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Out for a bite

Walter Welch, a retired resident of Lexington, spent a few hours fishing at Jacobson Park on Richmond Road yesterday. With the morning sun beaming off the water he said that bites were few and far between.

By RICK LAINES, Kernel Staff

Task force on campus safety organizes

By SAILAJA MALEMPATI
Staff Writer

The newly organized Special Task Force on Campus Safety may be the first step to a safer, more carefree campus for UK students.

The organization was started by Tim Freudenberg, Student Government Association president. "The idea came to me when I talked to a number of students and administrators after the murder this summer," he said, referring to the murder of chemistry graduate student, Linjung Chen.

The task force was started in hopes of developing and recommending "practical means by which to solve safety problems," Freudenberg said. "The committee will have no administrative authority. It's a fact-finding committee."

"Our scope is not to make changes, just to find proper solutions and advise the Public Safety

Division," said John Cain, senior vice-president of SGA and co-chairman of the task force.

The task force hearings to which everyone is welcome, Cain said, "I would like a lot of people to come to the hearings. But it's hard to tell how many students will take an interest," he said. "I think the murder and campus safety is still unknown because it happened this summer. A lot of people still don't know about it."

"I would like the committee to compile as much data as possible from as many people as possible and transfer a written report to Chancellor (for the Lexington campus Art) Gallagher," Freudenberg said.

"In the past, the issue of campus safety was much too political. We're now trying to get politics out of a very important issue," he said. "We want to know how they (the students) feel, what exactly worries

them. We want specific danger areas. When you're in an office you get out of touch with what is really happening out there."

"Each individual person has different ideas of campus safety," Cain said. "Our goal is to collect the opinions of the people, the popular and even not so popular ones, and add our opinions to them. Hopefully we will come up with solutions for necessary changes to improve safety on the campus."

The committee will not have a budget since it has no authority to actually make changes. They will, however, make recommendations to the chairperson of the Public Safety Division.

"The first meeting will be this week to discuss goals and organizational tactics. Other meetings, which are open to the public, will be announced in the *Kentucky Kernel*."

Tomorrow is last day to exercise repeat option

By PHILIP M. ARNOLD
Reporter

Tomorrow is the last day for students to exercise the repeat option this semester by notifying in writing the dean of their college and their adviser.

According to Charles Ellinger, academic ombudsman, all students must abide by this rule because there will be no extension of the deadline.

The rule was changed in a University Senate meeting on Feb. 14,

1983 that it would be effective this summer of 1983," he said.

However, the rule has not been included in all student publications until this date, Ellinger said. "We (the Academic Ombudsman's office) have asked for extensions to the office three times: in the fall of 1983, and in the spring and summer 1984 from deans of colleges who have been gracious enough to do so."

These extensions were necessary because the rule was not included in all student publications in time, he said.

Ellinger also said the student must sign up for the repeat option three weeks following the first day of classes, which corresponds with the last day to drop classes without a grade appearing on the transcript. "All they have to do is become accustomed to the fact that three important things happen on the same date," he said.

"Up to this rule being passed, it has been up to the individual colleges," Ellinger said.

"There was no consistency to the thing," Ellinger said.

Groups nab bosses for charity

By MICKEY MEECE
Staff Writer

Getting kidnapped has never been so much fun.

Metro Industries wants it to be fun, but also enlightening for those involved.

Raising money is one purpose of "Kidnap Your Boss Week," sponsored by Metro Industries, a non-profit vocational training center for mentally handicapped adults. It continues today 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Friday, at 108 Brentwood Court.

But the event goes beyond just money-making according to its creator, Karen Busch, executive director of Metro Industries. "We felt like we were a work-training place and we wanted to do something to get to the other people," Busch said.

With the aid of Sigma Pi fraternity and other volunteers, Metro In-

dustries wants to introduce itself to the Lexington community.

Yesterday eight or nine people were involved in a "massive kidnapping" that was really successful," Busch said. Metro Industries commandeered the likes of Robert Babbage, Doug Gibson, Barkley Blevins and Bonnie Quantrell, all Lexington "bosses" who helped raise \$1,000 the first day.

"Each boss must raise a minimum \$25 ransom before they are released. During their stay at Metro Industries the bosses are given a tour and educated on how mentally handicapped adults are trained and placed within the community work force."

"We're having a better time than anybody," said Mark Hunt, Sigma Pi philanthropy chairman. "We are always trying to do community service type of things."

Another Sigma Pi member, John

Beer blast prompts stricter enforcement

By TIM JOHNSON
Reporter

The first attempt to enforce a long-ignored University rule about fraternity beer blasts Friday night met with results "that were not suitable," according to Dean of Students Joseph Burch.

The rule, which states that no one under 21 years of age can serve or be served alcoholic beverages at the parties, has been an official policy for several years, Burch said, but it has not been enforced.

However, all fraternities agreed last week to have their members check the identification of students at the beer blasts.

But Friday's annual Road Rally Beer Blast at Kappa Sigma fraternity did not live up to administrators' expectations, Burch said.

Although Burch refused to comment on any particular infractions at the party, one fraternity member who attended said many underage people were "sliding on through" without showing IDs.

David Cronan, social chairman of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, said rainy weather Friday induced the wet crowd to "start throwing beer on each other's" Members of Kappa Sig refused to comment on Friday's event.

Representatives of Kappa Sig and

Alpha Delta Pi sorority, which co-sponsored the event, met yesterday with representatives of the Dean of Students office "to see what safeguards could be set to have a lawful beer blast," Burch said.

Doug Hunter, president of Kappa Sig, attended the meeting. He said he expected the dean of students office to evaluate the beer blast situation.

Hunter said such an evaluation was "sure to have an effect on future beer blasts."

But Burch said there were no plans for making evaluations. "I do not know what the future holds," he said. Burch did say, however, that the regulation against underage drinking would be enforced in the future.

"We are tired of overlooking this rule," he said. "The campus cannot overlook this rule."

"We have been talking about this rule for years and there hasn't been very strong endorsement of this rule," he added.

Burch said that the situation will change, however.

"In the future, the students will be responsible for what occurs, and I mean it in every sense of the word," he said. "Organizations will be asked to approve functions such as these beforehand."

Student group brings alumni, students closer

By MELISSA BELL
Reporter

They felt out of touch. The UK National Alumni Association felt they were losing touch with the University and its students, so it organized the Student Alumni Council.

Susan Van Buren, a marketing senior and student intern in charge of the Student Alumni Council said, "The alumni's interest in strengthening communication between this house (the Alumni House) that sits on the corner of Rose and Euclid and the campus."

"People think you have to be an alumni," Van Buren said. But all undergraduate students enrolled full-time at UK with a minimum 2.0 grade point average are eligible for membership.

Although its members are not alumni, the group relies on them for support. "I guess you could say we're the sons and daughters. We're their children," Van Buren said.

"They want to get students to put in their minds what the Alumni Association is as an undergraduate," Van Buren said. "Because if you are aware of the Alumni Association as a junior or a senior the chances are more probable of you stepping into the Alumni Association after you graduate," she said.

Bob Whitaker, associate director and adviser for the council said, "I think it's important that students receive experience from the National Alumni Association, its programs, goals and etc."

"I think it definitely will be an avenue where alumni and students can come in contact with each other and each will benefit from it," Whitaker said.

The student group is planning a reception prior to the Homecoming game Oct. 6 cosponsored with the Student Activities Homecoming Committee where alumni and students can meet.

"We're going to have a big canopy

"I think it definitely will be an avenue where alumni and students can come in contact with each other and each will benefit from it."

Bob Whitaker, council associate director,

tent and possibly a little band very near the field," Van Buren said. "It's going to be an area where students and alumni can come mix and mingle, meet one another, share ideas and share memories," she said.

"We're saying, students meet your alumni, they're great resources. Alumni, meet the youth of UK, meet UK 20 years later," she said.

Other plans for the year are tentative because the organization is in an "infant stage," Van Buren said. "We've got some ideas on the back burner about campus tours. We need something that is ours alone. And that's where the possibilities lie," she said.

The organization will meet twice a month and plan to use this time to get to know each other and the alumni and get the organization off to a good start she said.

This is not the Student Alumni Council's first attempt at organizing. In 1976 they made their first debut at UK but poor leadership caused the organization to dissolve in 1980-81.

However, Van Buren said things are different now. "The Alumni Association is very strongly committed," she said.

"It will be successful if the council can generate projects that are needed on campus both for the students and the alumni," Whitaker said.



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INSIDE

Nationalism comes as featured in the movie "Going Red." For a preview of the documentary, see **FANFARE**, page 6.

Be a while yet, but the Wildcats are involved in preseason conditioning. For details, see **SPORTS**, page 2.

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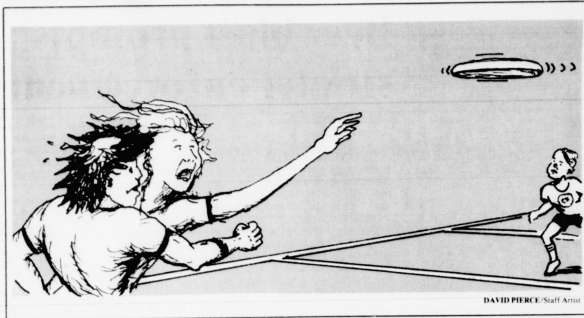
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SPORTS

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Inexperienced UK Frisbee team looking ahead to sectionals



DAVID PIERCE, Staff Artist

By LINDA HENDRICKS
Staff Writer

Inexperience. That one word sums up the play of UK's Ultimate Frisbee team last Saturday at the Flying Circus Invitational held behind the Stively Sports Complex on the UK campus.

With only two of the expected five teams showing up for the invitational, UK was forced to play the eventual winners, a team from Cincinnati, Ohio twice.

UK lost both games by scores of 13-10, and 13-11.

UK also lost to a team from Oakridge, Tenn., 13-11 to finish up the tournament.

Coming off of a strong win against Kent State two weeks ago, UK's strategy was to let the unseasoned members of the club see some playing time.

"We tried to get everyone in-

involved in a real game situation and let them see some action," said Leonard Johnson, team member.

"Also we tried to reward people with playing time if they attended the practices."

Coach and founding member Lonnie Roland said the invitational was just a stepping stone to the sectionals, which will be held Oct. 13 and 14. UK will compete with 12 other central region teams.

"We may not have a good win-loss record in matches this year, but when it comes to the sectionals, we'll be ready," Roland said.

This weekend, UK heads north to Miami of Ohio University, where the club will take on teams from Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

Johnson said his team is trying to get in shape for the upcoming sectionals and regionals.

"The regionals will be pretty competitive and right now we're trying

to practice a lot and get in shape," he said.

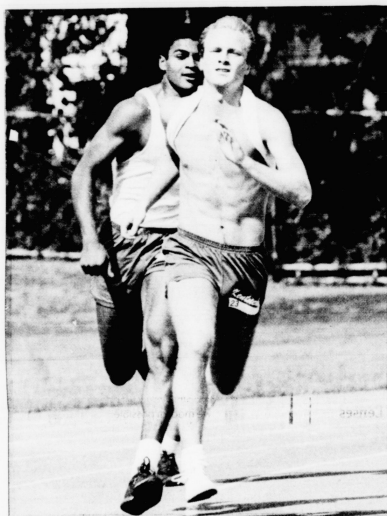
Recently UK received a bid to host the regional tournament to be held Nov. 3 and 4 at the Kentucky Horse Park. There will be 16 teams coming as far away as South Dakota competing in the tournament.

Johnson said that new members are welcome to join the team at any time and having a master skill of throwing the disc is not required.

"Most people think that it's the kind of game that they can't play," Johnson said. "It's not just a throwing game, that's only seven-eighths of the game. We need people who can catch and play defense too."

The team practices from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the field behind the Shively Sports Center. All those interested in playing are encouraged to attend.

Wildcat basketball training program may be toughest ever



By KEN DYKE
Assistant Sports Editor

If hard work and lots of sweat add up to victories, the UK men's basketball squad just may go undefeated this upcoming season.

The UK basketball team has been laboring for the past few weeks in the famous (or infamous) preseason conditioning program that is designed to get the Cats ready for the upcoming season. According to junior guard Roger Harden, this year's program may be the toughest ever.

"This year, we are lifting a lot of heavy weights and running a lot more 220's (220-yard dashes), probably more 220's than ever before," Harden said. "We are working on more flexibility as well. I think this is the toughest preseason conditioning program ever held here."

The reason for having the tough training program this season may be two-fold. First off, with the Wildcats not possessing the big man in the middle as in years past, an up-tempo game may be in order. The other reason may be a gut-check situation by the coaching staff in order to see what the players are made of, according to Harden.

"Because of the lack of experience in our team this year, I think the coaches are looking for strong attitudes to make it through the weight training," Harden said. "They may want to see who wants to pay the price to win this year."

Things are not going to slow down for the Wildcats either in an already busy schedule. Starting next Monday, the team will add Tuesday and

Thursday workouts to their schedules, with workouts now being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Currently, the team goes through weight training and track work, according to assistant Coach Lake Kelly.

"We are just practicing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with

weight lifting and running on the track," Kelly said.

"Next week we will start working out on Tuesday and Thursdays. On those days, we will be adding quickness and agility drills, some jumping plus more running."

The workouts, which take about 2 hours, have been going as well as

can be expected, Kelly said. With the many freshmen in the program this season, Kelly said the workout routine took some getting used to, but those players have caught on quickly.

"I think the freshmen are making the proper adjustments to the program now," Kelly said.

RICK ELKINS, Kernel Staff
Junior guard Roger Harden leads the way for Paul Andrews during a recent workout.

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Student councils can 'voice' college concerns

By ANDY ELBON
Staff Writer

Students can have a voice in how their colleges conduct business, but whether that happens remains to be seen.

Student Advisory Councils are on campus, some in their first or second year of existence. Created to give students direct input into academic decisions within colleges, the councils don't seem to be transmitting input to University administrators.

"How can we represent the students if the students don't tell us what to do?" said Jeff Anderson, acting president of the College of Arts & Sciences Student Advisory Council.

Anderson said that the council has to form policy on "sort of a gut feeling," talking over the issues with

faculty members, and in council discussions.

While the students of the College express an apparent indifference to the council's activities, the group has to make decisions on such important issues as last year's chemistry grade problem in CHE 105 and W.

ASSAC (Arts & Sciences Student Advisory Council) was involved in the investigation of the problem," said John Christopher, the assistant dean of the Arts & Sciences and the council's faculty adviser. But an open forum held on the problem, to which all interested students were urged to come, attracted about 10 students, Anderson said. There are more than 5,750 student enrolled in the college, he said.

The very existence of the councils is also affected by student apathy. Donald Sands, vice chancellor for

academic affairs, said that while "every college is supposed to" have a council, some colleges, after graduating members leave, must wait for another group of interested students to come along to create another.

This was apparently the case for Arts & Sciences. For 10 years, from 1973 to 1983, the college had no student representation group.

My assumption is that there wasn't student interest," said Michael Baer, dean of the college. Baer took office in 1981, and he said that his office looked into regrouping the council. The group finally came together last year.

This is also the second year for the College of Business & Economics Council. The group was organized last year and this year, Chip Snively, president of the council, says he

hopes the group will become a more active force in the college.

Snively said that the council is being patterned after the Arts & Sciences group, and that his goal is to achieve "more adequate representation for the number of students in the college."

"We represent the second largest college on campus," Snively said. He added that the council is "so weak, at the moment" because many business students just don't realize that the council exists.

The Business Council, according to Snively, is comprised of representatives of several organizations within the college. He said that the council will serve as "a central organization," and students will

"probably have a little more pull" with administrative decisions.

Not all student councils, however, are still in an organizational stage. The College of Agriculture's Council has been active for several years, according to Jay Helman, president of the group. He said that the council "acts as a link to the students and clubs."

Helman said that the council took action on a parking problem at the agriculture college last year. He also mentioned the group's participation in fund-raising activities for the United Way. A faculty-council meeting was also held last year.

"I'd say it was very well-attended," Helman said concerning the meeting. "A lot of students

voiced their opinions about scheduling problems."

Despite the club's active year Helman mentioned a problem with student indifference, like the other club presidents.

"There wasn't the enthusiasm — the wanting to work (last year) that there'll hopefully be this year," he said.

Correction

A story in yesterday's Kentucky Kernel gave incorrect information concerning the deadline for applying for the English Speaking Union scholarship. The deadline for applying is Saturday, Oct. 20, 1984.

BUY KERNEL CLASSIFIEDS, THEY BRING RESULTS

'Buddy system' helps students learn Honors Program ropes

By SCOTT WARD
Staff Writer

Students entering the honors program this year will get a taste of what it is like to go to a small liberal arts college, said Lisa Catron, co-chairperson of the honors program student advisory committee (HPSAC).

This year HPSAC instituted a "buddy system" where incoming students in the Honors Program are paired with someone who is already in the program.

Lisa Catron said the purpose of this "was basically just to offer incoming freshmen the type of atmosphere they would have at a small liberal arts college."

This is achieved by offering them a contact in the program, "someone there to help them specifically" as is done in many smaller and private colleges and universities, she said.

Buddies were paired by giving members of the honors program applications to fill out that included questions about their major, interests and hobbies. Incoming students who were interested in getting a buddy were mailed identical applications, and students were paired on the basis of their requests whenever possible.

Lisa Catron said the response to the buddy program was good both

among the incoming freshmen and the members of the program. "For the most part," she said, "everyone who wanted a buddy got one." She added that "this was one of the most successful things (HPSAC) has tried."

Lissa Atkins, a member of HPSAC, said about 50 upperclassmen and about 50 incoming freshmen had requested, and been paired with, buddies.

Greg Catron, an undeclared sophomore, is a member of the buddy system. He said his job in this respect is "to make (his buddy) feel as welcome as possible and be as much help as I can possibly be," in terms of answering any questions his buddy might have or finding someone who can.

Greg Catron said he became involved in this program "because last year I was a freshman, and I was basically lost," except for the help of his cousin, a UK upperclassman. He said the help his cousin gave him was valuable and he "thought it would be neat to do this for somebody else."

He also said being a buddy has "made me feel like I am more part of the University," in that he feels like a representative of what the Honors Program can be. Along with doing a service, he said, he "made another friend."

He said he and his buddy get along pretty well, because they have similar interests and the same comic outlook on life.

Greg Catron added that he thought the system is "a great idea" (and) will be a lasting program," and will create a sense of unity in the program. He said, however, that it could have been organized better, possibly by having one large event where all the freshmen and upperclassmen meet each other, such as a "meet your buddy" mixer.

Reilly Johnson, a psychology freshman, is Catron's buddy. She said she requested a buddy because "I was coming from a very small high school to a very large college and thought it would be nice to have an anchor, someone I could turn to."

She said Catron and her "get along real well," and he has been helpful in answering her questions about things ranging from what classes to take or avoid to where the tennis courts are and how to get access to them.

Lisa Catron said members of the Honors Program who would like to become involved with the buddy system should leave a letter with their name, campus address and phone number, interests and major in the HPSAC mailbox, 1153 Patterson Office Tower.

Jewish affairs faculty group unites through social, religious activities

By TROY DIX
Reporter

The newly formed UK Faculty Association on Jewish Affairs will begin its first year with activities that will deal with Jewish affairs both here at the University and worldwide.

Ken Germain, a law professor and the association's president, said that initially the group would like to create a sense of fellowship and generate additional membership. "We'd like to give our group, a small minority in the University, the chance to share common interests, both professional and religious."

According to its constitution, the purpose of the association is to promote a positive identification of the University community with Judaism, Israel and with the Jewish community, and to support a similar identification on the part of University students. Other goals are to re-

spond promptly and effectively to situations that threaten Jewish life and culture and encourage research and relevant courses in Judaism at UK.

With the assistance of the Central Kentucky Jewish Association, the group established the constitution and bylaws this spring, which laid the groundwork for this year's activities. The association modeled after a similar group at the University of Cincinnati, is open to any faculty or professional staff member at UK, or any institution of higher education in the Central Kentucky area.

Dan Frank, assistant professor of philosophy and the group's vice-president and program director, stressed that the association is open to both Jewish and non-Jewish members. "Note that our name is the Faculty Association on Jewish Affairs, not the Jewish faculty," he said.

Future activities include guest lec-

tures, social events and addressing the problem of academic discrimination in the Soviet Union.

"We'd like to be able to provide both political and emotional support in the form of letters to both the Soviet government and the Soviet Jews who are academically discriminated by their choice of religion or wish to leave the Soviet Union," Germain said.

The association's first event, co-sponsored by Hillel, a student Jewish organization, will be a lecture by Professor Michael A. Meyer of Hebrew Union College.

Meyer, the author of "Origins of the Modern Jew" and "Ideas of Jewish History," will give a speech titled "Antisemitism: Its Causes and Present Day Manifestations." The lecture, at 8 p.m. Sept. 24 at 228 Student Center Addition, is free and open to the public.

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Inaccessible offices hinder educations of disabled students

All of us are here for basically the same reason: to obtain an education and make our way a little closer to the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Handicapped students are here for that reason, but they have some hurdles to conquer along their rainbows.

They must overcome physical disadvantages daily to attend classes with the rest of us. And if that was not enough of a feat, society — this University included — still leaves barriers that these students cannot overcome.

Several campus buildings are inaccessible to handicapped students.

A section of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act requires that universities make available all programs to handicapped students. The programs are available here, but they are not always accessible.

Provisions have been made so handicapped students can attend any class offered. Sometimes this means relocation of a class to an accessible building.

That takes care of class, but what about the numerous other aspects of an academic community? These are aspects such as administration, records and career placement services.

By law, universities must provide 'adequate' housing and building accessibility to handicapped students. The University's definition of adequate leaves a lot to be desired.

Adequate accessibility should include access to the career planning and placement center. It is ironic that handicapped students can overcome monumental disadvantages in their daily classes, only to find the job placement office inaccessible.

Adequate accessibility should also include usable restrooms in buildings listed as "accessible." Handicapped students may be able to get into the Journalism Building, but they cannot use restroom facilities once they do.

Handicapped students also do not have access to the academic ombudsman's office in Bradley Hall or President Otis A. Singletary's office in the Administration Building, among other places.

There are more than 50 students in wheelchairs at UK whose attempts to use certain services are hindered. If academic programs must be available to students by law, then so should academic services.

It would be unreasonable to demand that every building on this campus be renovated. However, it is completely reasonable to expect the University to place vital student services in buildings where all students can gain access to them.

After all, it has been 11 years since the institution of the program accessibility law, and that is more than sufficient time to make adjustments.

For handicapped students, the pot of gold cannot be completely accessible as long as society places it behind closed doors.

Even Reagan's errors work in his favor

In the presidential race for 1984, there is no mistaking the candidates. Ronald Reagan wants to increase defense spending; Walter Mondale wants to reduce it. Reagan wants to avoid tax increases at all costs. Mondale favors raising taxes to curb the budget deficit. Reagan wants to cut domestic spending; Mondale says it should be increased. Reagan is for prayer in the school and wants anti-abortion legislation; Mondale differs on both counts.

In these stands, the two nominees are, in large part, reflecting the platforms of their respective parties. But there is another consideration in this contest which is unique to the candidates themselves and quite independent of political doctrines and allegiances. Along with a sharp divergence of positions on political issues, the two men stand in marked contrast in the area of personality.

In Walter Mondale's Senate and vice presidential careers, he can lay claim to few scandalous incidents. For Ronald Reagan, the list of political slips and blunders goes on and on.

We all remember watching Reagan fall asleep on national television while the Pope spoke solemnly at his

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side. He has even admitted going to sleep in Cabinet meetings. More recently, Reagan saw fit to joke about the nuclear destruction of the Soviet Union.

Reagan's political appointees have also been known not to act in the best of taste. James Watt caused several major embarrassments for Reagan before it was finally decided that American parks and wildlife would be in new hands. Reagan's administration of the Environmental Protection Agency is under continual attack, and new scandals crop up there almost monthly.

For many, Reagan's effort to classify ketchup as a vegetable is indicative of his contribution to this country's social service programs. And if all else fails, we can always find joke material in the President's previous occupation of acting.

Compared to Reagan, whose colorful antics have highlighted an al-



UK leaves some insurmountable barriers

Fraternal relationships occur anywhere

My most vivid memory of the greek system wasn't at UK. It was in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

I was with my roommate Scott in a supermarket, just down from The Button Bar — the revered shrine of madness at the beachside Holiday Inn. As we searched the aisles for cheap and easy-to-fix food, we encountered a guy about our age with bright red hair.

Blazed on his chest were three letters, the symbols of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He was looking at the canned spaghetti, comparing prices with the ravioli.

"He's a Phi Tau," Scott said.

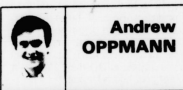
"Yep," I answered.

The guy walked on to the next aisle. "I think I'll check to make sure," Scott said.

"Sure of what?"

"To make sure he's a Phi Tau."

I put down the loaf of bread I was counting the slices in. I thought, how do you check fraternity membership? Ask for a membership card? Check for brands?



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"How?" I asked.

"The secret handshake."

This boggled my independent mind. I envisioned a bizarre identification process involving knee-jerks, snapping fingers and a behind-the-back hand slap. I had to see this.

I followed Scott to the next aisle, walking about five paces behind to observe the process. Just as we found the hapless Phi Tau, Scott turned around and looked at me.

"What are you doing here?" Scott asked.

"Just curious."

"Sorry," he said, with a tone that reminded me slightly of Alexander Haig. "Fraternity secret."

It didn't bother me too much. After all, I'm sure there is a special

handshake when two brothers approach an unknown member. I would have been like a wallflower at the senior prom.

What is a fraternity anyway? It's a collection of people you live with, work with, party with and establish a close tie to — in a sense, they become a part of you. An adopted family.

For the last four years, my fraternity has been the Kentucky Kernel. As a freshman, the newspaper staff took me into their ranks, gave me a story and taught me about clarity, intoxication, editing and the different types of music. A large chunk of my memories of college center around the messy room at the corner of the Journalism Building.

During my freshman year, I was under the impression that life revolved around the fraternities and sororities. I thought it was an inor-

out situation. My work at the Kernel made my decision for me when I received a bid. I was out.

I don't know any secret handshakes, but I believe that your true fraternity is your friends, whether it be between members of a student newspaper staff, the guys on the fourth-floor floor of Holmes Hall or the members of Pi Kappa Alpha.

I missed out on some things because I didn't join that fraternity my freshman year. But I got some things through my other "fraternity." I will always treasure.

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Cult groups on campus growing rapidly

"You can see them walking around campus with a glazed look in their eyes. They rarely refer to other members by given name, choosing instead to identify an individual by what branch of the church they belong to. They represent less than 15 percent of the student population but are present in large numbers at major campus events. These congregations are called many different names but as a group are classified as greeks.

Report on Cults in Florida

Like pillaging hordes emerging from the interior, each new school year triggers a maelstrom of fresh

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men and their parents seeking places to set up camp in this new and foreign land. The occupying force is usually well stocked for the four year siege after ransacking the home territories for all goods not nailed down.

As the last station wagon departs from the occupied zones these wailings discover the true meaning of "you're on your own." Naturally,

they are anxious to investigate native culture and tradition.

Amid cries of "Who's got the I.D.?" Let's get drunk!" cravily greek recruits descend into encampments bearing invitations to rush parties. Rush, a slang term for the initiation rituals, is made in reference to the California greek rush of the last century. Prospectors, or rushees, are noted for the amount of gold they wear. The potential greek is also known as a pledge, a brand of furniture wax.

Margaret Truse, a cult programmer, believes that greeks fill a void in the lives of the pledges by offering a substitute.

"Many of these freshmen are away from home for the first time and are searching for a group to replace the family structures left behind," she claims. "The greeks then use this psychological edge to the fullest advantage. That's why members call each other brother and sister."

"Furthermore," the Freudian Truse asserts, "a father figure yields a large hardwood paddle engraved with the cult's name to punish the siblings."

(Isn't it amazing how Ms. Truse can speak in italics?)

As for the highly secretive initiation rituals, sources report that beverages are topped, that is, withdrawn, from a silver barrel-shaped fountain. This holy water, a frothy amber color, produces unusual effects upon the human bladder and central nervous system.

Once a person is accepted by the greeks they must give up large amounts of money to the church (called a house) and wear brightly colored uniforms. The holy garb, Polo and Izod, have symbols of pagan gods embroidered on the front. Women don cloaks and garments blessed by the patron saints of status, Calvin Klein and Jordache.

Deviations from acceptable religious attire is considered sacrilege and punishment swiftly follows. The male may have to wear a pink shirt (making his sexual preference a

matter of public speculation), embarrassingly loud plaid pants or the infamous "green jello" jacket.

Women who flaunt the rules must suffer physical abuse inflicted by peer pressure. Some are branded by having the sleeves and collar ripped from their shirts. Others are forced to lay semi-nude out in the harsh sunlight for hours, resulting in freckles, leathery skin and finally, cancer. Hard core heretics are held down while noxious chemicals are poured over their hair, causing all but the roots to turn a plastic blonde.

These punishments, combined with the following evidence, indicate the adoption of some Muslim beliefs by the greeks. For example, women are discouraged from associating with those outside their faith (known as independents). Bodies and faces are covered over by facial coloring agents and a type of bulky clothing called sweats.

But dissonance is rising among a visual faction of cultists who feel these restrictions are too stifling. Some women have rebelled against the effort to avert the gaze of men by sewing fertility symbols on the seat of their sweats.

One set of these emblems, that of three triangles side by side, has already been flaunted in public. They symbolize the Great Pyramids of Egypt, considered by some to be the "mother" of civilization. Members believe that success of the symbols is directly proportional to the area available to place them.

But fertility symbols aren't really needed to swell the ranks of the congregations. Because existing cultists vocally express self-fulfillment, a sense of belonging and order in their lives, membership as a whole will continue to increase well into the next century.

In other words the future looks bright for the greeks. That is, if GQ magazine doesn't feature an article on group impalement.

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ready memorable presidency, Mondale appears pitifully insipid.

Superficially, the cleaner record that Mondale brings into his campaign seems preferable to Reagan's more controversial one. But Mondale's lack of political personality is a problem that his aides and, in fact, Democrats in general, have come to recognize. The weakness is couched in a different term, "leadership" to be exact, and it is something in which every poll shows Reagan to be far ahead.

But leadership is, after all, an extension of personality, a function of "going out on a limb" enough to make yourself and your views known. Reagan's personality has not always manifested itself in occasions he would care to remember, but more often than not, he has expressed himself in ways that characterize Ronald Reagan, at least to most Americans, as a strong leader.

Reagan's bungles do step on toes, to be sure, but they also give him a human quality that Mondale's cautious discretion fails to convey, and occasionally they even strike a favorable chord with a portion of the

public. More importantly, they sometimes indicate a certain confidence, a willingness to come forward, that, when coupled with prudent judgement, constitutes that abstract quality known as leadership.

Often, of course, Reagan's political clumsiness merely reflects his own ineptitude, rather than the makings of a strong and resolute leader. And Reagan has been less than adroit in many areas of his presidency. Personality alone won't, nor by any means should, determine the outcome of November's election.

But the race for president is often decided by the whim of a largely uneducated and strangely receptive public. And when the press finds it necessary to go not only to a candidate's running mate, but to his running mate's husband, for the obligatory campaign scandals, then perhaps that candidate's personality, even leadership, should be re-examined.

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On the soapbox

Krista Tesreau and Vincent Izzari, who play the characters Melissa "Mindy" Lewis and Brandon Lujack on the soap opera "Guiding Light," speak from a podium in Turfland Mall. The soap stars appeared at the mall's 17th anniversary Saturday afternoon.

Run away from Dakota's 'Runaway' LP

Runaway Dakota/MCA Records

The mellow-rock sounds of California have hit the record stores once again. Not in the form of the Eagles or Toto, but in a duo called Dakota.

Similar to the easy-sounding Eagles, the album *Runaway* is for those who enjoy sipping white wine in front of a cozy fire. These persons will find this album to be an integral part of their lifestyle.

Runaway showcases the work of Toto's Steve Porcaro, Rufus Hawk Wolinski and Thriller rhythm guitarist Paul Jackson.

In 1978, sound mixer Mike Stahl brought the music of Jerry Hludzik and Bill Kelly to the attention of Chicago drummer Danny Seraphine. One year later, Seraphine produced an album for Hludzik and Kelly on the Epic Record label under the name of The Jerry Kelly Band, which was followed by a name change and the first actual Dakota album on CBS Records in 1980.

Runaway, their third effort, features songs that weigh heavily on the synthesizers and nothing else.

The title song is one example of this. While the lyrics are well enough recited, the meaning is lost in the synthesized backwash.

The second song on the album, "Tonight Could Last Forever," is especially typical of the California soft-rock sound. The song is an upbeat tune which describes the sexual intricacies of boy-meets-girl and how what eventually happens between the two is good.

"Heroes," the third cut, is a total bomb. The song tries to tell us that we are all heroes, without telling us why. Amazing.



JERRY HLUDZIK AND BILL KELLY OF DAKOTA

According to a press release, side two's "Angry Men" is Dakota's favorite song on the LP. It was written by the duo along with pianist Robert Lamm — of Chicago fame — to show the long and rocky road that the group took to break into the music business.

"When is this song going to be over?" Nuff said.

If you are into Toto, the Eagles and other mellow rock, simply put on your jogging shoes and sprint down to the record store to pick up a copy of *Runaway*. If not, simply turn on the radio.

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The last song on the album, "Over and Over," made me think

LINDA HENDRICKS

'Seeing Red'

Film sentimentally traces history of U.S. Communists

By GARY PIERCE
Arts Editor

Old American Communists never give up the faith, they just spend their later years mulling over sentimental memories.

At least that's what "Seeing Red," a documentary film playing this Saturday in the Student Center, has to say about those crestfallen idealists who fought for such "subversive" causes as unemployment insurance and social security.

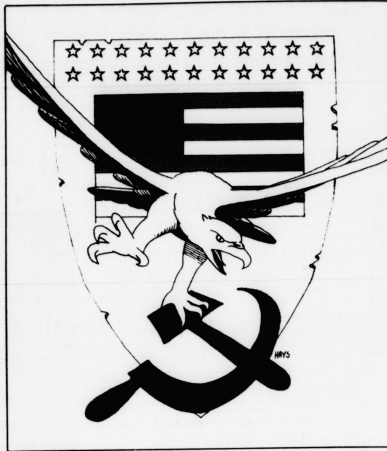
The film is presented in connection with the 19th Annual meeting of the Oral History Association, and will be brought to campus for a special showing under the sponsorship of the local chapter of the Youth Section of the Democratic Socialists of America.

To their credit, filmmakers James Klein and Julia Reichert have eschewed all semblance of objectivity for this one, choosing instead to let 15 former — and one current — American Communist Party members reminisce about their youthful crusades. Reichert even appears in several scenes, chatting over tea with former party members and comparing their experiences to her own activism during the '60s.

Such personal involvement works well, since this film has little or nothing to do with the specific beliefs and policies of the Communist party, but instead focuses on the emotional investment of individual members.

Like most documentaries, this one could have benefitted from some creative editing, as a few scenes are overlong and annoyingly melodramatic. Overall, however, "Seeing Red" is less dogmatic and far more entertaining than most political documentaries.

"Seeing Red" turns on an ironic base. The "communists" interviewed



seem more like kindly grandparents

than trench-coated spies in the service of international conquest. In fact, their sometimes poignant memories of party activities betray a naivete and idealism more often associated with American patriotism than red-tinted subversion.

In one scene, a former party member describes the fearful excitement of being clubbed in the streets by police, while another woman vividly recalls the all night parties that kept the workers' movement from becoming too dull.

Newsreel buffs will enjoy "Seeing Red's" use of classic anti-communist footage. Richard Nixon makes an appearance here, labeling communists as "rats" and reminding us that "when you go out to shoot rats, you've got to shoot straight," while folk singer Pete Seeger performs a few numbers and proudly recites how he refused to name names during the infamous communist purges.

"Seeing Red" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center Theater. Admission is \$4.

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