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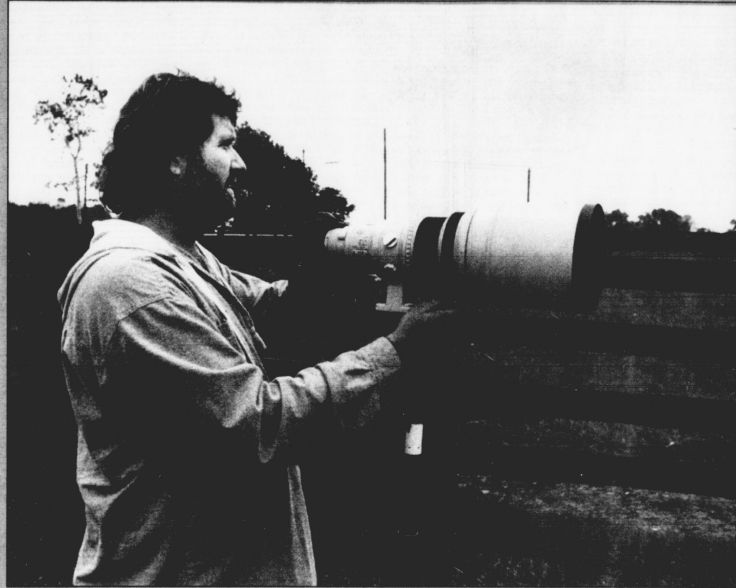
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## Picture Perfect



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Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Bill Frakes spends time at Keeneland race course yesterday during a visit to Lexington. Frakes, whose work has appeared in *Time*, *Life* and *National Geographic* magazines, also discussed his career as a photographer during slide presentation at White Hall Classroom Building and the UK School of Journalism.

### Famed photographer presents show of works

By Clarissa Blair  
Staff Writer

The lecture hall in White Hall Classroom Building was nearly pitch dark. Pictures from a slide machine projected onto the front wall while music played in the background.

But the guest of honor had not shown up.

Then, about midway into the slide show, Bill Frakes, a photographer for *Sports Illustrated*, walked in.

With tousled hair, tennis shoes, a worn out jacket and blue jeans, Frakes looked more like a student than a professional photojournalist.

When the slides ran out and the lights came on, he walked down to the front of the room and told the journalism class, "I am a very busy man."

Indeed, he is. Frakes shoots up to several hundred roles of film each

week. He has a residence in Florida and New York and a flat in London. He always has seven or eight suitcases packed, ready at any moment to be on the road.

Frakes lives from photo shoot to photo shoot.

Yesterday, he was in Lexington and out of bed by 5 a.m., taking pictures at Keeneland. But as a favor to his friend and former Miami Herald co-worker, journalism professor Steve Dozier, Frakes took a break to speak to two UK journalism classes.

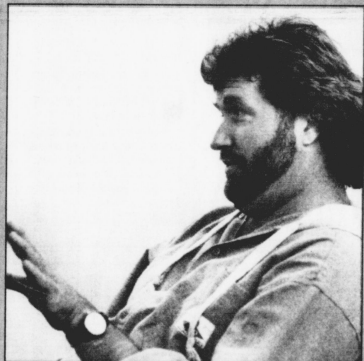
Frakes said the demands of his job may not appeal to a lot of people.

"This life isn't for everyone," he told the students. "I work all the time. I don't have a traditional social life. I see my girlfriend in Europe more than I do in the U.S."

But that's the kind of pace he likes.

"I'm always in a hurry," Frakes said. "I made it through college in three years."

While attending college in the



JAMES CROPPER/Kernal Staff

Midwest, Frakes said, he wanted to be a writer. But he later became interested in photography.

"Students need a diversity of interests," Frakes said. "It is a mistake for a journalism student to only concentrate on writing classes or working for the student newspaper. You need to work hard in every

class and be a well-rounded individual."

Frakes told the classes that competition in the professional world is tough — to be professionally successful, students need to be intelligent and motivated.

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## Clinton clings to pullout plan Somalia withdrawal supported

By Donna Cassata  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton and Senate leaders struggled yesterday to avert a showdown over congressional demands for an early withdrawal of U.S. troops from Somalia.

"I think the obvious import of what's happened in the last few days is that we're moving in the right direction and I hope we can continue to do that," Clinton said at the White House.

A leading Senate critic of the president's policy, Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., eased his demand for withdrawal by the end of the year. And the White House sought to appease angry lawmakers by furnishing — two days before it was due — a report defining the military mission as humanitarian and stating emphatically that it is not open-ended.

In an interview, Clinton reiterated his position that the United States would withdraw its forces by the end of March, but he indicated he was open to other dates.

"We could leave earlier if, No. 1, I'm sure we can do it safely, and, No. 2, it's clear to me that we've done everything that's possible to give the Somalis what you might call survival rights," Clinton said.

The president, in an interview

with Univision, a Spanish-speaking network, also conceded the mission may not achieve its goals.

"We still may not succeed. A lot of people don't think Somalia can be a nation, can't live in peace, a lot of people don't, but I think before we pull out, I think we should do everything we can so that we know we have tried, we have given those folks a chance to survive," he said.

Byrd, the Appropriations Committee chairman, had threatened the administration with a measure cutting off all funds for U.S. forces by Dec. 31. But yesterday he offered a Feb. 1 deadline — with a provision that Congress could authorize additional time.

The president was sticking to his March 31 deadline, and he worked with Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., to counter any challenge, said presidential spokeswoman, Dee Dee Myers.

Mitchell said a resolution being worked out by Senate leaders, which will be generally supportive of the president's position, should pass and will pass.

A meeting of Senate Republicans failed to produce a consensus behind a Mitchell-Dole measure that

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## Medical officials seek reform input

By Jennifer Wieher  
Contributing Writer

Representatives of the American Medical Association visited campus for the past day and a half to discuss how health care reform could affect UK's College of Medicine.

The main objective of the trip was to get input from faculty and administrators as to how the AMA could help the school.

Dr. Harry S. Jonas, UK's director of undergraduate medical education, said too little attention is being paid to medical education — especially primary care.

Under President Clinton's health care reform proposal, more emphasis would be placed on training primary care providers. Programs for specialists like chiropractors, surgeons and dermatologists would be de-emphasized.

Clinton's approach means, however, that the government will be telling universities how to train their students and how many must be family practitioners, surgeons, etc.

Jonas said medical schools do not

need federal intervention and regulation.

"We think we have a system that is pretty good," Jonas said. "And this school is a magnificent example of what schools can do without federal regulation."

Jonas said the AMA recognizes the need to train more family practitioners and that the medical school must attract more students into primary care.

To do that, the medical profession needs to address the amount of debt students incur while they are in medical school, said David Cockrum, a student representative for the AMA and a senior medical student at Texas Tech.

Cockrum said many students are drawn to the higher-paying specialties because of the need to repay their school debts.

Dr. John L. Clowe, who recently finished his term as president of the AMA, defended America's large number of specialists, saying they enhance the U.S. health care system with the expertise they provide.

"The reason American health

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## Keller recommended for SGA court seat

By Don Puckett  
Senior Staff Writer

Stephen Keller, Student Government Association President Lance Dowdy's nominee to fill a vacant Supreme Court seat, passed the first stage of his confirmation process last night with flying colors.

SGA's Operations and Evaluations Committee unanimously voted to send Keller's nomination to the full SGA Senate. If the Senate confirms Keller on Wednesday, he will fill the seat vacated by former Justice Angela Copeland.

"(Stephen) is a delight to work with," committee chairwoman Jennifer Schwartz said. "He does his job well. He knows what he's doing, and I think he'll serve well in

this capacity."

Keller's nomination received no objections, only praises. There was no debate, and the votes were cast less than five minutes after Keller introduced himself to the committee.

Dowdy could not be reached last night for comment.

The SGA Supreme Court is responsible for settling internal SGA disputes that involve interpretations of the SGA Constitution.

Keller is a member of the University Scholars Program, which allows him to pursue a master's degree in communications while he completes his bachelor's degree.

He has been active in Student Government since his freshman

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## United Way fall festival serves up autumn treats

By Chris Tipton  
Staff Writer

The patio of the Student Center was alive with action yesterday as UK's United Way campaign held its fall festival.

The annual event is part of the charity's fund-raising effort and is designed to promote campus awareness about the United Way and its mission, festival chairman Byron Robertson said.

Students and faculty who passed by were presented with a number of activities to pursue. Bake sales, desert contests and an auction of various prizes highlighted the day's events.

Among the entries in the desert contest were pumpkin pies and cakes. For a \$1 donation, onlookers could sample two entries in the contest. There also were sandwiches, chips and beverages for sale.

One of the more popular events was a live auction of featuring items like football and basketball tickets, hotel packages, a hand-made rocking horse, and a Wildcat print signed by coaches Bill Curry and Rick Pitino.

Decorated pumpkins also were auctioned, bringing anywhere from \$8 to \$25 apiece. Robertson said he was pleased with the turnout.

"It's hard to tell exactly how many people were here, since it's so spread out," he said. "But over-

all, I think it's been a good turnout. This is a fun event."

Rob Warrington, co-chairman of the United Way's student organization, said the United Way helps about one million Kentuckians.

"One in every four Kentuckians is helped by the United Way, and this is a good way to get the campus involved," he said. "The way the United Way reaches out and helps people is a good cause."

UK will continue its fund-raising efforts through Friday. The University is working toward a total donation of \$395,000.

In addition to yesterday's event at the Student Center, another festival was held at the Albert B. Chandler Medical Center.

# AMA

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care is the best in the world is because of the specialties," Clowe said.

Clowe said the AMA supports many elements of Clinton's health care reform plan, noting: "We do believe that there needs to be a change to take care of the 33 million people who currently lack health insurance."

But the AMA does not believe government should pay everyone's health bills, he added. Instead, Clowe said the uninsured should receive a federal tax credit so they can purchase private health insurance.

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# Somalia

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is consistent with Clinton's policy and maintains his deadline. The Senate suspended consideration of the defense spending bill as a handful of GOP senators, including Dole, continued to work on the resolution.

"There's a distinct sentiment, though not a majority of Republicans, to just do it now" and withdraw forces, said Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash.

The Clinton administration has tried to fight off lawmakers' demands for the immediate withdrawal of American troops following the raid on Somali forces loyal to warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid that left 18 Americans dead.

The White House report, obtained by The Associated Press, said the purpose of the mission is "to assist in providing a secure environment to enable the free flow of humanitarian relief."

The mission is being carried out by providing U.S. military logistics services to U.N. forces and by providing "U.S. combat units to act as an interim force protection supplement to U.N. forces in emergencies." "Thus, the U.S. military mission is supportive of, but more limited than, the overall U.N. mission," the report said.

The report, which was largely detailed by Clinton in his speech last Thursday, also said the pressure and presence of U.S. forces will prevent renewed civil war and help create a climate for a peaceful settlement.

"The United States has a humanitarian interest in preventing the return of the mass death caused by anarchy and famine," the report said.

In a statement accompanying it, Clinton said: "Ours was a gesture of a great nation, carried out by thousands of American citizens, both military and civilian. We did not then, nor do we now plan to stay in that country."

The Senate is expected to vote on Byrd's amendment today, and the senator said it would put lawmakers on record in approving the missions proposed by Clinton.

"The president of the United States is our commander-in-chief and I do not believe we should attempt to micromanage in the Congress," Byrd said in a speech on the Senate floor.

But he added: "We have a heavy responsibility to our citizens when we authorize the dispatch of their sons and daughters to defend our nation and our nation's interests in foreign lands."

Further muddying the issue was the closed-door testimony of Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Horst, the head of the Central Command who told senators in a briefing Tuesday that troops could be out of Somalia by the first of the year, according to a congressional source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Horst appeared again yesterday before a closed meeting of the Senate Armed Services Committee, with lawmakers seeking an explanation of his earlier testimony.

Former President Bush, who first sent the troops to Somalia last year, said Wednesday, "I think I might have tried to do some of the things differently than we're seeing now."

He said the original mission was to "open the supply lines, keep these warlords from keeping the food away from the people."

# Sherman's Alley by Gibbs 'N' Voigt



# The Blue And/Or Grey

# Keller

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year, when he was a member and secretary of the Freshman Representative Council. In 1992, he became the Senate Clerk.

During the 1992-93 academic year, he worked closely with former SGA President Pete November. Keller served as the executive director of Student Services, and was responsible for overseeing SGA committees that provide student services.

Keller says his greatest achievement in SGA is his effort to coordinate the SGA student escort service with UK's Air Force ROTC detachment.

He also cites as major achievements his work overseeing the Community College Outreach Committee, which attempts to address the needs of the community colleges, and his efforts to coordinate the SGA legal services, which provide free legal council to students.

"I've been a member of SGA for the last few years," Keller said.

"I've gained a lot of knowledge about SGA. I would really enjoy working for students in this way."

In addition to his SGA experience, Keller was a member of UK's Student Health Advisory Committee during the spring of 1993, and worked as a student orientation leader this fall.

"I feel like I know enough about SGA to help resolve any disputes about the Constitution," Keller said. "I may not know everything about the Constitution, but I feel confident enough to handle any disputes."

# Voters to decide gay rights issues

By Terry Kinney  
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Gay rights questions confront voters next month in all-American pockets of Maine, New Hampshire and Oregon and in Cincinnati, where two men once got arrested for holding

hands in a car. While the referendums signal how far the push for civil rights guarantees for gays has moved outside homosexual meccas, they also show how hard opponents are fighting it.

Measures on Nov. 2, ballots in Cincinnati and Lewiston, Maine, seek repeal of gay rights ordinances passed by their city councils.

A Portsmouth, N.H., ballot question will gauge public interest in a gay rights ordinance that City Council rejected.

And on Nov. 9, two Oregon suburbs, Oregon City and Keizer, will vote on a proposed gay rights ban — though the state legislature outlawed local gay rights ordinances of any kind.

As homosexuals shed their secrecy, they are making local politicians understand the need to protect gays against bias in housing, public services and the workplace, said David Smith, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington.

"The movement is breaking out beyond the gay ghettos," Smith said.

"It's moving out to small cities and counties throughout the country."

"The old adage that 'We are everywhere' is true."

To date, some form of civil rights protection for gays has been enacted or become government policy in eight states and 75 cities and counties nationwide, Smith said.

Many forays provoke a backlash, however, like Colorado's ban against gay rights approved last year by referendum and now the subject of a state trial over its constitutionality.

Without fanfare last year, Cincinnati's City Council banned discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment and public accommodations in the city of 394,000.

The conservative coalition Take Back Cincinnati promptly collected 17,000 signatures seeking a voter repeal of the ordinance.

"We believe the homosexual should be afforded the same rights as everybody else," said Phil Burgess, a Take Back spokesman.

"But minority class status should be based on who you are, not what you do."

The League of Women Voters, the Equality Foundation of Cincinnati and individuals have gone to court seeking to knock the measure off the ballot.

But Paul Madore of the Citizens of Lewiston for the Repeal of Special Homosexual Rights said homosexuals feel discrimination "because society does not accept the way they live."

Portsmouth, a blue-collar tourist seacoast city of 26,000, favors the label "progressive."

But it is undecided about gay rights.

After the City Council this year rejected a gay rights ordinance, it decided to put the issue to voters as a nonbinding referendum.

In Oregon, the anti-gay rights Oregon Citizens Alliance has measures on ballots in Oregon City, a Portland suburb, and Keizer, outside Salem, that would bar local governments from protecting gays from bias.

Last year, the alliance failed to win statewide voter approval for a constitutional amendment denouncing homosexuals as perverse.

The group later succeeded in getting 15 cities and counties to ban gay rights, but the effort was undone by a state law enacted Aug. 3 barring local ordinances addressing gay rights.

The alliance has challenged the law in court as unconstitutional.

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# DIVERSIONS

## Women's music tunes up 'Garage'

### The Face Behind The Voice

Editor's note: This article is fourth in a five-part series on WRFL-FM

By Mary Whitmer  
Staff Writer

In the past few decades, women have entered almost all previously male-dominated jobs and activities. They have infiltrated the field of medicine, penetrated the profession of law, climbed Capitol Hill, and now — invaded the garage.

"Girls in the Garage" is two hours of WRFL-FM airtime devoted to the music of female artists. The show, conceived by disc jockeys Ashley Judd, Robin Atwell and Todd Hiett, began under the name "Women's Music" in 1990.

The founding DJs had differing musical backgrounds, but all saw the need for a show on women's music.

"We all had different reasons, but we all knew it was necessary," Hiett said.

Judd, the sister of country singer Wynonna, designed the original format to emphasize folk and grass-roots music.

"Since 1990, 'Women's Music' has evolved into the alternative-influenced 'Girls in the Garage,'" Hiett, now the sole DJ of the show, renamed the program to describe its harder and more visceral format.

Although a male DJ hosting a format of female artists may seem strange, the combination works well for Hiett. His admiration for female artists is quite apparent.

Originally, Hiett began the show because he enjoyed the music of female performers. Although women can rock just as hard as men, Hiett said, they have a different inner nature.

"They have their own set of rhythms and needs to work out," he



WRFL disc jockey Todd Hiett announces his next song on "Girls in the Garage," a show devoted exclusively to women's alternative music. "Girls" airs Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.

said. Hiett said he believes the alternative format of "Girls in the Garage" promotes women artists because the alternative music scene has never excluded women.

"Girls in the Garage" features such all-female bands as The Breeders, The Muffs, Hole and Babes in Toyland — the only female band on last summer's Lollapalooza tour.

Hiett said "Girls in the Garage" gives WRFL listeners the alternative rock they want because the alternative Top 10 includes many female artists.

From time to time on the show, Hiett talks with special guests from different local bands. Last week's special guest was Becky Sturde-

vant, saxophone player for Vale of Tears.

"Girls in the Garage" also features bands in which women are not the lead singers. Such groups include Sonic Youth and Black Flag, which have female bass players.

Hiett's personal favorite is Courtney Love, lead singer of Hole, whom he describes as a great thinker.

"I would like to write and think like she does," he said.

Currently, Hiett is forming his own band, tentatively named Betty's Hell, with three female friends.

Hiett hopes listeners will approach "Girls in the Garage" with open minds. "Judge them on ability, not gender," he said.

He is optimistic about the show's success. However, he would like to see the day when there will be no need for shows like "Girls in the Garage" because there would be no point.

"Girls in the Garage" airs from 3 to 5 p.m. Sundays on WRFL-FM.

Mr. Farrah



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## Tool skillfully drills angst into emotional rock'n'roll



By Mitchell Douglas  
Staff Critic

The buzz from this summer's third-annual Lollapalooza tour was that a relatively unknown quartet from Los Angeles called Tool stole the show, turning heads and winning fans during its stint on the festival's smaller second stage.

Just as Tool moved to the main stage on the latter half of the tour, its debut release, *Undertow*, will move the group into the ranks of rock world mainstays.

Tool wastes no time submersing you in the weight of the undertow, diving in with a swift cry against deceit ("Intolerance"), the aftermath of a brutal attack behind bars ("Prison Sex") and the MTV favorite "Sober."

Utilizing interesting and somewhat bizarre animation, "Sober" could be in the running for an MTV video award next year.

This isn't the first band to come along with a rough sound and confrontational lyrics, a style that immediately conjures up labels of alternative, punk, metal — or all three.

But Tool escapes the rap of being defined with the help of a smooth mix by Ron St. Germain, a display of roots in classic rock and the surprisingly melodic vocals of Maynard James Keenan.



Keenan is confident, vulnerable and raging — sometimes all in one song.

In the guise of wailing vocals and guitar fury, Tool delivers a musical testimony of how it feels to drown in physical and emotional abuse yet live to tell about it. When the current subsides, you'll be glad you were pulled under.

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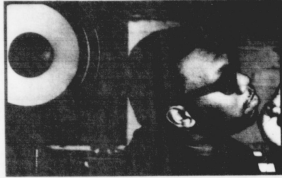
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"The Wedding Banquet"  
The Samuel Goldwyn Company

By Graham Shelby  
Senior Staff Critic

### MOVIE REVIEW

"The Wedding Banquet" highlights the clashes and conciliations of generations and ideals, of nationality and sexuality.

Director Ang Lee assembled an outstanding cast to tell the story of Wai-Tung Gao (Winston Chao), a successful businessman who left his Taiwanese home 10 years ago to study and work in the United States.

At the urging of his lover, Simon (Mitchell Lichtenstein), Wai-Tung reluctantly agrees to marry their mutual friend Wei-Wei (May Chin), an artist from mainland China who lives in America illegally. Fooling the immigration service looked to be their only problem until Wai-Tung's parents, overjoyed that their son finally is marrying, announce they are flying to New York for the ceremony.

Dissatisfied with their son's spartan city hall wedding, Mr. and Mrs.



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Wai-Tung Gao (Winston Chao) reluctantly kisses his bride Wei-Wei (May Chin) during their marriage of convenience.

Gao arrange for a huge banquet with hundreds of guests and traditional Chinese customs.

The wedding night includes an apparently customary "invasion" of the couple's bedroom by dozens of friends, who drink, gamble and force the newly-betrothed to get under the covers and take all their clothes off before the invaders will leave.

Up to this point, the film focuses more on the comedic potential of the story, which is somewhat de-emphasized towards the film's conclusion. The sort of sitcom-variety deception employed early on is backed up with realistic conse-

quences. Director and co-writer Ang Lee could have easily just gone for laughs and deserves credit for showing that even well-intentioned deceit has consequences.

What works so well for the movie is that Lee clearly respects the perceptions and perspectives of the different characters. The relationship between Wai-Tung and Simon is given dignity and realism. They hug; they argue; they talk about their work and their families and the trips they want to take. Lichtenstein is terrific. Simon's character is open and understanding to family and culture, yet becomes understandably frustrated with the charade he's forced to conduct.

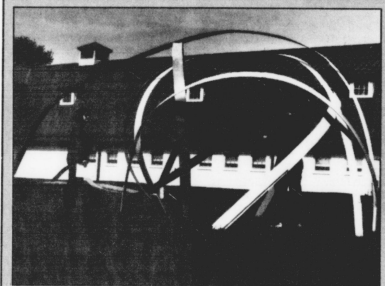
Lee could easily have made the Taiwanese parents into caricatures and made the film a story about how the Americanized Asian overcomes the restrictive hold of his own cultural traditions and finds newfound freedom in America.

Instead, the film illustrates that presuming the reactions of others is foolish, regardless of generation, background or nationality.

"The Wedding Banquet" operates on several different levels and delivers from fade-in to fade-out.

"The Wedding Banquet," not rated, is showing at the Kentucky Theatre through Oct. 28.

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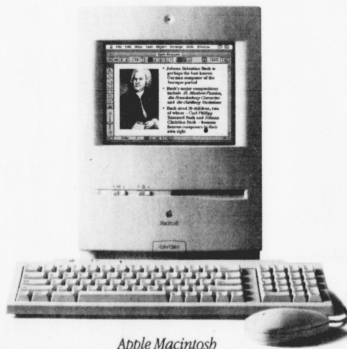
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## Diverse students deserve diverse administrators running their university

### EDITORIAL

For the past four days, the Kentucky Kernel has been feeding you facts about the status of women and minority administrators at UK.

It is easy to get lost in a storm of statistics, so we provided you with some feelings to go with the facts.

But where do we go from here? In the information age, one can chew on news but not necessarily digest it.

The administration seems to be digesting it well. Upper-level commitment to hiring minority and female faculty has been well publicized, and we have commended administrators in the past for that commitment.

Their goal, contained in the University's Strategic Plan, to increase women and minority administrators 10 percent by 1996 is evidence that they are open to change.

A 10 percent increase may seem like a small number, but considering the financial problems the University is weathering and the on-going battle among universities nationwide for qualified minority and female faculty and administrators, it is an ambitious goal. We hope they will be able to meet and surpass it.

Why is it necessary to carry out this goal? Because no matter how objective we attempt to be, we cannot escape the fact that everyone examines things from his or her unique point of view. Be it as a white male, a black female or anything in between.

If UK is to offer a well-rounded education, we must have voices from all perspectives presenting it.

A diverse student body taught by a diverse faculty shouldn't be directed by the view of one administrative perspective.

## SGA needs praise as well as criticism

### Guest Opinion

If you have younger brothers or sisters, chances are you have experienced happiness and joy or anger and frustration because of their actions.

When they borrowed clothes from you without asking, you became frustrated. Another time, you felt happy when they bought you a birthday gift.

As the older sibling, such experiences caused you to criticize and praise your younger sibling.

Upon reflection, I have discovered that I have been quick to criticize my younger brother and slow to praise him.

I would guess that most of us, in retrospect, would make the same discovery if we examined our treatment of our younger siblings.

Arguably, the Student Government Association is a lot like the younger sibling whom we are quick to criticize and slow to praise. With every mistake the organization makes, someone speedily faults its members.

Seemingly everywhere on campus, everyone can think of something negative to say about SGA.

I spoke with a student one day who said the organization "had done nothing for him."

Another student expressed extreme displeasure with the annual SGA spring elections.

Even Kentucky Kernel columns and editorials reflect the overall negative sentiment of the student body toward this organization. One writer recently claimed that SGA is not "real government" and is "just taking up space."

A recent editorial claimed that student senators have much to learn about money management.

In my opinion, this organization, the younger sibling, is readily criticized and rarely praised.

Instead of focusing on its mistakes, let us examine what it has done well.

SGA co-sponsored the recent lecture by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, one of the most gifted speakers of our day.

Each year, SGA provides a phone directory to all staff, faculty and students.

Last year, the organization devoted \$9,400 to the purpose of providing academically talented and economically disadvantaged students with scholarships and child care grants. This year, the figure climbed to \$9,900.

In addition, SGA continues to provide a legal service, free of charge, to help students resolve their disputes with landlords, spouses, roommates, etc.

The organization sponsors a tutoring service at no cost.

The SGA-sponsored escort service, run excellently by Air Force Capt. David Hysong and his ROTC cadets, helps to make campus a little safer during the evenings.

The list of accomplishments could go on and on. SGA has made and will make some mistakes.

Only a reasonable person would expect the same of any student organization. Maybe student senators have something to learn about managing money, but it is not for me to determine.

Certainly, SGA is "real government." If it is not, how come so many people feel so strongly that it has done nothing for them?

Logically, those who share this view should be neutral toward the organization, for it would be a waste of time to feel strongly about something that is not real.

Granted, it does not have the scope of federal, state or local government, but SGA handles "real" student money and "real" student concerns.

If you now think a little differently about SGA, I have succeeded in writing this letter.

If you still have the same opinion of it, I ask you to show a little compassion. It is very difficult to succeed when 24,000 of your brothers and sisters are poised to criticize your next move.

Stephen Keller is a communications graduate student and former executive director of SGA.



## Verbal abuse counts as sexual harassment

I have had a column topic in mind for three days, but I haven't had time to put it in the computer until now. (Yes, I am a Generation X baby — I can't write creatively without a computer.)

Patron Saint Diva Column Goddess Ellen Goodman published a column yesterday on the same subject.

Never fear, because I resisted temptation and didn't read it, so any similarities between the two are purely coincidental. And to Ms. Goodman, forgive me. I do my best.

Yesterday, the Supreme Court began hearing arguments in a case that should finally draw a line for those of you who are still in the dark about what you can get away with when addressing a woman in the workplace.

Tennessee resident Teresa Harris is suing her ex-employer, Charles Hardy, for sexual harassment.

He never touched her, nor did he ever attempt to use his power over her to coerce her into sexual relations.

In fact, Charles Hardy is what many men of his, and unfortunately my, generation are — adolescent boors.

He would make jokes in the office about breast size and encourage female employees to fish coins from his front pants pocket.

Sort of like crazy old uncle Jim, who calls women things like Little Missy, pats them on the behind and never really means any harm.

My roommate has to deal with

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these men when she's waiting tables. We acknowledge that they are offensive, but offensive speech is far from illegal.

But wait, there's more! You didn't honestly think I would write a column with nothing to be outraged about, did you?

Hardy also humiliated Harris in front of co-workers by ridiculing the size of her butt and remarking,

"When a construction worker shouts, 'Hey baby, I got what you need right here' at a woman, it is offensive."

But that woman is not beholden to the worker for her career. He has no power over her other than the political and social power that men have had over women for centuries.

However, as her boss, Hardy created an environment in which the only escape from the abuse for Harris was resigning a job she needed to survive.

able as a person because of her body size, Hardy is creating an environment that would affect Harris' work and her emotional state.

Fortunately for Hardy, when this case was heard by a federal magistrate in Nashville, who based his ruling on a highly criticized precedent from a Michigan case in 1987, the judge decided Hardy was insensitive, but his behavior wouldn't be expected to seriously affect Harris psychologically.

Then again, he may be in for a letdown this week because most courts have rejected that ruling on the grounds that psychological damage should not have to be in evidence for abuse to have occurred.

The Supreme Court (with the exception of Justice Clarence Thomas, no doubt) is expected to reject the precedent as well.

So for all of you out there who still think it's good fun to harass women at the workplace in the name of free speech, get prepared for a wake-up call. Your time of control by intimidation may finally be ending.

Great. Now I can go read Ellen Goodman's column I've been saving all week.

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Hardy also humiliated Harris in front of her co-workers by ridiculing the size of her butt. He calls it good fun. I call it emotional abuse, as would the 50 percent of women who say they have been sexually harassed in the workplace.

"You're a dumb-ass woman. We need a man as the rental manager."

Or how about those tender little vignettes: "Let's go to the Holiday Inn to negotiate your raise," and "Teresa, don't you think it is about time we started screwing around? You and Larry have been married for over a year now."

But it was all meant in fun after all, right? That's what Hardy's attorneys says.

Wrong! Sorry, cowpoke, but there's a world of difference between being offensive and using your power to degrade and humiliate an employee.

According to the Supreme Court in its only ruling on sexual harassment, federal discrimination laws are violated when the harassment is "sufficiently severe or pervasive to alter the conditions of the victim's employment and create an abusive work environment."

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There can be no doubt that by downgrading Harris' contribution to the company because of her sex and suggesting that she is less val-

## Somalia conflict baby of Bush's world order

President Clinton's new Somalia policy, which commits more than 3,000 new troops to the region with the promise of a full withdrawal by March 31, has received criticism from all sides.

U.S. News and World Report, among others, reported this week that the crisis in Somalia could "do irreparable harm to Clinton's presidency."

But let us not forget who started this "quagmire."

Former President Bush initially sent troops to Somalia a few weeks before he left office.

For Bush, Somalia was supposed to be a paradigm for future United Nations peace-keeping missions in the "New World Order."

In Bush's utopia, if national governments, like Somalia's, strayed too far from the mandates of international law, the U.N. would act as the world's police force and come to the rescue.

Iraq, in a limited sense, provided the first example.

U.N. forces liberated the people of Kuwait from the human rights abuses of Saddam Hussein.

But members of the U.N. coalition also had their own clear national interests in Iraq.

For nations in the Middle East, the national interest was the security of their own borders.

For other nations outside the re-

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gion, it was the stability of world oil markets.

To more sharply define his vision of the new international political system, Bush wanted to leave the New World Order with a precedent for purely humanitarian intervention — one where there was no clear national interest at stake other than the alleviation of

with compassion.

A January L.A. Times poll showed that 84 percent of Americans supported the use of force in Somalia.

Even after the U.N.'s goals had clearly shifted from feeding the hungry to capturing Somali warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid, a solid majority of Americans still supported the U.N.'s role.

A June Gallop poll revealed that 74 percent of Americans still favored U.S. involvement in Somalia.

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The media landed in Somalia before the troops.

Back home, Americans were quickly bombarded with pictures and stories of starving Somalis.

Americans were at first filled

chael Durrant, newspapers proudly displayed his mug shot and claimed that the war in Somalia "had a face."

Comparisons to Vietnam were a dime a dozen.

An ABC poll conducted Oct. 7 found that 64 percent of Americans think U.S. forces should "leave Somalia soon, even if there is no functioning civil government."

Call it the Vietnamization of Bush's New World Order.

It is simply unrealistic to expect U.S. troops to successfully complete a peace-keeping mission (in Somalia, Bosnia, Haiti or elsewhere) and return without casualties.

Yet, Somalia proves that Americans are unwilling to sacrifice even a few American soldiers to promote a purely humanitarian cause.

In a few months, the American military will turn its tail and run.

The resulting power vacuum surely will be filled by the same warlords who were oppressing the innocent Somalis in the first place.

And military strategists once again will be trying to make sense of the Old World Disorder.

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