

# New student I.D.s being proposed

By DICK GABRIEL  
Assistant Managing Editor

Paper cuts may some day be a thing of the past for cafeteria employees. That's because the meal book may be an endangered species, too.

And the key to it all is the new type of ID card that will be introduced next year. Instead of the credit-card motif with raised letters, UK students will be issued an ID that resembles a driver's license.

The new ID can be given to the student at the time the ID photo is taken, without the usual month wait in between.

Food Services Director Allen Rieman has proposed putting a magnetic strip on the back of the new ID, just like the strip on the back of a bank credit card. The card could then be used in a computer system that would credit the student for meals, according to meal plan. That would mean cafeteria employees will no longer have to sit at the door and tear those tickets out of grimy, tattered meal books.

George Ruschell, assistant to Vice President for Business Affairs Jack Blanton, said the new meal plan will not be instituted next year, but that he is considering the change. "It has a lot of good aspects," Ruschell said. "But it's rather expensive."

Ironically, rising expenses prompted the search for a new type of ID. The machine that UK Photographic Services uses to manufacture ID's is, according to Jack Blanton, "about to spill its guts."

"It's just about gone," Blanton

said. "And it would take a \$100,000 capital investment to get a new one."

So, Blanton said, an alternative was sought. Ruschell spearheaded the search.

Ruschell said the driver's license-type cards are more economically sound because they are cheaper to produce than the raised-letter variety. "All we're really using it (raised-letter card) for is the check-cashing service at the Student Center," he said. Raised-letter cards cost approximately \$1 apiece to manufacture.

Cameras used to produce the current ID's cost approximately \$2,600 apiece. Ruschell said the cameras needed for the new cards cost considerably less.

A Polaroid spokesman for the new camera would cost at most \$1900 and the cost for an individual card would be roughly 44 cents.

Rieman said the computerized meal plan system would cost \$35,000

but would pay for itself in two years. According to Rieman, the cost of printing and distributing mealbooks, added to the cost of man-hours involved in counting the tickets after every meal, would be replaced.

The new system would also cancel the possibility of students lending meal books to others, eliminating much of the need to raise prices for meal plans.

For instance, a seven-day, two-meal plan has a potential of 444 meals for one year. Rieman said the total cost of food and labor for those meals would be around \$612. But, through past experience, Rieman said it has been determined that students with that particular plan on the average eat only 339 meals, or 76 1/2 per cent. Therefore, the student is charged only \$467 for the meal plan, \$145 below projected cost.

"If the percentage of participation goes up, we'd have to increase prices for the next year," Rieman said.

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## Another snow fall?

Everyone knows the feeling by now. You're walking to class, suddenly your feet go out from under you and people look a lot taller. Art history major Sue Guin

struggles to keep her balance as Chris Black, left, wisely keeps his hands to himself. They were walking between the Commerce and Engineering buildings.

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## Natural gas use halted on campus

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University officials have complied with a request from the Columbia Gas Company and have halted all use of natural gas on campus. As of noon yesterday, University fuel sources had been shifted exclusively to coal and oil, according to Jack Blanton, vice president for business affairs.

Blanton said 57 per cent of the fuel being burned now is oil and 43 per cent is coal, but when coal burners in the High Street plant are operable, the ratio of coal burned will increase to 65 per cent.

Natural gas was 25 per cent of UK's fuel source but because of sub-zero temperatures, there has been a severe shortage in the state. Gov. Julian Carroll announced Sunday night that the Division of Disaster and Emergency Services had been placed on "round-the-clock operations."

UK is currently using 28,000 gallons of oil per day. But Jim Wessels, Physical Plant Division director, said the oil has been coming in slowly because of the barge tie-up on the Ohio River. The oil is being trucked in from the Ashland Oil Refineries in Ashland, a

seven-hour round trip. UK also has 122,000 gallons on reserve.

Blanton also announced that all hot water in University office buildings will be shut off effective yesterday afternoon. He was quick to add that hot water will not be terminated in dormitories and food service buildings.

"It looks like a three-day proposition," Wessels said.

The coal burners in the High Street plant have not been fired in two years and were used then for the same reason, cold weather. According to Blanton, the burners take 36 hours to fire, plus a waiver from the air pollution control board.

Because of the emergency weather status, Blanton said he has offered the use of Memorial Coliseum and all other UK facilities to Lexington Mayor Foster Pettit. The facilities will be available to the public only at Pettit's request.

Canceling classes was never brought up. "We haven't even considered it," said Blanton. "Unless some major catastrophe happens, the University won't close. We can operate independent of natural gas."

"Unless we send the students home, we can't close dormitories or food service buildings anyway," he said.



Gil Skillman, left, and Gerry Oberst pose with some of the booty they've won as UK's ace debating team. At right is the first-place prize from the University of Southern California invitational tournament, where they were judged the best of 108 teams.

## UK debate team conquers coast

By JIM McNAIR  
Kernel Staff Writer

In a year supposedly for rebuilding, UK's top debate team has made accomplishments that are undebatably astounding. And its members, Gil Skillman and Gerry Oberst, won't argue the fact that a little hard work was involved.

Having taken a first, a second, and a tie for fourth in invitational tournaments on the West Coast, Skillman and Oberst are hardly breathing easy as they face five more tournaments this semester, including the big daddy of them all, the National Debate Tournament, which ends the debating season in April. They debate next at Harvard, Feb. 24.

The entire UK debate squad is coached and coordinated by speech professor J. W. Patterson. A second varsity team is composed of Dave Howard and John McClung, whose achievements haven't reached the limelight yet.

Skillman and Oberst, seniors majoring in economics and philosophy respectively, have been debating together for three years at UK.

Skillman, named top speaker at a California State-Fullerton competition, has been active during the five years since he began debating.

Oberst started earlier, seven years ago in high school, but circumstances forced him out of the picture for one of those years. He was the top speaker at Houston in 1975.

Is useful in other ways  
Skillman explained the debater's role as it applies to him: "It's more than just a hobby. It has a lot of impact on your future life because it helps you when you apply for graduate school or employment. For instance, I was hired at the Northwestern High School Speech Institute to teach debate."

"It seemed like something I'd enjoy," Oberst reminisced. "I enjoyed the activity, the argumentation, and the attempt to persuade people. One of the long range effects is that you learn to speak and think better."

At the beginning of the debating year, a topic is selected by the country's debate community. (This year's topic is "whether or not the federal government should strengthen consumer product safety guarantees"). When the topic is announced, debaters immediately begin research, which depends highly on the specialized publications available.

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## today

### metro

All urban-county government buildings were closed here yesterday afternoon and were to remain closed today and possibly tomorrow in an effort to conserve natural gas. Mayor Foster Pettit said sub-freezing temperatures had created a "critical situation" in the community. Pettit said heat would be turned off in all government buildings and only emergency government functions would continue.

The Supreme Court yesterday turned down attempts by Lexington officials to bar the Defense Department's transferring of almost 3,000 jobs from the Lexington-Bluegrass Army Depot. The justices let stand a decision by the 6th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the government was justified in ordering the transfer of 2,650 military and civilian jobs from the communications repair base at Lexington. Some 1,600 civilian workers are to be still employed at the Army base after the transfers.

### nation

A five-man firing squad executed killer Gary Gilmore yesterday, minutes after a federal appeals court rejected the last attempt by death penalty opponents to keep him alive against his wishes. The execution was the first in the United States in nearly 10 years. The last-minute efforts of death penalty opponents included a bid to the Supreme Court to reverse the ruling of the 10th U.S. Circuit of Appeals overturning U. S. District Judge Willis Ritter's stay of execution granted seven hours before the execution. A capital punishment opponent called Utah "barbaric." A supporter of the execution said delaying tactics had been "torture" for Gilmore. The death announcement was met with silence by about 60 death penalty opponents demonstrating outside the prison fence. In another demonstration in Washington, eight persons were arrested for refusing to leave the Supreme Court building after the court refused to hear the case. Those who had led the fight against the death penalty conceded Gilmore's death represents a stinging psychological defeat. "The United States now departs from prevailing standards of Western democracies, joining the Soviet Union and South Africa in this bizarre punishment," declared attorneys for the Legal Defense Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

No Kentucky convict seems likely to be executed in the near future, despite the example set by Gilmore's death. "The likelihood of execution is very dim," said Jim Baker, chief counsel for the Corrections Department.

Jimmy Carter's right hand will rest on the Bible used in his mother's family for 150 years when he swears on Thursday to "faithfully execute the office of President of the United States." While the oath is one prescribed in the Constitution, the platform on which he stands is constructed especially for the occasion, as it has been since the time of James Monroe. Television viewers of the ceremony, beginning at 11:30 a.m. will be considerably more comfortable than the 100,000 expected at the ceremony. Weather forecasters say the temperature will be near 20 degrees under fair skies.

### world

A bridge collapsed on top of a speeding commuter train yesterday near Sydney, Australia killing a number of persons and injuring more than 100. Police said the death toll could go as high as 60. "It's a frightful tragedy," said police inspector Ray Williams, "the worst we have ever had. Quite a lot of people have been killed."

### weather.

Today will be cloudy with a chance of snow. The high should reach 10 above. Tonight should be clearing and cold with a low of about zero. There is a 50 per cent chance of precipitation today. There is no report of what we did to deserve the weather we have had.

Compiled from Associated Press and National Weather Bureau dispatches.



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## Spineless Congress gives itself a raise

In one of the sneakiest, backroom, legislative maneuvers since Wayne Hays and Liz Ray left town, Congress is "unvoting itself" a pay raise. It's bad enough that Washington lawmakers are padding their pockets, but they don't even have the guts to vote on the record.

This bureaucratic tactic was made possible when Congress established in 1972 the federal pay board, which actually serves as a public relations front. If the board decides that federal employees deserve an across the board raise, it automatically becomes effective in 30 days. That is, unless Congress makes the highly unlikely move of voting against it.

A few days ago, the board recommended a pay increase for federal employees including senators, representatives, agency directors and some federal judges. Not surprisingly, congressmen were the beneficiaries of a 28.9 percent raise from \$44,600 to \$57,500.

Other pay raises are 34.5 per cent for deputy secretaries of major executive departments (from \$44,600 to \$60,000) and 47.6 per cent for some federal judges (from \$44,600 to \$65,000).

In addition, more than 20,000 Washington officials would earn pay hikes ranging from \$945 to \$9,400 a year if Congress does as expected and allows the raises to become effective.

One argument used by proponents of the increase is that federal employees have had only a 5 per cent raise since 1969, while the cost of living has increased 61 per cent. Another argument being advanced is that relatively low salaries are undermining the government's ability to attract and keep skilled executives.

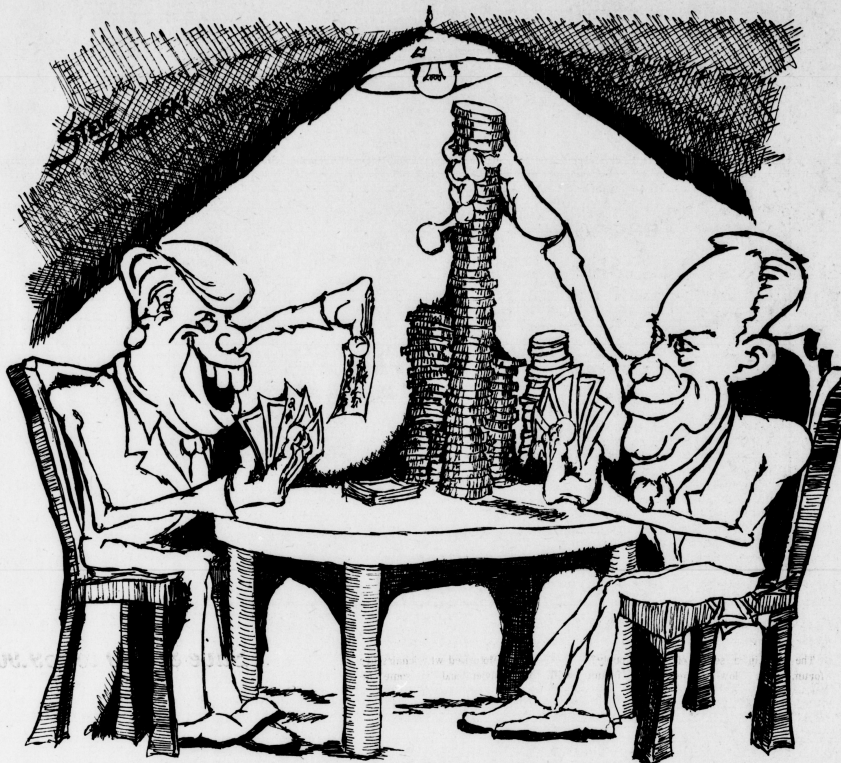
According to the Christian Science Monitor, the pay of many upper-level federal officials has been frozen since 1969 (except for the 5 per cent raise), while salaries of comparable executives outside government have risen 55 per cent.

A move is afoot by some congressmen, including Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, to link the increases with a law requiring more thorough financial disclosure by federal officials; the theory being that the public will swallow the raise if covered with the sugar-coated disclosure law. But if the increase is not allowed, Byrd warns, "it means that only the wealthy will represent the people in the legislative branch."

You're breaking our hearts, senator.

Our poor representative are starving on a salary that currently puts them in the top 5 per cent income bracket. Not only are federal employees exceedingly well paid, they also receive numerous fringe benefits that pay increase advocates conveniently ignore.

Making life bearable for congressmen are franking privileges, travel pay, foreign ex-



curations, large administrative staffs, use of government facilities (not to mention corporate vacation sites) and all at taxpayers' expense.

It's a shame that federal employees can't seem to make it on a salary that is close to 10 times the average family income. It's also mystifying that Congress can't find funds for public works projects to alleviate the 8 per cent unemployment rate, but can find bucks to feed their own opulent faces.

As for retaining qualified personnel in

government jobs, it's absurd to assert that more money will come close to matching what corporations can offer. It's largely power and prestige that attracts persons to government. Very few can conceivably have hopes of making it rich in government (unless, of course, they're elected vice president).

It doesn't matter how much congressmen are paid since they can always find a way to make public office profitable. But the real issue is that congressmen are lumped together with other

federal officials that may deserve a modest raise.

In plain English, Congress has done nothing to deserve a raise. If our esteemed representatives could justify a pay raise, then why won't they come out from behind the skirts of the pay board and vote for the raise on the record.

But, more than likely, Congress will let the increase slip into law and the ride out the storm. It's just another case of government getting the wheat while the public gets the shaft.

## TRB from Washington

## Ford departs with economic swan song

In the White House, wondering why he lost the election, sits President Ford. It would be more graceful if he could depart at once but the law requires him to stay as a lame duck, casually exposed to public pity, and he believes in doing his duty. But if he has to stay he is going to speak his mind. He has told us that he favors statehood for Puerto Rico, and repeats that he advocates reduced federal expenditures, and a tax cut for the middle classes. Though he doesn't stress it this tax cut would also benefit the rich; he would also boost taxes for the poor (by raising social security contributions.) It was the poor, the blacks, the underprivileged who, if anybody, defeated him.

Mr. Ford is too unimaginative to alter the conservative economic formula that has guided him for two and a half years, and he is too generous to let his heart-ache find vent on his conqueror. He knows that the messages he sends to Congress will be treated with contempt. But he believes in them. He is laying it on the line. He is establishing a jump off position for Republicans who will run two years hence. It will be a

strong position if Jimmy Carter doesn't deliver. Almost certainly Republicans will make gains in Congress at midterm (they can't go much lower). The Ford budget and energy and State of the Union messages are first guns of political 1980.

Jimmy Carter is making oblique replies to the lame-duck president in this odd exchange. He is holding his finger up to the wind to see if business is getting better by itself. If it does maybe he won't have to ask Congress to give it so much stimulus. He doesn't want to be tagged "big spender" by opponents if it isn't necessary.

Here we have the basic domestic issue of the recent presidential campaign repeated, I think, though somehow it never got sharply defined last year. Mr. Ford didn't want to act drastically to meet the worst recession in 40 years; he believed in Keynes and the theory of compensatory government spending and all that, but he didn't want to go all-out on it. Mr. Carter, by contrast, offered a change, and got elected.

Mr. Ford is consistent with his State of the Union message a year

ago which rejected efforts to try to "transform the country through massive national programs." He argued these didn't work. "To hold down the cost of living," he told the eight or nine million unemployed, "we must hold down the cost of government." It was as simple as that. Now he is blasting the same targets again. Last week it was "the new Federal programs." It is heroic! His ship is sinking and he is going down firing every gun.

The State of the Union message is one of the most important political art forms. Mr. Ford is required to deliver one more, Jan. 12. He probably will not rise to the poetic fancy of his predecessor who gave us "the lift of a driving dream," and worked the phrase into another state paper later on. Yes, Nixon uttered that in 1970 and two years afterwards told the country on a more prosaic note that "we can look with confidence to 1972 as the year when the back of inflation will be broken." (Double digits lay ahead.) And Nixon, too, in 1974 waited for applause after the line, "There will be no recession in the United States of America. That was the speech where he said, "One year of Watergate is enough." He was out in

seven months. Everyone here is waiting for Jimmy Carter's inaugural address and the suspense is building up. That's because he has pulled away from some of his earlier campaign positions and defined others more rigorously. He has also picked a conformist cabinet. A shiver goes through liberal supporters, though the stream of conservative Ford utterances makes Carter look like a Norman Thomas progressive by contrast. Yet the puzzling new president is still to an extraordinary degree a veiled figure. The speech on Jan. 20 may end some of the uncertainty and set the tone for four years.

One of the most remarkable things about the two years, worldwide, recession is the highly gradualist remedies that the leading industrial nations have adopted toward it. This isn't just the United States, where energetic measures are stymied by veto, but in West Germany and Japan also. Together the three account for about two-thirds of total output of the western industrial world. If there's one thing other democracies want ardently at this time it's for the United States economy to start hitting again on all eight cylinders.

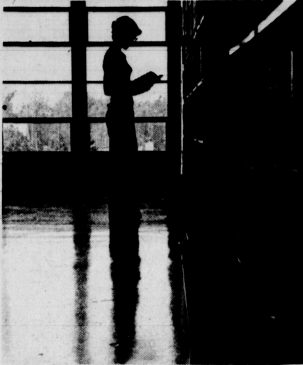
President Ford is offering a federal budget which he says could be "balanced" in two years. Nonsense; it's a fantasy. The 24-nation OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) says we aren't out of the woods yet, we need stimulus; that the worst recession since the war is apt to be followed by the slowest recovery since the war unless something energetic is done. This usually reliable organization forecasts a further drop in the leading indicators. Now is the time, says OECD, for a "second stage booster," the kind Congress has been voting, Ford vetoing, and Carter promising.

President Ford himself offers a boost, a \$10 billion tax cut for individuals and \$2.5 billion for corporations. The catch is that like last year he wants to match the tax cut roughly with cuts in federal spending. His goal, in other words, is to reduce the burden on Americans who pay income taxes (not the poor, they don't pay them) without greatly increasing federal deficits. "To increase the deficit to further stimulate the economy," sagely warns one of Mr. Ford's ultra-

conservative advisers, Treasury Secretary Simon, "would be unnecessary and unwise." Nobody paid much attention.

As a matter of fact, most middle-road economists think stimulus could be given now without much danger of inflation. MIT's Paul Samuelson wants a tax cut of 10 to 20 billion plus expansion (not contraction) of federal spending. Writing in Newsweek he seems to be wondering where Jimmy Carter currently stands. The last Democrat to end an 8-year Republican regime, he recalls, was Kennedy. There was a recession then, too. Kennedy, notes Samuelson significantly, had to "resist trying to curry favor with the conservative financiers and business executives whose advice has already served Gerald Ford and the nation badly. He adds, drily, "that ploy to curry favor won't work anyway."

TRB from Washington is a national column syndicated by The New Republic, a weekly publication on politics and the arts. It is written by 78-year-old Richard Lee Strout, who is also Washington correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor. TRB appears weekly.



**Early bird** —Steve Schuler

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, the King Library is open and in use before finals week. This anonymous researcher is already at work looking for material on the 4th floor.

### '77 'Great Teacher' nominations taken

The UK Alumni Association is soliciting nominations for its '1977 Great Teacher' awards. Nomination forms are available at the King Alumni House, the King Library, Room 209 of the Student Center and the Complex Commons. Students should return their nominations by Feb. 16 to Room 575, Patterson Office Tower.

Characteristics considered in the selection of teachers are knowledge of the subject matter, effectiveness of presentation and demonstrated interest in students. Nominees are evaluated by a committee of members of leadership honorary Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board. The applications are then reviewed by the Great Teacher Awards Committee of the Alumni Association which recommends the final selections to the full board of directors.

### Forum on housing to be held tomorrow

The first in a series of forums on low-income housing sponsored jointly by three Lexington housing organizations will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Craft Room, Connie Griffith Manor, 540 West Second St.

The topic for the forum is "What are the housing problems that face low-income citizens? How do they affect Lexington-Fayette Urban County?" The forum will be moderated by forum director Vincent M. Puskamp and will feature four guest panelists, including UK history professor Humbert Nell. The project is sponsored by the Division of Housing Services, Urban County Government; the Lexington Housing Authority, and Tenant Services and Organization Assistance, Inc.

## Snow presents new handicap

By MARIE MITCHELL  
Kernel Staff Writer

Everyone is having difficulties maneuvering in the snow, but for blind and handicapped students, problems are increased. "It's a frustrating situation," said Jacob Karnes Jr., director of handicapped students, "but I don't think it has had a significant effect on the students. They are coping very well."

When the maintenance crews cleared the snow last week they unthinkingly piled it on the ramps used for the handicapped, Karnes said. One call to the physical plant remedied the situation quickly, he said.

There are still places close to the buildings, especially near the doors, that have been neglected and make it difficult to enter, said Dick Cambron, junior BGS handicapped student.

Although Karnes said the snow is mostly an inconvenience, it can be especially dangerous for the handicapped. Slid ice can tip people out of a wheelchair, and the quadriplegic are more susceptible to catching cold in this weather.

Hills are another problem, said Michael Bell, program director for the blind. Depending on where classes are held, handicapped students have managed by starting sooner, having helpers push them or planning a route to travel level ground as much as possible, said Bell.

"Escorts wouldn't be all that necessary except wherechairs don't come with snow tires or chains," he said.

Blind people depend heavily on sound and the snow and ice have deadened these cues, said Bell, who is totally blind himself. "Snow kills the sound echoing back from buildings and other obstacles. The wind also changes and distorts these cues," he said.

Canes are used to detect certain landmarks like curbs which are now snow laden and dogs allow better travel, said Bell.

Maintaining footing on the ice is another problem encountered each winter to a some, he said.

Everyone was caught off guard with the unusual weather, but "It's just a matter of adjusting and not being bashful to ask for help, said Cambron." Although he has postponed extra-curricular activities, Cambron said he feels it's vital to attend the first days of classes and is willing to make necessary arrangements to get there.

### Financial aid checks available

Student financial aid checks should be ready for pick up at 1 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom, the financial aid office announced yesterday.

Checks were to be ready early this morning, but their processing was delayed because of the weather.

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The Advisory Committee on Student Code Revision has tentatively approved the following proposed revisions of the Student Code of Conduct.

The Advisory Committee solicits written comments on these proposals. The comments should be addressed to: Chairman, Advisory Committee on Student Code Revision, c/o Office of Vice President for Student Affairs, 529 Patterson Office Tower, and must be received no later than Friday, January 28, 1977.

Copies of Student Rights and Responsibilities containing the Code of Student Conduct may be obtained from the above-given location.

Note: In addition to the substitutions specified in Proposal III, material to be added appears in bold face type; material to be deleted appears in parentheses.

Proposal I:

1.61 There shall be a University appeals board with appellate jurisdiction over decisions of the University Judicial Board and over decisions and/or recommendations of any faculty members and administrators on matters of University academic offenses.

Proposal II: Concerning temporary appointments to the University Appeals Board

1.67 First paragraph, last sentence

However, in no case shall a faculty member replace a student member ( ) or a student member replace a faculty member. (a male member replace a female member, or a female member replace a male member.)

Proposal III:

1.21s Substitute the word "sanctions" for "punishment";

1.33 Substitute the word "sanction" for "punishment"; in both instances

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1.52b Substitute the word "sanction(s)" for "punishment";

1.53a Substitute the word "sanction" for "quantum of punishment"; in the first instance and substitute "or of sanction" for "for quantum of punishment" in the second instance.

1.62 Substitute the word "sanction" for "punishment";

1.62b Substitute the word "sanction" for "punishment" in all instances

1.66a Substitute the word "sanction" for "quantum of punishment";

1.8 Substitute the word "Sanctions" for "Actions"

1.81 Warning

The Dean of Students or the Dean's authorized representative may notify the student that continuation or repetition of specified conduct may be cause for other disciplinary action. A warning, unless imposed by the U. J. Board, is not appealable. (This action, unless imposed by the U. J. Board, is not appealable.)

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3.4 Substitute the word "Sanctions" for "Punishment"

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# 10 best albums of the year

By **WALTER TUNIS**  
Kernel Reporter

Nineteen seventy-six produced its share of fine music, however most of it came from the established talents of years past rather than from newer artists. As well, the past year re-established the role of the singer-songwriter in today's music.

Here is a brief assortment of comments on the 10 best written, performed and produced albums of 1976:

**1**

Stevie Wonder, "Songs in the Key of Life" [Motown]

With each album, Wonder produces a fuller, more mature sound. "Songs" represents more emphasis on elaborate, jazzy arrangements without forsaking his soul-funk roots. Wonder links his various musical styles with some exceptional lyrical narrative, ranging from such provocative love songs like "Another Star" to the stinging condemnation of racial prejudice, "Black Man." The richness of the music presented on this two-record plus set far above any other album released within the past year.

**2**

Steely Dan, "The Royal Scam" [ABC]

Still among the most imaginative of today's avant-garde U.S. rock bands, Steely Dan has produced another winning album of odd stories, peculiar people and absorbing melodies. The group, now consisting of just keyboardist Donald Fagen and guitarist Walter Becker (ably assisted by some excellent studio sidemen), have broken into a far less commercial format. But they still possess a mystique totally unique in modern rock music.

**3**

Jeff Beck, "Wired" [Epic]

Quite simply, this is one of the most surprising albums of the year, as well as Beck's finest disc to date. Concentrating on a driving but irregular beat similar to that of John McLaughlin, Beck plays with remarkable ease. Assisted by Jan Hammer and Michael Walden, who wrote the bulk of the material on "Wired," Beck has surrounded himself with the finest set of

musicians he has ever played with. The album is a winner all the way around.

**4**

George Harrison, "Thirty-Three and One-Third" [Dark Horse]

Scouting the comeback trail for several years now, Harrison has made his best album in six years. Focusing on lighter, simpler material, such as the excellent "Crackerbox Palace," his playing and singing are vastly improved. "Thirty-Three and One-Third" is a tremendous success that will probably be overlooked because of its sparse commerciality. However, Harrison is now proving that he is the most durable of the former Beatles, in light of McCartney's lyrically stillborn albums of late.

**5**

James Taylor, "In the Pocket" [Warner Bros.]

After his re-found commercial success with last year's splendid "Gorilla" LP, Taylor continues with another exceptional assortment of songs, including the much under-rated "Shower the People" which achieved only minor success this past summer. Although the album boasts such talent as Art Garfunkel, Graham Nash and David Crosby, Taylor is clearly in control of an album made with unusual care and confidence. "In the Pocket" keeps Taylor's reputation intact as a major force among the singer-songwriters of the 70s.

**6**

Jackson Browne, "The Pretender" [Asylum]

One of the most hauntingly personal albums of the year, "The Pretender" is a dramatic, tense collection of songs set in an untempo mood. Some of these songs, most notably "Sleep's Dark and Silent Gate" deal indirectly with the suicide of Browne's wife last April. He has served as inspiration for many other songwriters and his respect is earned nervously in listening to the tales of "The Pretender."

**7**

Stephen Stills-Neil Young, "Long May You Run" [Reprise]

These two veterans of rock combined for what

will probably be their only headlining album. "Long May You Run" is a set of fine and remarkably unpretentious works split evenly among the two. Although Young fares somewhat better, especially on the devastating "Fontainebleau." Stills shows great improvement over his most recent solo album, notably on the closing track, "Guardian Angel."

**8**

Billy Joel, "Turnstiles" [Columbia]

The year's "sleeper" album, "Turnstiles" hardly dented the sales charts since its release early last summer. The album has a modest amount of commercial appeal, but its songs are slickly written and performed in a superlative fashion. Keyboard man Joel's songs deal with people and their surroundings as well as the working class itself. As a lyricist, he is simple and direct; as a pianist, he deserves more than his present cult following. "Turnstiles" is a satisfying, enriching effort well worth the bucks.

**9**

Weather Report, "Black Market" [Columbia]

One of the finest jazz-rock outfits of today, Weather Report makes each album with months of precise planning and arranging. Their music is adventurous and an excellent choice for those wishing to try something a little different. Most of "Black Market's" fine material comes from two ex-Miles Davis sidemen, sax-man Wayne Shorter and keyboardist Josef Zawinul, who pays a beautiful tribute to Cannonball Adderly on the album. "Black Market" is only the latest in a series of excellent discs by this multi-talented group.

**10**

Linda Ronstadt, "Hasten Down the Wind" [Asylum]

A remarkably diverse album, "Hasten Down the Wind" ranges from country swing to gospel rock to powerful ballads. With songs written by talents such as Buddy Holly, Willie Nelson, Warren Zevon and Karla Bonoff, it would seem that Ronstadt couldn't go wrong. But it is clearly Ronstadt's beautiful interpretations of these songs that make her new album one of her best yet. She is one of the few artists of today who lives up her reputation.

## And locally: Arbitrary achievement awards of 1976

By **NANCY DALY**

Walter Tunis' list of the 10 best albums got me thinking that a lot of things happened on the Lexington entertainment scene this year that may or may not be worthy of mention.

In any case, I went ahead and pieced together a collection of my own observations, hence called the "Arbitrary Achievement Awards of 1976."

**Biggest failure:** Gram Parsons Memorial Country Rock Festival, the misnamed Fourth of July fiasco which lost promoters a whopping \$120,000 and sent performers like Ray Charles, The Band, Emmylou Harris, Harry Chapin, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Roger McGuinn home real mad.

**Most amazing feat:** The Student Center Board, for bringing Jackson Browne, the Allman Brothers and Joni Mitchell here all in the same year.

**Most improved local act:** Stony Creek, a bluegrass band.

**Most civic responsibility:** WKQQ, whose Midnight Movie keeps teeny-boppers too young to hold their liquor off the streets a few hours each weekend.

**Most irate phone calls:** Channel 18, the night they pre-empted "Saturday Night Live" to bring us the Cincinnati Reds.

**Most improved arts reporting:** The Lexington Herald-Leader; with increasing amounts of newsprint given over to John Furcolow, David Reed and Barry Bronson, this sorely neglected section of that paper is starting to get its act together.

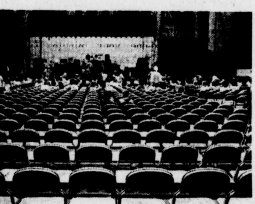
**Most disliked dress code:** Greenstreets, the new Vine Street disco lounge which turns people away for wearing anything resembling Levis.

**Most responsible for rejuvenating campus entertainment scene:** Satchel Paige band.

**Most pleasant surprise:** The relative success of the new Lexington Civic Center in bringing in a variety of quality entertainment to the Rupp Arena and Opera House. (We still don't like your parking lot.)

**Most hoped-for concert:** Emmylou Harris. The Student Center Board, Rupp Arena promoters or anyone else listening should seriously consider bringing her to Lexington in 1977. She's had to cancel out here twice in the past two years. Runner-up: Dan Fogelberg.

And looking ahead to 1977, here's one personal request:



The sparsely attended Gram Parsons Memorial Country Rock Festival at Memorial Coliseum (above) is listed as the biggest failure of 1976.

Arts Editor Daly's column will appear from time to time as space and motivation permit.

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## High school students affected UK study finds histoplasmosis risk

By SUZANNE DURHAM  
Copy Editor

A group of UK researchers in the department of community medicine have found that an unusually high number of high school students in central Kentucky have been exposed to the respiratory disease histoplasmosis.

Counties covered in the study include Harrison, Owen, Pendleton, Grant, Bourbon, Nicholas, Robertson, Bracken and Scott. Fayette County was not included.

Composed of medical students and professors, the research group has been studying the effect of deserted bird roosts in Cynthiana. Six hundred students in that area were given blood tests; 333 of these showed signs of exposure to the disease.

That proportion is nearly five times the normal rate expected in central Kentucky teenagers. Usually, fewer than 15 per cent show signs of exposure.

Dr. H. Mac Vandiviere, a medical professor helping conduct the study, stressed that exposure to the disease

does not mean these students are infected.

Still in progress, the study will be completed "in three to four weeks," Vandiviere said. The students must be given chest x-rays to determine if they are actually infected with histoplasmosis.

Histoplasmosis is caused by spores that grow in soil covered with bird droppings. Dr. Coy Smith, an assistant professor in community medicine, said it takes three to four years for the droppings to build up and develop the fungus which causes the disease.

Vandiviere said Fayette

County was not chosen for the study because "we didn't know of any bird roosts" in the county.

Smith, who has studied bird roosts in Lexington for several years, said, "I sample them (the roosts) periodically to determine if they're positive. There are no active positive roosts in Lexington."

Rural areas contain large roosts of between 500,000 and one million birds, said Dr. Harry Marsh, director of environmental health in the Fayette County Health Department.

But, "A certain number of birds are indigenous to the urban environment," Marsh said. He estimated that downtown Lexington probably houses two hundred thousand birds who flock together at night.

On campus, the birds nest in evergreens and trees with heavy cover, said Jim Wessels, director of the Physical Plant Division. "About 10 days ago we noticed blackbirds at night (on campus)," Wessels said Friday.

Originally, there were 10 to 12 trees, especially in the

Botanical Gardens, that were covered with birds, Wessels said. Now, he estimates only three or four trees are now used by the birds.

Asked if he plans to study the exposure-infection percentages in Fayette County, Vandiviere said, "Of course I have a great deal of interest in seeing this (study) done" here.

Vandiviere said he would be working with the health department if a study of Fayette County was done. He added that UK students would probably not be used for testing.

## UK debate team prepares for National Debate Tournament

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Extensive research is vital

Adding to the regular jumble of newspapers, magazines and books researched in the many UK libraries, Skillman and Oberst have turned to congressional hearings to beef up their evidence preparations.

"Debate now is really technical in nature because you delve so deeply in issues," said Oberst. "A debate is developed mainly for the debate officials and people in the audience, not for the layman."

Debating ordinarily takes much serious rehearsal by a team, but Skillman and Oberst, who have worked together for so long, practice informally at home instead. In the past, they held intrasquad practice debates two or

three times a week in the office tower.

The format of an intercollegiate debate is probably unknown to the peaceful, nondebating student, so Skillman offered this description of the confrontation:

The debate setting consists of one or more judges and two two-man teams which have their materials laid out in front of them. The debate begins. Member 1 of Team 1 has ten minutes to present the affirmative case. He argues for a change and gives his team's plan.

Following his statement, a member of Team 2, the negative side, cross-examines his foe, trying to find weaknesses in the presentation and the logic of the case. Meanwhile, his partner prepares for the upcoming ten-minute

negative constructive in which he argues against the change, or sometimes offers an alternative solution.

Both teams are tense, alert for openings. After the first negative speech an affirmative team member has three minutes of cross-examination to attack. His teammate gathers facts and logic for his ten-minute second affirmative speech which will follow.

The purpose of his speech is to rebuild the affirmative case while refuting the first negative attack. After cross-examination by Team 2, there is a final negative speech and cross-examination.

After the first speeches, there are four rebuttals lasting five minutes, with the negative side going first. After the final affirmative rebuttal, the judge consults

his scoring notes and prepares his verdict.

"Last year we won four tournaments, which was the most for any one team," said Skillman. "We won our Kentucky Round-Robin, going through eight teams undefeated, and also went undefeated in the Georgia Round-Robin." He and Oberst also walked away with firsts in the Redlands and Kansas Invitational.

Although excellent debaters, Skillman and Oberst are, to individual extents, capable of keeping their argumentative outbursts under control.

"Debate is also the process of diplomacy," said Oberst, authoritatively. "We don't always walk around with a chip on our shoulders." But, as Skillman admitted, "You will get the tendency to debate with people."

**HELLO:** I'm Seymour, the Health Service elephant. Here are some important facts you need to know this semester.



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Why don't you pay your Health Fee and your Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance payment? They can be paid at the following locations:

A. Health Fee - In the ballroom of the Student Center. You may pay it when you pay your other fees.

B. Health Fee & BCBS - At the Health Service table. (Located at the foot of the ballroom stairs.)

### Later:

The health fee can be paid at the Health Service (MC Annex 4) or at Billings and Collections (220 Service Bldg.) until the Feb. 11 deadline.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield payment must be made at the BCBS office (MC Annex 1). For more info call 233-5823.

Don't forget to pick up the new Health Service brochure, "How to Take Care of Yourself."

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If you are now enrolled, but haven't received your bill yet, please call the Insurance office. (233-5823)

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**Bye.**