" Mendez is a powerful criminal with strong political ties, Cochran falls in love with his wife Miryrea, who is played by Madeleine Stowe.

That is where the film has its greatest faults. Not the fact that the two fall in love, but the way that they disregard any sense of discretion to consummate their dangerous affair.

The initial seduction scene, which is at a crowded party for Mendez's political connections, requires the audience to suspend their disbelief a little too much.

When Cochran and Miryrea go to

Cochran's cabin together, it is obvious that Mendez will discover their infidelities that he has already expected.

The film's plot takes a long time to develop. By the time the action is under way, most films would have reached a strong climax.

There is nothing wrong with taking the time to build a story, but "Revenge" does not have any continuity — the movie seems to be divided into two separate stories.

There is the story of the friendship between Mendez and Cochran, and Cochran and Miryrea's mutual love. The film then shatters the lustful bliss that the two share and takes on a much darker tint against the bright Mexican sky.

Once the action is under way, "Revenge" becomes a fast-paced thriller. Mendez believes that he has successfully murdered an old friend who became his wife's lover. Citing Miryrea's apparent desire for sex, Mendez sends her to rot away in the drug-filled world of a whorehouse.

Once Cochran recovers, with the help of a farmer who has reason to despise Mendez, he returns to find Miryrea and seek vengeance with a passion that would make Sly Stallone cover in his tracks.

"Revenge" is based on the novel of the same name by Jim Harrison who co-wrote the screenplay. The film's dialogue is crisp but filled with much foreshadowing.

When Mendez tells Cochran that

he would do anything to keep his wife, you can expect what will happen next. The same happens again as Mendez tells Cochran that he loves Rocky, Cochran's dog.

The movie successfully conveyed a sense of symbolism that Harrison apparently felt essential to the story. By looking at the movie as a work of art, "Revenge" becomes a much more meaningful work.

Some of the greatest scenes, including the incredibly symbolic final shot, occur because of the cinematography by Jeffrey Kimball, who captured the Mexican landscape in a powerfully beautiful manner.

The scenery becomes more than a backdrop for the action — it also becomes a part of the cast. Filmed on location in Puerto Vallarta, Durango and in the Mexico City area, "Revenge" transports the audience to the humid regions of Mexico for two hours.

The performances by the film's central figures (Costner, Quinn, Stowe) were strong because they conveyed the deep emotions that permeate the film.

For Mendez, it is only a matter of pride that he has lost his wife, but he feels a deeper loss to Cochran.

Cochran, on the other hand, seeks revenge on his old friend — whose life he once saved, which carries much significance toward the end of the film — for what he has done to him and the woman he



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Anthony Quinn and Madeleine Stowe play a powerful Mexican crime figure and his wife in "Revenge."

loves. Costner's performance in the film shows that he is able to play much more than baseball roles. He may, however, risk being type-cast as someone who enjoys making love in moving automobiles, as anyone who has seen "No Way Out" will remember.

"Revenge," rated R, is showing at North Park, South Park and Man O' War Movies 8 cinemas.

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Wilder's 'Our Teeth' opens today

By KIP BOWMAR
Senior Staff Writer

Looking at the human condition in drama is frequently done in a realistic style that audiences can appreciate because of similar experiences.

Thornton Wilder's *The Skin Of Our Teeth* is not one of those plays and UK's Theatre Department will use that to its advantage in tonight's opening performance.

"Normally the human condition is examined in very realistic fashion," said James Rodgers, director of the play and head of the Theatre Department. "But here it's not, it's done in a very presentational style. The audience is not so wrapped up in the characters or the story."

One of the biggest challenges incurred in this production is the technical difficulty of the production.

"This requires a very technical set and the director really has to work with his set designer," Rodgers said. "This play allows and even encourages that kind of collaboration."

Rodgers said he feels that the cast's large size (24 members) has not been a detriment and that "everybody has really pulled their weight."

"I think the cast will be effective and communicative, both vocally and physically. The cast really caught the beauty of this play."

The Skin Of Our Teeth follows the Antrobus family from the 1950s to the 1990s. Although it was originally set beginning with the Ice Age, Rodgers decided to condense the setting by tracing the Antrobuses over 40 years.

However, the Antrobuses will retain one element from the Ice Age, according to Ford — their pet dinosaur. Keeping a dinosaur in a culture that considered Elvis Presley radical is one element that adds to the theme of the Antrobuses being misplaced in time.

Rodgers said the play, which was written in 1942, was very modern because it stretched many theater conventions, such as breaking the fourth wall and using abstractions in the play.

While Wilder's best known play, *Our Town*, is regarded as his best, Rodgers thinks *The Skin Of Our Teeth* is successful because "he was rebelling against the well made play, and by employing every convention of theater he made it come alive."

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Interim UK chief should not enter presidential race

This last year UK has been particularly entrenched in state politics. An NCAA probe into the men's basketball team for alleged violations sparked outcries from the local county general store to the Governor's Mansion to save The Program.

And last semester politics was brought to a head when then-UK President David Roselle threatened to quit if state leaders did not promise to adequately fund higher education.

Today, UK interim President Charles Wethington will deliver a speech to the Lexington Rotary Club on the state of the University.

Wethington, who is no stranger to the workings of Kentucky politics, faces several challenges that will have impacts on the University well into the 21st century.

When Wethington was appointed interim president in December, many faculty and students perceived that he had been railroaded through by the governor's office.

And when the UK Board of Trustees voted to allow the interim president to become the standing president, few in the University community felt that an honest national search could be conducted.

Wethington distinguished himself in UK's community college system as an administrator who can work wonders with very little financial resources.

Under his supervision, UK's community colleges increased their enrollment by almost 100 percent with only 70 percent of the required funding.

But Wethington's challenge as interim president of the state's largest university is much greater than pinching pennies. However untrue, there is a general perception that the long political arm of Wallace Wilkinson is pulling the strings of the UK Administration Building.

Two of UK's top faculty — Ken and Mary Sue Coleman — recently announced that they are going to leave UK for jobs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Although politics may not have played a major role in their decision to leave, many people blame politics for chasing away two outstanding faculty.

UK may have pledged that it will conduct a fair and open national presidential search.

But with the stench of state politics permeating the campus, convincing prospective candidates to take the time to apply and interview for the UK job may not be so easy as long as Wethington remains a candidate for the job.

Wethington has said many times how much he loves this University, and his record of dedication gives us little reason to think the contrary.

The greatest service Wethington can do now for UK is to publicly state that he will not be a candidate for the presidency.

The decision could have a profound impact on the University's future. Perhaps then UK could return to normalcy and concern itself with educating tomorrow's leaders.

Fight against hunger can be daily battle

"Life is action and passion. I think it is required of a man that he should share in the action and passion of his time at peril of being judged not to have lived."
- Oliver Wendell Holmes



Catherine MONZINGO

Last October, for the first time since I was 10 years old, Halloween was frightening.

No, ghouls and goblins did not send shivers down my back. Rather, it came from the cool air blowing in the night as the homeless and the poor were leaving the Horizon Center after their supper.

With time, the impact lessened, creeping slowly to the back of my mind, not to resurface until Christmas, the season of good will.

But by then my thoughts were devoid of generosity, for social Darwinism was perverting my sense of human dignity. I could not figure out why I should be concerned about people who seemed to not care for themselves.

I was thinking that Jesus was a dip for telling folks to take care of each other, until I remembered that we are all in this together, some with better abilities, some with harder struggles.

A reminder: a human being is someone with thoughts and feelings, not necessarily someone who smells good, works in an office, or is well-educated.

So many of us remember this only at the holidays, when our excesses are so flagrant. Guilt is often the reason "the more fortunate" help "the less fortunate."

Unfortunately, this seasonal guilt will not improve the situation. People are in need throughout the year.

Last Saturday at nine in the morning, about twelve people from UK's Emerging Leader Institute worked for Habitat for Humanity, a private organization that provides decent housing for those who cannot afford it.

A house had already been built; all that was left to do was pick rocks from the ground and lay sod. By noon, that ground was transformed into a yard, the house into a new home.

Another project coming up is National Hunger Cleanup, a program of the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, brought to UK by the Student Government Association. It requires participation by organizations and individuals across the campus.

There are many projects on campus, like those named, and throughout Lexington that are trying to improve the human condition.

The recipients are aided most immediately by improved physical conditions. The volunteers' experiences are internal, like the joy of creating a yard.

If you are noble, you will volunteer because you understand your responsibility to the community.

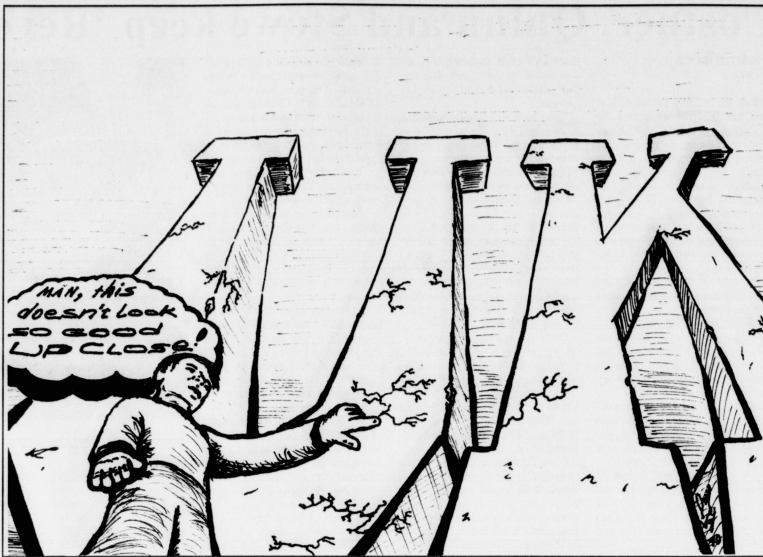
If you lack resume padding, you can serve because potential employers look favorably on "selfless contributions."

Either way — I hope for the former reason — this campus community has the manpower to alleviate hunger and homelessness.

All are invited to join in "the action and passion" of our day.

Habitat for Humanity has an information meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Newman Center on Rose Street.

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South Africa

The more things change the more they stay the same

The freeing of Nelson Mandela last week is an important but small step on the road to racial equality in South Africa. Critics in America prod for quicker reform in South Africa, but ignore race relation problems in our own society.

Even though slavery was abolished in this country more than 100 years ago, most African-Americans didn't get the right to vote for another 100 years. Additionally, Jewish people and other ethnic minorities have been the victims of discrimination.

And 25 years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the race problem is still alive in places that you'd like to see it the least — colleges and universities, which are supposed to be the bastions of higher learning and equality.

Since 1986, reportings of racial incidents at colleges have increased 250 percent, and many experts predict that it will continue to climb unless it's properly combated. Suggestions include improving education, making cultural awareness a mandatory requirement and increasing the number of minority professors.



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While some may claim forcing students to take a semester-long course on cultural diversity violates civil rights, most schools have a core curriculum that students are required to take.

Another suggestion is making such a course shorter — perhaps a two- or three-week-long colloquium that could meet a couple times a week or make it part of freshman orientation in a one day session.

Increasing the number of minority professors can change the perspectives and precepts that some people have. If someone has prejudiced beliefs that have never been challenged, a minority professor could cause him or her to look at the world in a different way.

If the current system of no such requirement continues, you'll have more close-minded people saying things like "When 20 percent of the

population commits 70 percent of the crime" and "when a crime is committed it's statistically likely that a black has committed it, we know that from police composites," without any basis in facts.

As long as people cling to their minuscule worlds and tunnel visions the problem will remain.

Many white students feel that African-Americans are getting preferential treatment with facilities like cultural centers and minority scholarships.

They feel that African-American students have had their time to catch up and correct the inequities of the past 125 years. But they ignore the fact that the road to college has been made more difficult by the cutback of governmental education and society-improvement funds during the 1980s and other social ills.

If no corrective steps are taken, a cycle of perpetual poverty is created. And it becomes harder to break.

At UK most white students have never set foot in the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, feeling that it's completely off-limits to them.

At a few schools, such as Tem-

ple University and the University of Florida, they have opened cultural centers for whites. The African-American population is about 3 percent of the student body at UK. African-Americans usually comprise less than 10 percent of other student bodies and may feel they need a place of their own on campus where they can truly feel at home.

While the MLK Cultural Center may stress and celebrate African-American culture, it's open to anybody who wants learn something or see something they normally wouldn't see.

It's by opening yourself to experiences that you grow and appreciate other cultures for what they are — human beings.

Racism in America is a big problem and won't vanish with the snap of a finger or the passage of a day. But if people start with themselves and make one small step outside of their world they can gain a fresh perspective.

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President's Day, a holiday for appliances

Monday was President's Day, or George Washington Day, or something of the sort. While other countries might have colorful festivals or parades to honor great leaders of the past, we have a delightful tradition all our own.

In America, Washington and Lincoln are honored by having salesmen scream about incredible savings on major appliances and automotive parts.

It's hard to keep a patriotic tear from welling up after seeing Honest Abe or Ol' George plugging a cammerbund sale at Schizophrenic Sam's Tuxedo City.

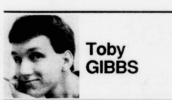
What would George Washington be doing if he was alive today? Probably wondering why they buried him. But apart from that, I know the former president would be moved to tears to see Mike, of Maniacal Mike's Tire Emporium, sporting a powdered wig and yelling things like "I cannot tell a lie — I'm chopping down prices, by George!"

Makes you proud to be an American, by George.

Kentucky's own favorite son, Abraham Ralph Lincoln, fares just as badly. The Great Emancipator looks down upon us from heaven above to see his head in Sunday newspaper supplements advertising brassieres and garter belts at Hysterical Harry's Underwear Palace.

It could be worse. Someday, a Lincoln lookalike could endorse one of those giant gun and ammo shows. To this observer, this smacks of bad taste.

"A matching set of end tables divided against themselves cannot stand," the Lincoln-esque salesman screams. "Get both today —



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they're four score and seven percent off! With malice towards none, and good will to all! Bull! Run on down to one of our seven convenient locations, including the new branch at our Gettysburg Address!"

This dialogue appears in an ad for Freaky Frank's Discount Furniture Farm, the place for patriots to go to buy a coffee table.

It's illegal to burn the flag, but feel free to wrap yourself in it to sell RVs and refrigerator-freezers. Dress up in a stovepipe hat and cheesy fake beard to scream about huge savings on a washer-dryer. There's nothing wrong with using cherished national symbols to rake in those profits, right? Welcome to Reagan-era patriotism. Proudly wear the old red, white, blue, and dollar bill green.

Why do we have these holidays?

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only for Washington and Lincoln? There are 39 other presidents who deserve praise. You haven't lived until you've spent an evening singing to the Chester A. Arthur songs with your loved ones. Decorate your home with pictures of Rutherford B. Hayes and Warren G. Harding. Bake a cake in the shape of Martin Van Buren's head.

Why not have a Ronald Reagan Day? And in the true spirit of the man, we could all have trouble remembering what day it is.

So why stop with presidents? Picture Patrick Henry on television commercials, plugging a truck and tractor pull.

I can hear the announcer now with his inspiring "Give me power, POWER, POWER, or give me death." Have Lincoln join Stephen Douglas in debating the merits of "less filling" versus "tastes great." Show the minutemen ordering out for pizza, the Statue of Liberty asking for a Bud Light, and the Wright Brothers flying the friendly skies. After all, it's only American history.

It would be tragic to let our na-

tion's heritage go to waste.

But the real tragedy is that to millions of Americans, Washington and Lincoln are merely mythical historical figures occasionally mentioned on "Jeopardy!" or used to sell merchandise. In a nation where we know very little about our own history, few appreciate the contributions made by these two amazing men — one who helped give birth to the union, and another who preserved it.

If you want to really love this country, you need to know a little something about why it is worth loving. I now step down from my soapbox out of fear of being pelted with rotting vegetables.

But until the day comes when we want to know anything about our heritage, we'll probably be stuck with George Washington's head popping out of a stack of white-wall tires. Or Abraham R. Lincoln pushing tweeters and woofers for Stupid Stan's Stereorama.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

FOUNDER'S DAY TO BE CELEBRATED

Founder's Day, marking UK's 125th anniversary, will be celebrated today.

The annual Founder's Day cake-cutting ceremony will feature remarks by UK Interim President Charles Wethington and the introduction of *The University of Kentucky*, a pictorial history book. The author, Carl B. Cone, a UK history professor, traces the developments at UK since it originated in 1865. The ceremony will be held at 11:45 a.m. in the Student Center Great Hall.

Cone will also hold a book signing and a lecture at the Peal Gallery in the Margaret I. King Library at 7:30 p.m.

In celebration of Founder's Day the history book, normally \$34.95, will be sold tomorrow for \$28.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEETING

An information meeting to organize a UK chapter of the national organization Habitat for Humanity will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Newman Center on Rose Street. The volunteer organization constructs houses for low-income families. Volunteers in the UK chapter will assist the Lexington Habitat for Humanity in building homes in the Lexington area.

TOP GUNS TO MAKE TOP BRIEFING

Instructors from the U.S. Air Force's Air University will conduct a briefing on the current strategic military balance between the Soviet Union and the United States at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Old Student Center Theater.

Presenters are experts in the area of Soviet military build-up. Topics include activities in the Soviet Union in the 1980s, the recent events in Eastern Europe and their effect on the strategic military balance.

The briefing will last about 35 minutes and will include a question and answer session.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK

The man who wrote the book *Black Men: Obsolete, Single and Dangerous?* will explain his work Monday night at a lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Room 124, Student Center.

Haki Madhubuti is editor of the Third World Press and director of the Institute of Positive Education in Chicago.

Congress

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Speaking through a translator, Havel called Czechoslovakia one of Eastern Europe's "wayward children" and said it wants to coordinate its return to the economic and political mainstream with Hungary, Poland and other nations emerging from 40 years of Soviet domination.

The United States can best aid that return, he said, by helping the Soviet Union "on its irreversible, but immensely complicated road to democracy."

"The more quickly and the more peacefully the Soviet Union begins to move along the road towards genuine political pluralism and economic reform, the better it will be — not just for Czechs and Slo-

vaks, but for the whole world," he said.

Addressing reporters later, Havel declined to elaborate on that call, saying it was not his place to suggest specific moves to the United States.

The members of Congress came to their feet when Havel said his country's peaceful revolution was inspired by the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence. "They inspire us to be citizens," he said.

After his White House meeting, Havel was leaving Washington for New York and meetings with business leaders — and a rock concert in his honor.

Havel, the first head of state from his country to visit Washington, said that Europe is leaving the "antiquated straitjacket" of a world dominated by two superpowers for one in which nations can stand

more independently.

Lawmakers applauded his conclusion that American troops will be able to return home "because Europe will at last be able to stand guard over itself."

In the meantime, he declared, "Czechoslovakia is returning to Europe."

Havel called for the removal of "as many Soviet (military) units as possible" from his country before national elections scheduled for June. He also called for moving up the Helsinki II international conference now planned for 1992 and turning it into a European peace conference "that would finally put a formal end to the Second World War and all its unhappy consequences." At a brief news conference later, he suggested such a meeting might come in 1991.

Turning philosophical, he said years of repression have given his

countrymen time to ponder what is truly important, and he said Americans can learn from that experience as well.

"The salvation of this human world lies nowhere else than in the human heart, in the human power to reflect, in human meekness and human responsibility," Havel told the lawmakers.

"We are still under the sway of the destructive and vain belief that man is the pinnacle of creation, and not just a part of it, and that therefore everything is permitted."

His speech came a day after Havel got promises from Bush of freer trade between the two countries and incentives for new investment and economic development.

Havel did not directly address the question of aid, but at one point he commented that greater stability in Europe would lead to reductions in U.S. military spending.

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