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Justices weigh death penalty for teen killers

By RICHARD CARELLI
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WASHINGTON — In cases from Kentucky and Missouri, the U.S. Supreme Court was urged yesterday to find a national consensus "against executing our young" and ban the death penalty for all juvenile murderers.

"There is a consensus of opinion in this country against executing our young," argued attorney Nancy McKerrow in behalf of a Missouri death row inmate condemned for a murder he committed when he was 16.

But questions from the bench during two hours of arguments in the cases suggested the justices doubt that any clear consensus exists.

The high court is to decide by July whether imposing the death penalty on

murderers who committed their crimes before reaching the age of 18 represents the "cruel and unusual punishment" banned by the Constitution's Eighth Amendment.

In the Kentucky case, Kevin Stanford was sentenced to death for a killing he committed when he was 17. In the Missouri case, Heath Wilkins was condemned for a murder he committed when he was 16.

The court's decision will affect only 31 of the more than 2,300 death row inmates nationwide. Anti-capital punishment forces nevertheless are attaching enormous importance to the issue.

The justices were told that of the 36 states with capital punishment laws, only 12 ban the death penalty for killers who were under 18 when they committed their crimes.

Noting the lack of unanimity among

state legislatures, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist asked, "Why should we set the bright line at 18?"

McKerrow, a lawyer from Columbia, Mo., answered that 18 "is the age most commonly chosen for demarking the separation between childhood and adulthood."

She noted that 80 Missouri laws treat individuals under 18 differently from those over 18 — including laws that bars juveniles from witnessing executions.

McKerrow also noted that the American Bar Association and the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges have supported banning capital punishment for juvenile killers.

Frank Hett Jr., a Louisville lawyer, argued for Stanford that people under 18 are "children who have not evolved into adults" and who "have a tremendous capacity for change."

The issue is not whether a line should be drawn but where to draw the line," Hett contended.

Lawyers for Kentucky and Missouri urged the justices to leave any line-drawing to state legislatures.

Kentucky Attorney General Fred Cowan said state legislatures may choose to exempt juveniles from the death penalty as a matter of mercy, but argued, "The Constitution is an instrument of justice, not an instrument of mercy."

Missouri Assistant Attorney General John Morris III asked, "What is a national consensus?"

He said the fact that Wilkins, the convicted Missouri killer, could have been condemned in 22 states despite his age "demonstrates an absence of a national consensus" regarding a minimum age for executions.

The high court effectively drew the allowable capital-punishment line at age 16 last year when it voted 5-3 to throw out the death penalty of an Oklahoma killer who committed his crime when he was 15.

Four members of the court — Justices William J. Brennan, Thurgood Marshall, Harry A. Blackmun and John Paul Stevens — said in that decision that the death penalty is unconstitutional for those younger than 16.

Three — Rehnquist and Justices Byron R. White and Antonin Scalia — said that the Constitution does not set such age limits.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who asked only two neutral questions Monday, provided a fifth vote last year but stopped short of calling for the abolition of capital punishment for killers under 16.



ERIE WATERS: People fish from a light-house pier this weekend on Lake Erie in Ontario, Canada. The fishermen enjoyed a 73-degree day.

ALAN HAWSE/Kernal Staff

Students to protest wage training time

By MICHAEL L. JONES
Staff Writer

Frontlash, the student group of the AFL-CIO, the College Democrats and the Gray Panthers are sponsoring a demonstration today to protest President Bush's plan for a six month subminimum wage period for new employees.

The protest will be held at 2 p.m. at the Burger King on Nicholasville Road.

The President wants to amend a bill currently in Congress that would raise the minimum wage to \$4.55. There is fear that he will veto the bill unless a provision is added for a training period in which new employees are paid a subminimum wage.

Joel Klavervamp, the executive director of Frontlash, said that his group is organizing protests at universities all over the country.

"The proposal is not kinder and gentler," Klavervamp said. "It's just plain cruel."

Klavervamp said that 11 percent of all employees who are paid minimum wage are over 50 years old.

"We think it's wrong for senior citizens to have to work for subminimum wage," said Klavervamp.

He also said that it would be wrong to pay students subminimum wages.

"Students are saving for college," said Klavervamp. The proposal is not part of a bill yet, but Frontlash wants to make sure that it never is.

"Longer hours should be spent studying," Klavervamp said, "not flipping burgers."

Joseph Elias, of the College Democrats, said that the groups chose Burger King as the demonstration site because Pillsbury, the company that owns the Burger King chain, is backing the idea of a subminimum wage training period. Richard Berman, the leading lobbyist for the National Restaurant Association, is a former Burger King employee.

Elias said that his group was worried about students who do workstudy or work at local businesses.

"Colleges and businesses could say that they were training you for six months," Elias said, and since school only lasts nine months that they could go down to subminimum wage every fall.

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More SGA endorsements keep coming

Staff reports

The Lexington Community College Association of Students endorsed Kennedy James and Pat Hart for SGA president and vice president at its forum last night.

"We feel like these students are best for LCC students," said Chris Essid, president of LCCAS and an LCC senator for the Student Government Association. "Pat was a community college student, and we felt he could do the best for LCC."

The eight members of LCCAS, excluding Essid, ranked candidates on a scale of one to 15 and voted on the following candidates to be endorsed for this year's election. The

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Peace class to begin on campus next semester

By MICHAEL L. JONES
Staff Writer

When Washington Post columnist Colman McCarthy visited UK last fall, he said that the American educational system is teaching the "history of violence."

"There ought to be a degree program in peace studies here at the University of Kentucky," McCarthy said. "Students want to know about it."

McCarthy teaches courses in alternatives to violence at high schools in Washington D.C. and at the University of Maryland. He said that already nearly 70 universities in the United States offer degree programs in peace, and about 200 offer classes on that topic.

Due to McCarthy's speech and a petition signed by 500 UK students and Lexington residents, UK is offering a course entitled "Peace and Justice in History" for the fall semester. The course will be taught by N.G. Nugent, a history professor.

The subject is not new to Nugent, who has taught a course on "Religion and Revolution" and has been politically active at UK.

"I'm not green to it," Nugent said. "I've been around since the '60s and was active in the Vietnam protest."

The course is designed to examine peace from varying perspectives.

"It's not just going to be current events. That can be superficial," Nugent said.

"The problem is what is to be included and excluded."

McCarthy has suggested that students should read books such as Gandhi's *All Men Are Brothers*, Martin Luther King Jr.'s *Declaration of Independence from the War in Vietnam* and Henry David Thoreau's *On the Duty of Civil Disobedience*.

Nugent said that he has not come up with a definite syllabus but that the class will consist of lectures (many by guest speakers), books and films. One of the films that he is considering is director Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove."

The class is listed under History (HIS 353), Religious Studies (RS 352) and Arts and Sciences (A&S 300). Nugent said he

hopes that many students will register for the class.

"We might be able to provide some stimulation and growth to issues that are important today," Nugent said.

A number of student groups are working toward increasing the number of courses offered on peace and eventually establishing a degree offered in peace studies.

McCarthy said that classes on peace are important because "we have a government that is committed to violence."

Information for this story also was gathered by Special Projects Writer Julie Eselman.

Leadership course deemed a success by its participants

By CHRIS GRANTZ
Contributing Writer

UK's first program aimed at developing the leadership skills of UK students has been a success, according to participants in the program.

And due to that success, organizers plan on having more such programs implemented in the future.

The Emerging Leader Institute is made up of 25 freshmen and sophomores selected by faculty and program advisers on the basis of applications and recommendations.

It is designed to develop students' lead-

ership potential by using hands-on experience and educational forums.

Chosen from 60 applicants, this group has taken on a variety of projects ranging from starting new student organizations to developing career opportunities and personal goals. The majority of projects have community service themes.

"Some students want to learn what a possible career is all about. Others want to use their leadership skills in community projects," said Cynthia Moreno, assistant director of student affairs and an adviser to the participants of the Emerging Leader Institute.

One student in the program, Roland

Arnold, used the shadowing technique to determine whether a job in law enforcement is what he wants. He spent some time with a UK police officer.

"I'm considering being a police officer, and I've discovered it's different than what I expected. There wasn't much action, only a few drinks," said Arnold, a history freshman.

Denny Brantigan is working on a project that could improve UK — and the world. She and a number of other students are working on getting a "Peace and Justice" degree set up at the University.

Although part of the program is already

implemented, she considers it a long-term venture.

"This is something I'd be doing anyway. What we're doing now is trying to get other students and faculty to continue the program into the Spring of 1990," Brantigan said.

Participating students not only experience the real world but receive one hour of Experiential Education credit as they complete their projects and give presentations to the other participants.

Expansion is not in the future of this program, but according to Moreno, it will continue in the fall along with a similar project focusing on juniors and seniors.

Critics say Chandler's word not exactly the gospel truth

Associated Press

Critics have taken aim at former Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chandler's colorful autobiography, saying some of the public matters he wrote about occurred only in his mind.

But the 90-year-old Chandler always has been a controversial figure during his long public career that included serving as governor twice, a U.S. senator and national baseball commissioner.

His position on the UK Board of Trustees and his use of a racial slur have brought him some negative coverage lately, but he was no less controversial at 37, when he was the "boy governor."

And, there is his recently published book.

Many of the episodes recounted in the book are personal, and some have rekindled old political feuds.

For instance, Chandler recounts how, when running for his second term as gov-


ernor in 1955, he told voters they could come in after the election and wipe their shoes on what he said was a \$20,000 rug Gov. Lawrence Wetherby bought for the governor's office.

Wetherby took exception then, and he still does.

"It was a \$2,000 rug, and we told Chandler that and gave him a copy of the invoice and told him to quit lying about it," Wetherby said. "And he said, 'Well, the people love to hear it.'"

Chandler tells how he became ill in the closing days of a 1938 campaign for the U.S. Senate. He said he thought someone working for his opponent, Sen. Alben Barkley, put poison in his water.

"There isn't and never was an iota of proof that anybody attempted to poison Happy's drinking water," said former Gov. Bert Combs. "And he doesn't come up with any proof. He just says it happened."

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Painful experiences proved beneficial to UK gymnast Sill

By BOB NORMAN
Staff Writer

Looking forward to what promised to be her best season of competition, UK gymnast Diane Sill felt like she was indestructible and indispensable.

But after going through a tough year, she has found out otherwise. And she found out the hard way through hard falls and painful injuries. It made Sill's senior season, the last opportunity that she would have to practice a sport that she was devoted to, look bleak.

"It was very disappointing," Sill said of her injuries. "I was devastated."

Her troubles began before the season even started with a fall from the balance beam last September. She was six feet in the air and she landed square on her tailbone.

"You could hear it crack all over the gym," UK coach Leah Little said.

She missed five weeks of work-out because of the injury, but after rehabilitation Sill was ready for the season when Excite Nite, the team's debut, came around. The debut nearly ended with Sill's finale. She dislocated her shoulder.

Despite the bad start to her final season, Sill still was able to compete, but only in certain events. Sill, however, is an all-around competitor. And when it comes to gymnastics, she says, she likes to do it all. If Sill can't, she can't be satisfied.

"I really missed being in the all-around. It just wasn't the same," Sill said.

Sill's shoulder slowly got better, and she finally returned to all-around competition. In her second full meet, the team's fifth, the results were fantastic.

"I found then that I'm not indispensable. I learned real quick this year the risk is there."

Diane Sill,
UK gymnast

She won the meet. First place all-around.

The feat did not surprise many people, since Sill had shown steady improvement every year she had been at UK, and her last season — in the words of her coach Leah Little — should have been "her best yet."

At that moment it looked as if Sill would excel like she never had before. It looked like she might accomplish the elusive goal that she had wanted since she began her collegiate career: to qualify for the NCAA Nationals.

She wanted to be a part of the elite.

"I finally felt like everything was coming together," Sill, a spry brown-haired gymnast, said. "I was going to go out better than I had been in the past."

Unfortunately, she savored her victory but for a very short time. The next weekend the team traveled to Iowa. As Sill was tumbling before a meet, she landed wrong on her left knee. Badly. Her gymnastics career was put in jeopardy once again.

"My initial reaction was that I thought I would never compete again," Sill said of the accident. "The trainers didn't even know what was wrong at first."

In just three days, she would undergo arthroscopic surgery, and the results would determine whether Sill — who had been tum-



DAVID MULLINS/Kentucky Kernel

UK gymnast Diane Sill (above) didn't let a painful injury get in her way en route to an outstanding year for the Gymnats.

bling since she was nine and was the only senior on the Kentucky gymnastics team — would ever compete again.

"I found then that I'm not indispensable," Sill said. "I learned real quick this year the risk is there."

The results were not good, but they could have been much worse. She would miss three meets completely, and then she would once again have a chance to compete in limited action. The trainers said Sill might not be able to compete all-around again.

Limited action for Sill meant no floor routine. The floor routine is Sill's favorite event, and she had to watch from the sidelines while others danced.

"I was at the meets and it was tough watching them," Sill said. "In Louisiana (one of the two meets she would miss altogether) I was crushed. I knew I was as good

as anyone else but I wasn't able to compete."

But Sill didn't give up. She started rehabilitation right after surgery and began to improve immediately. She was determined to get back on the mats. The four hours a day Sill spent with weight machines, ultrasounds, and other exercise equipment has made that possible.

"I really wanted to stick it out," Sill said. "It was a personal goal. After I hurt my knee I knew I would be satisfied if I just competed all-around in the regionals."

Her determination has paid off, and Sill's long-awaited quest for satisfaction in her sport may come soon. This Saturday in Memorial Coliseum, Sill will once again compete all-around. It is to be the last meet of her career, and she will finish in style.

"I'm very excited to end it with everything," Sill said.

Dykes is 3rd coach for UK to quit post

Staff reports

Jimmy Dykes resigned Friday afternoon, making him the third member of UK's embattled basketball staff to quit his position.

"I deeply regret the situation surrounding Coach Sutton's resignation, and I feel it is in my best interest to also resign as basketball coach at this time," Dykes said in a prepared statement.

The 27-year-old Dykes, who

joined the UK staff in June 1987, was not named in any of the 18 NCAA allegations against the UK basketball program.

Last week, Eddie Sutton resigned under pressure as UK head coach. Dwane Casey's resignation followed the day after. Dykes' departure leaves only James Dickey remaining.

Both Dykes and Dickey cleared out their offices last week. Dykes played four years for Sutton at the University of Arkansas.

"I remain very appreciative for the opportunity to work for the best coach in the game today at one of the nation's great institutions," the statement read. "I wish only the best for the University of Kentucky and its basketball program."



DYKES

Football Wildcats lose Adams for next year

Staff reports

UK defensive guard Vic Adams will forego the 1989 football season because of chronic neck problems, head coach Jerry Claiborne announced Sunday.

Adams, a 6-foot-1, 280-pound senior-to-be from Middlesboro decided to pass up his last season of eligibility after being diagnosed with a nerve impairment (brachial plexus stretch syndrome) of the neck. This condition increased the risk of permanent injury, prompting Adams to end his football career.



ADAMS

"It's unfortunate Vic had to end his career this way," Claiborne said. "He's been a leader for us and the true definition of student-athlete. We will certainly miss his leadership and consistency on the football field next year."

Adams finished the 1988 season, his third consecutive year as a starter at right defensive guard, with 89 tackles, including one sack and four tackles behind the line. He turned in a career-high 15 tackles in the 16-10 upset of then 11th-ranked University of Georgia.

Career-wise, Adams finishes with 197 tackles and five sacks. He was credited with 61 tackles as a sophomore (1986) and 47 stops as a freshman (1985).

According to Claiborne, Adams will remain in the UK football program this spring as a student coach.

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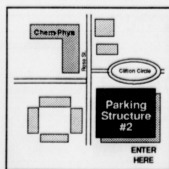
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Spill to give environmentalists ammunition

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The massive oil spill that threatens waterfowl and fish off the Alaska coast is expected to give ammunition to environmentalists fighting to keep oil developers out of a pristine arctic wildlife refuge.

Congress must approve oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Alaska where the petroleum industry believes much oil is hidden.

President Bush endorsed oil

drilling along a 1.5 million acre coastal strip of the refuge if it can be done within environmental guidelines, and legislation allowing exploration passed a Senate committee earlier this month.

But aides for senators on both sides of the issue suggested yesterday that the momentum is likely to slow considerably in light of the accident involving the tanker Exxon Valdez and the oil spill in the environmentally sensitive Prince William Sound.

With more than 10 million gallons of oil flowing into the sound, it is

the worst oil spill in U.S. history and threatens waterfowl, fish, sea otter and other wildlife as well as the Alaska fishing industry.

The Exxon oil tanker that ran aground was carrying petroleum which had been shipped from Alaska's North Slope through the trans-Alaska pipeline to Valdez and then put aboard the tanker. The controversy over drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge involves a coastal plain just east of the North Slope oil fields.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.,

chairman of the Senate environmental protection subcommittee, said Monday the spill puts into question the oil industry's assurances that they can protect the environment.

"The oil and gas industries have been very willing to provide assurances that the (arctic refuge) will be developed in an environmentally responsible manner," said Baucus. "Unfortunately the oil spill . . . is the latest and most tragic evidence of the gap that exists between past industry assurances and actual in-

dustry performance in preventing environmental damage."

Environmental groups also suggested the accident raises questions whether there can be oil development and still guarantee environmental protection as Bush has suggested in his support of drilling in the refuge.

"This (spill) ought to make Congress and President Bush intensely aware that when you have development you're going to have environmental consequences. Per-

od. It's a reality," said Syd Butler, a vice president for the Wilderness Society, which has been lobbying intensely against opening the arctic refuge for drilling.

David Gardner, a lobbyist for the Sierra Club, noted reports that the Exxon tanker was being handled by a crewman who did not have proper credentials when it ran aground, and suggested the episode "calls into question" how much priority the oil industry puts on environmental concerns.

U.S. overwhelmed by Soviet emigrants

By RUTH SINAI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For years, the United States has urged, threatened and cajoled the Kremlin to allow free emigration from the Soviet Union. But now that thousands of Soviets are being let out, many are finding the doors to the United States closed.

Some 19,000 Soviets are waiting to be interviewed at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow for permission to enter the United States as refugees; another 7,000 are waiting in temporary quarters near Rome, according to State Department figures.

The steadily growing backlog appears to result from several factors: poor planning by the administration, severe budget restraints and a change in the Justice Department's refugee policy.

"Now that the Soviet Union has

chosen to let these people go, we must not fail them," said Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., who has sponsored one of several proposed funding bills to ease the emergency.

Sen. Robert Kasten, R-Wis., co-sponsor of another emergency funding proposal, warned that "Gorbachev's policies could change overnight. We have to take advantage of this moment."

Soviet applicants have been told their processing could take as long as two years and have been advised not to quit jobs or tell landlords they plan to leave for fear of finding themselves without work or housing.

Last fall the United States asked Soviet authorities to withhold exit permits until some of the backlog can be cleared, Jewish community officials say.

At the current rate of Soviet applications — about 4,000 a month —

the United States will run out of allocated refugee slots by April or May. In January, the State Department shifted 7,000 unused slots meant for Vietnamese refugees to accommodate the Soviet overflow. Revised estimates project some 40,000 Soviet applicants this year, about 20,000 more than was budgeted for by the administration.

The crisis has been compounded by a change in Justice Department policy, which no longer grants automatic refugee status to every person seeking to leave the Soviet Union.

In the past, all Soviet Jews, who account for the majority of Soviet emigres, were presumed to have a "well founded fear of persecution" and therefore were considered refugees.

Jews were subjected to government-backed anti-Semitism, prevented from studying Hebrew or

practicing their religion and denied permission to leave. In 1964, the low point of Jewish emigration, only 896 Jews were let out.

A directive issued last summer by former Attorney General Edwin Meese ordered the Immigration and Naturalization Service to determine refugee status for Soviets on a case-by-case basis rather than as a group, in keeping with the way U.S. laws are applied for other refugee applicants.

This has resulted in denials for as many as 70 percent of Moscow applicants for refugee status, according to a just-released report by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

The report found a 50 percent reversal rate on appeal by those denied, evidence of "uneven standards and inconsistencies among INS officers."

New truck destroyed on opening fire run

Associated Press

RICHARDSVILLE, Ky. — A new \$90,000 fire truck making its first run for the Richardsville Volunteer Fire Department was destroyed in a traffic accident, only four days after it was delivered to fire officials.

Firefighters Maxie Jones and Richard Beck suffered minor injuries when Jones drove the truck west off Kentucky 526 to

avoid a car that came around a bend in the road in the truck's path, Kentucky State Police said.

The truck was making its inaugural run to a fire at the home of another Richardsville firefighter, Mike Brown, said Fire Chief Ricky Jones. Other units were sent to the fire, but Brown's \$30,000 mobile home was destroyed, he said.

Students to protest training

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"In 1981, \$3.35 was probably enough to get by on," Elias said, "but in 1989 dollars it's (worth) about \$2.25."

There have been protests at other universities, such as Boston University, and there was a walk-out of student employees at Central Michigan University.

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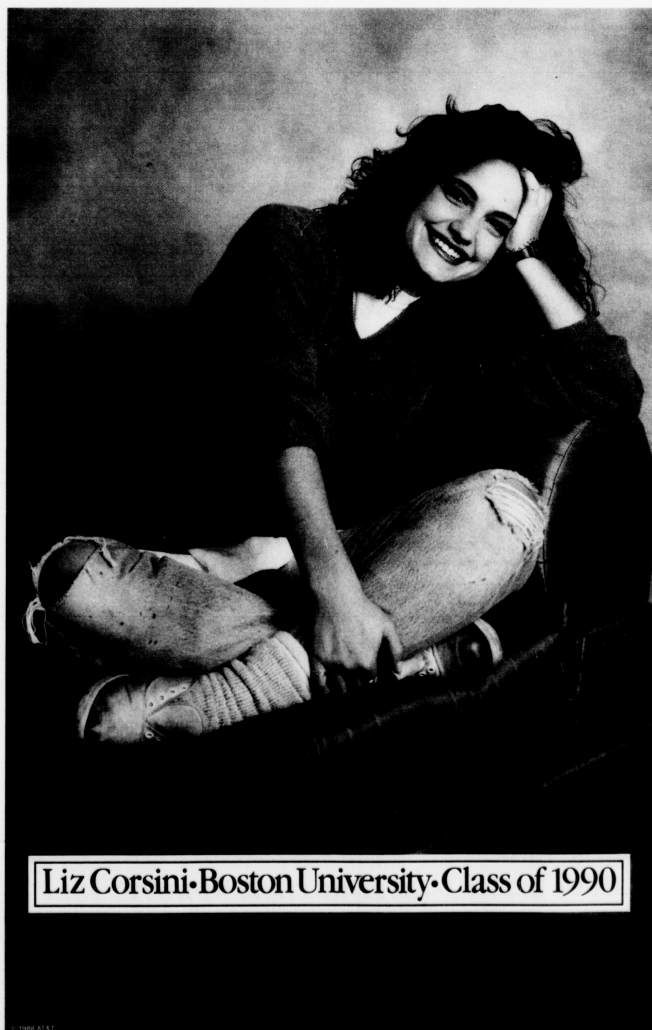
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Produced by Violent Femmes bassist Brian Ritchie, Kirk Kelly's debut album, *Go Man Go*, has everything going for it that the Femmes latest album, *3*, didn't.

Kirk Kelly's debut album full of promise



By MICHAEL L. JONES
Staff Critic

GO MAN GO
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For all of you dismayed by the latest Violent Femmes' effort, there is hope in the form of Kirk Kelly. His album *Go Man Go* has



everything the good Femmes albums did: high pitched vocals, sarcastic lyrics, and a good acoustic sound. It doesn't hurt that he has Femmes bassist Brian Ritchie as a producer either.

The music on the album is mostly acoustic. Ritchie plays acoustic and Kelly handles guitar and harmonica. Even Femmes drummer Victor De Lorenzo makes it into the act.

The stand out on this album is the classic "Red Blues." The sarcasm is biting, yet utterly hilarious.

"I don't want to be communist/those damn liberals get me

pissed," Kelly sings. "Don't they know we could be next?/I don't want to be no communist."

Just when you are ready to write Kelly off as the George Will of rock music he comes sings, "Chile's president Pinochet/Duly elected by the CIA/Kills and kidnaps his own people everyday/I thank god for a man like this/he don't tolerate no communists."

Kelly's cynicism carries over to other cuts on the album like "Corporation plow," "Heroes of Tomorrow," and "Marching Off to Gaul."

Kelly is less successful with the straight forward "I Pity the Poor British Soldier." It is a good tune, but seriousness interrupts the fun of the rest of the album.

"I pity the british soldier/Who must contain his nation's guilt," Kelly sings, "in the first and last empire built/by not caring how much or whose blood must be spilled..."

Subject of 'Thin Blue Line' casts critical spotlight on legal system

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press

DALLAS — The release of Randall Dale Adams, who once was three days from execution for a crime he long claimed he didn't commit, has put the spotlight on a judicial system that imprisoned "The Thin Blue Line" defendant.

Dallas police, prosecutors and judges "have lost some credibility with the public, and the only thing that will restore it is time, if they can demonstrate they will not be as zealous and rabid as they demonstrated this (past) week," said Adams' attorney, Randy Schaffer.

Adams, who spent 12½ years in prison, was freed last week on grounds he received an unfair trial. Dallas County District Attorney John Vance dropped the charges, saying there wasn't enough evidence to retry Adams for the 1976 slaying of Dallas police officer Robert Wood.

Vance soon found himself on the defensive, trying to explain why his department had failed to examine Adams' case before and fought court orders to free Adams.

Defense attorneys and others are questioning how the case was handled from the time prosecutors suppressed evidence at the 1977 trial to an assistant district attorney's contention last week that judges who ruled in Adams' favor should be disqualified because of their liberal beliefs.

"Do we have within the prosecutor's department people who do not really understand or respect the rule of law?" the Dallas Times Herald questioned in an edi-

torial Saturday. "Is that the lesson of the Adams case? If it is, then no one in the community is separated from the fate of Randall Adams by more than the thinnest of whims."

"I think Mr. Adams would be the first to admit to you that the criminal justice system works," Vance said. "If it didn't, he would be on death row."

Adams was three days from the electric chair in 1980, but the U.S. Supreme Court ruled his jury had been improperly selected. Instead of seeking a retrial, then-District Attorney Henry Wade persuaded Gov. Bill Clements to commute Adams' sentence to life in prison.

"One has to question, if they were convinced Randall Dale Adams was a cop killer, why didn't they go back a second time and get the death penalty?" said Peter Lesser, a Dallas defense attorney.

It was just such questions that prompted film maker Errol Morris to re-examine Adams' case in the 1988 documentary "The Thin Blue Line."

The film showed prosecution witness David Harris recanting his testimony that Adams was the trigger man, as well as other witnesses giving information that conflicted with their testimony. Harris now is on death row for an unrelated murder.

Wade retired in 1986, but the never-quit reputation of his office carried on with Winfield Scott, the assistant district attorney who fought against retrial or release for Adams.

Earlier this year, State District Judge Larry Baraka recommended that Adams get a new trial or be set free. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals concurred.

Baraka last week ordered Adams released on a \$50,000 personal recognizance bond. Adams spent an extra night in jail, however, after Scott tried to have Baraka removed from the case and Adams' bail increased to a \$100,000 cash bond.

Scott acknowledged he had not read the opinions of the appellate court and Baraka, but said it was clear Baraka and eight of the nine appellate judges were liberal and biased toward Adams.

Another state district judge denied Scott's arguments and cleared Adams' release.

Scott was not in his office when called by The Associated Press. Prosecutors have consistently declined to comment on the case. Wade did not return messages from the AP.

"It's that hard case that really is a measure of the quality of a justice system and in this case they failed miserably," Schaffer said.

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Bush's legal counsel rebuked

By **TERENCE HUNT**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House rebuked President Bush's legal counsel yesterday for raising an embarrassing challenge to a new agreement with congress on Central America, dismissing his complaint as groundless.

President Bush sidestepped whether he was mad at C. Boyden Gray for suggesting that the accord dilutes the constitutional powers of the president.

"On a day like this, I'm not angry at anybody," Bush said at a sun-drenched Easter egg roll on the South Lawn, surrounded by thousands of youngsters.

White House officials made clear, however, that Gray had blundered by publicly criticizing a policy that Bush had endorsed.

"I can't tell you what was in Boyden Gray's mind," said press secretary Marlin Fitzwater.

"That's more than I can handle." He said Gray was dealt with by White House chief of staff John Sununu. While refusing to say Gray had been chewed out, Fitzwater said, "They had a polite discussion about how things work in the White House."

A White House official, speaking anonymously, said, "Gray was told, 'Dumb move, but move on (to other subjects)'. It's not as if everybody's wringing their hands over this."

Another senior White House official, also speaking privately, said, "There's a lot of discussion of this and a feeling that it was really a somewhat bizarre occurrence and shouldn't have happened."

The episode marked the second time in two months that Gray had shed the traditional anonymity of the counsel's position to pose a challenge to Secretary of State James A. Baker III, the chief architect of the Central America accord and one of the most powerful figures in the administration.

Earlier, Gray had questioned the propriety of Baker holding stocks in a New York bank with Third World loans outstanding. Baker denied any impropriety but sold the stocks. Fitzwater said he was not aware of any problem between Gray and Baker.

Gray ignited the latest controversy by telling The New York Times that the agreement with Bush announced Friday with Congress allows lawmakers to encroach too far on the constitutional powers of

the president to conduct foreign affairs.

The accord provides \$4.5 million a month in non-lethal aid for the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. A side letter stipulates that the money will not continue after November without the approval of four key congressional committees.

Gray complained that he had not had a chance to review details contained in the side letter. Moreover, he said he had reservations about the pact.

Brushing aside Gray's objections, Fitzwater said the agreement had been reviewed by Bush, Baker, Sununu, national security adviser Brent Scowcroft and two legal counselors at the State Department.

"Their conclusion was and our conclusion is that the president's powers were enhanced by this agreement, there was no abrogation of authority and that this is an agreement that brings to conclusion years of dissension between the executive and the legislative branch, brings to a halt many of the practices of the Congress dealing directly in foreign policy, which was a threat to presidential authority," Fitzwater said.

NRA readies as gun issue heats up

By **MIKE ROBINSON**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Rifle Association, traditional heart, soul and bankroll of the nation's gun lobby, is digging in for a test of its vaunted political power amid rising pressure to curb sales of assault weapons.

"When less than half the convicted felons ever spend a day in jail, why should we be taking fire-arms away from law-abiding people?" declares James Jay Baker, federal affairs director for the 118-year-old NRA.

Demands for restrictions on military-style, semiautomatic firearms are escalating, however, in the aftermath of the Stockton, Calif., schoolyard tragedy Jan. 17 in which a deranged gunman with an assault rifle left five youngsters dead and 30 other persons injured.

So intense is the clamor that, as often as the NRA has crushed or

blunted gun control bills in the past, many doubt that it can prevail this time with its strategy of blaming the murder wave sweeping cocaine-ridden communities not on firearms but "our crumbling criminal justice system."

"We're certainly going to try," says lobbyist Baker.

Even Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who urged Democrats to support the gun issue after the 1988 election, says public opinion is ripe for action on semiautomatics.

From its modern headquarters on Rhode Island Avenue in downtown Washington, a few blocks from the White House, the NRA deploys lobbyists to Capitol Hill and statehouses across the nation, provides generous campaign contributions to its political friends and generates tons of literature to fill the mailboxes of America's gun enthusiasts.

With annual revenues of \$70 million and a staff of 365 employees,

including 65 in its lobbying department, the NRA is well equipped to fight its political battles. It also has powerful friends. President Bush is a member. And its roots go deep in the fabric of American life.

Last year, the NRA got the House to shelve a proposed seven-day waiting period for would-be gun buyers. Failure of the bill named for former presidential spokesman James Brady, brain damaged in the 1981 attempt on President Reagan, spurred Brady's wife to urge readers in full-page magazine ads to help "break the NRA's death grip on Congress."

The real secret of the NRA's power has long been its ability to mobilize hundreds of thousands of gun owners across the nation to write and telephone lawmakers. "Please open immediately. Legislative alert," trumpets a mailing that went to Virginia gun owners in February.

Bush urged to move fast to avert spiraling effect of new trade deficit

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The improving U.S. trade deficit, the biggest factor promoting domestic growth last year, is on the verge of stalling out unless the Bush administration moves quickly to devalue the dollar and reach a budget agreement with Congress, a research institute warned yesterday.

The Institute for International Economics said that unless the United States is able to get its trade problems under control, the country faces the threat of a recession, triggered by the flight of foreigners from U.S. investments.

There is also a danger that rising trade deficit would force

Congress and the administration to erect protectionist trade barriers that would threaten a global trade war, according to the study, "American Trade Adjustment: The Global Impact."

The report said without needed policy changes, America's trade deficit will begin rising again in 1990 and by 1992 will surpass the record imbalance of \$154 billion set in 1987.

The forecast covers the current account, the broadest measure of U.S. trade, because it includes not only trade in merchandise but also trade in services, primarily investment flows between countries.

The current account deficit shrank 12 percent to \$135 billion

in 1988 as a boom in U.S. export sales accounted for almost half of total economic growth last year.

The report said this improvement was about to stall out because high U.S. consumption spending was continuing to pull in imports while the dollar's value was not low enough to spur further gains in U.S. export sales.

The report recommended that the Bush administration persuade America's major allies to accept a further devaluation of the dollar. It said the dollar needed to drop another 25 percent against the yen and another 20 percent against the West German mark.

More endorsements for elections

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candidates are listed in order from the highest ranked to the lowest ranked.

The 15 highest ranked candidates are: Kim Fowler, Amy Butt, Chris Essid, Ken Payne, Sheryl Beasley, Carol Von Yount, Christa Collins,

Saj Rizvi, Ashley Boyd, Chris Price, Allen Putman, Kim Cagle, Thom Payne, Shawn Coleman and Bob Dickson.

Essid said only a few candidates showed up for the forum, and LCCAS believed that candidates

did not take the endorsement seriously.

"There were others we could have considered but didn't because of the lack of candidates that showed up," Essid said. "We feel like they don't care if they don't show up."

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Student Association: a difference

Structure causes need for change in Student Association

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part editorial series on student representation at UK. Today, this page is devoted to the need for structural changes in student government. Tomorrow, the Viewpoint page will present its endorsement for SGA president and vice president and important issues that our student representatives must address next year.

The machine has broken. It is time for change. The Student Government Association, we suppose, was set up with the premise that students need representation on a college campus. Inherent within that premise is the idea that student services are a priority, as well as the voicing of student concerns to the administration. But that premise has failed with UK's student government. Today and tomorrow our editorial page focuses on the perplexing and frustrating problems with student government. But more importantly, it focuses on solutions.

In short, in the next two years SGA needs to implement:

- A comprehensive revision of its constitution, which would include a largely symbolic name change to Student Association, and would center on student services and activism.

- A focus, particularly on higher education funding. Our student representatives need to pay particular attention to lobbying the General Assembly on higher education funding next year. A fermenting has occurred in Kentucky, with many realizing the inextricable link between statewide educational attainment and the attraction of technologically based industry. Thus, the next year will be the most critical year in Kentucky's history, not only for higher education, but for all levels of education.

- A revision of the election process. SGA currently has 15 at-large senators, as well as senators for each college. Having senators for individual colleges, however, is a ludicrous idea. Very few college senators actually poll constituents in colleges such as arts & sciences, or business and economics.

That's not the fault of the individual senators, but is a symptom of having an ambiguous constituency. Instead, representation should be geographically based. For instance, senators should represent a particular section of campus — such as south or north campus.

There also is no need for 15 senators-at-large. That number only means bureaucracy and poor student service. It should be cut to five.

The current structure in student government has resulted in a representative body that is not responsive to student needs and desires and is crippled by bickering and misuse of student funds.

Why has student government become this way?

The answer is two-fold. The problem with student government begins with its name. Student Government Association should not be some governmental agency. The term "governing" carries with it a negative connotation, not only for us, but for members of the Senate who think they have some real governing power.

That sort of mentality has led to Senate meetings this year fraught with in-fighting and plagued by unproductivity.

The Kernel has illustrated these inadequacies this year in stories pointing to budgetary problems (particularly in the Senate) and spending which has concentrated more on trips and conferences than student service.

SGA should start with a change in name, perhaps to Student Association. This largely would be a symbolic gesture, but it would promote an attitude and perception that our student representatives are willing and able to help students.

More importantly, however, SGA needs some severe and fundamental structural changes in order to better serve students.

The current form of representation — i.e. how students are selected and who they "represent" — is an outmoded and seriously flawed way of serving students. We, as students, need to change the way we select our student representatives to make our student association better.

Too often when we criticize student government, we concentrate on people — their flaws and perceived inability. When analyzing the problems of the Student Government Association, the Kentucky Kernel, often caustically, has tried sincerely to correct problems by harshly criticizing the actions of individual senators, or presidents.

Often, that has been wrong.

The people in SGA, with a few exceptions, are not the real problem with student government. They often are very sincere, hardworking student representatives.

But the current structure of SGA has constrained our student representatives from truly representing us to the best of their abilities.

We don't need a Student Government Association any longer. That doesn't work.

It's time for a true Student Association. One that represents all of us.

Today and tomorrow, we will suggest how that can be done.



Change can begin by reducing Senate

Students have complained that the Student Government Association has not effectively met their needs. One of the reasons students have been frustrated with SGA is because there are too many senators. Furthermore, it has never been completely clear who many of the senators' constituents are or what types of needs they have.

Currently, the Senate is made up of 15 senators-at-large, four freshman senators, a senator from each college and professional school and two senators from the Lexington Community College.

Aside from the LCC, freshmen and a few of the college senators, many of the senators have had a difficult time telling us exactly who their constituents are.

The idea behind having college senators is to give all students at least one senator they can turn to when they have any concerns. The problem with that, however, is that there are not too many needs a student in the College of Business & Economics, for example, has — other than needing money for an honorary student — throughout the school year.

Most of the needs students have deal with where they live. South campus residents have expressed the need for a grocery similar to Blazer Express on north campus and a money machine; Greg Page residents have complained about the bus service and traffic; and north campus residents also have had problems with traffic.

Another problem that has hampered the Senate's effectiveness is the large number of senators. With 37 senators, the Senate often has become bogged down with dead weight. Several senators in the past have been rather apathetic about serving students' needs and have done little more than attend meetings and slow down efficiency.

Therefore, in order to make student government more efficient, the number of senators should be cut to 17: five senators at large; one senator from south campus, north campus, Greg Page and Cooperstown; one commuter student senator; two professional school students — one from law and one from health; two LCC senators; one graduate school senator; and two freshman senators.

By eliminating college senators and replacing them with geographically-based and commuter senators, it will be easier for senators to identify their constituents, and thus easier to campaign. Professional, graduate students and freshmen have different needs and concerns from other students, and therefore they need to have separate voices in student government.

There still needs to be some senators at large in order to ensure that special interests are represented in SGA, but by reducing the number to five, it will make students work even harder to be elected and have them prove to us they want the job to help students, not their resumes.

In addition to scaling down the size of the Senate, the role of the vice president should be changed. Currently, the role of the vice president is to preside over the Senate and committee meetings and ensure that legislation flows smoothly.

In the past, however, most vice presidents have used their position to promote programs and keep campaign promises. There's nothing wrong with that, but in the last three elections, most of the vice presidential candidates have expressed more interest in student service than running Senate meetings.

Since the executive vice president was eliminated last year, many of those responsibilities have fallen into the hands of the vice president, even with the creation of an administrative assistant.

One problem with having the student body electing the vice president is that the Senate is forced to accept the students' choice to run their meetings — and many times that person's least interest is parliamentary procedure. While some students may be able to tell if a candidate is qualified for public office, the Senate is best qualified to choose who runs its meetings.

As a consequence, there have been some problems in the past with senators complaining that the vice president does not understand *Robert's Rules of Order*. By having the president pro temp run the Senate meetings, the Senate will be able to elect who it thinks is most qualified to run Senate meetings.

The new role of the vice president should be to serve as the president's assistant, helping to implement student services. Obviously, changing the role of the vice president will require that candidates be elected on the same ticket in order to guard against two conflicting personalities being elected.

Finally, the president should not be present at most of the Senate meetings. While it is important for the president and the Senate to work together, the two sides should have some breathing room. The president usually is at all of the meetings, which at times intimidates some of the senators from speaking up because of the president's immense power. The only time a president should be at a Senate meeting is on those rare occasions when he or she is invited.

While these proposals to reshape SGA certainly are not perfect solutions to make student government more productive and responsive to students' needs, they should help SGA meet the needs of students and improve the quality of life on campus.

SGA Election '89

Vote Putman, Collins, Rucker, Boyd

With all the talk about the need for a "new SGA" the concerned voter should look no further than the ticket of Putman, Collins, Rucker, and Boyd. These candidates have worked with some of the most innovative programs of SGA — Allen Putman, as co-chairman, was instrumental in bringing the Southeast Regional Conference of the American Association of University Students to our campus; Christa Collins was vice-

chair of General Projects for EXCELSIOR and the freshman delegate to the newly formed Campus President's Board; Mark Rucker was co-founder and co-chair of the new Committee on Alcohol Responsibility and Education, one of the most timely and productive efforts of SGA this year; and Ashley Boyd was Administrative Director of the Freshman Representative Council for what has been called the "biggest and best" freshman class yet.

These programs and these people are the elements of what a true "student government" can and should be. With this idea in mind we urge you to vote for the candidates who need no introduction to hard

work for the improvement of student life at UK — Putman, Collins, Rucker, and Boyd — "the new SGA."

Sarah Coursey, Carrie Tipton, Robyn Walters and Sandra Barnett all work in SGA's executive branch.

Vote responsibly

With the upcoming Student Government Association elections, it is essential that every eligible student cast their vote to ensure a fair election. Unless everyone exercises their right to select the best candidates, the

winners will not be representative of the campus as a whole.

In last year's elections there were around 3,500 votes cast. At no surprise, a large majority of these votes were from the Greek community. This indicates that the non-greeks at UK either do not want to exercise their right to vote, or that they feel their votes will not matter.

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Karen McMunn is an advertising junior. Bob Worthington is an accounting senior and senator at large candidate.



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Advertising to begin lottery campaign

By MARK R. CHELLGREIN
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A \$1.5 million advertising campaign began yesterday to hype interest in the Kentucky lottery as the opening day of sales looms a week away.

"I don't want anyone to not know that it's going to start next week," said lottery President Frank Keener.

Advertising began on television with 10-second commercials to promote the coming games. Three of the five ads feature Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, who wrote the copy for one of the ads in which he announces, "Let the games begin."

Radio spots, newspaper copy and billboards will also spring up all across the state in the coming

week and thereafter. The newspaper ads are interchangeable and announce that "Buck (Clam, Dough) season starts April 4th."

The most imaginative television ad features an actor describing how easy it is to play the Kentucky lottery and win while drawing a gun and shooting a fish in a barrel.

The advertisements were unveiled to lottery board directors at a meeting yesterday.

Commitments to purchase advertising time and space worth \$831,000 have already been made. Marketing Vice President Melanie Bridgeman said the advertising budget for the first series of games is \$1.5 million.

Wilkinson is scheduled to buy the first ticket at an undetermined location in Louisville shortly after 7

a.m. next Tuesday. Keener said some 4,700 retail locations will be selling tickets on that first day, far exceeding the 3,700 that had been estimated.

Virtually all of the big players will be selling tickets, Keener said.

The exceptions are Winn-Dixie, the grocery chain that decided last year to quit selling lottery tickets in Florida, and Rite-Aid Drugs, which has about 70 stores.

The board took up primarily routine matters during its meeting, such as approving personnel policies and guidelines for selection of retailers.

The board approved a provision that will allow Keener to deny a license to an establishment that reflects badly on the lottery. "A stripjoint, for example," he said.

Board member Ralph Hacker of Lexington raised the only point of contention during the 2½-hour meeting when he questioned the award of a \$23,000 contract to the Louisville public relations firm of Jack Guthrie & Associates.

Hacker said the board should have been notified in advance of the contract and questioned the need for a public relations contract generally.

"People in the state knew the lottery was coming even if we hadn't opened our mouth," Hacker said.

Bridgeman said the contract was reasonable, but is being reviewed to see if the lottery can do the work in-house.

Keener estimated that it will have cost \$5 million to \$5.2 million to begin Kentucky's lottery.

Agents arrest 33 in interstate bookmaking ring

By ED BIRK
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — At least 33 people have been arrested in Central Florida in connection with a multimillion-dollar, interstate sports betting ring, state and federal officials announced yesterday.

These arrested were alleged to have accepted or made bets in Florida for a Louisville-based operation ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars on events in both college and professional basketball, football and baseball, and horse races, authorities said.

While arrests were being made in Florida, the FBI in Louisville was seizing six facilities associated

with the operation and serving search warrants on suspected leaders of the organization, said Peter Antonacci, Florida's statewide prosecutor.

Phone taps were used in the investigation, prosecutors said.

"We've got calls where thousands were bet by one person on one game," said Don Marblestone, assistant statewide prosecutor. "We're not talking people betting 10, 20, 30 bucks."

Arrested and accused of leading the operation's Florida division were the husband-and-wife team of Robert Kopp, 45 and Shirley Kopp, 32, of Orlando. They were operating as "satellite bookmakers" with

two or three superiors in Louisville, Marblestone said.

They face charges of racketeering, conspiracy to commit racketeering and 30 counts of bookmaking. Robert Kopp's bond was set at \$250,000 and Shirley Kopp's was set at \$50,000.

If convicted, Kopp would face a maximum prison sentence of 22 years in prison and Mrs. Kopp would face up to seven years, said Marblestone.

According to information gathered through the wiretaps, the Koppes were salaried employees of the Kentucky organization and earned \$150,000 a year, said Marblestone.

Most of the other 31 people arrested were bettors who face misdemeanor charges. Six, however, were considered bookmakers and were being charged with gambling and bookmaking.

Florida agents seized two automobiles in Orlando and four in Ocala, served search warrants at an Orlando home and safety deposit boxes at Pioneer Savings & Loan in Windermere and Sun Bank in Ocala.

The investigation, which began in late 1987, disclosed that the Koppes apparently moved to Florida from Kentucky in 1988 to run the organization.

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Come to the Major/Career Awareness Session **TODAY, Monday, March 27, 4-5:30 p.m. Room 128 Erikson Hall**

Transfer Advising Sessions:
These sessions will be held to prepare for advance registration:
a. Thursday, March 30, 4-5:30 p.m. - EH 128 or
b. Thursday, April 6, 4-5:30 p.m. - EH 128

For more information, call 257-2855, or come by the Office of Student Services, 103 Erikson Hall.