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Lady killer

Kenny Rogers croons his hit song "Lady" to a crowd of about 8,000 last night in Rupp Arena. Dolly Parton joined Rogers for a

couple of their more popular duets. Country rock band Sawyer Brown opened the show.

RICK ELKINS/Kennel Staff

President asks BOT to review S. Africa investment policies

By ELIZABETH CARAS
Editor-in-Chief

President Otis A. Singletary has asked the Board of Trustees to review UK's policy of investing in companies doing business in South Africa.

Singletary's decision stems from a recent General Assembly resolution urging state public universities to divest, according to a copy of his memorandum to the trustees obtained by the *Kentucky Kernel*.

At its last meeting Oct. 25, the legislature's Interim Joint Committee on Education made the recommendation because the South African government "has continued apartheid and thereby excludes black citizens from the political and economic processes."

"The South African economy continues to thrive as a result of investments from United States companies and... Kentuckians profess to believe in the equal rights of all people to participate in the political and economic system," the resolution states.

Rep. Ernesto Scorsone (D-75th District), a member of the interim committee, said last night that the resolution was adopted by the 30-member body with "very little discussion."

Committee members "felt that institutions of learning should perhaps make some kind of statement about the practice of apartheid." He stressed, however, that the resolution is not binding and is "ultimately a decision of the boards of trustees of individual institutions."

The resolution will not become law unless it is passed at the full session of the legislature when it convenes Jan. 7, Scorsone added.

UK's policy will be reviewed by the board's investment committee before coming before the full board at its next meeting Dec. 10, said Robert T. McCowan, board chairman. McCowan, who had just returned from a business trip last night, had not seen Singletary's memo.

He said he "couldn't speculate" on what action the board will take because he had not talked with any of the members on the subject.

On May 7, the board voted to sell its holdings in companies that did not adhere to the Sullivan Principles. The next day, UK's investment counselor sold stock in Boeing Co., the only investment not in compliance with the new policy.

The University of Louisville became the first large university in Kentucky to divest completely Oct. 28.

Newman Center gives grant to UK religious studies program

By ALEXANDER S. CROUCH
Editorial Editor

The Newman Center Inc. will cast its bread on the academic waters to-night when it formally presents UK with a grant for the religious studies program.

The \$3,000 — the first installment of a three-year, \$9,000 gift — will bring a religious studies scholar to campus next semester "for an extended visit to enhance our courses," said Dallas High, coordinator of the program.

A committee is already at work

selecting someone who would come for about a week, go into classrooms, hold seminars and perhaps give one or two public lectures, High said.

"The emphasis is on providing the person with an opportunity to meet with students," he said, adding that often visiting scholars associate mainly with faculty.

The committee, which High said hopes to make a decision in the next few weeks, is "looking into the possibility of getting someone in Liberation Theology," a movement among Latin American Roman

Catholics that justifies revolution as a solution to social injustice.

The Rev. Larry Hehman, pastor of the Newman Center, said the \$9,000 grant is the largest the corporation's board has ever awarded and was motivated by what he said was the board's belief that "people get educated in everything but religion" at a university.

The grant's purpose is "to give an educated approach to religion that conforms to the education they (students) get at a secular campus," Hehman continued.

"The idea is that Newman Center

is really interested in all students being exposed to religion," said Constance Wilson, a professor of social work who chairs the corporation's board. "not Catholicism as such, but a religious studies program."

Emphasizing that the grant came with no strings attached, Wilson said she assumed the program would try to bring people of different perspectives to UK, but "it's purely up to their faculty."

"We'd like to give a balance, to expose students and the community to all kinds of views," she said. "We

really want to strengthen the program any way we can."

Nancy Dye, associate dean for basic studies in the College of Arts & Sciences, said the college is "enormously pleased" with the gift to its two-year-old, interdisciplinary program.

Dye will accept the grant at a reception at 8 tonight at the Newman Center.

As part of the arrangement, Michael Baer, dean of A&S, said the college will match the corporation's grant in three ways.

It will hire secretarial service for

the visiting scholar, provide release time for a faculty member, or hire a part-time instructor, to teach Religious Studies 101, the program's introductory course; and bring in an outside consultant "to see how we can grow with limited funds," Baer said.

The college has not made specific plans for the consultant, but one will come in this academic year, Baer said.

High said the consultant would be from a "benchmark university with a full department of religious stud-

See GRANT, page 7

Speakers laud work of nurses

By LISSA ATKINS
Contributing Writer

About 200 people gathered yesterday to see the presentation of the Frontier Nursing Service collection, while a variety of speakers praised its founder, Mary Breckinridge, and discussed the future of the service and obstetrics.

Paul A. Willis, director of libraries, opened the event saying, "It is not every day that the University receives such a unique collection of papers." Following his remarks, a slide show was presented focusing on Breckinridge's efforts.

Consisting of actual photographs of families attended by the nurse-midwives, the show was partially narrated by Appalachian men and women. One narrator said, "I don't know what we'd done back yonder without the Frontier Nursing Service."

Marvin Breckinridge Patterson, the founder's cousin, also talked about how she "learned a great deal



Art Galloway, chancellor of the Lexington campus, accepts the Frontier Nursing Service Collection at Memorial Hall yesterday.

about humanity and compassion from Mary Breckinridge."

Patterson said Breckinridge's favorite saying was, "The easiest thing is to do, the next is to write and the hardest is to think."

Following Patterson, Kitty Ernst,

director of the National Association of Childbearing Centers, discussed the current program of maternity care, calling it an "upside down system." She cited FNS's success as evidence of the effectiveness of decentralized care.

CATHY CUMMINGS/Kennel Staff

Kidnappers kill U.S. hostages held in Beirut, caller claims

Bodies of six not found in Coca-Cola factory dump site

By MONA ZIADE
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — An anonymous caller said Islamic Jihad extremists planned to kill their half-dozen American hostages yesterday, and a second caller claimed they were dead. But no bodies were found in the designated spot.

The captives were to be "executed" by firing squad because indirect negotiations with the United States had reached "a dead end," the first man said in a call to a Western news agency.

In Washington, however, a White House official said "contacts" in the Lebanon hostage case had not broken down. And President Reagan said of the death threat, "Evidently there is no substantiation of that at all."

Since the calls could not be authenticated, it was impossible to determine whether they were a mace-bomb or simply part of a war of nerves being waged by the shad-

oway Shiite Moslem faction to pressure Washington into making a deal.

Six Americans are missing in Lebanon, Islamic Jihad claimed Oct. 4. It killed one of them, diplomat William Buckley, 57. But no body has turned up.

The other American captives are Peter Kilburn, 60, an American University of Beirut librarian; the Rev. Lawrence Jenco, 50, a Roman Catholic priest; Terry Anderson, 38, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press; David Jacobson, director of the American University Hospital; and Thomas Sutherland, the university's dean of agriculture.

Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, believed to be made up of fundamentalist followers of Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, had said it would release the Americans when Kuwait frees 17 Shiite comrades serving prison terms for the bombings of the U.S. and French embassies in Kuwait in December 1983. Kuwait refuses.

A representative of the news agency, which declined to be identified, said yesterday's first call came at 7:15 a.m. (12:15 a.m. EST) from a man who speaking in classical Arabic, declared the American hostages would be shot by firing squad.

He promised to call again at 1 p.m. local time to say where the bodies had been dumped. That call was never made. But another man, speaking colloquial Lebanese Arabic, called the agency at 10 a.m.

He said that "all the bodies of the Americans, including Buckley's," had been dumped in the basement of the derelict, shell-pocked Coca-Cola factory in the Kola district of south Beirut.

But policemen, reporters and Moslem militiamen found nothing after several hours of searching the rafter-infested factory, surrounding buildings and nearby neighborhoods where bodies have been dumped before.

Goal-to-go

UK, Vanderbilt KA football relay to Nashville benefits muscular dystrophy

By WENDY SUSAN SMITH
Staff Writer

At 5 a.m. today Kappa Alpha fraternity started its eighth annual Muscular Dystrophy football run from Lexington to Nashville, Tenn.

About 45 UK fraternity members are taking turns running a football 120 miles to Hardyville, Ky.

The Vanderbilt KAs will meet them in Hardyville and run the football the remaining 85 miles to the Vanderbilt stadium in order to present the game ball for the UK-Vanderbilt football game.

"We will have groups of seven that will meet at different markers along the way," said Jack Farley, a KA member. "Each person will run about three to four miles, which will

"This is a worthwhile event because we raise the money to go to such a good cause — helping those people afflicted by muscular dystrophy. This football run really promotes the fund raising because it is such a unique event."

Jack Farley,
Kappa Alpha member

average to be a 21-mile run for each group."

The fraternity has a van escorting the runners to Hardyville.

"We will carry a banner on the van that we are raising money for

Muscular Dystrophy," Farley said. "This will really raise awareness to this event because it will be so visible."

Lexington businesses and families of the KA members have given do-

lations for this annual event that raises money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"I have sent out all the letters to the Lexington businesses and to the fraternity members' parents," said Mark Handloser, KA fraternity chairman of Muscular Dystrophy, which is the fraternity's national philanthropy.

So far they have raised \$400 from the individual and business donors, but their goal is to raise \$1,000.

"This is a worthwhile event because we raise the money to go to such a good cause — helping those people afflicted by muscular dystrophy," Farley said. "This football run really promotes the fund raising because it is such a unique event."

INSIDE

"Pool for love" opened last night at the Theater "Downunder in Levas" restaurant. For a review of this tragic love story, see PASTIMES, page 3.

The Cool Cats open their hockey season against Eastern Kentucky University this weekend at the Lexington Ice Center. For a preview, see SPORTS, page 4.

WEATHER

Sunny skies are expected today with a high in the lower to mid 50s. Tonight will be mostly clear with a low around 45. Tomorrow is expected to be partly cloudy and warmer with a high from 60 to 65.

Basketball tickets on sale Monday

Staff reports

Student basketball tickets for the Czechoslovakia and Northwestern State games of Nov. 14 and 22 will be distributed beginning at 9 a.m. Monday in the west concourse of Memorial Coliseum.

Students can pick up one ticket per validated ID and can get a maximum of two tickets if two IDs are presented.

There will be no group seating for the first two games.

Student guest tickets will go on sale at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Spouse ticket books for the first four games are now available for \$20 at the coliseum.

Tickets will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Wednesday.

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VIEWPOINT

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Cultural stereotypes have definite limits

I am short and fat. My body looks like a huge rotting watermelon. This fact makes me very sad. I hate watermelons. I have a cherubic face, the kind you see in pre-Renaissance paintings of the Nativity. I am trying to grow a Fu Manchu beard to add a more sinister touch to my facial topography.

I am also a "goddamn foreigner." An Asian. One of that bunch that makes your classes resemble the departure lounge at the Cairo, Egypt, airport, and smell like an old country outhouse. My favorite song is "Kismet, Kismet... Khazi, Kazi," but it hasn't hit the MTV charts yet. My taste in American music is highly developed and sophisticated. I love Walt Disney movie songs. Do you remember the one that goes "Zippey Do Da, Zippey Hey, What a fine feeling, What a fine Day." It's my "restroom" favorite.

I guess I am your stereotype foreigner. Now take a look at yourself. Are you a Venus in a "raspberry beree"? Or are you a pile of bulging muscles, alcohol-bleached brains in

Guest OPINION

khaki shorts and Nike running shoes?

You see, we foreigners have stereotypes for you, too. I credit you with an insatiable libido akin to that of the rabbit family. I dare not step out of my house after midnight. I have been warned. Leather-booted Madonnas astride Kawasakis screech down the streets like side-winder missiles. "They search for foreign virgins, O little one," my guru said. I am at risk, so I stay in. With my own eyes I have seen a number of Waiurgis Night sorority parties.

I have seen your strange rites: hard rock music inducing a mental

Shatter your illusions and learn that no foreigner is as interesting as his/her media stereotype.

regression, bodies on automatic pilot on barroom dancing floors recreating the engine room of the sinking Titanic. You don't fool me. I don't trust nobody. My nightmares are full of expert breakdancers administering terminal throat kicks to short, fat Asians.

It was Kipling who wrote something about East being East and the West and a meeting with Twain. (I love Huck Finn.) This East/West dichotomy is pure bull. If you'd only stop looking at us as a bunch of E.T.s on vacation from Usa Minor. If only we had more courage and

stepped out of our hermit crab shells more often.

The Greek sign for a university was an ice-cream cone. Well, that's what the sign resembles. It actually represents a burning torch, a sort of symbolism for a mind on fire.

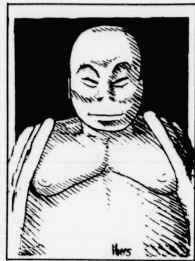
Ever try talking to one of us? If our "wisdom of the East" bull doesn't set your mind on fire, pure frustration will. Our strange accents and idioms will reveal the frailty of language as a vehicle for the communication of meaning.

Interacting with you gives us a chance to loosen up the chains of culture and custom on our minds. In a world where the mass media provide a bizarre stereotype for each of us, we have an opportunity to form our own independent prejudices. Shatter your illusions and learn that no foreigner is as interesting as his/her media stereotype.

We do smell, talk, think and eat differently. But beneath these quirks we are the same old humdrum



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Madonna (left), the Buddha (right) — East-West dichotomy, or pure bull. The columnist believes it's the latter.

Homo sapiens. Our hearts are full of neurotic longings for happiness, just like yours.

Of course when my heart is full of joy I long to sing "Kismet, Kismet... Khazi, Kazi" but I can adjust

and freak you out by singing "Zippey Do Da." And as long as our hearts are happy what's the difference?

V. A. Dhoundiyal is a communications graduate student.

LETTERS

KISL who?

How many times have I been rushing around, trying to get ready for a KISL meeting, when someone will approach me and ask where I'm off to, of course, reply, "A KISL meeting!"

The next words are always, "A what?"

"A KISL meeting. It's Kentucky

Intercollegiate State Legislature, an exciting new group on campus."

By the time I get that mouthful out the person's mind is so cluttered with bogus information, that he gives up and walks away shaking his head like KISL is some type of fad that someone has totally forgotten to tell him about.

I'm writing this to unveil the mys-

terious meaning of KISL and what this organization can do for you.

KISL is a statewide organization of college students who prepare pieces of legislation and take these twice a year to our capitol in Frankfort to bring before the student House of Representatives and Senate.

There are existing delegations at

UK, Ashbury College, Berea College, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, Morehead State University and Eastern Kentucky University. Many other schools are in the organizational stages.

The mock legislature debates the bills and makes the final decisions on whether it should be passed or defeated. If the bill is passed and

signed by the KISL governor, it will actually be submitted to the General Assembly.

Some of our previous "KISL bills" have even been passed by the General Assembly and are now Kentucky laws!

Yes, students, we have a voice in Kentucky. It's KISL! We can make a difference! After all, we are the

future leaders of the Commonwealth of Kentucky! For further information on how you can have a voice in Kentucky, please contact me at 258-6109 or drop by the KISL office, No. 11 in the Student Organizations Center.

Theresa Nolan, KISL vice president



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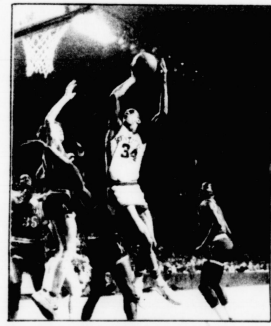
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
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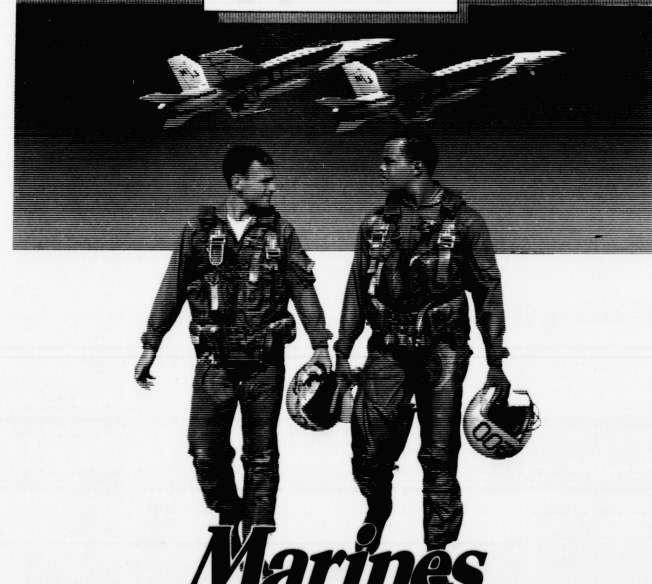
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SPORTS

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Cool Cats open year tomorrow

By BOBBIL MEEK
Contributing Writer

Get out the heavy coat and gloves because the UK Ice Hockey Club is taking to the ice to open their 1985-86 season.

The Cool Cats debut this weekend with games against Eastern Kentucky at the Lexington Ice Center on Eureka Springs Drive. UK plays the Colonels tomorrow and Sunday. Both games begin at 3:30 p.m.

The club is in only its second year in competition, but Mark Shupe, the club's president, believes this year's team will be better than the first one.

Since ice hockey isn't a dominant sport in Kentucky, the players come from mainly northern and eastern states such as New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa and Pennsylvania, where hockey is popular.

"We've picked up this year where we left off last year," Shupe said. "We are much better off at this part of the season than we were at this time last season."

"We have a better chance of winning more games," said Jim Miller, one of the team's captains. "The whole team is anxious, confident



BRICK LINTNER

Mark Conner sweeps the puck away from goalie last year. UK's Cool Cats open their season tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at the Lexington Ice Center.

and looking forward to their first game."

"The players show much more improvement over last season by having practiced on their own over the summer," said Cool Cats coach Ralph Peters.

The players are dedicated to their sport—practicing at 6:00 a.m.

Twenty games are scheduled this season, with 14 at the Ice Center. The remaining six are played away in Ohio against the University of Cincinnati, Dennison College in Granville, Ohio University in Athens, and the University of Dayton.

Like all University club sports, the

hockey club is self-supporting. They formed a booster club last year to generate money through donations, but the players make up any differences out of their own pockets. The returning players from last year include Frank Gdovka, Karl Gdovka, Sam Murty, Rick Newman, Paul Nieman and Mark Reising.

Wildcat cross country teams run in SEC championships

Staff reports

UK men's and women's cross country teams will compete in the Southeastern Conference Championships today in Oxford, Miss.

The women's team, ranked ninth in the nation by the X-Country X-Press newsletter, has already defeated seven SEC rivals

this season. They have not yet faced LSU or Mississippi State.

The men's team have beaten Alabama, Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Vanderbilt. They have lost to Florida and Georgia and have not raced against LSU or Auburn.

Kentucky Kernel Top 20

Team (Record)	Next Opponent
1. Florida (7-0-1)	vs. Georgia in Jacksonville, Fla.
2. Nebraska (7-1)	..... Iowa State
3. Penn State (8-0)	..... at Cincinnati
4. Ohio State (7-1)	..... at Northwestern
5. Auburn (6-2)	..... East Carolina
6. Iowa (7-1)	..... Illinois
7. Air Force (9-0)	..... Army
8. Oklahoma State (6-1)	..... Kansas State
9. Michigan (6-1-1)	..... Purdue
10. Miami (Fla.) (6-1)	..... vs. Maryland in Baltimore
11. LSU (5-1)	..... Alabama
12. Arkansas (7-1)	..... vs. Baylor in Little Rock, Ark.
13. Oklahoma (5-1)	..... at Missouri
14. Florida State (6-2)	..... South Carolina
15. Baylor (7-1)	..... vs. Arkansas in Little Rock, Ark.
16. Georgia (6-1-1)	..... vs. Florida in Jacksonville, Fla.
17. Brigham Young (7-2)	..... at Utah State
18. UCLA (6-1-1) at Arizona
19. Tennessee (4-1-2) at Memphis State
20. Bowling Green (9-0) 11/16 vs. Toledo

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JERRY CLAIBORNE

Fine and Vandy

Commodores to battle UK with strong passing attack, All-American candidates

By JOHN JURY
Assistant Sports Editor

Forget that Vanderbilt has a 2-5-1 record. Or that the Commodores are coming off a 35-7 whipping by lowly Ole Miss.

Or that UK has not lost in Nashville in 10 years.

The one thing Wildcat coach Jerry Claiborne is certain to remember about his opponent is the length of time Vandy has had to get ready for UK.

"I'm sure they'll be rested and fresh," Claiborne said. "They'll be better prepared because they've had two weeks to work on their defense against us."

Kickoff for tomorrow's game at Vanderbilt Stadium is scheduled for 12:40 p.m. EST. The game will be nationally televised on WTBS beginning at 12:30.

UK carries a 5-3 record into the contest tomorrow. The Cats are rebounding from an unimpressive 23-13 win over East Tennessee State last Saturday. Before last week, UK lost two in a row — a 10-0 setback at LSU and a 26-6 thrashing at Georgia.

The Wildcats are 1-2 in the SEC, and the Commodores are 0-3-1 in the conference.

"Kentucky has a fine football



J. TIM MATYS/Kentucky Graphics

team," said Vandy coach George MacIntyre, who was named Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year in 1982 after guiding Vandy to 8-3 record and a berth in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

"They are always tough defensively," he said, "as they have always been under Jerry Claiborne."

Before the Ole Miss drubbing, the stubborn Commodores refused to surrender to a powerful Georgia team, tying the Bulldogs 13-13. A missed last-second field goal by Vandy place-kicker Alan Herline kept the Commodores from winning.

"It was a question of Georgia being down and Vanderbilt being up," Claiborne said. "Vanderbilt cannot stay up every ball game though."

Again this year, Vanderbilt is boasting a strong passing game behind a trio of quarterbacks. The season started with junior Mark Wratcher calling the signals. After Wratcher suffered a season-ending hip injury in the second game, freshman John Gromos took over.

Gromos had completed 69 of 133 passes for 794 yards and one touchdown before bruising his sternum in the Georgia game. He didn't play in the Ole Miss game but is expected to return against UK.

Fellow freshman Tim Richardson stepped in against Ole Miss and passed for 304 yards and one touchdown in a 17-0-32 performance.

Claiborne is very impressed with the play of the Commodore quarterbacks, especially Richardson.

"When you throw for 300 yards, then you've had a good day," Claiborne said. "They all throw the ball very well."

Unlike in years past, Vandy has been running the ball more this

year. The Commodores have rushed and passed an almost equal amount of times.

Junior Carl Woods (122 carries for 455 yards) and sophomore Everett Crawford (83 for 329) lead the Vandy running attack.

"They're running the ball better this year than they have in the past," Claiborne said.

Woods and Crawford love to run behind a pair of 6-foot-6 linemen. All-American candidates Jim Popp and Will Wolford.

Popp, an all-SEC tight end last year as a junior, has caught 40 passes for 463 yards and one touchdown so far this season. He ranks second in the SEC in receiving.

Wolford, nicknamed "The Tractor," is a senior offensive tackle whom MacIntyre calls "the best offensive lineman in the country." A graduate of Louisville St. Xavier High School, he has started since his freshman year.

Georgia coach Vince Dooley said, "No offensive lineman has blocked us better than Will Wolford."

Wildcats among SEC leaders

Staff reports

Several UK Wildcats are among the Southeastern Conference leaders:

Senior defensive end Brian Williams leads the league in punt returns, averaging 11.9 yards per return.

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Astronomer offers preview of Halley's

By MELISSA BELL
Staff Writer

If everyone in Lexington gathered in a snow-covered field to make a snowball and rolled it until it was about two or three miles wide, the snowball would be like a comet.

"A comet is a big, dirty snowball," said Hollis Johnson, an astronomy professor at Indiana University.

Johnson presented slides on comets and discussed their makeup and the history of Halley's comet last night to about 150 adults and children at Lexington Community College. He also explained how and when to see Halley's comet.

Halley's Comet is now within view soon after sunset in the south. But it is most visible when it is closest to the sun. This will occur March 23-25 and be best seen in the morning sky because comets are rarely visible at dark.

Johnson said binoculars should be used to see the comet. Also, the comet's low position in the sky

makes an unobstructed horizon ideal.

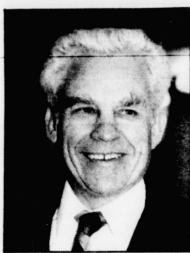
Comets are often mistaken for meteors. But unlike a meteor, Johnson explained, a comet does not move rapidly in the sky. It will stay in the same place for several days or a couple of weeks.

Comets rise and set like stars and orbit the sun in an elongated ellipse similar to planets, he said. Halley's Comet takes about 76 years to orbit the sun.

This year will probably be the worst for seeing the comet clearly because of the earth's position, Johnson said. The comet will be blocked from view by the sun.

Halley's Comet is also mistakenly pronounced, he said. It is pronounced like the 'hal' in Halloween, not like hail.

The first documented report of Halley's Comet was in 239 B.C. The oldest records are from China but it is unclear what the Chinese thought of comets. Later, comets were associated with misfortune by the English.



HOLLIS JOHNSON

Halley's Comet was named after Edmund Halley who first discovered, with Isaac Newton's help, that comets have orbits and periods of rotation. He predicted the comet's 76-year orbit and when the prediction was fulfilled, the comet was named after him.

Johnson's talks are sponsored by the American Astronomical Society and Harlow-Shaped Visiting Lectureship Program. The public talk was sponsored in part by the Office of Continuing Education at LCC.

English alums discuss careers

Conference to outline job market possibilities for majors

By ANN ROGERS
Contributing Writer

The flexibility and importance of an English degree will be the topic of discussion at the sixth annual English Careers Conference from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Monday in 228 Student Center Addition.

The workshop, which is primarily for English and English education majors, is open to all students considering English curricula or studying any related field.

It features a skills workshop and a panel discussion by five English graduates.

The skills workshop is geared toward helping students identify and describe their individual skills. It also will evaluate the job market and help design an effective job search, Pival said.

Diane Kohler of the Placement Office will conduct the workshop, which will include a film on jobs for English majors.

"The skills workshop will serve as an opportunity to see what skills they have gained with their English major and how it applies to the marketplace," Pival said.

After a 15-minute break for refreshments, the program will resume with a panel discussion and a question and answer session featuring five English majors who work in various fields such as business, writing, teaching and broadcasting.

The panelists will focus on how the skills and values learned in the English curriculum provide a practical education, according to an English department press release.

David Lander, news director of Channel 27, will participate in the panel. He said his English degree has brought him a variety of jobs from teaching to public relations, communications, radio and news directing.

"I will speak on what ways an English degree can be beneficial to the media field," Lander said.

All the panelists involved in the program were chosen for their enthusiasm for their English degree. Pival said the participants said they did not regret their decision to major in English.

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