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SGA to hold tuition protest rally

By Holly Terry
Staff Writer

The University has given the Student Government Association permission to hold a rally Nov. 3 to tell students about the possibility of another tuition increase.

The event will take place in front of the Administration Building from noon to 2 p.m.

Although plans for who will speak at the rally have not been finalized, the cost of higher education will be the speakers' main focus, SGA President Lance Dowdy said.

He said this year's rallies for higher education will not take the same form as last year's march and rally in Frankfort, Ky.

In an attempt to appeal draw a larger audience, each state-supported university decided to

hold its own campus protest, Dowdy said.

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SGA president

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Although Gov. Brereton Jones promised college students last year

that tuition would not increase, the tuition and fees for four-year Kentucky universities increased 8 percent for 1993-94, according to the

Chronicle on Higher Education.

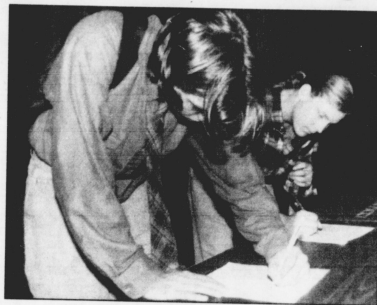
In addition to planning the rally, SGA is circulating a petition for students who oppose future tuition increases to sign.

SGA officials began collecting signatures yesterday at the Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons, and about 400 students signed the petition, Dowdy said.

Plans call for SGA to continue circulating the petition every day until the Council on Higher Education meeting Nov. 8.

Dowdy said more locations and times for students to sign the document will be added as the meeting nears.

"If somebody wants to sign up," Dowdy said, "you won't have to find (the petition carriers), they will find you."



Students sign a petition opposing future tuition increases yesterday at the Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons.

Lutherans join debate on sexuality, relationships

By David Briggs
Associated Press

Masturbation is healthy, the Bible supports homosexual unions and teaching teens how to use condoms to prevent disease is a moral imperative, says a task force leading the nation's largest Lutheran body into the sex wars.

Four years in the making, a draft statement going before the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America declares that the core of human sexuality should be loving, committed relationships — and not limited to heterosexual marriages.

"It is the binding commitment, not the license or ceremony, that lies at the heart of biblical understandings of marriage," says the statement. "In those circumstances where a legal marriage is not feasible, communities of faith may need to consider other ways of publicly affirming and communally supporting a loving, binding commitment between two people."

The 21-page report — "The Church and Human Sexuality: A Lutheran Perspective," a copy of which was released to The Associated Press — is to be sent later this week to 19,000 pastors and other church leaders in the 5.2 million-member denomination.

Local churches have until next June to respond. A second draft, taking the response into account, will be prepared for a churchwide assembly of lay and clergy delegates in 1995.

The report is the ELCA's first attempt to grapple with sexuality since it was formed in 1988 by the merger of the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

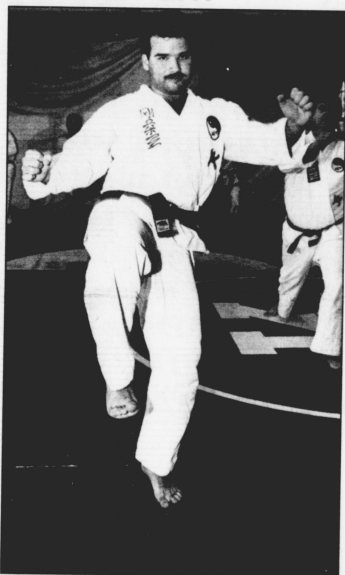
Freshshaping current U.S. ferment over gay rights, mainline Protestant denominations have been convulsed in recent years over demands by gay and lesbian members that churches accord them formal acceptance and the right of ordination. The United Church of Christ is the only major Protestant denomination to permit the ordination of homosexuals.

In the last two years, the Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have rejected proposals to loosen church strictures on homosexuality.

But the issue has no more vanished from the sanctuaries than from the streets, as attested by the raucous protests by gay church members and their supporters after the votes. The Methodists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians all are engaged in new studies of homosexuality.

Within the ELCA, the 67-
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MAKE MY DAY



Tom Karelis, a Shao-lin karate instructor, teaches class yesterday at Memorial Coliseum.

Judge warns jury to remain objective

By Michael Fleeman
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — One juror's fear prompted a judge to warn that passion and public opinion have no place in the Reginaald Denny trial deliberations, and that jurors must show courage as they continue.

Superior Court Judge John Ouderkirk's quiet but firm instruction yesterday came a day after the jury acquitted two black men of 16 counts and convicted them of reduced charges in videotaped attacks during the 1992 riots.

The multiracial jury, considering a case focusing on the most notorious brutality of the riots, returned to work to try to decide two remaining deadlocked counts against Damian Williams, 20, and Henry Watson, 29.

The jury deliberated about 3 1/2 hours, but stopped after lunch because a woman juror was ill. Deliberations were to resume today. Supervising Superior Court Judge Cecil Mills emerged from the closed courtroom and said jurors felt they were making progress but needed some rest.

The more serious unresolved

count was an attempted premeditated murder charge against Williams in the beating of Denny, a white truck driver. The other charge accused Watson of assaulting a second trucker with a deadly weapon.

The court day began with the jury forewoman, a black woman in her 30s identified as juror No. 431, telling the judge about a problem with an unidentified female juror.

"One juror has expressed fear for herself and her family. She didn't elaborate," the forewoman said.

Ouderkirk asked the forewoman if the juror's fear was impeding deliberations.

"I don't want to speculate," the forewoman answered. "It's possible."

The judge called the entire panel and the one remaining alternate into the jury box and repeated an instruction that they must only consider the evidence and the law.

"I'm sure none of us — you and none of us out here — will ever forget our roles in this important case," Ouderkirk said. "And hopefully, you're making the right decision for the right reasons and have

Trustees discuss impact of KERA on University

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press

Preparing Kentucky's future teachers for the challenges of the Kentucky Education Reform Act was the focus of the UK Board of Trustees meeting yesterday.

"KERA has had a profound impact on the way the University, as well as the public schools, do business," Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway said.

Hemenway said KERA has affected the way UK's College of Education trains both new and experienced teachers as he introduced a presentation about the College of Education and its work with KERA and its implementation.

Dean of the College of Education J. John Harris spoke briefly about

his department's accomplishments toward achieving KERA goals.

"UK continues to be a vital partner in the revolutionary effort to improve education across the state of Kentucky," Harris said.

"UK is serving as a working partner in Kentucky's bold education movement."

In the past three years, the college has added 16 courses that include KERA concepts, Harris said.

"We are preparing teachers from a very different perspective today," he said.

"We are preparing individuals to be true education leaders."

Enrollment in teacher preparation programs for middle schools and secondary schools has increased at UK over the past three years, Harris said.

However, enrollment has de-

clined slightly for elementary and special education teachers.

"The decline is due, in part, to more stringent admission standards. We have about six or seven different criteria, and that's weeding people out," Harris said after the trustees meeting.

"The real issue in the elementary and special education (programs) is the issue of quality. We are moving to get the best students we can." In other action yesterday, the trustees approved the establishment of Kentucky Excel, a scholarship program for economically challenged and historically underrepresented students.

The scholarship is a result of an agreement between UK and former UK basketball player Jamal Mashburn, now a forward for the Dallas Mavericks.

Drug abuse conference starts today

By Jackie Flegle
Contributing Writer

Lexington will play host today to some of America's top experts on drug abuse prevention, as the first ever meeting of the Society for Prevention Research kicks off.

It is the first time that such a large group of experts on this topic will come together to compare notes, said Richard Clayton, a sociologist in UK Center for Prevention Research.

The conference, which begins tonight and concludes Saturday afternoon, will cover all types of drug abuse, ranging from cigarettes and smokeless tobacco to heroin and cocaine. Experts from across the country will attend, as will guest experts from Spain and Italy.

Among the experts who will be on hand are Elaine Johnson of the federal Substance Abuse Medical Health Services Administration, Steven Schinke of Columbia University and president of the society, and Mary Anne Pentz of the University of Southern California, who will discuss recent research on social and community factors in substance abuse.

Clayton says this year's forum will be relatively small, so that as much information as possible can be shared. He is anticipating about 70 people from other parts of the United States and about 30 people

Co-ed fraternity at your service

New UK group still in petition stage

By Heather Reister
Staff Writer

Irene Hong thought UK needed a service organization.

With the suggestions and guidance of Ginni Button, the UK chapter of Alpha Phi Omega National Co-ed Service Fraternity is being re-activated.

Hong, a psychology junior, was voted chapter president. She said she is what some people call a "responsibility chic."

Button, director of the UK Student Volunteer Center, is the advisor for the UK chapter of Alpha Phi Omega.

Both Button and Hong had been looking to bring some type of student service organization to campus.

"I think the need for this type of campus organization is reflected by the number of people who have al-

ready joined," Hong said.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm out there," Hong said. "We welcome everybody as long as you have the spirit and the time."

Alpha Zeta is the name of the petitioning campus chapter. Ten service projects must be completed and various other steps must be taken before Alpha Zeta can become a full chapter member of Alpha Phi Omega.

Until then, Alpha Zeta is considered a petitioning chapter.

"At the rate we're going, we may be an official chapter before the end of this year," Hong said.

The alternative spring break is the fraternity's largest service project planned for this year. Members are encouraged to devote their spring breaks to helping the community, Hong said.

Last year, Transylvania University

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CORRECTION:
Because of incorrect information supplied to the Kentucky Kernel, former UK student Thomas Robinson's field of study was wrong in yesterday's newspaper. Robinson was a medical technology student.

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SPORTS

Men's golf in 3rd after first round

Staff reports

The UK men's golf team is in third place going into the second round of the Persimmon Ridge Intercollegiate today in Louisville, Ky. Miami (Ohio) leads the tournament by one stroke over East Tennessee State. UK is two strokes behind Miami.

Freshman Grover Justice leads the Wildcats with a one-under 71, which ties him for third place individually. Senior Andrew Price is tied for 10th with a 74.

Michigan State's Heath Fell is in first place after carding a 69 over the first 18 holes. The tournament concludes today.

Katfish swim laps around Cards

Rivalry not there as both men and women take all the events in meet

By Brett Dawson
Staff Writer

This basketball season, UK will open its schedule with the Louisville Cardinals in a nationally televised game.

Next season, UK and U of L will square off on the gridiron in what certainly will be one of the biggest football games in the history of this Commonwealth.

These days, it's even a big deal when UK and U of L meet in soccer, volleyball, gymnastics, golf — you name the sport, and the Cats and Cards have a rivalry in it.

Unless, of course, you're talking about swimming and diving, one area in which UK athletics has far and away outdistanced U of L.

Case in point: UK's men's team for the third year in a row cruised past U of L 119-92, while the women's team crushed the Lady Cards 134-63.

Swimming coach Gary Connelly said the rivalry between the schools has been diminished by U of L's lack of ability to compete with the Katfish.

"It's not an intense rivalry like basketball or the football would be," Connelly said. "Louisville comes in, and they know that if we want to, we can really pound them."

Which is what the Katfish did. UK swimmers had the best times in all 22 events (11 each for the men and the women). Several of those times were recorded by swimmers competing in events other than the ones they usually swim.

Because some of the Katfish swam in events in which they don't usually compete, some of UK's times were considered exhibition scores, meaning U of L actually won a few events even though UK had better times.

One of UK's exhibition swimmers was sophomore Chad Cumins, who swam the 500 yard freestyle as an exhibition and didn't show up in that event's final standings, despite the fact that his time of 4:59.43 was the best among the competitors.

(Louisville is) having a little trouble with their program right now, and that takes some of the competition out of it. But it's nice to get a first win," Cumins said. "Now we're going to try to get a second win, a real big win, against Tennessee. They're one of the best teams in the nation."

The win over Louisville was the first of the season for the men's team, which fell 59-54 to Arkansas last week.

In that meet, the Cats actually finished with better times than the Razorbacks, but a UK swimmer was disqualified for going in the water at the end of a relay.

Still, Connelly said, picking up a win wasn't all that important to the men's team.

"Swimming isn't like basketball or football where the wins are real important," he said. "What matters

are the times.

"It's possible that at the end of the year, we may come up with a real lopsided win column without very many wins, but still have a very successful season because we'll qualify four or five swimmers to go to the NCAAs."

For the women, trouncing the Lady Cards improved their record to 2-0 following their 58-55 victory over Arkansas.

The women's team was paced by freshman Jenny Eckert who won the 50-yard freestyle event with a time of 25.27, as well as the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.16.

The UK diving squads also had little trouble with the Cards.

In fact, U of L's women didn't have a diver place in the top four in either of the two diving events, the one-meter and three-meter dives.

UK's Tina Johnson won both events with a score of 215.85 in the one-meter diving and a 230.17 in the three-meter. Her teammate Heather Pollard was second in both events with a 199.57 in the one-meter and a 226.12 in the three-meter.

On the men's side, Chris Allen won both events, easily outdistancing U of L's competitors by scoring a 231.15 in the one-meter and a 257.77 in the three-meter.

Soccer team to play rival Transy today

By Brett Dawson
Staff Writer

UK men's soccer coach Sam Wooten likes rivalries.

He likes it when students from both schools show up in droves and cheer wildly for their teams.

It doesn't happen too often in the world of UK soccer.

But it probably will happen today, weather permitting, as the Wildcats play what Wooten calls UK's most exciting game of the year.

It's not Louisville. And the Tennessee Volunteers aren't even on UK's schedule.

No, the team that UK calls its biggest rival in soccer is cross-town foe Transylvania.

Forget the fact that the NAIA Division-II Pioneers are the only team on the Cats' schedule outside of NCAA Division I.

Forget that Transy is not competitive with UK in any sport.

Just listen to Wooten talk, and you'll know what this game means to UK.

"I think that Transy is the greatest game of the season for this community in college soccer, without a doubt," Wooten said.

"We have more people at that game than at any other game all year."

Wooten's excitement comes despite the fact that his team is struggling this season, while Transy comes in having a terrific year and boasting one of the toughest defenses in its division.

But the UK-Transylvania matchup goes beyond win-loss records.

Wooten played his collegiate soccer for the Pioneers, and he can still remember the days when Transy refused to play the UK men's soccer team because UK's squad was a club sport.

Those days are long gone, though, and since the Cats have become a varsity sport, they own a 2-0 record against the Pioneers.

Playing an NAIA team might make some teams overconfident, but Wooten says that his team will not overlook the Pioneers.

"Transy has a lot of pride," he said. "They have a lot of character, and I really respect them."

Wooten has managed to find a silver lining in the cloud that has been his team's 4-7-3 season. He is overjoyed with his character his team has displayed.

"It's been very difficult for me because I've never been this far into the season without being up," Wooten said.

"But (the players) honestly think that they can pull this season out and at least go 5-0. "I've heard forever that you don't find out who you are until you go through a struggle. I'm finding out who we are, and I like what I'm seeing."

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Magazine accepting submissions

By John R. Wicker II
Staff Writer

The UK Honors Program currently is accepting submissions for the 21st edition of *Jar Creative Magazine*.

Jar, an annual publication, features poetry, prose and critical essays, as well as black and white photos and artwork, and photos of three dimensional artwork.

The magazine is funded entirely by the UK Honors Program and is published by students and faculty involved in the program.

Janice Winner, a math sophomore in the Honors Program and one of the magazine's three editors, said *Jar* accepts submissions from students in the Honors Program, UK students and the general public.

"We'll take submissions from someone in France, as long as it's good work," she said.

The deadline for submissions, originally Nov. 1, has been extended to Nov. 16. Editors are looking for entries in all areas, including artwork.

There also is a contest to design the cover for this year's edition.

The winning designer will receive a certificate for dinner for two at deSha's restaurant.

Submissions should be from 500-700 words, and *Jar* will accept works that have been previously published.

Entries may be hand delivered to 1153 Patterson Office Tower.

Smaller works may be submitted via electronic mail through the PRIME computer system.

They should be sent to jmwim00@ukpr.uky.edu.

All submissions will be judged by the magazine's three editors, as well as a panel of volunteers.

Final decisions will be made before Christmas break, and the people whose work will be published will be notified before the semester ends.

Another important aspect of the magazine is a monetary award for which students in the Honors Program are eligible.

Barrett awards will be given in three major categories: poetry, prose and critical essay.

English professors from Transylvania University will judge this competition.

Jar has featured works by UK faculty in the past, as well as faculty from other universities. It does not emphasize the publication of student works.

"Historically, we've had a selection of excellent student work to draw from," Winner said.

While the editors try to maintain a mixture of poetry, prose and fiction, Winner said the main criterion for inclusion in the magazine is quality.

The magazine will be published next semester before April and will be available for free at UK Bookstore, as well as the Honors Program office. Copies of last year's publication still are available at both locations.

"We're very interested in a good representation of the artistic qualities of Lexington and UK," Winner said.

Fine Arts Institute offers home for creative Lexington minds

By John Abbott
Staff Writer



Are you an amateur artist looking for some professional instruction? A budding guitar genius looking for someone to jam with? Or are you just eager to learn a new skill?

If you are any of these, UK's new Fine Arts Institute may be just the thing for you.

The institute is intended to provide arts opportunities for the community, said its director Tom Brotz. It will offer a wide variety of non-credit classes in music, dance, theater and visual arts "for everyone from 3 years old to 103 years old," he said.

The institute will make it easy for anyone, UK student or not, to receive quality training in creative disciplines, officials said.

Previously, if people in the community wanted to take a music theory class, for instance, they had to be UK students.

"Now they can just pick up the phone and take the class," Brotz said.

Brotz sees the institute as a meeting place for the high professionalism of the College of Fine Arts and



Tom Brotz, director of the Fine Arts Institute, says the institute will offer courses in music, dance and visual arts.

the community.

"More academic approaches to the arts can mingle with popular culture," he said.

"One the one hand, we're going to offer very professional classes, but on the other hand, we're going to try to find a more popular approach."

"Both groups are going to have a lot to offer each other," Brotz said.

"It can be a kind of cross-fertilization."

The institute will enable young people to take advantage of training the Fine Arts Department offers and

will allow them to take more advanced classes sooner than they otherwise would have.

"It can really enrich the experience of young artists, and it should raise the level of competence in the arts community," Brotz said.

A class that Brotz has been considering is a rock'n'roll ensemble for musicians who would rather play Hendrix than Haydn or Handel.

Classically oriented students have the orchestra and the band, but "the kids who play guitar and drums can really get left out," he said.

If students have suggestions for activities or if they would like to teach classes at the institute, Brotz said they should call the College of Fine Arts at 257-1707 and leave a message for him.

He noted that while most of the teachers probably will come from the College of Fine Arts, that doesn't mean people from outside the department cannot participate.

Brotz received his doctorate in music education from UK.

In 1972, he graduated from the Dalroze School of Music in New York, which specializes in teaching rhythmic skills through movement.

The following summer, he went to England to study at the Laban Art of Movement Studio and Peter Slade's Educational Drama Association.

From 1982 to 1993, Brotz was the director of the Children's Summer Program at UK.

The program expanded greatly under his guidance.

In 1982, Brotz had an operating budget of \$8,000 for the entire summer. By last year, Brotz said his budget had expanded to more than \$90,000.



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EDITORIAL

A person who graduates from college will make more money in a lifetime than someone without a college degree.

OK, tell us something we don't already know. A study released Thursday by three UK economists and sponsored by the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education was supposed to reveal what type of impact higher education has on the people of Kentucky.

It turned into a public relations piece for the colleges and universities in the state. In the data released, there were no substantial claims — only that going to college would help Kentuckians make more money.

Most people had figured that one out already. Mark Berger, a professor in the UK College of Economics and one of the authors of the report, said there was "a lot of debate" about how money allocated for education should be spent.

But the study never addressed this question. On Nov. 8, the Council on Higher Education will meet in Lexington to discuss another tuition increase.

If the study had been used to find something of substance, maybe students would have a better chance of keeping some money in our checkbooks next year.

FACT CAT



Dear Fact Cat: I'm 22 and healthy. Do I need a flu shot?

Dear Interested: Probably not. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends immunization for certain people at increased risk for influenza related complications.

This includes people 65 years of age or older; people with chronic medical problems, such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease; and people who have suppressed immune systems because of disease or medication.

If you have a question regarding your need for a vaccine, consult your physician or the Student Health Service.

Dear Fact Cat: Someone on our floor recently attempted suicide. We don't know what to say to him. Do we pretend like it never happened — or if not, what do we say?

Dear Concerned: You don't have to bring up the subject of suicide; however, it never hurts to show you care.

You could say something like, "I'm sorry to hear you've had some problems. I'm glad you're OK. You have friends here in the dorm who are concerned and who care."

Let him know that you're there if he wants to talk and encourage him to stay in touch with his counselor.

Send your questions to Fact Cat, c/o Student Health Service, P.O. Box 1090, Campus 40536-0284.

LETTERS

Jackson exploits fears, encourages self-victimization

To the editor:

I attended the Rev. Jesse Jackson's speech not because I'm a big Jesse Jackson supporter and definitely not because I'm a believer in everything he stands for or promotes, but because I enjoy listening and watching how powerful communicators stir up the crowd.

But as I listened and watched, I became aware of why Jackson is so popular and loved among certain groups; he entices their weaknesses.

He talks to the black community as though its members are vic-

tims of circumstance, not as a group entitled to be responsible for its own actions and choices.

I strongly believe that all groups, regardless of race, sex, religion and the latest, "sexual orientation," need to be judged on character, not stereotypes, as Jackson so emphatically stated.

But I also believe that there is a flip side to this issue as in "getting something for nothing."

At times I think this is where we have come to in our national battle for equality.

Jackson challenged his audience to "keep hope alive."

I challenge him to deal with the real problems of our society by using the real facts on why, as a people and as a nation, we continue to fight this thing called racism.

Jason D. Smithwick
Political science senior

CLARIFICATION

Because of recent misunderstandings, the Kentucky Kernel editorial board would like to clarify the definitions of columns, guest opinions, editorials and news.

Columns and guest opinions are strictly the opinions of the authors. They are not meant to be taken as news, nor do they necessarily represent the opinion of the editors of the Kentucky Kernel.

The daily editorial is written as the majority opinion of the nine-member editorial board and also is not meant to be taken as news.

Readers with concerns about these or other aspects of the paper are invited to submit letters or guest opinions.



Lesbian serial killers becoming mundane



Chris McDavid
Editorial Editor

Aren't families an endless fount of entertainment?

At a recent family reunion that my mom made me attend, I went through the usual interrogation by relatives who remember me when I was running around in diapers.

"My word, you have grown." (I stopped growing about four years ago.) "Do you have a girlfriend?" (Not in this lifetime.) "How do you like college?" (I hate it. I wish I could drop out and be a Solid Gold dancer.)

Of course, I didn't give any of these answers. I just smiled, nodded and stuffed my mouth with potato salad.

Inevitably, I got the question about my major. ("What are you going to be when you grow up?")

"I want to be a psychiatrist so I can fix my brother." (Such an endearing child.)

Following my answer of journalism, I got the clenched-teeth smile, as if to say, "And what could you possibly do with that?"

When this happens, I like to play a game where I try to impress them by exaggerating my mundane life into one of intrigue.

Fortunately for me, these people don't know me well enough to know that I'm messing with them — unlike my immediate family members, who just shake their heads and say, "It's Chris. We have to expect that sort of thing from him. He's a little funny."

But the people we ran into were impressed, thinking that we were hanging out with society's avant garde, and we had a good laugh because we know what losers we really are.

It's actually becoming more difficult to impress people, as many of you jaded readers know.

Oprah can only discuss Siamese twin, lesbian axe murderers so many times before I change the channel to a rerun of "The Facts of Life" because it's more unusual to see Mindy Cohn working.

Impressing people is not only pretentious, but it is a great source of cheap entertainment.

For example, on our latest sociological outing, my friends Molly and Tabby, and I (Chaz) got dressed very nicely as though we had a purpose, went out to dinner and told everyone that afterward we were going to a cocktail party being held by our friend Claude, the artist.

In actuality, Claude, like our hip, artsy alter-egos, doesn't exist. We were just really bored and ended up going home after dinner.

This means that it is harder to get on talk shows these days, even cheesy ones like Montel Williams and Maury Povich. (His marriage to news goddess Connie Chung is more impressive than his show.)

It's no longer enough to kill your grandma. Now, she would have to have been a dominatrix who held you prisoner in the basement and forced you to watch Susan Power infomercials if you want your 15 minutes of national notoriety.

That's bad news for an attention-monger media glut like me.

We were going to kill this annoying guy in my astronomy class, but we couldn't figure out a method outlandish enough to get us on Phil Donahue, and, hey, if I can't get on Donahue, it's really not worth the effort (or the jail time).

I'm trying to get my cat, Diva, to come up with a trick that would get us on David Letterman, but she seems to think she is above that sort of cheap exhibitionism. (She is adopted, you know.)

So I'm stuck at home on Friday afternoons (the only afternoon I'm not at Kentucky Kernel) watching fire-eating P.T.A. moms, asexual hookers and Annette Funicello, and wishing my life could be as sordid as theirs.

But even I am becoming pretty jaded. (Hard to believe, eh?)

In the grocery line a couple of nights ago, my roommate pointed out a rather gruesome picture of a soldier in Somalia on the cover of *Newsweek*. It didn't even phase me.

When it gets to the point where someone as out there as I am thinks things have gone too far, perhaps we need to rethink our definition of shocking.

Editorial Editor Chris McDavid is a journalism and political science junior.

Greek system saved columnist much pain



John Abbott
Kernel Columnist

I just can't do it anymore; I've got to own up to my mistakes.

This has been eating at me for a long time now. You see, I'm the only non-greek member of my immediate family. My dad was a Phi Tau, and my mom and sister both belonged to Chi Omega.

And, you know, it really tears me up inside sometimes, being as mean as I am to the greek system. Much as I revel in taking cheap potshots at fraternities and sororities, I know deep in my heart that, with each cutting remark, I'm also viciously degrading my beloved parents and my terrific sister.

Oh, the pain.

Let's not fight anymore; this is a time for everyone to join hands and learn to accept people's differences, even the ones that may not make you particularly happy.

Even though I have written articles in the past decrying the greek system as being a magnet for losers, and my comments to my friends have been none too complimentary, I think that it's time to bury the hatchet.

In the spirit of promoting cosmic harmony, I now would like to point out the many ways in which fraternities and sororities have exerted a positive influence on my life.

I would like to thank the Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity for getting booted off campus a couple of years ago because I would not be alive today otherwise.

You see, if you had been around my freshman year, then my dad might've "suggested" to me that I

My dad tends to offer two choices: I can either follow his little "suggestion," or I can die. I already knew when I came to this University that I was not made of fraternity stuff, so if he had come to me with another "suggestion," I would have told him no and been killed.

hungry, empty-headed wastes of human flesh. Everybody does, right?

But I would like to challenge you, right here, right now, to look deep into your own lives, and think very, very hard about what I've said.

Haven't fraternities and sororities, even in some small way, done something good for you? Maybe you learned how to make a really

tasty Singapore sling from some enterprising fraternity chap, or perhaps you became a fashion genius after having studied under the rigorous tutelage of a sorority friend?

Everybody has something to offer, you know. Everybody.

Staff Writer John Abbott is a biology senior and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

LETTERS POLICY

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions to the Viewpoint page in person or by mail. Writers should address their comments to "Letters to the Editor"; Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor, 035 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building, UK, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042. You may also respond by sending electronic mail to the editorial editor at CTMCD.A00@UKCC.

Letters should be 250 words or less, while guest opinions should be between 250 and 800 words. We prefer all material to be type-written and double-spaced, but others are welcome if they are legible.

Writers must include their names and major classifications (for publication), as well as their addresses and telephone numbers for verification. Letters that cannot be verified will not be published, nor will anonymous letters be published. Frequent contributors may be limited, and we reserve the right to edit all material.

Sex

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member Conference of Bishops has already expressed reservations about the report. The ELCA falls on the moderate end of mainline Protestantism but is more liberal than the 2.6 million-member Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

A motion earlier this month to postpone work on the sexuality statement indefinitely was withdrawn, but bishops expressed concern the proposal could threaten the new denomination's unity.

The wide-ranging report — developed after what task force members said was probably the most

"impassioned discussion of sexuality in the history of American Lutheranism" — begins with a confession that the church has too often overlooked "the created goodness of sexuality."

For example, the task force urges children, adolescents and adults to learn the pleasures their bodies can give them. "Masturbation, a means of self-pleasuring is generally appropriate and healthy," the task force said.

In many places, the report upholds traditional church teachings. Marriage is affirmed as a divine and blessed estate, and teen-agers are encouraged to be chaste until they enter "a permanent commitment."

The report attacks adultery, pro-

miscuity, sexual abuse, prostitution, anti-gay violence, pornography and the exploitation of sexuality in advertising and entertainment.

"This is not anything goes. There are some things we stand against," the Rev. Karen Bloomquist, director of the sexuality study, said in an interview yesterday.

Bloomquist said the statement balances tradition with the contemporary realities of sexual relationships among unmarried people, heterosexual and homosexual.

The report cited certain "moral imperatives," including sex education regarding such traditional concerns as monogamy and abstinence while adding "preventive practices such as the use of condoms."

Bloomquist said one group the task force kept in mind while urging the church to affirm relationships between unmarried people was those elderly couples who cohabit but remain single for economic reasons.

Homosexuals in particular "have heard much condemnation but little life-giving Gospel addressed to us as gay and lesbian Christians," the report said.

The task force said it recognizes many Lutherans take literally the biblical condemnations of homosexuality in the books of Leviticus and Romans, and oppose homosexual activity as contrary to God's law.

But the task force urged Lutherans to challenge such attitudes. They argue that "responsible biblical interpretation" strongly supports the acceptance and even the blessing of committed same-sex unions and emphasizes what they say is the pre-eminent biblical command — to "love your neighbor as yourself."

The passage in the 13th chapter of the letter from the apostle Paul to the Romans continues, "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." The report said such love "is pivotal for evaluating homosexual activity."

Gay and lesbian persons are included among the neighbors we are called by Christ to love. "Love does not stop at the parishioner's door. Even before it reaches parishion-

Service

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ty's chapter traveled to Appalachia where members helped repair homes.

Other service projects include teaching mentally handicapped young adults at the College for Living and helping to build a playground for the Chrysalis House.

Alpha Zeta has had four meetings since its inception in September. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. in 228 Student Center. "Usually, I do see more females than males at the

meetings," Hong said. "But the officers are about evenly divided by gender."

Being a member of Alpha Zeta is a major commitment, she said. Members are required to attend half the chapter's meetings and are not allowed to miss two consecutively.

Members also are required to participate in community service and actively serve on various service committees.

The purpose of Alpha Phi Omega is to provide service to humanity, to promote fellowship and to develop leadership, officials said.

As part of the fellowship, many social activities are scheduled for this year, Hong said. A pumpkin

painting party is scheduled for Oct. 23. "We will go to a pumpkin patch and pick them out, paint them and then donate them to needy children," Button said.

Volleyball and pizza parties at Woodland Park are other ways members of Alpha Zeta promote fellowship.

"I think we have the potential to be as active as the Greek social fraternities and sororities," Hong said. "We have weekly meeting and social events also."

Alpha Phi Omega National Co-ed Service Fraternity was founded in 1925 to extend the principles of the Boy Scouts of America onto the college campus.

The New Fezl



Sherman's Alley by Gibbs 'N' Voigt



The Apology



Cats & Coupon Clipper

By Brett Dawson Staff Writer

When your team is looking for a poor record, it's often just what you need.

A tourney gives the opportunity to put together back-to-back and get your season rolling.

For the UK men's soccer team, "missed opportunities" were the catchphrase this season. The Wildcats went 1-1 weekend's UK Invitational tournament, leaving them with a record, no better than the men's team began the weekend with.

Tear into the savings!
Inserted in Monday's Kentucky Kernel.

UK WELLNESS PROGRAM STRESS MANAGEMENT

"Is It Spice Or Arsenic?"

Over-stressed? UK Wellness Director Tim Dunnagan will discuss how to evaluate your stress levels and achieve optimal levels of stress.

When: Thursday, October 21
12:00-12:50 p.m.
Where: Old Student Center RM 113

"SEASONAL BLUES"

Do you experience depression with seasonal change? If so, learn coping skills to help deal with your depression.

When: Thursday, November 4
12:00-12:50 p.m.
Where: Old Student Center RM 115

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from Kentucky to attend.

The conference is not open to the public.

The UK Center for Prevention Research was the first of its kind when it was founded in 1987.

The conference is being held at the French Quarter Suites and is supported by a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Denny

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the courage to do that so when you look back on what you've done you will feel good about it."

The judge and lawyers did not use the word "riot" when addressing community reaction, but it appeared that was the underlying concern.

Denny and the others were attacked by rioters on April 29, 1992, just hours after four white policemen were acquitted on most charges in the first Rodney King beating trial.

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