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Taylor's mother speaks

The mother of kidnap victim Luror Eugene Taylor, sat quietly on the stereo console. In the background, two of her four children wandered around their small surburban home in southeast Lexington

Six days had passed since Luron was reported missing.

"I feel like any mother would feel," said Mrs. James H. Taylor in a Friday interview. "But I try to keep busy so I can forget about it."

Words seemed to come slowly. "I don't k now what to say, I haver't talked to the police or any other reporters about Luron. As far as I know, my husband hasn't talked to anyone either. This was the first time discussed her missing son with anyone outside the family.

She flicked a speck off her red jersey and shook her head. "Luron is my oldest boy. He never gave me much trouble-I just don't know what to say.

The Taylor family has always lived in Lexington, she said. Rev. Taylor has been a minister for 15 years and is currently pastor at a Baptist church 10 miles east of Richmond. "It's really just an old country church," Mrs. Taylor said.

Luron attended Tates Creek High School and was an average student.
After high school, he joined the
Marines. "He always wrote home a lot, but I can't remember where he was stationed."

A series of odd jobs followed the Marines. "Construction, dry wall—you name it, he did it," she said.

Mrs. Taylor was uncertain of Luron recent friends and activities, even though he still lives in Lexington. "He was with one friend, then another," she said. She also knew of no link between Luron and any persons connected with his disappearance.

"I had dinner with Luron's wife, Darlene, just the other night," she said.
"I really don't know much about her. but I like her.

Darlene Taylor, a UK student, has been married to Luron for four years. She was present when he was kidnaped from their apartment parking lot.

"I didn't want to talk about it (Luron's kidnaping) and neither did she. We talked about other things to

Mrs. Taylor glanced towards the floor, go (up and opened the door. 'I just try to keep myself busy to forget about

Football player questioned again

(Note: Information for this article was compiled by: Bruce Winges, editor-in-chief; Ginny Edwards, managing editor; Walter Hixson, assistant managing editor; John Winn Miller, assistant managing editor; Dick Gabriel, assistant sports editor; and Ron Mitchell, staff writer.

UK running-back Alfred "Sonny" Collins was questioned for the third time by Lexington Metro Police early Friday

Collins has been questioned twice within the last week by Metro police because his name has been mentioned by Elmore Stephens, according to Metro police Liaison Joe Catt.

Stephens is one of three men arrested in connection with the Oct. 11 kidnaping of Luron Eugene Taylor. The other two arrested in the kidnaping were: John Bishop, 22, and Robert Channels, 22.

Collins was interviewed Friday conconins was interviewed Friday con-cerning his earlier statements to police, said Asst. Metro Police Chief Frank Fryman. At the original questioning session, Collins said he told police he was visited in his dorm room at 1 a.m. Oct. 12 by Stephens, Bishop and Channels.

However, the Lexington Metro Police blotter states Channels was arrested at 12:55 a.m. Oct. 12 for possession of marijuana for use. Channels was released sometime later on bond.

"It was a very brief call. There was nothing unusual about it," Fryman said. "He's a routine witness. It was very short and routine.

University Police Chief Paul Harrison "Metro police requested us to pick Collins up" around 3:15 a.m. Friday

"He was not in his dormitory room, and I understand they (University police)" went off campus, Harrison said.

UK football coach Fran Curci, contacted by telephone in Baton Rouge, La., said he



This photograph of alleged kidnap victim Luron Eugene Taylor was released by the Lexington Metro Police Department to Lexington and Louisville media

was unaware of the Friday questioning of Collins

Stephens is a former UK football player football team manager

Taylor, 24, was abducted from his apartment at 1261 Village Dr. around 11:30 p.m. Oct. 11, according to Catt. An unidentified man is still being sought in connection with the incident, Catt said.

He also said there have been no major new developments in the case.

Metro police have distributed a photo-graph of the missing Taylor to Louisville

television stations and newspapers.

Catt said the photographs are being distributed to Louisville media because two of the suspects—Stephens and Bish-op—are Louisville residents.

Fryman said the number of tips received by police has not increased since a similar

media Thursday afternoon

A spokesman for the Lexington FBI said who was later cut from the NFL's New the agency is "not participating in an York Giants. Bishop is a former UK active investigation" in the Taylor kidnaping case

However, Catt said Thursday the FBI has been informed on most aspects of the case. He said this was being done in case the agency had to become actively

involved in the case.

(The FBI would be called into the investigation if the abduction of Taylor or other aspects of the case involved more than one state.)

Today's special edition of the Kernel was published to keep the University community informed of developments in the disappearance of Luron Eugene Taylor. Another special edition will be published Sunday

Luron Taylor kidnaping chronology

Saturday, Oct. 11

At 3:15 p.m., two men entered Robert Channels' apartment, 1508 Yates Crescent, and forced Channels and Elmore Stephens to lie on the floor. About \$1,000 and a \$500 watch were taken in the robbery. After the robbery, Channels and Stephens went to Lexington Metro

Police headquarters on Forbes Road and reported the incident.

At about 11:30 p.m., Luron Eugene and Darlene Taylor were getting out of their car near their apartment at 1261 Village Dr. Four men then got out of a car and forced Taylor into the trunk of that car. One shot was reported fired and the car was driven away with Taylor in the trunk

At 12:55 a.m., Channels was arrested for possession of marijuana for use according to the Metro police blotter

At 12:58 a.m., the police blotter states Donald W. Johnson, 22, Route 6 Leestown Rd., was arrested on the same charge as Channels: possession of marijuana for use. In addition, Johnson was arrested for obscuring the

identification of a machine.

At 1 a.m., Alfred "Sonny" Collins said he was visited in his dorm room by Channels, Stephens and John Bishop. Collins said the three stayed for about 15 minutes and discusses the Auburn football game.

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Vanocour misses speech

By MONTY N. FOLEY Kernel Staff Writer

A delayed flight in Raleigh, N.C. kept former NBC newsman Sander Vanocour from appearing, but at last night's Sigma Delta Chi meeting (Society for Professional Journalists) important questions were raised about the present and future roles of television news programs

television news programs.
Four participants in a panel discussion—Ken Kurtz, WKYT-TV news editor; and Jay Rayburn, UK journalism instructoragreed television news has become the public's primary source for information.

Kurtz said within the near future, TV stations in markets as small as Lexington would be delivering live stories directly to viewers without benefit of current editing processes.

He said the use of "electronic newsgathering" devices could eventually lead to hourly, fiveminute newscasts in addition to current half-hour programs.

However, Johnson disagreed

with Kurtz about the importance of sophisticated electronic devices. He said live reports on news programs would be acceptable for fast-breaking stories, but that live coverage would not eliminate criticisms that TV news reports tend to be superficial.

Johnson said complex news explanations would not fit the format of the live report. "You can't ad lib about a complex story."

With the public depending more and more upon television news as its main source of information, Johnson said TV news has tried to provide in-depth coverage of important events by expanding program length to a full hour. But he added audience surveys have shown that viewers prefer brief stories with limited detail

As a results, he said, hour-long newscasts have failed to maintain audiences, resulting in loss of revenues for stations.

"They (viewers) want to see a good-looking blonde give the

weather and some handsome stud give the sports," Johnson said. In attempting to give viewers what they want, "you concentrate on the personalities of reporters and program pacing rather than content."

In contrast with commercial stations' attempts to appease news watchers, Rayburn said public television stations, that aren't required to sell time to stay on the air, could provide more detailed news coverage for viewers who demand it.

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Rayburn said Florida public stations have been able to provide extended coverage for Florida legislative sessions.

In the absence of Sander Vanocour, currently the Washington Post's television editor, David Reed briefly traced Vancour's NBC career

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Reed said Vanocour found himself in disfavor with network official when he attempted to question U.S. Viet nam policies.

Aproximately 35 people attended the monthly Sigma Delta Chi meeting held at the Hilton Inn.

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By DAVID BROWN

Kernel Staff Writer Dormitory polling methods, used to record student opinion of Student Government (SG) support of the Gay Student Coalition (GSC) attempt to gain University recognition, may have been illegal.

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Rosemary Pond, dean of residence hall programming, said she had no qualms with the idea of conducting a poll, "as long as our staff wasn't involved, and it was conducted" by residence hall governments.

However, she said students could not go door-to-door to get people to respond because, "to

me that would be soliciattion."

A University regulation prohibits solicitation in dormitories, Pond said.

Seven dormitories have conducted, or are conducting, polls which concern student reaction to SG support of the GSC effort to receive University University organizational status.

Of the seven dorms, only one is not using a door-to-door method of contacting students.

"I contacted Dean Pond when I first began and she had no objection as long as the staff wasn't involved and I worked through the dorm governments," said Robert Stuber, Kirwan Tower Dorm Council (KTDC) secretary and proponent of the poll.

"We didn't talk about the mechanics" of the poll, and "I interpreted what she said to mean "that door-to-door solicitation was all right if approved by the dorm councils." proved by the dorm councils, Stuber said.

Polling began when the KTDC voted to inform SG of student

opinion on the GSC resolution.

Results of the Kirwan Tower
poll, which were attacked by
members of the GSC, showed 320 opposed the SG action, 46 in favor and 50 had no opinion.

No results are available from

no results are available from polls in other dorms.

"It looks like selective questioning and coercive polling were used" said Carey Junkin, GSC president. "I don't see how the poll could be accurate."

A written and anonymous poil

would be the only method that could hope to be fair, Junkin said

Stuber admitted some irregularities in polling in Kirwan Tower, but hoped to eliminate charges of bias by providing a written questionnaire

in future polls.

The costs of printing the questionnaire were prohibitive, and Stuber was only able to print enough to distribute to floor representatives in each dorm.

The representatives in the

dorms using the door-to-door method are presenting the written form to students on their floor and asking for a verbal response, or asking students to

vote on a blank piece of paper. Residents of Jewell Hall are voting by show of hands in special corridor elections whether they support the SG action or not, said Paula Richwalsky, president of Jewell Hall Dorm Council.

Eight dorm councils have decided not to conduct the poll, and five councils have not decided if they will conduct the THE KENTUCKY KERNEL, Saturday, October 18, 1975-3







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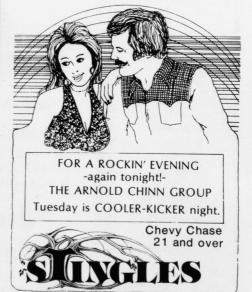
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Harralson still undecided on Free U funding bill

Kernel Staff Writer Student Government (SG) President Jim Harralson said he still has not decided if he will veto a SG bill that would fund Free University

The bill, authorizing \$200 in SG funds which would be used to fund Free U, was passed Sept. 29 by the Student Senate. bill before the Oct. 20 Student Senate meeting, it will automatically become law, according to the SG constitution, and the money will be allocated to Free

'Free U is not moving toward self-sufficiency" and has "never accounted for any of the money" SG has given it, Harralson said.

"I haven't decided yet (if the Free U bill would be vetoed), but I guess I'll have to make up my mind by Monday. I'll think about it this weekend," Harralson said. When Free U was first formed

they asked for SG funding until they could become self-sufficient, Harralson said.

"Harralson did not support funding Free U last year (as a student senator), and he cam-paigned against it," said Marion Wade, Arts and Sciences senator and sponsor of the Free U bill. SG has been funding Free U since it

began in 1969, Wade said.
"Four weeks is too long to make a simple decision," Wade "This postponing has severely damaged SG's credit ra-

Wade said Free U contracted with Feedback Printing for 3,000 posters promoting Free U. Feedback was willing to accept the order because they knew SG funded Free U, he said. Feedback has always printed Free U post-ers, but by not paying the bill

"Every year we (Free U) tell SG we need the money for printing, and every year they turn around and ask us to account for the money they give us. spent it on printing," Wade s Wade said.

Harralson also said he was disturbed about the number of cancelled Free U classes.

The cancelled courses were taught by two people. Wade said. One person, who taught four classes, had to return home. The other person's classes were can celled because of lack of student interest, he said.

In order to raise money, Free is attempting to schedule benefit concerts and is consider ing sponsoring a dance, Wade

"Harralson never formally "Harraison never formally discussed the situation with me," Wade said. "He discussed it informally; occasionally catching me in the SG office and asking a question.
"That's not the proper method

of conducting an investigation," Wade said.
"I don't know what kind of

investigation Marion (Wade) ex-pected, but I think that would be up to my discretion," Harralson said.

"I spoke with Marion one day ast week, and then later I spoke with Mattie (Teller, Free U coordinator), but "I don't know what Marion calls formal dispromptly SG's credit rating will cussion," Harralson said.

Chronology

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Monday, Oct. 13

At 5:10 p.m., Bishop was arrested for kidnaping and criminal conspiracy, according to the police blotter, in connection vith Taylor's disappearance.

At 5:52 p.m., the police blotter states Stephens was arrested for

At 8:09 p.m., Robert Channels was arrested for kidnaping, the police blotter states

Tuesday, Oct. 14

At 1:17 a.m., Rodney Perkins, 24, 851 Charles, was arrested in connection with the Saturday afternoon robbery of Stephens and Channels in Channels'



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