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# Grads: They're in for 'boring' tradition

By MINDY FETTERMAN  
Kernel Staff Writer

Charles Dickens said it best. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

About 2,200 seniors will be graduated from UK May 8, culminating four... maybe five... sometimes SIX years of diligent study, intense psychological growth and personal edification.

Finals week will be over and so will the Derby. And in the bright Sunday sunshine, the painfully hung-over multitudes will line up on Euclid Ave. with mortar boards cocked at a jaunty angle.

With rumbling stomachs and trembling knees, they will march into Memorial Coliseum, sit down, and wait for the announcer to call for all Arts and Sciences majors to stand up and receive the University's congratulations.

Traditional but boring  
No walking up to the platform. No

shaking the kindly college president's hand, no personal recognition. The whole thing is terribly traditional and terribly American and terribly boring.

But the number of seniors who attend graduation is increasing every year with the more conservative trend on campus. Because of this, graduations have become big business.

For one thing, planning for the day's activities begins in January and involves countless hours of list making, phone calls and mailing of invitations. Diplomas have to be ordered, traffic arrangements made and rehearsals staged.

Tom Padgett, director of public safety, is the man in charge of all those details.

### Early preparations

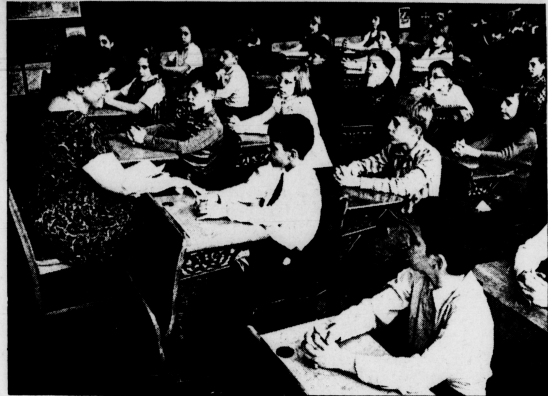
"We start early on this thing," Padgett said. "We're in charge of the handbook, recommendations to

the president for speakers, inviting special guests, former governors and a couple of ministers, an announcer, musicians, an organist." (Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree...)

Activities start at the crackling pop of dawn, 9 a.m., with a continuous series of receptions and separate ceremonies for the individual colleges. Then, at 4 p.m. the big moment comes, the 110th Annual Commencement Ceremony.

Of course, you won't get your diploma that day. A hassle is about the best you'll do. "We used to order the diplomas in March according to those seniors who applied for graduation," said Jerry Legere, of admissions and registration. "But since so many don't complete their courses and so don't graduate, we were wasting about \$1,200 on useless diplomas."

Some would argue that the student is the one who wasted money.



Bob Adams

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Jerry Ramsy, animal science junior, prepares for finals in the quiet of a deserted cafeteria amidst rows of identical chairs, tables and salt and pepper shakers.

## Long row to hoe

### today

#### state

College students from 15 eastern Kentucky counties hit by severe flooding this spring will be eligible for additional financial assistance as a result of an emergency regulation drafted by the state Higher Education Assistance Authority and signed by Gov. Julian Carroll. Paul Borden, executive director of the authority, said yesterday that the \$100,000 set aside for students living in flooded areas may make a difference in the number who are able to return to school next fall.

#### nation

Attorneys for former Atty Gen. John Mitchell and ex-White House aides H. R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman asked the Supreme Court yesterday to give them 10 days to explain what impact an apparent news leak from the court has had on the three Watergate cover-up ap-

penals. In a one-paragraph request to file additional briefs in the case, attorneys for the three powerful officials of former President Richard M. Nixon's administration said the additional information would look at "the impact on petitioners' rights before this court of the publicly disclosed circumstances involving the consideration of the appeals."

The Senate rejected a Republican proposal yesterday for permanent tax cuts with the greatest share of benefits earmarked for middle and lower-income persons. President Carter has said he would veto any such permanent tax reductions enacted now, but will propose thorough tax reforms later.

CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner said yesterday that despite some risk, the over-all cost of U.S. intelligence activities could be made public. But a cost breakdown—even by agencies—would be helpful to the nation's enemies, he said.

## Candidate sees savings in drug decriminalization

By CHAS MAIN  
Kernel Staff Writer

John Willard, candidate for Urban County councilman-at-large, proposed last week that the local penalty for possession of marijuana be reduced to a fine of \$5.

Willard, who is also director of the Kentucky Marijuana Feasibility Study, a local corporation established for the purpose of determining the feasibility of decriminalizing the drug in Kentucky, said he estimated the reduction of the county up to \$300,500.

He has listed 15 law-enforcement departments that he feels would be affected by his proposed change in the law. In addition, he has arrived at itemized cost-reduction figures for each department, based on

figures from the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976. The resultant total is his estimated saving to taxpayers.

This estimate was based, Willard said, on the amount it costs the courts to prosecute 100 cases. He said he was forced to use this figure originally because Metro police would not provide him with exact numbers of marijuana arrests made in the past year.

### Original estimate low

His use of the estimated arrest figure drew fire from his political opponents, who claimed his cost-reduction figures were invalid because of it. Now, Willard has been given the correct figures from Metro police files, and he has found that his original estimate was generously low.

According to police records, 148 adults were arrested for possession of marijuana in 1976, and 52 for sale. In addition, 32 juveniles were processed for possession and eight for sale. That is a total of 240 arrests for possession and sale of marijuana.

Willard said he feels his estimated cost-reduction figures are as valid as they can be.

"There have been people who said I should legitimize my (cost) figures," he said, "but they are as detailed as the budget figures themselves are."

### Opponents call figures unrealistic

Opponents of the former law student in the council race say his figures are "unrealistic," but Willard defends his case.

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## Bittersweet Boyd Hall offers homey atmosphere in decay

By JIM MCNAIR  
Kernel Staff Writer

Boyd Hall may be a "haunted house" and a "hole," but don't let it deceive you. Those are two of the many qualities that make the 52-year-old upperclassmen's dorm a popular place to live.

At first glance, Boyd gives the impression that it has passed ob-

solescence.

However, once you become familiar with the personable, venerable building and its advantages, it's not hard to understand why its occupants remain instead of defecting to the ultramodern complex. The complex is the only on-campus housing alternative for single upperclassmen.

From the outside, Boyd is a mottled brick-and-wood specimen of dilapidation, with a seldom-used fire escape and curious attic windows.

### Lobby like a den

Inside, the high-ceilinged lobby and adjoining TV room provide an easy-going den-like atmosphere where circles of friends gather for cards, Risk, Strat-O-Matic baseball or to root against the Reds on TV. The immediate disadvantages of living in Boyd Hall are its lack of air-conditioning, its one-electrical-outlet-per-room and the incapacity of the electrical setup in each room to handle televisions and refrigerators without risking a fuse blowout.

Minor drawbacks include unsightly pipes looming overhead and steam heat pipes that clang endlessly through the winter. Often the radiator decides not to work at all.

Near disasters are frequent in Boyd, ranging in severity from a water leak from the shower on the floor above, to a burst pipe flooding the entire lobby.

### Flood causes evacuation

The flood occurred last semester during finals week and everyone had to be removed for one night while

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### world

Three South African black youths suffered gunshot injuries yesterday during demonstrations by students against government-imposed rent increases in the black township of Soweto. Police supposedly fired warning shots into the air and used tear gas to disperse crowds that numbered in the thousands. Roving bands of black demonstrators set a beer hall on fire.

## Spring into action

Today will be partly cloudy with a chance of late afternoon showers and thundershowers. The high today will be in the low 70's. Tonight will be cloudy with a good chance of showers and thundershowers, low in the mid 40's. Decreasing cloudiness and cooler tomorrow with a high in the upper 60's.

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## SG's performance gets mixed review

As another year of Student Government (SG) winds to a close, a short review is appropriate. President Mike McLaughlin and his vice, Hal Haering, survived without terrific catastrophe but also without terrific accomplishment.

For the highlights, here's our blow-by-blow account of SG's year. First, the accomplishments:

—A successful book exchange program offered students a break from the usual rig of the conventional bookstores.

—Construction of several local bus shelters was pushed through by this year's SG crew where others had failed.

—The blood donor program served as a perfect example of the kind of services in which SG should be involved.

—By coming through in the pinch with a contribution to the Rape Crisis Center's fund-raising drive, SG insured the immediate existence of this important service organization.

—And with varying degrees of success, SG continued to sponsor a legal adviser for students, the tenant-landlord program, the Student Directory and Making It, the booklet for frosh.

SG's failures:

—An ill-advised "fiscal responsibility" bill empowered the SG president to review the funding of student organizations. McLaughlin pushed the bill through, hoping to establish a mechanism which would avoid financial blunders that have plagued past administrations. McLaughlin did not abuse the extensive powers over student organizations that he is granted under the bill, but a future executive might, and therein lies the problem.

—SG showed a remarkable contrast on women's concerns issues. First semester SG

passed a resolution urging the UK administration to cut any ties with General Electric, which took a discriminatory stand against providing disability benefits for pregnant employees.

But McLaughlin and Haering later killed a \$27 funding request for campus celebration of International Women's Day. The veto showed a callous disregard for UK women and wasn't worth the political dissension it provoked.

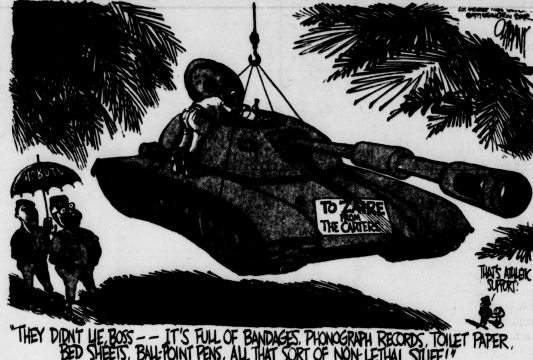
—SG's greatest failure was a general one—ineffectiveness. As SG reporter Kim Yelton pointed out in yesterday's *Kernel*, only the Young Socialist Alliance and a few senators maintained a consistent interest in working.

The inertia problem was classically displayed on two occasions: when only eight of 25 student senators bothered to attend a crucial University Senate meeting and by the fact that only one candidate ran for next year's presidency.

The University Senate's new course withdrawal procedure, which cuts significantly the time a student has to drop a class without a grade, may not have passed had more student senators attended. McLaughlin and Co. are making amends now, collecting 5,000 petition signatures. Fortunately, recent developments indicate that the new procedure may be dropped.

The one presidential candidate, Jim Newberry, was elected in a very tight turnout. The fact that Newberry, a moderate, garnered broad-based support may have accounted for the lack of opposition.

We hope Newberry will be able to maintain his support and keep the senators cognizant of the need to serve the interests of students and the University as a whole. If he is able to do that, SG may be able to boast more accomplishments by this time next year.



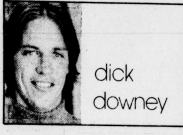
## Dick Downey

### 'Rock' and 'Cram' around final exams

Instead of indulging in sentimentality in this final column—which is what I'd really like to do—I present you the reader with some ruminations on a very relevant subject. It's one that's dear to all students every where at this time of year. Aside from this, all I have to say in writing is love your neighbor as yourself—but pass exams first.

When the clock strikes one, we'll leave the bar.  
 Reel out the door and pile in the car.  
 We're gonna cram for our exams tonight.  
 We're gonna cram cram cram til broad daylight.  
 We're gonna cram...cram for our exams tonight....

There's only one thing that could bring relief.  
 We're gonna pray for our exams tonight.  
 We're gonna plead plead plead to the Man on High.  
 We're gonna beg beg beg to pass exams tonight....



dick downey  
 CRAM AROUND EXAMS  
 (An ode to misery)

When the clock strikes two, three, and four,  
 We'll drink more coffee than ever before.  
 We're gonna buzz for our exams tonight.  
 We're gonna buzz buzz buzz til broad daylight.  
 We're gonna buzz...buzz to make those grades tonight....

When the clock strikes nine, ten, and eleven,  
 We'll wish we were dead and gone to heaven.  
 We're gonna wait for our exams tonight.  
 We're gonna cry cry cry because of fright.  
 We're gonna cry...cry cause we're so scared tonight....

To be sung or hummed to the tune of "Rock Around the Clock." My apologies to Bill Haley, of Bill Haley and the Comets.  
 One two three exams four exams, cram  
 Five six seven exams eight exams, cram  
 Nine ten eleven exams twelve exams, cram.  
 We're gonna cram for our exams tonight!!

When the clock strikes five, six, and seven,  
 We'll feel like Kunte Kinte with all this slavin'.  
 We're gonna bleed for those exams tonight.  
 We're gonna bleed bleed bleed and hope for daylight.  
 We're gonna bleed...bleed for our exams tonight....  
 When the clock strikes eight, we'll gnash our teeth.

When the clock strikes twelve, we'll wish we were dead,  
 We studied for tax—the test's in torts instead;  
 We're gonna veg out for our exams tonight.  
 We're gonna commit ourselves in broad daylight.  
 We're goin' nuts...nuts around the clock tonight!

Dick Downey, in his second year as a Kernel columnist, is rapidly approaching graduation from Law School. His column appears every Thursday.

## Vote for Scorsone

It's hard to get excited about political campaigns when none of the candidates is clearly preferable to the others. Unfortunately, this is happening all too often these days (witness the current mayoral campaign).

However, we're pleased to have found one superior political aspirant in this sea of normalcy. He is 77th legislative district candidate Ernesto Scorsone, a recent graduate of the UK law school.

Scorsone, 25, has already compiled an impressive record as a lobbyist and in local government. As chairman of the Kentucky Student Association from 1971-73, Scorsone was instrumental, if not solely responsible, for insuring student representation on each governing board of the state-supported colleges and universities.

Similarly, Scorsone lobbied extensively for a bill allowing students access to their own records.

Scorsone is currently a public defender for the Fayette County Legal Aid office, handling juvenile cases. He has been a counselor at a summer camp for handicapped children for several years. The Fayette County Education Association and the United Automobile Workers have endorsed him.

Scorsone is opposed by two other Democrats—David Van Horn and Glenna Bevins, the incumbent. Van Horn was Sixth Congressional District chairman of George Wallace's 1976 Presidential campaign. Need we say more?

Bevins, completing a rookie term in the legislature, has not exhibited the leadership and insight that her constituents deserve. She let down the people she represents (not to mention her sex) by supporting rescission of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Lexington needs a progressive voice in the legislature. Ernesto Scorsone is leaps and bounds above his opponents. We urge you to vote for him on May 24.

## Letters

### Moral law?

This is in comment to Albert Hatfield's letter stating his concern over the disrespect of laws. True, there must be laws in order for society to function. However, there must be a continuous questioning of the validity of these laws to achieve a balance of nature.

In his closing statement he said, "It is a small thing to ask to obey a few simple laws, so wise up. If you don't like the laws, leave the country." It is NOT a small thing to obey a law if you think that law is wrong.

I, for one, will do what I think is morally right for me, and will not accept something just because it is "The Law." I will not "leave the country" simply because I disagree or disapprove of a law. If America is a free nation like Mr. Hatfield believes it is, then the sole purpose

of this freedom is to be able to stand up and say, "I think differently, I think it should be done this way." That is what democracy is all about.  
 Mr. Hatfield, I say to you, if I don't like a law, I am not going to sit back and sigh. I am going to do my damndest to try and change it. I hope to God that the majority of people don't feel the way you do, because America will become a stagnant nation. By the way, do you jaywalk or driver over 55 m.p.h. on the highway (federal offense)?

or perhaps he was "high" and couldn't understand what was being played. Evidently he doesn't know much about the concert.

"Stairway to Heaven" was played to perfection. Everyone knew what the song was even before Zeppelin played. The introduction Robert Plant gave, told the story before the song was begun. Also, the encore was "Rock and Roll," not "Black Dog," and it too was played to perfection.

There were a few low points, but they were short compared to the amount of greatly received tunes. Plant and Jimmie Page performed to the top of their abilities. We suggest Mr. Norton not waste his time going places in which he'll not comprehend what is going on.

Marina Coates  
 A&S freshman

### Zepped out

We are writing in response to the commentary by J. C. Norton concerning the Led Zeppelin concert. We feel either he doesn't follow Zeppelin and wasted his time going,

David Young  
 freshman accounting  
 Bruce Crater  
 freshman biology

### Cruisin' the scene

## Dynamic duo strikes again

For the past few weeks, we contemplated writing an article and as school draws to a close, now becomes the appropriate (safest) time. Where do we begin to relate the unusual circumstances surrounding this semester? How do we prepare you for a story that never ends?

You can call me the "Crimson Dynamo," my partner the "Titanium Man," and our well piloted machine, the infamous "Green Machine." Our vehicle becomes quite involved as we manipulate the clean

### commentary

sounds of Elvis, J. P. Richardson, Bill Haley, Buddy Holly, Beach Boys, Beatles and the list goes on and on. If you haven't guessed yet, we're responsible for the music you often hear as you walk to and from class.

Reactions to our taste in music and our unceasing love for "cruisin'" are quite varied and very interesting. However, it is often exceedingly difficult to keep one's "cool," especially when you know it is costing you \$29.50. Nothing is more humiliating than to be given a ticket for careless driving while the ticket you are trying to impress (L.H.) looks on.  
 Numerous obscene gestures have

flown these past few months as we inadvertently caused several near accidents and have watched prominent athletes commit several personal fouls behind Holmes Hall.

It has become quite evident that some feel we are "still wet behind the ears," and have made efforts to cool us off.

Recently while the sounds of nostalgia played, I casually observed an attractive sorority girl basking in the sun. As my interest intensified, I saw her rise and walk toward the car. Anticipating her arrival, I failed to notice the hot pink water balloon she concealed behind her back.

When I saw it I immediately began to crank the window, but too late! I and the car's interior were given a free bath—Bravo J.B. As recently as the night of April 25, the persecution continued.

I picked up my date, walked her to the car, let her in, and proceeded to my side of the car. Practically there, I suddenly heard a noise from the top floor of Patterson Hall. I glanced up to see five gallons of water, in mid-air, coming for me! Fortunately, I jumped out of the way and was able to proceed as if nothing had happened. (Better luck next time!)

endure such persecution?" The preceding is indeed gloomy, but we assure you there is a brighter side.

A warm smile or a friendly wave make it all worthwhile. To make someone else laugh, even at our expense, gives meaning and purpose to what appears to be quite futile as a habit. Numerous friends have been made, and we have become well known just like Washington, Lincoln, Hope, Crosby, etc. Or maybe more like Jesse James, Manson, and the Bubonic Plague.

Stealing tulips from a person's yard at 2 a.m., and quietly placing them on a girl's car, calling the registrar's office to get a girl's schedule and birthday (J.M.). Matching last names and addresses to get a phone number, and especially the constant badgering of UK information poses a challenge that's very exciting and often fulfilling.

What can we do for an encore, more speakers, an amplifier, a custom paint job, or perhaps a transfer to another university would be appropriate. We hope this summer will be quite enjoyable for all of you as we remain in Lexington. Have a good time but remember there is danger in the summer moon above. Will we see you in September, or lose you to a summer love?

The Crimson Dynamo  
 and The Titanium Man

# Boyd Hall offers homey atmosphere

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maintenance people and custodians shut off the water and sponged, vacuumed and bucketed out the residue of the raging river.

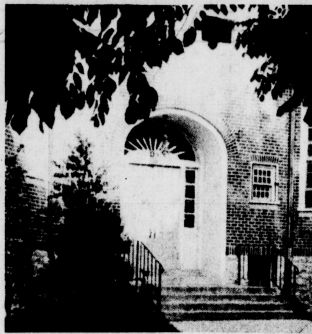
Fire alarms aren't rare in Boyd. Alarms sound day and night, including one Saturday night at 9:30 when many residents and their female guests were rudely interrupted from convivial socializing.

Despite rumors that the building is a fire trap, the Physical Plant Division assures all that it does meet minimum safety standards. Even the cluster of frayed wires, dust and cobwebs that dangle from the ceiling in the clammy basement and the two-by-four that precariously supports a heavy water pipe in the same room.

But, however unbecoming or unsafe Boyd Hall might be, it has a loyal following. For one reason, it is one of only two men's dorms on the north side of campus (the other being a freshmen dorm).

### Convenient location

"Boyd's location is convenient to the Student Center, the bookstores, Memorial Coliseum and Joe B's, and it's easier to catch a bus here than anywhere else," said Mike Steele, a business administration senior who lives in Boyd. "It's friendly and comfortable. Everyone knows everyone else because it's more open and relaxed.



Boyd Hall —Steve Schuler

There aren't a bunch of closed doors; we're all serving the same penal sentence together."

Steele also said he could paint or rearrange his room himself if he wanted, unlike the complex rooms in which everything is nailed down. "Girls are friendlier on this side of campus, too," Steele continued. "We have dances and camp-outs and do other things with them."

### Lover room and board

Steve Lutz, a political science junior, holds the opinion that housing rates should be lowered for those in Boyd because of the obvious shortcomings in facilities.

Nevertheless, he said he is satisfied with where he lives.

"It has a comfortable atmosphere," Lutz said. "When you walk around this place, it talks to you because it has a personality. Some people call it 'Boyd Hole,' but I'd rather live here than in the sterile atmosphere of the complex. Whenever I see the complex, it reminds me of a defense site with missile silos."

Boyd improves as it ages. This summer, to the satisfaction of many, it will be rewired to accommodate televisions and refrigerators, according to Robert Blakeman of Auxiliary Services. Boyd Hall is emerging from the dark ages.

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Then the basketball Wildcats coached by Joe Hall came along, started hot, and stayed that way to finish up co-champions of the SEC. On to the NCAA championships, with wins over Princeton and VMI. In the quarter finals they met another North Carolina team, and this one pulled out a four-corner offense that stopped the Cats' hopes. Overall, though, the great 26-4 record speaks for itself!

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## Candidate saves by reducing fines

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"Properly taxes in this county are so high, and services are so poor, that I just know that there are places where the budget can be trimmed," he said.

"The kind of benefits that we will realize (from the proposed change) are hard to translate into dollar figures, but if they don't translate into lower taxes, they will translate into better services. In the police department alone, for instance, think how many people could be freed to work elsewhere if they didn't have to be out chasing pot smokers."

Since he announced his proposal, Willard has been in touch with representatives from the National Governors' Conference, and, he said, "they have been very supportive of my efforts. They said that states which have decriminalized have saved substantial amounts in court costs and law enforcement costs, while showing no increase in marijuana use."

Support from NORML

In addition, Willard said he has received support from Keith Stroup, president of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML).

"He (Stroup) told me that he estimated the national cost of marijuana prosecution to be around \$6 million."

Willard is aware that his

political opponents may try to classify him as a "one issue" candidate, but he rejects that notion.

"My opponents, and politicians in general, are just not willing to stick their necks out—especially on the marijuana issue. I have shown that I am not afraid to speak out on an issue that they are afraid of."

Votes can change opinions

"I feel that the UK community, if they will go ahead and register to vote, can really help change the marijuana laws. The margin of victory in this election will really help alert public to the status of public opinion toward marijuana. They don't react to intangibles, they react to votes."

Willard feels it is important to emphasize that he doesn't endorse the use of marijuana. "I look at it as a harmless social phenomenon. In fact, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has defined marijuana use as an 'integral part of American life,' and I agree, marijuana has become common in our society, and it is time we stopped persecuting those people who choose to use it."

Willard says his next campaign objective is a plan for improved transportation. Again, he will focus on possible budget cuts, and areas where expenditure can be trimmed.

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# Yusef Lateef Quartet delivers flowing jazz

By WALTER TUNIS  
Kernel Reporter

Moving, driving, sensitive, funky and flowing.

These are just a few words to describe the incredible opening night performance of the Yusef Lateef Quartet Tuesday night at Lexington's jazz nightclub, O'Keefe's.

Although the crowd which gathered to hear Lateef was painfully small, the quartet

review

delivered an hour and a half of distinguished jazz music ranging from free-form funk to several beautifully arranged, soothing solos.

Lateef brought with him a stunning trio of backing musicians, all exceptionally accomplished at their instruments. First, and most immediately featured was the band's newest member, a superb pianist by the name of Danny Mixon, who appeared equally as comfortable during his dynamic solos as he did during the energetic group jams.

Bassist Bob Cunningham helped to establish the drive on electric bass for the first two numbers of the evening, then switched to the traditional acoustic string bass for the remainder of the set. Along with drummer Albert Heath, whose fine counter-voicework as well as his clean percussive backbeat, this fine rhythm section underlined the quartet's beautiful sound.

Lateef himself spent the first part of the set on flute, where his numerous precise and intense solos overwhelmed the small, but devoted audience.

He branched out to play odd percussion instruments (cowbell and tambourine mostly), while Mixon was spotlighted. He later presented his work on tenor sax, the

instrument which first established his career nearly two decades ago.

The provocative sax work formed an all-too-brief duet with Cunningham's acoustic bass on the classic Lateef arrangement of "Straighten Up and Fly Right." Later in the selection, Lateef and Mixon musically quoted other traditional works and weaved those riffs in and out of the selections.

Distinguishing one or two standout numbers from the evening's set is virtually impossible, considering the music's flawless structure. Mixon was featured in one of his own compositions, "New Born." The work featured a marvelous piano introduction and later a noteworthy acoustic bass solo from Cunningham.

After the previously mentioned "Straighten Up," the other band members left the stage as Lateef presented a beautiful flute solo entitled (much to my utter amazement) "Tunis."

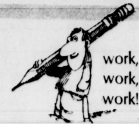
The composition simply reaffirmed Lateef as the masterful musician he is. The slow and haunting music had an almost Indianesque structure to it. The very soft, crystal harmonies that ended the piece were so quiet that they were almost drowned out by the second show crowd that had gathered downstairs.

The Yusef Lateef Quartet is one of the finest acts O'Keefe's has billed so far this year, and every jazz fanatic owes it to himself to see them perform. They will continue this week till Saturday, playing two shows nightly, at 9 and 11:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$6.50 in advance and \$7.50 day of show.

For those either unable to attend or wishing to recapture the concert, WBKY-FM will broadcast the 11:30 show Saturday evening as part of their continuing series of live broadcasts from O'Keefe's.

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Lexington's Stoney Creek will be one of 17 bands featured in the Festival of the Bluegrass June 10-12.

### Festival of Bluegrass an 'institution'

By NANCY DALY  
Arts Editor

It's almost time for bluegrass music fans to get their coolers, lawn chairs and blankets ready for what is rapidly becoming an annual Lexington institution.

The fourth Annual Festival of the Bluegrass takes place June 10-12 at Masterson Station Park off Leestown Pike.

This year's festival will feature some bluegrass traditionalists like Ralph Stanley & the Clinch Mountain Boys and the Osborne Brothers. At the same time the festival itself is becoming firmly entrenched as a Lexington tradition.

Robert and Jean Cornett, a Georgetown couple who operate a real estate business the rest of the year, got the annual festival concept off

the ground four years ago and are still its primary sponsors.

The Cornetts lost money on the first two festivals but last year passed the break-even point. Their goal obviously isn't to make money; it's simply to bring quality bluegrass music to Central Kentucky.

"We knew there wasn't any money to be made at the start, but once we got into it there wasn't any way we wanted to get out," said Jean Cornett.

The biggest single change in this year's festival is the addition of several gospel acts on Sunday, the day promoters rely on attendance to beef up festival gate receipts. Last year on Sunday they brought in John Hartford, but it didn't work out as well as expected.

Featured gospel acts will be

Wendy Bagwell and the Sunlighters, a gospel

storyteller from Atlanta.

The Southern Aires, gospel group from Dayton, Ohio.

The Seekers, popular

gospel group from Lexington.

Otherwise, the festival's organizers think they've lined up a pretty good mix of traditional and progressive bluegrass. Between the two of them they should have a good time. "I don't know if I prefer contemporary bluegrass while her husband's a traditionalist. When it comes to selecting acts for the festival, she says, 'we go round and round.'"

"We try to have a happy medium," she said. "Some people go to a festival strictly to hear traditional music, but we try to appeal to all types."

So that's why their festival

offers music ranging from the traditional Osborne Brothers

to Cincinnati's progressive

Kyle Laur Band to groups in

the middle like Jim & Jesse.

Some Lexington-based

bands scheduled for the

festival are J.D. Crowe & the

New South, Boone Creek with

Bicky Skaggs and Stoney

Creek.

Others to play over the

weekend are The Country

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