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Compton selected to head 1996-97 SAB

By Kathy Reding
Staff Writer

Those in charge of planning concerts, homecoming and student activities on campus were determined last week in interviews for 1996-1997 officers and committee chairs for the Student Activities Board.

Ross Compton, who served as concert committee co-chair the past two years, is the new SAB president.

Compton, who said SAB fills an entertainment as well as an educational role on campus, emphasized the need for greater involvement of students in the SAB process to improve its programming.

"The quality and number of programs we do is directly related to the number of students that get involved," Compton said.

He said he would like to see larger and more diverse committees and better spreading of the word about SAB events.

Appointed to the vice president position was Winn Stephens. Stephens had been on SAB's Spotlight Jazz committee and has served as committee chair for two semesters.

Stephens' goals for his term is the continued commercialization of the Student Center.

"We've been working hard with the commercialization of the Student Center so the Student

Center is actually a place students use," Stephens said.

Stephens would like to see increased involvement by students in the SAB and the activities it sponsors.

"We can only do what people who get involved suggest," Stephens said. "The lower the involvement, the lower the input from people."

Stephens is carrying on something of a family tradition on the board.

His sister was vice president from 1992-1993.

Megan Saynisch, co-chair of the concert committee, foresees a productive year for SAB. She has already been on the board for a

year and a half.

"We're trying to open up the committee to new ideas that are a little more mainstream," Saynisch said.

"We're looking into things that are less obscure to students."

Saynisch said the experience many of the new officers and committee chairs have already had on the board will be beneficial.

David Craycraft, outgoing SAB president, is pleased with next year's slate.

"I think the group overall is well balanced," Craycraft said.

He described Compton as a "tireless worker."

"Ross has been on the board for two years already," Craycraft

said. "Besides having a lot of experience, Ross seems to have a good vision of where the board is going."

Craycraft said applications for SAB leadership positions were down this year but added that low participation seems to be the case across campus.

"Those that did apply were very qualified," Craycraft said.

During his time as president, Craycraft said he was happy with the board's accomplishments.

He said events are "already in the works," which will maintain the board's programming.

"The turnover won't have much impact on continuity," Craycraft said.

- SAB committee heads**
- ▼ **PRESIDENT:** Ross Compton
 - ▼ **VICE PRESIDENT:** Winn Stephens
 - ▼ **COMMUNICATIONS:** Charles Cooper
 - ▼ **CINEMA:** Jay Putnam
 - ▼ **CONCERT:** Megan Saynisch, Michael Denhardt
 - ▼ **FAMILY WEEKEND:** Garmon Green
 - ▼ **HOMECOMING:** Holly Harris
 - ▼ **MULTI-CULTURAL:** Lezell Lowe, Jon Hall
 - ▼ **NEXT STAGE:** Kimberly Martin, Ginger Carby
 - ▼ **SPOTLIGHT JAZZ:** Steve Sizemore
 - ▼ **VISUAL ARTS:** Rebecca Burkhard

New course questions extraterrestrial life

By Lisa King
Staff Writer

The search for evidence of extraterrestrial life has been on the upswing since the recent discovery of three new planets. Now, UK has joined the quest with the addition of a new astronomy course slated for the fall semester.

Moshe Elitzur, professor of physics and astronomy at UK, will teach "Extraterrestrial Life: Are we alone in the universe?" It's not listed in the fall schedule book, but students can sign up during Add/Drop beginning April 23.

The course will focus on approaching the question of extraterrestrial life scientifically. Elitzur says, however, that life elsewhere in our solar system has already been ruled out.

"We know for sure there is no other intelligent life in our solar system," he said.

"Earth is the only planet that can support life, although there could be life somewhere in such a totally different form that we can't recognize it."

"The first evidence of another planetary system was discovered last October by scientists at the Geneva Observatory in California. A massive planet half the size of Jupiter was detected orbiting a star in the constellation Pegasus.

supervisor of astronomy at UK, says studying the Doppler shift is the best way to detect other planets and that the sheer number of stars increases the likelihood of extraterrestrial life.

"I think there has to be other life out there because there are four or five hundred billion stars in our galaxy alone, and about a million-million other galaxies in the universe," he said. "Out of all this, I find it hard to believe that we're it."

Elitzur agrees that the probability that life exists elsewhere is high, finding it will not be easy.

"We must recognize that intelligent life on Earth has only been present for a ridiculously small portion of the history of the Earth," he said. To discover another intelligent life form, we would have to catch them in the right phase of their evolution.

Isaac Shlosman, professor of physics and astronomy at UK, says indications of intelligent life in other systems would have to be obtained from radio telescopes.

"Communication through artificial signals would be what we would have to look for," he said.

Just as intelligent life is a fairly recent occurrence on Earth, this course that Shlosman calls "rather unusual" is a new development in UK's astronomy department.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has selected three teams of scientists to search for signs of extraterrestrial life. They have proposed a new approach — building a telescope called an interferometer which could detect distant solar systems. It would cost almost \$2 billion, but in this month's issue of Scientific American, NASA administrator David S. Goldin says it would be worth it. Finding life elsewhere, he said, "would change everything — no human endeavor or thought would be unchanged by that discovery."

New course info

The class, "Extraterrestrial Life: Are we alone in the universe?" will be offered for the first time next semester.

▼ **CLASS INFO:** A&S 300-002, UK-VIP number 06319.

▼ **MEETING TIME:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-3:15 p.m.



NEW DIRECTION Kamrul Johani was elected as new president of the International Student Council.

Council gets new American influence

By Aaron O. Hall
Staff Writer

America is the newest country to join UK's international student organization.

Angela Stamm, a forestry sophomore, was voted vice president-elect of the International Student Council last Friday.

She is the first American to hold an office within the organization.

Stamm, who has studied abroad in Malaysia, became interested in running for office after reading an article in the newspaper.

"It's so hard to get into the international community because they are really closed and keep to themselves," she said. "There is so

little interaction."

As the first American holding a position in the international organization, the sophomore does not foresee any problems getting along with the others.

"I got interesting looks," she said after the results were announced, "but not looked down upon."

"It was more like 'Wow!'"

She believes that once the students get to know her, they will like her.

"I want to bring the American perspective into things. They lack that," Stamm said.

President-Elect of the International Student Council Kamrul Johani was surprised by Stamm's running for office.

"We have always wanted an

American to join ISC," said Johani, a mechanical engineering sophomore who agrees that more student interaction is a must.

Johani wants to get the word out about ISC because he said that many students, including the international students, do not know the organization exists.

Like his predecessor Albinus Saw, as president, Johani wants to bring awareness about international students to the whole campus.

He plans to continue with such activities as the International World Games and the United Nations Day to create awareness between international and American students.

But Johani's main concern is to provide help for the members of his organization.

He said ISC already provides a successful transportation system to get members to and from destinations outside of campus.

When Johani first came to America from Malaysia, he did not know where to go to get basic necessities of living, so he wants to help others overcome those obstacles.

Johani also wants members of ISC to have fun. By next semester, he plans to organize the first International Student Night which will serve as a graduation ball for its members.

First and foremost, Johani said he will stick to ISC's goals.

"ISC is built to help out students, to give them more confidence ... and make them more happy."

Session aims to help combat rape

By Gary Wulf
Staff Writer

Gender issues relating to rape were discussed in an open forum yesterday that gathered about 50 students in the Student Center.

Kristen Kehl, facilitator of the forum, used the meeting to educate students about rape.

"I don't think enough is known about (rape)," Kehl said. "People feel they know about it, but they really don't know when they hear the facts."

"Hopefully the differences will be understood and we can start to fix the differences and understand the differences, which will help to

decrease the number of date rapes."

Some of the statistics presented by Robert Ferguson, staff psychologist at the UK Counseling Testing Center, were that 12 percent of college women have been raped. Of that percentage, only 5 to 10 percent were reported.

Three types of rape were discussed during the forum: date rape, acquaintance rape and stranger rape. The distinction between the first two is the relationship. Date rape occurs during a relationship with whom another person has affection, whereas acquaintance rape happens with someone a person knows but does

not have any affectionate relationship.

Stranger rape happens when someone breaks into apartment or comes out of nowhere and forces an individual to have sex.

After the rape, the victim will blame themselves for not taking action while it occurred.

"Victims buy into the myths and believe it is something they did," Ferguson said. "Some believe they won't be supported."

However, Ferguson explained statistics have proven family and friends give victims' support.

Students concerns focused on how they should handle a friend who had been raped.

Tammy Sulik, an education and counseling coordinator at the Rape Crisis Center, agreed with Ferguson.

Sulik said the best thing a person could do was tell their friend they believe the rape occurred. Another thing was to tell the victim they were sorry that it happened to them.

"It sounds simple but it's an amazing relief to tell another person that it happened," Sulik said.

Sulik added if the rape had occurred minutes before they heard about it and wanted to press charges, the friend should take the person to a hospital to have a physical examination for evidence.

The person should not take a shower, go to the bathroom or change clothes before going to the hospital, she said.

Greek organizations win awards

Staff report

Several Greek organizations received awards at the Greek banquet Saturday night.

Farmhouse fraternity won awards for community service, campus participation and in-chapter programming. Alpha Delta Psi social sorority won for community service, chapter scholarship and overall chapter achievement.

Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity had the highest Greek activity points, and also won the award for individual campus leadership. Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority won for sorority campus leadership and intramural.

Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority won for alumni relations and in-chapter programming.

Delta Zeta social sorority had the highest points for a sorority and campus participation.

Sigma Chi and Delta Delta Delta social sorority were awarded outstanding program awards for their Rape Awareness Week.

Awards also were given for outstanding individual members.

Associate economics professor J. Robert Gillette was awarded the Interfraternity Council outstanding professor award. The highest fraternity GPA was Omega Psi Phi social fraternity. Delta Sigma Theta social sorority had the highest sorority GPA.

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SWEET DREAMS 'James and the Giant Peach' was co-produced by Tim Burton, whose dark and magical mark is all over the entire film.

By Robert Duffy
 Arts Editor

Disney just isn't what it used to be. Just like single-celled organisms who have dreams of owning a pair of legs, Disney, too, has evolved and changed to fit the times.

And with *James and the Giant Peach*, Disney may very well prove to the world that they are the masters of animation of any kind. Based on Roald Dahl's classic fantasy, *James and the Giant Peach* chronicles the adventures of young James, who finds some unusual new friends and unexpected adventures when he climbs inside a giant peach and sets sail for New York City.

The story begins (via live action) with James living with his two evil aunts, Spider and Sponge. While living there, James is forced to do an exuberant amount of chores and is fed very little. At night, James daydreams about his parents and how he wants to go someplace where people are nice to him and treat him well.

James gets to live out that dream after he meets a mysterious old man, played by Pete Postleth-

waite (*The Usual Suspects*, *In The Name of the Father*). He gives James a bag of magical glowing green things (crocodile tongues) and tells him marvelous things will happen if he uses them.

Hurrying home with them, James accidentally spills the contents of the bag at the base of a barren old peach tree next to his home. As Spider and Sponge look in astonishment, a peach instantly appears on the branch and grows until it reaches 20 feet in diameter.

Hungry and curious, James sneaks out one night and takes a bite out of the peach just as the last remaining "green thing" wriggles its way onto it. A glowing tunnel instantly appears inside the peach, and James decides to climb inside of it. It is here that James is "converted" into stop-motion anima-

tion and meets an unusual group of insects and it is inside this peach where they decide to set sail (thanks to some unwilling sea gulls) to New York. Don't go to this film expecting to see a *Nightmare Before Christmas* sequel. The animation is much more refined from the days



of Jack Skellington (he does, however, have a cameo in the film).

Unlike *Pocahontas* or *Toy Story*, the songs in this film are great. They're easy to sing along with and stay in your head for quite some time. Although there is not one dominant song in the film, each tune is justified in the film

and are full of all the witty Disney one-liners we've all grown to love. Sure, you hear the saying, "This film is for people of all ages." But that really is the case here. Bring your 80-year-old grandmother and eight-year-old cousin with you to this film. You all will enjoy it equally.



MOVIE review

★★★★
'James and the Giant Peach'

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 ★★★★★ Excellent
 ★★★★ Good
 ★★★ Fair
 ★★ Poor

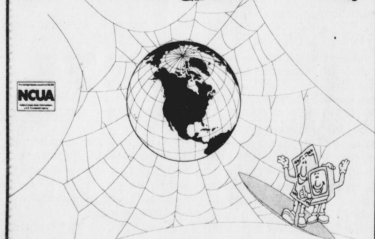
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'Revival' by Welch offers mix of folk and country

By Lisa L. Miller
 Staff Critic

Having grown up in West Los Angeles, 28-year-old musician Gillian Welch would not seem the most likely candidate for a debut album that could be characterized as country bordering on folk, but her sound comes out full force - accent included.

The album *Revival* was meant by Welch to be what she calls 'American Primitive' - a label that was created to describe a mixture

of country, bluegrass and folk. Maybe I haven't experienced pure country, but this is closest I've ever gotten to listening to it.

Acoustic music with down-home lyrics combine for a mellow CD that attempts to explain some of the tragedies that the road of life brings and the great revelations made along the journey.

Her first song "Orphan Girl" is about disconnection with family and friends during life on earth, but how at the end they will all be reunited "at God's table."

"Annabelle" describes the pain a parent can feel when a child dies. Originally named the "Dead Baby Song," it provides part of the darkness that gives the album's look at life an equal dose of ups and downs.

Bringing the mood back up is the bluesy ditty "Pass You By." Joined with good friend and musician David Rawlings, Welch belts out the plan of success with lyrics like "Don't turn no heads/Don't catch no eye/I'm just a wind on the road/ Gonna pass you by."

The rest of the album continues on the living roller coaster

making a clear point that Welch will find happiness when she finds her savior. Originally performed by Hank Williams, Sr., the song "By the Mark" was cut live. According to Welch in a press release, this song is one of her favorites because she feels it bleeds emotion through the lyrics of "I will know my savior when I come to him/ By the mark where the nails have been." I agree with her. Even though I'm not the biggest fan of country, her message is more important than her sound.



MUSIC review

★★1/2
'Revival'
 Gillian Welch
 (Atmo Sounds)

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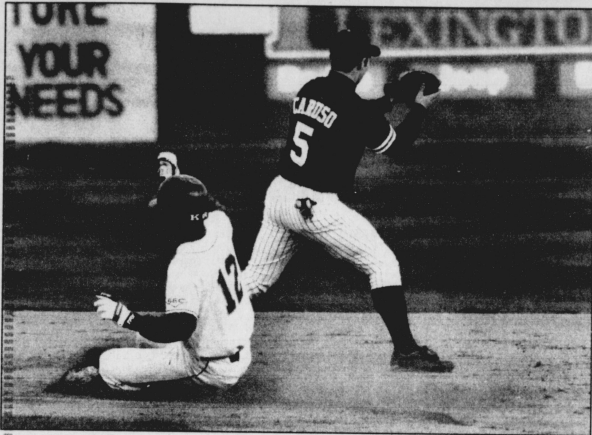
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SPORTS



SWIPED UK third baseman Chip Rhea steals second during a game earlier this season. Rhea leads the team in batting with a .397 average.

UK steps out of conference

By O. Jason Stapleton
Staff Writer

The UK baseball team (22-15, 8-10) is set to take on the Middle Tennessee State Raiders (22-18, 11-4) tonight at 7 at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

The Cats are coming off a road series with Tennessee where the Wildcats took two out of three.

The series win was the Cats' first since the Ole Miss series, which was UK's first Southeastern Conference competition of the season.

However, injuries have the Wildcats limping home.

Paul Blandford went down with a foot injury causing UK coach Keith Madison to shuffle the lineup. The Cats' leading hitter, Chip Rhea (.397), moves up from the third spot in the lineup to the second spot. Travis Hayes moves into the three hole.

"It's all right. I mean you're going to get pitches to hit wherever you're at (in the lineup)," Hayes said. "You just gotta make contact and worry about driving in runs."

"Normally an outfielder, Hayes has moved to first base after Pete Pryor injured a hamstring and was forced into the designated hitter role.

"It's all right," Hayes said. "It's the first time I've ever played first base, but we'll see how it goes the rest of the season."

Middle Tennessee State and UK have a common foe in Tennessee.

The Raiders, who sit atop the Ohio Valley Conference, played the Vols last Wednesday at Reese Smith Field in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The game went into extra innings before UT scored four runs in the top of the 12th inning to get the win.

"We know the University of Kentucky is a tough place to try and win," said Middle Tennessee head coach Steve Peterson. "They always put a quality team on the field."

But Peterson doesn't use common opponents as a measuring stick. "We're just going to come up there and compete," he said.

The Raiders' first priority is to shut down UK All-American Chad Green.

"All I know is he can't steal first base," Peterson said. "We're going to try and get him out at the plate, but that's going to be a hard task since he also hits for average."

As for pitching, Peterson said he normally saves his best hurlers for conference affairs.

However, the Middle Tennessee doesn't plan to start a slouch. "We're not deep in pitching," Peterson said. "We will have the best starter available out on the mound though."

GAMEinfo

UK battles Middle Tennessee State tonight at Cliff Hagan Stadium at 7.

SPORTSbytes

UK boxer wins national title

UK's Brant Duple scored a unanimous decision over Eric Elmer of Lockhaven University to win the national boxing championship in the 119-pound weight class Saturday in Reno, Nev.

Three other UK boxers lost in the semifinals.

Softball signs four recruits

UK softball coach Beth Kirchner has announced the signing of her first four recruits for the program that will begin play in the spring of 1997.

"This first class of players is very important and they will be

super players to build upon in our inaugural season," said Kirchner, who came to Lexington after four seasons as head coach at South Dakota State.

Lindsay Houser, a native of Westerville, Ohio, was Kirchner's first signee.

The catcher batted .405 with three home runs during her junior season at Westerville North High School. She helped her team to a 26-5 record and a fourth-place finish in the state championships.

Meredith Seales, a native of Lithia, Fla., batted .392 in her junior season with 31 hits and 20 RBI as a shortstop. Seales, who played at Plant City High School, also had 27 stolen bases last season and was named First-Team Tampa Tribune and received All-

State Honorable Mention honors.

Oklahoma native Crystal Grace led her Union High School team to a 29-11 record this season.

Grace finished the season with a .375 batting average and 28 RBI.

Grace has been a starter for four years under Coach Dave Simmons as a second baseman. In Oklahoma, softball is played in the fall.

Tiffany Kruse, a native of Columbus, Ohio, batted .398 her junior season and had 35 hits as an outfielder for Bishop Moody High School.

Kirchner expects to sign more players toward the end of the season.

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ViewPOINT



The money you make isn't your money after all

Spring is upon us. Many seniors here at UK are anxious to get out in the real world and start making a living. Having spent a few years out there before returning to law school, I can assure you that you will be spending more of your time working for the government than you will be for yourself.

Let's take a hypothetical senior from last year named Earl Johnson. Earl graduated from UK and decided to open his own law mowder repair shop in Lexington. Business is incredibly good this year because people are running their mowers on reformulated gasoline. In fact, Earl nets \$100,000 this year. (Although this number may be a bit inflated, I am using an easy number for those of you who may have studied math in the era of KERA.) You may also like to know that Earl worked 60 hours per week (with no vacation), which allowed him to earn about \$32 per hour without any benefits.



Rob Arnold is a second year law student.

So, what is Earl left with at the end of the year? \$50,170 or roughly half. And that only counts the taxes that the government takes off the top. Now think of all the taxes that come off the other end. Earl has to live in a house, and whether he owns it or rents it, Earl ultimately pays the property taxes. Earl also has to get around town to get those mowers, so he has to pay property taxes on his pickup. These property taxes will cost Earl about \$1,500 a year. And if he wants to drive his truck, he will have to pay more than 30 cents per gallon of tax on his gas. If he wants electric, phone and cable service to his house, Earl will pay taxes on utilities of about 12 percent of the bill. Then, about everything else Earl buys is hit with a 6 percent sales tax, except for food, which in Kentucky is mostly tax free if you prepare it at home (in Indiana, the sales tax is 5 percent). Let's just hope that none of that tax free food makes Earl sick, or he'll be hit with Kentucky's health care tax.

Do you think Earl gets to spend all of his hard earned money? Only after the government extracts its share.

First, Lexington wants 0.5 percent for its schools, which equals a measly \$500. That's not much at all considering the great education they provide. But that is not all, Lexington also wants 2.25% for everything else in its budget (it would be 2.5% if Lextran had its way), which turns out to be only \$2,250. Not so bad you say? If Earl had lived in Ft. Wayne, Ind., a city the same size of Lexington, he would have paid \$1,950 less in local taxes. Isn't Lexington a great city to work in?

Now comes Frankfort, which expects Earl to have money to spare for the Commonwealth. Kentucky mandates that Earl pay \$5,780 for the privilege of working in Kentucky. But, if Earl had lived in Indiana, he would have paid only \$3,400, a difference of \$2,380.

Now comes Bill Clinton demanding that Earl feel the pain of the federal government and to pay his fair share.

First, Earl has to pay his income tax. For Earl, who will only take the single person deduction and no others, his April 15th bill comes to about \$26,000. Earl must also pay his Social Security and Medicare taxes, which equal 15.3 percent of wages. That costs

Finally, don't forget about all the taxes that can't even be seen. Everything Earl buys has a hidden tax in it because the retailer, manufacturer, importer, and anyone else who contributed to the end product had to pay his share of property, excise, import, and corporate taxes that are passed along to Earl in the final price.

Then, just to add insult to injury, if Earl happens to have any after-tax money left laying around when he dies, the government will tax it again.

So, how much does Earl eventually spend in taxes each year? According to the government, it is never enough. You just have to wonder what kind of creature Uncle Sam is with so many fingers in everybody's pies.

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Lots of people have their own ideas of how an editorial page should operate. Some say that all editorials and columns should reflect the views of the newspaper's staff. Others say it should be an open forum for all kinds of debate.

The Kentucky Kernel has adhered to the open forum policy all year. On any given day, readers can find a wide menu of campus voices, and the main goal of the editorial page is to bring a diversity of opinion to campus. The Kernel maintains its own voice by running a daily staff editorial.

That is how the balance works. Because of recent incidents on campus, some people have indicated that the Kernel should silence some controversial opinions in order to bring a calm to campus.

Calm it down. Let things settle. It will go away. But that's not the role of the newspaper on this campus. Our role is to provide a sounding board for as many dif-

ferent student voices as possible. The voice may make you angry, but if you have a problem with what a writer says, respond with a letter.

Ask tough questions, but don't ask for the writer to be silenced.

The debate on a newspaper's editorial page does not come from a writer's imagination. It comes from the debate in a community, and it comes from those trying to find a solution.

No one ever found a solution by shutting up, or by running away. That only leaves the problem there to fester and grow worse.

By censoring opinion, a newspaper does nothing but ignore the community it covers, and the problems of the people.

As United States congressional delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton said in 1970: "The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with."

READERS' forum

This campus is too frustrating to deal with now

To the editor:

I am so tired. It has been two-and-a-half weeks since my attack. I went home for about a week and decided to come back and finish up my classes. I thought things would die down a little and I would be able to start to get over it. I can't do that here.

I figured that the one good thing to come out of this mess would be that people would become more aware of what has been going on around this campus. I was wrong. People actually believe that if black people don't get their way they shout racism to get what they want. What I want to know is, what did I get from all of this? What did I get besides a

headache I've had for over two weeks, and the constant feelings of fear, anger and most of all stupidity. I was stupid enough to believe that something good was going to come from all of this. I was stupid enough to believe that enlightening people about what goes on around here would make a difference. There is one benefit from all of this though, I use to think I was a very strong Black woman, I now know that I am definitely not as strong as I thought I was, but I promise you this, I will be from now on. Good-bye UK. Good Luck.

Tanya-Marie Cole
Biology junior/Kent State

Smokers have little respect for campus

To the editor:

I just transferred here from out

of state, and I can't understand a couple of things.

First, why don't police officers use turn signals?

Second, I have a problem with smokers.

I have tolerated smoke in my face, had smelling lobbies everywhere, and even people smoking in grocery stores.

Those things you can have, (I understand that drug addiction is difficult to beat), but if you people can't hit the ash trays, I am going to loose my mind.

Where I am from, people pay a lot of money for Kentucky Bluegrass and as far as I can tell the smoking population doesn't care about much of anything.

If you think I am overreacting, hang out at the door to the library and watch people toss cigarette butts on the sidewalk right next to the ash tray

Alaska Harston
Biology sophomore

TALKback!

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions by mail, electronic mail or in person.

Address your comments to "Letters to the Editor", Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor, 055 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building, UK; Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042.

Send electronic mail to kermel@pop.uky.edu

Letters should be no more than 300 words.

Guest opinions should be about 850 words.

Include your name, year in school, major and telephone number for verification.

We reserve the right to edit all material.

Toxic racial language poisons the debate

The right to express oneself in a variety of ways is perhaps the most important right the U.S. Constitution bestows. This right is central to freedom because of that oft-repeated quotation that "ideas have consequences."

When a state's charter denies the state the authority to silence the voices of dissent, the state leaves a powerful tool in the hands of its people. Every February, we celebrate the birth of someone who demonstrated the power of this right.

In the 1960s, Martin Luther King used the power of his ideas to shame a nation into doing what it had all along known to be right.

Without the use or even the threat of violence, King and his

followers forever changed this nation for the better.

Thanks to them, the ideals that we all were raised on are no longer ignored. We have not reached the goal of a totally equalitarian society yet, but we are on our way.

However, the power of rhetoric to inspire action can work both ways. Just as King used the righteousness of his message to forge a better order, others use a toxic mix of hatred and malevolence to shred the cultural fabric. The tangible result of this is an atmosphere in which people feel freer to act on their irrational hatred of persons different from themselves than they would in the absence of such rhetoric.

A recent panel discussion on C-

SPAN illustrates this point nicely. At this panel, the participants were discussing how the recent rise in racial animosity is linked to the apparently imminent demise of affirmative action.

Though I reject the presence of a necessary relationship between the two, one piece of evidence that one of the participants presented merits mention.

It involves a recent hate crime that occurred in Georgia. A Ku Klux Klan rally had taken place during the day. During the evening, a black student athlete from a Georgia college went to a convenience store to make a purchase. While there, he was jumped and viciously beaten by three white males. Injuries to his back kept him from practicing with his teammates for the whole of last summer and prior to the beginning of the basketball sea-

son. Just as an ironic aside, the three barbarians who attacked him were acquitted by an all-white jury less than one month after O.J. Simpson was acquitted last fall.

However, one need not look to Georgia to find evidence of how a charged racial climate can contribute to violent outbursts. Just reflect on the pitiful events that have occurred here at the University of Kentucky recently.

First, a black female was allegedly attacked by two white males as she entered Kastle Hall one morning. Even more recently, a white couple was jumped by three black males. Of the couple, the male was beaten most viciously though, if asked, I doubt the female would count herself as particularly lucky.

You might ask what these incidents at UK have to do with what

one could call "hate speech?" After all, there has not been an event comparable to a Klan rally around here. While that is true, it underestimates the degree to which the vitriol which has appeared in these pages on an almost weekly basis since the fall semester has poisoned the atmosphere here.

We have not been subject to one dramatic exposure to such filth. Rather, ours has been a slow, steady stream of toxicity. In one particularly venomous diatribe, a regular columnist whose writings are especially belligerent described my party, the Republican Party, as "classist, sexist, fascist, and homophobic" along with being racist.

Nothing I have written here or elsewhere should be construed to suggest either that there are no elements of bigotry in my party, as there are in the Democratic Party, or that an angry environment justifies racist attacks.

The presence of individuals like Pat Buchanan and Jesse Helms in my party is a continuing source of embarrassment to me. I pray for the day when they and others like them are no longer Republican icons. As a conservative, it is an article of faith with me that every individual is totally responsible for his or her own actions.

However, it should be recalled that those who stereotype entire groups of people for the supposed purpose of fighting prejudice engage in the very transgression which they claim to abhor.

And, while racism must be discussed, if we are ever to contain it, it must be discussed calmly and rationally.

The kind of rhetoric one normally reads in these pages only raises the level of tension and makes the Dream even further out of our grasp.

Staff Columnist Todd Baggarly is a political science graduate student.

INFORMED SOURCES

"IT DOESN'T appear that American citizens are being targeted by the rebels. But I wouldn't want to be a Liberian right now."

Penagon spokesman Lt. Col Roger Kaplan, as anarchy prevailed Sunday in

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PRE-DENTISTRY SOCIETY meeting Wednesday April 17, 7:00 in room D-132 Dental Science Wing of UK Medical Center.

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING: 6:30 pm Tuesday, April 16 in Room 205 of the New Student Center. Final Meeting of the semester.

SAB CONCERT committee meeting Wednesday in room 228 at 5:00. Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions? Call 257-8867.

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SAB MULTICULTURAL committee meeting Thursday in room 204 SAB at 5:00. Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions? Call 257-8867.

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SHAC - Student Health Advisory Council meeting on Wed. April 17, at 5:00. First floor Student Health Services. Questions call 382-5823 ext. 281.

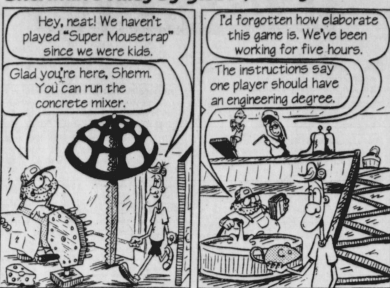
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TOWN MEETING

206 Student Center, 6 p.m.

Have questions about how the decisions are made at the Kentucky Kernel? Want to learn more about your student newspaper?

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Name: Cathy S. Jording
Program: Instruction & Administration
Dissertation Title: Kentucky Primary Programs: Principals' Beliefs About Early Childhood Education and Selected Demographic Characteristics
Major Professor: Dr. James S. Kinchart
Dr. Patsy E. Johnson
Date: April 30, 1996
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: 125 Dickey Hall

Name: Edith Gayle Jones
Program: Instruction & Administration
Dissertation Title: Administrator Self-Efficacy of Kentucky Elementary School Principals
Major Professor: Dr. Eddy J. Van Meter
Date: April 26, 1996
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: 109 Dickey Hall

Name: Marilyn Miller
Program: Educational Policy Studies
Dissertation Title: Creating Cross-Cultural Roommate Relationships between American and Foreign Undergraduates
Major Professor: Dr. Beth Goldstein
Date: April 23, 1996
Time: 11:00 a.m.-1 p.m.
Place: 131 Taylor Education Bldg.

Name: Hong Zhang
Program: Nutritional Sciences
Dissertation Title: Relationship between Lipid Peroxidation and Detoxification of Brevotoxin During Postharvest Storage
Major Professor: Dr. M. Margaret Bush
Dr. David Hildebrand
Date: April 22, 1996
Time: 10:10 a.m.
Place: 299A Funkhouser Bldg.

Name: Michael Anthony Deibel
Program: Chemistry
Dissertation Title: The Evaluation of Trace Elements Related to the Oxidative Damage Hypothesis of Alzheimer's Disease
Major Professor: Dr. William D. Etmann
Dr. William R. Markesbery
Date: April 18, 1996
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: 137 Chemistry/Physics Bldg.

Name: Gregory Lee Waltermire
Program: Educational Policy Studies
Dissertation Title: Academic Freedom in the Southern Baptist Seminaries: A Study in Epistemology and Response to Modernism
Major Professor: Dr. Clinton Collins
Date: April 18, 1996
Time: 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Place: 131 Taylor Education Bldg.

Name: Rosemary M. Sigafoos
Program: Instruction & Administration
Dissertation Title: The Complexity of Professional Life: Experience of Adult Students Pursuing a Distance Learning Doctoral Program in Educational Administration
Major Professor: Dr. Susan J. Scollay
Date: April 18, 1996
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: 109 Dickey Hall

Name: Timothy Charles Sparks
Program: Biological Sciences
Dissertation Title: Variation in Reproductive Behavior in a Stream Dwelling Insect (Ironia formicivora)
Major Professor: Dr. Andrew Sih
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Place: NS T.H. Morgan Building

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