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Proposal debated by legislators

Intoxication bill being reworked

By MARK R. CHELLGREN
Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Almost six years ago, amid a groundswell of public support, criminal penalties were removed from the offense of public intoxication.

Since then, the General Assembly has failed to appropriate the estimated \$6 million necessary to build treatment centers and establish other programs needed to care for people whose alcohol abuse led to trouble with the law.

And, according to Rep. Walter Blevins, D-Morehead, the legislature is not likely to find the money any time soon.

Blevins has prefilled a bill that would set a middle ground between complete decriminalization of public intoxication and the current law, which almost mandates incarceration except for those who can afford to post bail.

Blevins' bill would allow police to issue citations to offenders in lieu of jail time, provided a third party agrees to take the individual to a "safe location."

The measure also would allow police to hold someone for up to eight hours before release on any reason.

The proposal was criticized at a legislative committee meeting yesterday by law enforcement officials, who described it as too vague in many areas.

"We believe that on balance, this bill would be difficult to enforce as it is currently written," said state police Lt. Larry Fentress, the agency's legal officer.

Chief Ron McBride of the Ashland Police Department said he is concerned that individual officers will be faced with difficult situations.

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United Way drive right on schedule

By KIMBERLY SISK
Staff Writer

With a little more than a month to go, the United Way campaign is "almost exactly on schedule," said Bob Stone, campaign manager for United Way of the Bluegrass.

"We have reached about 67 percent of our goal," said Mary Jo Votruba, one of the organization's campaign directors.

The goal for the Bluegrass area is \$4,081,036, a 10 percent increase over last year.

UK also is faring well; it has raised 81 percent — or \$200,000 — of its \$246,874 goal.

The drive at UK has been divided into about 22 areas such as the Medical Center, College of Arts & Sciences and the Graduate School, said Reed Polk, co-chairman of the UK drive.

"We are a little bit ahead of last year, but those things have a way of evening up," Polk said. "The hardest money is the last money."

Residence halls are sponsoring many activities to raise money, including slave auctions, tuck-in services and the selling of items such as sweatshirts and cups.

Library assists students with research, computers

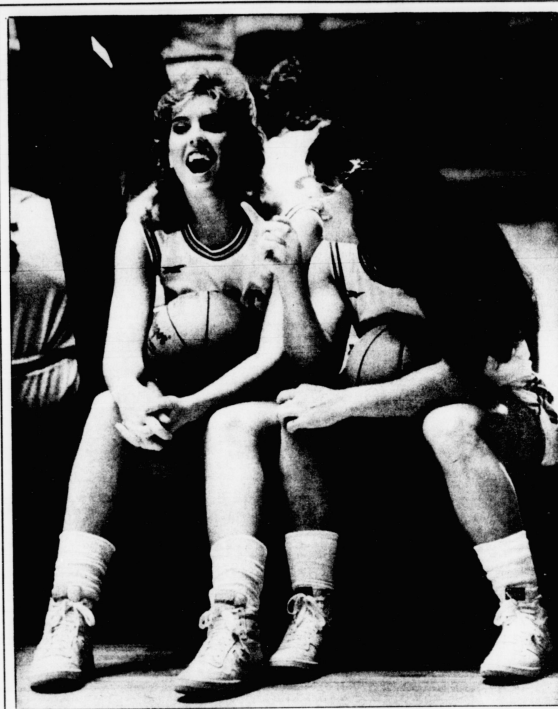
Computer searches demonstrated at King, branches

By DAN HASSERT
Contributing Writer

M.I. King and four branch libraries will be offering free demonstrations of their computer search services Thursday.

Librarians will show how they conduct a computerized literature search — a quick way to scan mechanically stored bibliographic data via a computer terminal. For a fee, the search produces a printed bibliography of periodicals, dissertations, government reports and audio-visual materials.

During the demonstrations, librarians hope "to give a good basic introduction to what (a search) does



Kat talk

Freshman Lady Kat Pam Shrum, left, laughs at something fellow freshman Jodie Whitaker said during media day activities yesterday at Memorial Coliseum.

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Special U.S. envoy talks with Egyptian, Tunisian officials

Whitehead makes last stop on mission to repair battered U.S. foreign relations

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia — President Reagan's special envoy met with Tunisia's foreign minister last night on the last stop of a mission to repair U.S. relations in the Mediterranean.

The envoy, Deputy Secretary of State John C. Whitehead, came from Egypt earlier in the day with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

He called that meeting "a good first step" toward healing the breach that resulted from the seizure of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro and the U.S. interception of an Egyptian plane carrying the four hijackers out of Egypt.

Before going to Egypt, Whitehead was in Italy, where the coalition government collapsed over Prime Minister Bettino Craxi's decision to release Palestinian guerrilla leader Mohammed Abbas. Abbas accompanied the four alleged hijackers out of Egypt on an Egyptian jetliner, which took off 10 hours after Mubarak said they had already left the country.

Whitehead was met at Tunis-Carthage airport by Mahmoud Mestiri, Tunisia's secretary of state for foreign affairs, and went straight to talks with Foreign Minister Beji Caïd Essebsi. He was to meet Premier Mohamed Mzali and President Habib Bourguiba today.

In Tunis, he faces a government angered by Washington's failure to condemn Israel's Oct. 1 air raid on the headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization in a Tunis suburb. The government-run Tunisian news agency said 61 Palestinian and 12 Tunisians died.

Mestiri said last week U.S.-Tunisian relations were in a crisis.

Tunisia has been a staunch friend of the United States for years, and Bourguiba long has been regarded as one of the region's most moderate voices.

Before he left Cairo, Whitehead told reporters he gave Mubarak a letter from Reagan that "reaffirmed U.S. Egyptian relations and his hope that we can now put our recent differences behind us."

Mubarak accused the United States of treachery in intercepting the Egyptian plane that "expressed its long-held desire to land in Sicily, where the hijackers were arrested and charged with piracy and the murder of an American passenger."

Mubarak charged in an interview broadcast Sunday night by CBS that Tunisia and the United States conspired about plans for the Egyptian plane's flight, making the interception possible. White House spokesman Larry Speakes yesterday denied the allegations.

Egyptian officials did not comment on Whitehead's meeting with Mubarak. The president avoided reporters by leaving Uruba Palace, where the talks were held, through a side door. Mubarak had demanded a public apology from Reagan "for all the Egyptian people."

Sources in the Egyptian government, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Mubarak is anxious to avoid further worsening relations with the United States. Egypt received \$2.5 billion in U.S. aid during the last fiscal year.

Program offers credit hours without ever requiring class

By VASIA ANSARI
Contributing Writer

Need a few more credits to graduate? Want to get a jump on next semester?

The Independent Study Program may be able to help — and you never have to attend a single lecture.

The program is for students who have schedule conflicts and thus cannot attend classes regularly. The work assigned for each course is the same as offered by attending the regular class during the semester.

There are about 140 college courses that students from any college can enroll in, said Estor Saylor, the coordinator of the program.

Most disciplines, including accounting, Spanish, etymology, business management, forestry, German and English literature, offer courses.

Saylor said about 30 written assignments and a final exam are required to complete most courses.

"Corresponding courses will bridge any gap of need," she said.

About 2,300 college students were enrolled in the program last year.

Earl Pfantziel, director of the pro-

"The student must have motivation because there is no teacher to tell the student what to do."

Estor Saylor,
program coordinator

gram, said many students enroll in correspondence courses because they need additional credits to graduate and don't have the time to attend regular classes. The courses are a good way to get credit for some of the University's basic courses, he said.

Although the non-regimented program appeals to many students, others find it hard to complete the work without the prodding of a teacher.

"The student must have motivation because there is no teacher to tell the student what to do," Saylor said.

Chad Brown, a health administration senior, said it took about three to four hours to complete each assignment for Political Science 101.

"I work and it makes it a lot easier to get the hours," he said.

Fees are \$50 per credit hour and a \$2 service charge per course.

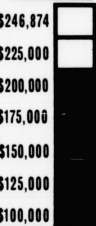
If students mail their assignments to the Independent Study office, they must pay for postal costs. The office will pay the postage to return the assignment. Students also can drop off the assignment at the Independent Study office, located in Frazier Hall.

When students enroll in a course, a record of their progress is kept. The record includes date of enrollment, dates assignments are received and returned to the student and the assignment grades. The grading scale used is the same as the regular four-point system.

Students may enroll at any time during the calendar year, but program workers recommend that students not enroll in more than one or two courses at one time. Students are allowed up to one year to finish a course.

If more time is needed, time extensions are often granted. The grades for UK students are automatically sent to the Registrar's Office and the dean of the students' college.

UK AND UNITED WAY



ROLAND HULLINE/Kernal Graphics

have a lot of people donating," she said. "It's a big deal," she said.

For the Bluegrass area, Slone said, "I think (the goal) will be extremely close. It is the first time we have had a goal over 4 million. It's quite a challenge to match."

"There are 575 people on campus working on it," said Jayne Middleton, co-chair of the UK drive. "We

draw more than 400 people, she added.

Hank Harken, a search coordinator.

Last year's demonstration day

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Instructional programs aid students interested in improving research skills

By KATY MCCROCKLIN
Contributing Writer

In the age of the information explosion, a library can be an intimidating place for students who don't know how to find the information they need.

The M.I. King Library offers several instructional programs to assist students in acquiring lifelong skills involving research.

Working with the freshman student is an important beginning toward helping a student develop research skills, said Laura Olson, bibliographic instruction coordinator at M.I. King.

"What we try to do is work with the instructor," Olson said. "We take our cue from them. We try to add our lectures to whatever re-

search projects the students are going to be responsible for in the class."

After talking with the instructor to get a basic idea of the type of research an instructor will require, Olson and her colleagues develop a program. Depending on the complexity of the research materials students will need for a class, the length of time it takes to develop a program varies from one to two weeks.

"I can usually tell what a professor wants in 10 minutes," she said. "Even if they don't have particular research topics at the moment, we can get a good sense of the general topic."

When teaching lower-level classes research methods, Olson usually

INSIDE

Arnold Schwarzenegger is back, and even if his acting is more recognizable than ever, the plot of his new film, "Commando," leaves much to be desired. For a review, see **DIVERSIONS**, page 3.

Although the Lady Kats are hoping to take a walk downtown to Rupp Arena for the 1986 NCAA women's basketball tournament, Coach Terry Hall hopes they aren't thinking about it too much. For the story, see **SPORTS**, page 6.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy skies are predicted for today with a high in the mid 60s. Tonight will be cloudy with a low from 35 to 60. Partly cloudy skies and a 20 percent chance of showers are expected tomorrow with a high in the mid 70s.

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•Legislators

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"What is a responsible person? We don't know," McBride said. "Secondly, we don't know what a safe location is."

McBride and Fentress said they were concerned about the liability of police officers who chose to release someone into the custody of another person. If the offender is released and then commits a crime, the officer might be sued, McBride said.

A suggestion that police officers be given immunity raised questions about the constitutionality of such special status.

Fentress said the bill, as written, might also make it a crime to drink an alcoholic beverage at a public place, such as a ballgame.

The idea is good, the officers said, but needs some work.

"It's obviously not right to punish people in a criminal sense for an illness," Fentress said. "We're certainly not opposed to the idea."

Blevins asked the Subcommittee on Human Services of the Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare to withhold action on the bill until a new version could be drawn.

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for M.I. King, said there is no scheduled format for the demonstration day; it "depends on who shows up and when."

At participating libraries, employees will explain what a computerized literature search is, what subjects can be searched, how much search costs and how to initiate one.

"The computerized literature search offers a lot more flexibility and a lot more efficiency," Vass said. "It is especially handy when dealing with new concepts that aren't in the regular indexes yet, and when combining two concepts."

More than 200 data bases are

available, covering subjects such as psychology, chemistry, education, engineering, medicine and business. Many new data bases have been added since the service was installed at UK in 1982, she said.

Vass said a search is for those "who want the more comprehensive search" and need to save time.

"The nicest thing about it is that it is so individually tailored," Vass said. "A person can do, within limits, whatever types of searches they want."

Searches are conducted by search librarians, who first ensure that a computer search is needed. They work with the applicant to determine the most comprehensive and cost-effective search.

The fee for the search depends on

the number of data bases searched, the amount of printing needed and the length of the search. The average search costs about \$20.

Although the literature search is used mainly by professors and graduate students working on theses and dissertations, Vass said people working on grant-sponsored projects and even people from the Lexington community are regular users.

The Education Library alone conducted more than 500 searches last year, she said, adding that its use isn't restricted to the University realm.

Computer searches "are used much in businesses today, especially by lawyers and doctors," she said. "Computers are becoming so much a part of what we do. This is just an-

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aims for the basic instructional items.

"Research strategies begin with dictionaries, encyclopedias and the card catalog," she said. "From these sources students often get a bibliography to work from. If they know how to use those three types of tools, they can usually write a well-documented research paper."

"We try not only to answer ques-

tions about how to find material but teach students how to find it themselves," she said. "Some people don't know about various types of sources available. Once they're aware, they are very excited about the various options available."

After a student reaches the graduate level, more complex sources of information are necessary in research work. The M.I. King Library offers seminars on the graduate level to assist students in research.

Rob Aken, a research librarian at M.I. King for three years, said alternative tools for research are available at upper and graduate levels.

John VanWilligen, an anthropology professor, works with Aken in teaching his graduate and upper-level classes how to work with these research tools.

VanWilligen said that in some of his classes, students are given sessions on special collections, map presentations and instruction on how to use the Human Relations Area File. He cited these tools as important for his graduate-level classes.

"The thing about the graduate students is that it involves teaching them lifetime skills," VanWilligen said. "Graduate students are more interested in careers involving research."

VanWilligen said he was impressed with the instructional service offered by the library.

"The key thing is to spend time with the person who does the in-

struction," he said. "There is all this information and the librarian holds the key. I think that the collection the library has is quite good. There is a wide variety of different kinds of materials. There is good service for interlibrary loans."

Interlibrary loans are available to graduate students and faculty. If a source is not available at M.I. King or any of the 15 branch libraries, it can be obtained from other universities across the state and nation.

Roxanne Jones, who directs the interlibrary loan program at M.I. King, said the service is available only to graduate students and faculty because they have the greatest need.

"We are largely a research library. Our library is geared toward people in serious research," she said. "Because no library is entirely self-supporting anymore, we can't extend the service to everyone we want."

Jones said people who want an interlibrary loan should not wait until the last minute to put in a request. It usually takes two weeks to receive the loan, but the time may be longer depending on the number of requests the department has to fill.

"We use the interlibrary loan system to help the student get the information if we don't have the demanded thing," said George Wakim, an employee of the physics library.

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This situation has led to some serious measles epidemics on college campuses over the past three or four years. These epidemics occurred at neighboring universities such as Indiana, Prudue and Miami of Ohio in addition to many other colleges nationwide.

For this reason the Student Health Service is conducting a measles immunization clinic:
 WHEN: Tues., Oct. 29th and Wed., Oct. 30th.

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DIVERSIONS

'Commando' offers more senselessness

By WESLEY MILLER
Staff Writer

There is nothing more refreshing to a jaded filmgoer than an enlightening new twist to an old theme. Unfortunately, "Commando" is 90 minutes of dark, impenetrable gloom.

Arnold Schwarzenegger is cast in the now-familiar role of the one-man avenging army who must fight incredible odds to reach his goal. In this case, Schwarzenegger plays John Matrix, a man who must rescue his kidnapped daughter from a former Special Forces comrade.

"Commando" succeeds in one respect: It gives Schwarzenegger the opportunity to try some actual acting, something he hasn't had to do in and the "Conan" series. He isn't half bad as a father very much in love with his 11-year-old daughter.

It's not long before his daughter Jenny (adorable Alessa Milano of TV's "Who's The Boss?") is kidnapped by Matrix's former friend Bennet (Vernon Wells) and deposed President Arius (Dan Hedaya). Arius threatens to kill Jenny unless Matrix offs the new president, who overthrew him.

Of course, Matrix is not going to let these slimies tell him what to do, so he decides to spring his daughter.

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The fact that he doesn't know where she is or how many soldiers are protecting the prison doesn't stop him. As a Special Forces comrade, he can do just about anything he damn well pleases, believability notwithstanding.

What follows is a totally ridiculous search in which Matrix falls 100 feet from a jet plane, fights a dozen armed police officers with fists only, breaks into an ammunition store by driving a bulldozer through the front window and survives a shooting match with a hundred soldiers armed with automatic weapons and hand grenades.

After emerging from all this, with nary a scratch blemishing his Olympian physique, he must confront Bennet in a hand-to-hand battle to decide the fate of his daughter.

"Lambo: First Blood Part 2," "Remo Williams" and "Invasion U.S.A." are currently driving this idea into the ground, and "Commando" does nothing to improve upon it. Matrix, like Rambo and Remo and "thuck-o, runs across an open field, lodging zillions of automatic shells from a dozen trained soldiers who are chasing 20 feet behind, only to



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Arnold Schwarzenegger is a one-man army in "Commando."

Wells plays Bennet with the same wild ferocity that he exhibited as Wee in "The Road Warrior." David Patrick Kelly ("Dreamscape," "48 Hrs.") is as slimy as usual as Sully, one of Arius' henchmen. Also enjoyable — fake South American accent included — is Dan Hedaya, last seen as the victim in this year's "Blood Simple."

The real disappointment is Rae Dawn Chong, who plays a steward-

ess who at first is forced to help Matrix find his daughter. Her motivation for later willfully assisting him, at risk to her own life, is totally unbelievable. Not much better are the one-liners she trades with Matrix in an attempt to lighten the mood.

How much longer does Hollywood expect this idea to be successful? Well, considering "Commando" is one of the month's top 10 grossers, apparently a while longer.

"Commando" is playing at the Turfand Mall Cinemas I & II and Southpark Cinemas. Rated R.

Latest Marsalis album shows purist at his best

By DOLORES BARCLAY
Associated Press

REVIEW

Black Codes (From the Underground) Wynton Marsalis
Columbia Records

At a time when many jazz musicians abandon the traditional stylings of their genre to embrace the trappings of commercial Top 40 music, Grammy award-winning trumpeter Wynton Marsalis remains a purist — and succeeds.

He is at his best on *Black Codes (From the Underground)*, an LP that's bound to generate as much interest as the critically acclaimed *Hot House Flowers*. He pounds like a tornado on "Chambers of Tain."

and flows like a quiet stream on "Delfeayo's Dilemma."

His combo is as tight as ever with a technical clarity that's hard to beat. Branford Marsalis (his brother) on soprano and tenor saxophones, Kenny Kirkland on piano, Charnett Moffett on bass, Jeff "Tain" Watts on drums. Celebrated bassist Ron Carter makes a special appearance on "Aural Oasis."

Marsalis is an artist who bathes in individualism. From his first LP, *Wynton Marsalis*, which demonstrated his penchant for bebop era jazz to the current *Black Codes*, Marsalis has followed his own lead.

Tuesday Noon Recital returns

Staff reports

Just when you thought Tuesdays were once again safe from the ambiguities of time...

The Tuesday Noon Recital resumes today, and as always, it mysteriously begins at 12:30 p.m.

Today's program features violinist Elise Engelberg performing Prokofiev's "Solo Sonata, Opus 115," gui-

tarist Todd Russell playing Torroba's "Sonatina" and the Graduate String Quartet doing Schubert's "Death and the Maiden."

The Quartet members are Elizabeth O'Rannon, violin; JoAnne Switzer, violin; Monica Workings, viola; and Suzanne Barber, cello.

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Officials' hindsight shouldn't influence 'Sports Illustrated'

Last month's basketball photography session with *Sports Illustrated* has left UK athletics officials in a scramble to save face.

Basketball stars Kenny Walker and Winston Bennett posed for the national sports magazine's photographers last month, breacking into a 2001-VIP nightclub.

Since then, Coach Eddie Sutton has reassessed the pros and cons of the photos. Some of those second thoughts were undoubtedly sparked by publication of a photo in the *Kentucky Kernel* showing Walker and Bennett on stage.

Kentucky and its basketball fans are traditionally a conservative lot, and the photograph of the two in flashy clothes strutting their stuff may be a bitter pill for them to swallow.

But Sutton and his supporters may have to choke this one down because *Sports Illustrated* could well use the photos in the magazine's Nov. 20 college basketball preview.

Despite a request from Brad Davis, assistant sports information director, the magazine will run the photos unless they conflict with the preview's format. As John Papanek, basketball editor for the magazine, said, "If (they are) not used, it won't be because the University of Kentucky asked that they not be used."

Papanek added that publication of the pictures could have nothing but positive publicity for UK.

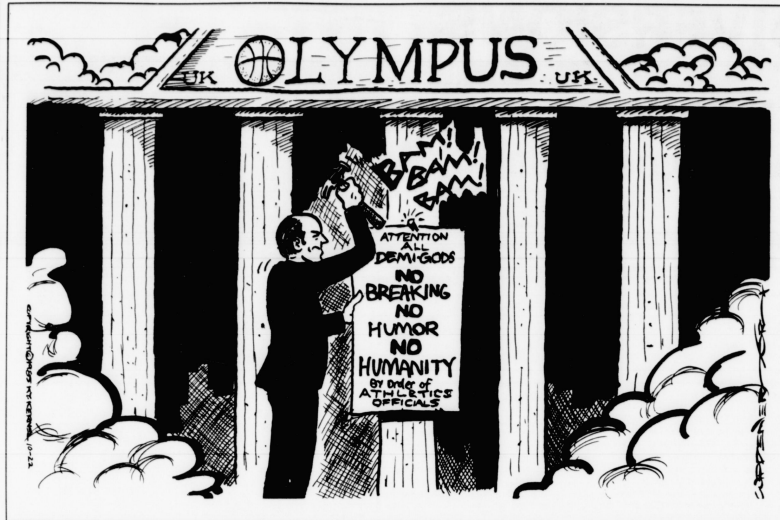
Nationally that may be true. But Sutton, concerned about his program's image, and Davis, concerned about possible recruiting ramifications, beg to differ.

Sutton said recently he is not sure the program's supporters would "approve" of the photos. That's reasonable enough. Kentucky and its basketball boosters rather prefer the team's disciplined image. But a change of pace might complement a new coaching style.

And Davis' concerns with the photos' effects on recruiting are unfounded. It isn't likely that a potential signee would eye the photos and cross Kentucky off his list.

If athletics officials are as displeased as they say, they should have considered these issues first, not after the fact.

The players have been posed, the photos have been taken and, barring any design conflicts, *Sports Illustrated* will proceed as planned. And rightfully so. This time the Big Blue bosses will not be able to smile their way out.



Survival Game a new twist to old rivalry

I don't know if Midway, Ky., was ever the site of any Civil War battles, but Saturday it will be the site of the sloppiest defense of honor ever staged between two "civil" UK student organizations.

The annual "Kentucky Kernel Pounds the Student Government Association" football game has been replaced this year by the two opponents squaring off in the Survival Game.

The idea is this: Drop two groups of urbanized students out in the Kentucky scrublands with these little guns powered by CO₂ cartridges and tell them to shoot point pellets at each other while they try to defend or capture a flag.

The *Kernel* vs. SGA rivalry is historic. We hate covering their long reports, and they hate the way we meet them.

So, once or twice a year, the two groups face off in some physical sporting event, all in fun, where the *Kernel* editors get physical retribution for all the deadlines missed due to SGA filibusters, and SGA tries to do as much damage to the editorial board as the editorial board has done to some of SGA's decisions.

Honestly, the *Kernel* pities the SGA. We've got the advantage of quicker trigger fingers from pounding out the news.

We've got the ability to see the forest for the trees, which is important in Survival Game strategy, but often not in student government.

We've got inspirational leadership.



Kakie URCH

John "Rambo" Voskuhl (former editor-in-chief) and Scott "Mad Dog" Ward (special projects editor) have been training the *Kernel* forces, and training them hard.

They've been putting them through hours of video drills, both target and strategic.

They've been making demands be-

yond the point of human tolerance on these recruits, and the *Kernel* S.T.R.A.T. (when they're not playing at killing SGA members, they're playing Stratocasters) team just turns up the volume and pushes harder.

These two have imposed a "training" condition, second in stricture only to the "Miami Vice" Battle of the Network Stars team.

"Mad Dog" said at the last meeting, "If you've been drinking and smoking, keep it up. If you haven't been drinking and smoking, we strongly suggest that you start."

"Rambo" just nodded.

The bloodlust in their eyes as they addressed their S.T.R.A.T. team was frightening. But of course, it's just a game.

I hope Jim "Bloodraker" Stoll, and Alan "Ninja" Lessig, and Erik "Annie Get Your Gun" Reece remember that it's just a game on Saturday.

Reece has taken to doing his hair with Crazy Glue so that spiked look is really a spiked look.

Kernel photographer Lessig's started shooting color film, taking pictures of mostly red and maras objects, to better visualize what SGA president John Cain will look like as a casualty.

And just imagine the force of a team with Jim Stoll putting as much energy into an assault offense as he puts into trying to get yours truly to quit smoking.

SGA is lucky that Steve "I Have No Appropriate War Cry" Driesler is going to be out of town that weekend. Driesler has seen known to frequent the Jockey Club and live to tell about it.

The S.T.R.A.T. team is ready, and SGA may not live to see another Survival Game Saturday.

But of course, it's just a game. And, so is student journalism and student government.

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Faculty member's homosexuality belies labeling of 'normal society'

As a UK faculty member and gay individual who strives to conduct my life in a careful and value-based manner, I wish to take issue with the vituperative language of Mr. Timothy Jones' editorial reply of Oct. 3.

I am one of those who subscribed for years to the "normal society" Mr. Jones longs for until finally, in my 30s, I realized that my attraction to certain individuals of my own gender was a continuing preference.

I speak of attraction to certain individuals because there are a large number of us for whom discrimination in relationships is as important as our gay orientation. Our lives indeed defy the "degenerate maggots" description of Mr. Jones as surely as does any heterosexual person who seeks caring, nurturing relationships.

Of course, as with any group, we find among ourselves the brilliant, the dull, the handsome and beautiful, the plain, the socially adept, the homely, the liberal, the conservative, those with moral fiber, those without.

What all of us are not is a group of incessantly thrill-seeking perverts for whom little else outside sexual interest exists.

Those of us who know of the very high incidence of gay individuals who have led highly pro-

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ductive lives and made outstanding contributions in every area of career endeavor are led to suspect highly the global interpretation of same-gender attraction as a debilitating sickness.

If some of our number appear unstable at times, consider a continuing dilemma we face. Not only is it demanded that we participate in the devastating American social abhorrence for showing affection in public (for any display of affection in public by gays, of course), but we are also called on to fake heterosexual romantic attachment or at least to boast occasionally of some loathsome adventure so that those of us who are not "out" might not be so suspect.

Given the results of research that has uncovered the psychopaths arising from taboos against touching and from circumstances preventing romantic attachment, we are quite amazed at the normality and warmth of friendship that does exist among us.

Once more I would cite what study upon study and individual

account upon individual account continues to reveal: That, except for extremely few individuals, gay men and women consistently tell of experiencing same-gender attraction for as long as they can remember, this attraction persisting in spite of desperate attempts to alter their feelings to conform to mainstream social values.

In the final analysis, I suspect that what helps many of us gain the courage to claim our gayness in a positive light is that, once we finally realize we are as capable of wonderful, strengthening romantic relationships as anyone else, a truer, stronger sense of normalcy comes to our aid.

Contrary to Mr. Jones' fear, we do not wish to introduce some weird, consuming subculture into mainstream America. We are, however, quite pleased to leave to him and others of like mind the "normalcy" of a society that could engender the destructive hatred he so generously proffers.

The author is a faculty member who wished to remain anonymous "for fear of jeopardizing my position." I really do wish I could afford to sign this letter.

'Straights' mask sexual ignorance with intolerance of homosexuality

More than a few of the students at UK (I will let faculty members speak for themselves) seem determined to establish a sexual litmus test for the rest of us. The exam itself is, supposedly, quite simple: Heterosexuals automatically pass and homosexuals fail.

The examination room is the campus itself, a small parcel of land across which a subtle yet insidious moral barbed wire fence is being built out of hate and fear.

The fence itself is designed, of course, to enclose those who — having failed a test because as popular as a Springsong concert — must now expect to continually defend themselves against the charge of being "a menace to society." Those left "free" on the outside are asked only to conform to a "straight" code of conduct.

I am a heterosexual, and as such it is presumed that I would have a vested interest in maintaining any social system that might allow me to feel free and easy in my sexuality. And yet, that is precisely what I choose not to do.

I assert my heterosexuality while at the same time refusing to be "straight" in a society in which the use of that adjective tends to connote the willing destruction of all those who seek alternative lifestyles. The use of the word "straight" implies an inherent attempt to foster its pejorative antonyms ("crooked," "warped?") upon an entire segment of humanity.

Yet even this act of denial is not enough, for it appears more than likely that a "straight heterosexual" is an American oxymoron with all the likelihood of remaining intact so long as most heterosexuals believe that physical love is a manifestation of abusive power that has as its prerequisite the emotional or psychological "mastery" over another.

This ability to master requires (whether we admit this or not) that "masculinity" be defined in terms

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of "strength" and "femininity" in the terms of "beauty" or "fragility."

While others (such as Betty Friedan) have written of this with far more perspicacity than I can ever hope to achieve, I am left nevertheless to draw my own ineffectual conclusion: There is in the United States a pervasive emotional dysfunction among heterosexual men and women whose hatred and fear of homosexuals stems from their own inability to build a psychologically constructive "straight" relationship in their lives.

Heterosexuals tend to resemble fleshed-out computers into which all the distorted and venomous vocabulary of an unfeeling society is placed, packed in little software packages titled "success" or epithets like "dyke" are used to flay men and women who have chosen to mold their own lives. A man who cries has lost his masculinity, he is something less than a "man." A woman who seeks neither marriage nor children is — once again — something less than a "woman," more a freak to be neither admired nor respected.

"Straights" march unyieldingly to their psychological deaths and, on this equivalent of the Bataan death march, push their own sexual health over cliffs with all the blind desire of lemmings.

I was far from surprised, but still quite shocked, to hear a minister ex-

claim on Cable News Network a few months ago that the disease AIDS is "God's punishment upon the homosexual community." He asserted that the "time has come for the United States to seriously consider the immediate quarantine" of homosexuals.

It was precisely because this sexual (but not "homosexual") disease was considered only of concern to the gay community that — for a period of eight years — both state and federal agencies were hesitant to call publicly for increased spending on AIDS research. The code of "straight" conduct asserted itself with pride and silent majesty.

Many "straights" are now dying in a somewhat less proud or majestic way from this "gay" disease. If, as we must hope, a cure is soon found, it will be at the cost of countless lives which were lost due to a distinctly debilitating view of the "normalcy" of heterosexuality.

The one true church at UK — the one that no one can resign from — is that built on a rock of sexual preference; its stained glass windows admit only mutual fear and abject enervation.

We all feel to some extent the need to positively assert our self-worth and to convince ourselves that we — each and every one of us — is a sexually fulfilled being; this is perhaps the one breach in the barbed wire fence.

The tragedy at UK is that this quality of sexual health (as real as love but as painful as yesterday) is often attained in a game of Machiavellian sexual politics in which the supreme moral creed is the Sermon on the Mount according to Mirabeau, who proclaimed, "It is intolerance to speak of tolerance. Away with the word from the dictionary!"

I ask the heterosexual community at UK to re-evaluate its own questionable ethics, for — unless we do — true sexual love will become nothing less than the pain of a lifetime filled with yesterdays.

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Hall cautions Kats about looking ahead

By JASON WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

The Final Four is the dream of every college basketball team, and UK's Lady Kats are no exception. To get there, however, Coach Terry Hall says the Kats will have to put it out of their minds.

The 1986 NCAA women's basketball championships will be held in Lexington's Rupp Arena. Even though Hall is hoping to make the trip downtown in late March, she hopes her players aren't thinking about it too much.

"It's a motivator, but it's also a distraction," Hall said yesterday at the Lady Kats' media day in Memorial Coliseum. "We can't worry about that. We have to take one game at a time."

Hall said they can't look behind any more than they can look ahead. Last year's team started out hot and was ranked as high as 11th in the nation before running out of steam at the end to finish 16-12.

The season ended in dissension when Hall benched starters Leslie Nichols, Sandy Harding and Karen Mosley in UK's loss to Mississippi State in the first round of the South-eastern Conference Tournament. Hall accused her players of having poor attitudes, which they denied.

"That's all over now," Hall said. "We're just talking about this year."

For the first time, she has two full-time assistants: Donna Murphy, Kentucky's first Miss Basketball in

1976 and a former assistant at Florida, and Cindy Noble, an All-American at Tennessee and a U.S. Olympian in 1980 and 1984.

New to the team are freshmen Jodie Whitaker, Indiana's Miss Basketball; Pam Shrum, an all-stater from Monticello, Ky.; and sophomore Lynne Elbert from Louisville, who was able to walk on to a team that rarely includes walk-ons.

"It's a big change coming from high school to college," Whitaker said. "The competition is a lot tougher, especially in the SEC. That's why I came here. I think it'll make me a better player."

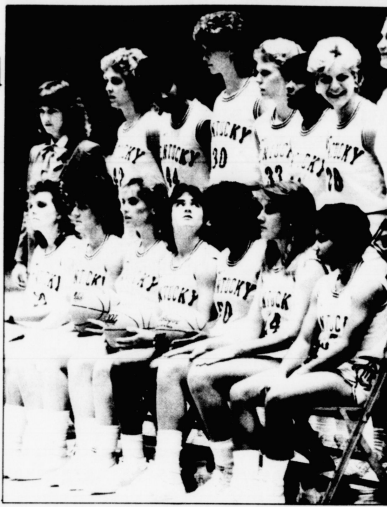
Whitaker will be battling Harding for the point-guard spot. "It's good to have somebody to push you," Harding said. "It makes me a better player, and Jodie's a great athlete."

The two-guard spot will likely be filled by sophomore Belita Croley, who was hampered by injuries last season. Croley played for the United States in the international Jones Cup competition this summer.

"It definitely helped my confidence," Croley said, "playing against girls that were 6-foot-6 and playing international rules."

Croley's backup will probably be sophomore Monique Tarantini, who will be expected to bust zones with her shooting, and sophomore Michelle Pennie, who at 5-11 swings from guard to forward.

At center, junior Debbie Miller returns a little quicker and stronger, according to Hall. She will have to beat out 6-6 junior Melanie Warren,



The UK Lady Kats relax between photo sessions during media day yesterday at Memorial Coliseum.

the tallest player in Lady Kat history, and Shelly Miller, a senior who actually has two years of eligibility left. Mosley may also play some in the pivot.

In seniors Nichols and Mosley, the Kats return their top two leading scorers and rebounders at forward. Miller figures to see considerable playing time at this spot, as does sophomore Laurie Hudgens, Shrum and Elbert.

Women's tennis team sweeps UK tournament

By KRISTOPHER RUSSELL
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The UK women's tennis team had an easy weekend as it swept through three matches in the UK Fall Quad. Kentucky defeated Morehead State University 9-0, Miami of Ohio 8-1, and Mississippi State 8-1.

The team recorded these routs without the services of its No. 1 singles player Tamaka Takagi, who was in Myrtle Beach, S.C., competing in the Burger King All-American Tournament.

Patrick was very impressed with his team's performance. "Mississippi State is an excellent team," he said. "On paper they're much improved over the team we beat last year 7-2 with our best lineup."

Patrick was particularly impressed with the play of two of his seniors, Allison Evans and Jamie Plummer, in the Mississippi State match.

Plummer downed Leigh Adeock 6-1, 6-1 and Evans won all three of her singles matches and two doubles matches.

Freshman Chris Karges won three

singles and three doubles matches and did not drop a set. Sophomore Beckwith Archer nearly equaled Karges as she won three singles and three doubles matches and lost only one set in those matches.

Freshmen Caroline Knudten and Holly Parrish each won two singles matches. Knudten also won three doubles matches and Parrish captured two.

Freshman Sonia Hahn split her two singles matches and won two doubles matches with different partners. Senior Kristin Buchanan won a singles match and two doubles matches.

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