

U. Senate defeats plus-minus grading proposal

By STEPHANIE WALLNER
News Editor

The proposed plus-minus grading scale was defeated by a 42-9 vote of the University Senate yesterday.

The scale, it passed, would have changed the University's current grading system to include pluses and minuses for each letter grade, excluding "A plus," "E plus" and "E minus."

Robert Altenkirch, chairman of

the Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards, said there is no strong argument for or against using such a scale.

Altenkirch himself opposed the scale. "I don't see any reason to do it," he said. "I don't see anything wrong with what we've got now."

"The indication was that the Senate wanted to vote on a plus-minus system," he said. "We ought to give you the opportunity to vote on it."

"I'm kind of surprised that they

voted it so overwhelmingly down," Altenkirch said.

William Moody, a professor of animal science, supported the proposal, saying it was "a fairer system to the student. It seems to me there is quite a difference between a 70 and a 79...." Moody said.

Malcolm Jewell, a professor of political science, supported the scale because it "is more equitable."

"When you average all the work people do, it doesn't always fall in

the middle of an 'A,' 'B,' 'C' category," Jewell said. "There's a wide range between a 'B plus' and a 'B minus' student."

Jewell also said there was not adequate student representation for an issue important to students. "I can't imagine why students elected to the Senate didn't show up for this," he said.

David Bradford, Student Government Association president and one of the few students present, opposed the scale because of uncertainty of

its benefits for students. "The students do not understand if this could work to their best interests or not," he said.

Bradford, who supported the proposal earlier this month, said: "The more students find out about it, the more questions they had. Since that time, I've had a tremendous amount of input ranging from lukewarm and tentative approval to extreme opposition."

Stephen DeMers, a professor of

educational counseling and psychology, also opposed the scale. "There's no guarantee that an instructor will give A, B, C, D; there's no guarantee an instructor will use pluses or minuses."

Kathy Ashcraft, a student member of the Senate and the Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards, supported the proposal. "It could've only helped the students," she said. "It would have increased the number of 3.0 students."

Group wrestles with quantity of program

By JOHN VOSKUL
Special Projects Editor

A University committee is wrestling with one of the eternal questions — how to translate the ideal into the practical. The outcome of this metaphysical match may determine the structure of the General Studies Program.

The Committee for the Review of General Education, which reports to the University Senate and the chancellor for the main campus, plans to propose some sweeping changes in the University's current program.

The program consists of eight areas of study. Students must take courses in five of the eight areas to fulfill the general studies requirement.

The committee, made up of University students, faculty members and administrators, has already come up with several ideas to improve the program. The problem the members now face is combining the ideas into a workable proposal.

The problem concerns a question of quantity, according to John B. Stephenson, director of the Appalachian Center and chairman of the committee.

"Our proposals and discussion have led us to an expanded general studies curriculum — beyond what people consider to be the normal for four years," he said at a meeting of the committee yesterday.

The committee has set some specific goals for general education and come up with a basic curriculum to achieve those goals. The problem is that the curriculum would require about 36 to 57 hours of class work in the area of general studies alone. The current program requires about 30 hours of general studies course work.

A large number of the undergraduate degree programs would resist adding a large number of general study credit hours to their curricula, said William Adams, a professor of anthropology and committee member.

The committee discussed several ways to decrease the number of hours, including making adjustments in the requirements, requiring the degree programs to accommodate general studies and allow more hours for general education and allowing students to "double count" — use course work to fulfill both general studies and degree requirements.

No action was taken on the matter.



By a nose

Geneva Klauer of Lexington bet on a horse that lost in a close 6th Race at Keeneland yesterday.

Record private giving helps UK weather tough financial times

By TRACY WHYTE
Reporter
and SHANNON HANINGTON
Reporter

Federal and state coffers are not as plentiful as they have been in the past.

Budget constraints are becoming a serious problem at many universities across the nation. And UK, no exception, must look for money elsewhere — the private sector.

And fund-raising strategies also have changed, according to Terry Mobley, director of development.

One recourse is that corporations and individuals are "actively pursued" for money by the Development Office, he said. And the

strategy seems to have paid off. UK received \$9.3 million in private donations last year — an 18-percent increase from 1982.

In fact, 1983 was a record year for UK in terms of donations, Mobley said. There was an "excess of 17,000 gifts from 13,000 donors, which means some people gave more than once — about 4,000 people," he said.

"Why? For corporations, it may be a 'feeling of loyalty,'" Mobley said. The record year also can be attributed to "awareness on peoples' part that we are state-assisted and not state-funded."

Mobley, however, knows securing private donations is not easy.

Individuals are researched to see if they would be interested in donat-

ing funds. Alumni, who contributed about \$1.2 million last year, also are contacted.

Half of these alumni donors graduated within the last 10 years, Mobley said. Their donations may be attributed to "their now reaching new heights in the business world enabling them to give."

Constituent mailing also is used, Mobley said. Specific letters are sent to graduates of colleges who might be more interested in making donations to their own colleges.

"It often takes a long time to secure an individual gift to the University," he said. A recent \$1-million donation to the School of Journalism by Wickliffe B. Moore, a retired

Louisville businessman, required 18 years of work.

Another private donation did not take quite so long. A recent \$300,000 gift from Lexington horseman John R. Gaines to establish a Center for Undergraduate Studies in the Humanities required two years — and a lot of work from Raymond Betts, director of the Honors Program — to bring about the transaction.

Gaines prime interest, according to Betts, was to establish a meaningful reward for students. Betts called the donation a "pure gift" because it is unique in the history of the University — never before has such a large gift been given to one area by someone in a different field, he said.

Corporations, however, usually donate money only in their field of expertise, Mobley said.

The corporations are researched to see which ones should be interested in contributing to various colleges. Proposals for donations are then sent from the Development Office in hopes of making some arrangement.

A corporation such as Ashland Oil Inc. would be more likely to donate to the College of Business & Economics rather than the College of Home Economics, Mobley said. Many companies "donate to the colleges that they hire employees from," he said, or in some cases,

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INSIDE

With a little help from some friends, UK's president finds ways of filling the voids in the University budget. For more details, see page 2.

Mike Bunick will compete in the Olympic Trials for track and field this summer in Los Angeles. For more details, see SPORTS, page 3.

Southeastern Conference Golf Championships, held May 12-15 at Calloway Mountain, Ga., mean a reprieve for three UK seniors who will graduate May 6. See SPORTS, page 3.

WEATHER

Today will be mostly sunny, windy and warm, with highs in the mid to upper 80s. Tonight will be mostly clear and quite mild. Lows will be in the low 60s. Expect wind and warmth Friday, with a chance of thunderstorms and highs in the mid 80s.

Prophecies

History professor's book about theories of Middle Eastern development is translated into Arabic

By EVERETT J. MITCHELL II
Assistant Editor

Robert W. Olson may have just found one thing on which the Middle Eastern world agrees.

The Arabs, Turks, Iranians and Jews will not argue with the role that Olson, a professor of Middle Eastern history, said they played in his latest book. In fact, it has been translated into Arabic.

Olson said he "was very delighted to have the book accepted in the Middle Eastern world, and the translation was a sign the book was very well received by the Arabic world along with the Turks and Iranians."

J.A. Thompson, chairman of history, said Olson's book is the third book from UK's department to be translated and reprinted in another language, but it is the first book to be translated in a non-Western language.

Olson, who describes his area of interest in religious terms as everything from Mohammed to Khomeini,

said his book *The Siege of the Mosad and Ottoman Persia: Relations 1718-1743*, deals with a major confrontation between the Ottoman Empire — at that time all of the Middle East plus North Africa — and Iran.

"The significance is," he said, "I tried to demonstrate the applicability of certain theoretical Marxist constructs with regards to the multi-causal theory of history advocated by the French school of historical thought called the Annales School, to determine whether or not some of the major principles of dependency theory were correct."

The Marxist constructs Olson tries to explore and categorize include the date that imperialism accelerated in the Ottoman Empire. "I contended it became intense in the first part of the 18th century rather than the latter, such as books prior to mine has said," Olson said.

The dependency theory, according to Olson, is advocated particularly by historians and political scientists from the Third World and tries to

explain why the Third World is underdeveloped.

"They came up with the idea of dependency theory," he said. "It explained the industrial underdevelopment and economic backwardness as a result of the Third World economies were exclusively tied to the economies of Europe."

Besides being well received in the Middle Eastern world, the book was also praised by other Middle East historians.

"I was very pleased that Roger Owen — one of the leading historians of the Middle East and of the British Empire — indicated in his recent book, *The Middle East in the World Economy 1800-1914*, the major text on this period, that my work along with two other historians was fundamental to the understanding of the economic and social development in the first half of the 18th century," Olson said. "It made me feel ecstatic — I was delighted, euphoric."



ROBERT W. OLSON

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Singletary active in fund-raising role

By JOHN VOSKUH, Special Projects Editor

Just as the president of the United States must contend with budget deficits, UK's president also must wrestle with the University's financial shortcomings both publicly and privately.

In public, President Otis A. Singletary lobbies the legislature and the Council on Higher Education to receive more state money. In private, he contacts individuals and corporations in search of donations to the University.

"Funding sources of income is part of any university president's job," he said in a recent interview. "I'm only doing my job."

Because of Singletary's job and the efforts of the University's other fund-raising departments, the University received \$9.3 million in private donations last year — an 18-percent increase from 1982.

"What you're seeing is some of our plans fall into place," he said. "Our planning and work is coming to fruition."

That fruit includes recent private donations of \$20 million for the Lucille Parker-Markey Cancer Research Center, \$3 million for an

equine research center and \$500,000 for a humanities center, he said. "We haven't been sitting around, waiting for the state. We've been doing it ourselves."

But UK can't do it all, he said. "Don't kid yourself. There's no way you can operate this place on private money. It cannot be done."

A private donation provides "a margin of excellence," he said. "It gives you that little boost."

The boost is "not just in bricks and mortar." Individual and corporate gifts also contribute toward improvement in academic programs. Corporations such as Ashland Oil have endowed chairs in the College of Business & Economics.

Singletary said he plays three roles during negotiations for money from individuals.

The first role is representational. "I serve as a representative of University officialdom." This was the type of role he played "in the case of the cancer research money," he said.

The second role is collaborative. He actively engages in "making the case" — meeting and talking with people.

He played this type of role in the case of the humanities center. It was made possible by a gift of \$300,

000 by millionaire John Gaines. "In the case of the Gaines gift, I worked closely with others, including Professor Raymond Betts."

Raymond Betts, a professor of history and director of the University Honors Program, helped coordinate the project.

Singletary aided in the project by securing a \$200,000 land grant from the University from the Dana Corporation, an Ohio company. Singletary sits on the board of directors of Dana. The University sold the land and put the money toward the humanities center project.

His position on Dana's board of directors does not lead to any "conflict of interest situations," he said. "Not unless you call securing funds for the University a conflict of interest," he added with a smile.

The third role he plays is active. "I get it done myself."

The \$1-million gift for an Equine Research Center exemplifies this type of role for Singletary.

"You have to have a reason for people to give you money," he said. "People who have money are faced with all sorts of ways to give it away. What you have to do is provide them with a good reason to give it to this University."

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they give funds to areas where they see a need for improvement.

Companies that might have an interest in UK are "worked on" for months and years to persuade them to donate. Corporate funds in 1983 were \$5.5 million, Mobley said, which was 35 percent of the total gift support.

Raymond R. Hornback, the vice president for University relations, is proud about the current situation and optimistic about the future of UK's private funds. "We've gone from less than a million a year from private sources to over \$9 million this year, and things are really beginning to snowball," he said.

This snowball effect is helped along by several University groups. "We have a group called the University of Kentucky Development Council made up of some 200 or so people with a board of 25," he said. "Bob McCowan, vice president of Ashland Oil, is chairman; Tommy Bell, a local attorney and graduate, is chairman of our Fellows Program; Frank Ramsey is on the Board of Trustees and is also chairman of our annual giving drive."

The Development Council's 200 members are professionals, businessmen and "influential types" who help the University coordinate the effort to raise private dollars, Hornback said.

"IBM has done some very significant things, just recently about \$100,000 worth of equipment and program money was donated for a computer program at the Lexington Community College," Hornback said.

Both the Reynolds Tobacco Company and Philip Morris have made major gifts to the College of Agriculture — dollars primarily for tobacco-related programs and research — and we have just this year raised in dollars or pledges \$10 million for our new Equine Re-

search building and program," he said.

"Three million of that came from one individual, a gentleman by the name of Maxwell Gluck who lives in California, and \$3 million of it came from matching dollars from the state — done while John Y. Brown was governor — and we've raised over \$4 million dollars from other horsemen," he said.

Another University fundraiser is the Fellows Program. To become a UK Fellow, a donor must pledge at least \$10,000 to the University. There are 1,100 Fellows who "have either given or pledged somewhere in the \$20 to \$22 million mark now."

This financial success story does not cross all levels of the University, however. The UK Research Foundation, the UK body in charge of finding money for research — showed a drop in funds from \$25,290,152 in the first half of fiscal 1983 to \$24,701,790 in the first half of fiscal 1984.

James McDonald, executive director of the research foundation, said he was not overly concerned about the drop. "You find these things run in cycles. If it becomes a trend, then you worry," he said.

McDonald cited two causes for the decrease in funds: the tight federal budget, and many University's senior researchers leaving.

But the decrease in funds has led to some negative results for UK researchers, according to Susan Donohew, who is in charge of publications at the Research Foundation. "The competition for funding is increasing because there are fewer dollars out there," she said.

Locating agencies to back their research is often a frustrating, complex and time-consuming process for faculty members, Donohew said. "The purpose of the Research Foundation is to help faculty mem-

bers find those dollars, McDonald said.

"A faculty member comes to us and tells us the type of research he wants to do," he said. "We help him find an agency interested in funding research in his area, and then help him approach the agency in a way that would be most effective."

McDonald said there are several ways agencies are located. The Research Foundation may find them, a faculty member may make a contact, the agency may contact the Research Foundation.

Agencies who approach the foundation usually have a particular area of research in which they are interested. Then they are matched with faculty members in that area, McDonald said.

According to Donohew, faculty members from different disciplines are often brought together to work on one project and "can make a dynamic team."

"The process can be very discouraging to the faculty member; sometimes several proposals must be submitted before funds are granted. Donohew said although the University is the major research institution in the state, obtaining funds is still extremely competitive.

She also said University faculty members have an excellent track record in spite of the competition, and it's much more rewarding for that reason.

In order to help compensate for the decreases in government funds, the research foundation has been trying to attract more money from industry, McDonald said, however, he does not feel funds from industry will ever exceed 10 percent of the total that comes into the University.

Information for this story also was gathered by reporters Terry Montgomery and Jay Malley.

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SPORTS

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UK relay winner to compete in Olympic trials

By NICK MICHALAS
Staff Writer

Under stiff competition from regional discus participants, Kentucky track and field star Mike Buncic defended his Kentucky Relay title last Saturday.

Buncic, who holds the UK discus record at 204 feet, will be traveling to Los Angeles this summer to compete in the Olympic trials.

Realistically though, the junior All-Southeastern Conference discus performer is looking down the road to the '88 and '92 summer games.

"(Chances) are not too good," Buncic said. "The United States is by far the toughest country in the world to make it in the discus. It's really an older man's sport."

"It really hasn't entered my mind," Buncic said. "I'm just worrying about college throwers now. There's a big difference in college and Olympic (throwers)."

"If I had a chance," he said, "it definitely would be in 1988 or in 1992, if you look at it every four years. I'm not really too concerned about it."

His coach, Don Weber, agrees with Buncic's "down the road" Olympic philosophy.

"It's like Mark Nenow (former All-American at UK); he's been to two Olympic trials," Weber said. "The first year, he just made it there (trials) and the second time, he finished tenth. Now, he's our best shot."

"When (Buncic) came here, he looked more like a distance runner than a distance thrower. He's really made himself into a top-notch athlete. He's tremendously dedicated and talented."

Buncic's athletic talents are not strictly devoted to the discus event. During first-day competition of the relays, he participated in the shot put. With a distance of 61-5/8", Buncic, All-SEC in the shot put as well, won over defending champ Scott Lundy of Tennessee and seven other shot put finalists.

While battling some of the area's more formidable discus hurlers, Buncic defended his title with a distance of 189 feet. Even under horrendous throwing conditions, Buncic was not too thrilled with his winning mark.

"It was pretty much below par," Buncic said. "It was really bad out there. I don't know if I have ever thrown in worse conditions."



Mike Buncic lets go of the shot put in the SEC Indoor Championships at Baton Rouge, La. in February. Buncic will compete in the Olympic Trials in Los Angeles this summer.

On the upswing

Women's golf team enjoying season

By LINDA HENDRICKS
Staff Writer

Nancy Seranton, Paula Davis and Leslie Ritter will graduate May 6, but graduation will not sever their ties with UK.

These three will be representing UK for the last time when they compete in the Southeastern Conference Golf Championships on May 12-15 at Calloway Mountain, Ga.

Kentucky will face Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi State and Louisiana State also are in the tournament. The Lady Kats finished third in this competition last year.

"There is a very strong field competing this year," said Bette Lou Evans, coach of the Lady Kats. "It would be extremely good to finish in the top five this year; we're hoping to do just that."

Evans said a strong finish in the SEC tournament might give the team a shot at the national championships.

"We're still trying to get to the

national championships. If we win the SEC tournament, that would surely help us get there," she said.

Winning the tournament would be something special for the graduating seniors.

At a tournament held at Southern Illinois recently, UK won the individual title by a whopping 22 shots, beating nine other teams.

Seranton captured the individual title with a two-day total of 143, shooting a 73 the first day and improving to a 70 on the tournament's last day.

Evans said that the seniors have been strong performers and leaders for the team.

"Paula was our strong player in the spring, while Nancy was stronger in the fall, but all the girls provided leadership for the team," she said.

Evans sees next year as rebuilding season.

The team has had a successful season thus far, with three tournament victories, two second places and one third-place finish.

Bat Cats drop two games

The Kentucky baseball team dropped two games to the University of Evansville 4-0 and 3-2 yesterday at Shively Field. The Wildcats, now 24-17, travel to Gainesville, Fla., tomorrow to take on the University of Florida in a double-header Saturday and a single game Sunday.

UK first baseman Randy Clark extended his homerun record to 18 with a solo shot in the bottom of the sixth inning in the second game. Clark broke the record of 15 set by Jeff Shartzler in 1981, in Tuesday's 8-6 win over Cincinnati.

As a team, UK now has 56 homeruns on the year through 41 games. The season record was set by the '81 team, which belted 60 homeruns in 35 games.

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Expelling Libyans is only proper step London can take

The standoff between Britain and Libya is not quite over.

It may never be. The people who have been holed up in the Libyan Embassy in London are going to be evacuated. As far as London is concerned, they are being expelled.

As far as the world is concerned, it truly is the least Britain can do.

Col. Moammar Khadafy seems to realize this as well. It seems more along his line of thinking to attack London or at least hold the British Embassy in Tripoli hostage. But either act would bring reprisal from Britain, and it is likely a few other nations might offer assistance.

In short, Khadafy is not trying to be reasonable by avoiding further bloodshed. He is being merely cautious.

On April 17, when a gunman fired from inside the Libyan Embassy and killed a British policewoman, the present standoff began. Since that time there has been plenty of hot rhetoric back and forth, but no gunplay. The officials in the British Embassy in Tripoli are being allowed to pack up and leave.

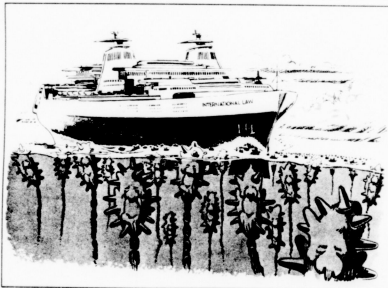
Meanwhile, a special delegation of Libyan officials has arrived in London from Tripoli to oversee the removal of the people in the Libyan Embassy.

Yet Khadafy will certainly not sit still for such unkind treatment as expulsion. The British have been warned that the Irish Republican Army may be allowed to open recruiting offices in Tripoli.

As might be expected, it is an indirect threat and hardly one London should condescend to respond to. Khadafy and Libya have made it clear that they are on rotten terms with practically every free nation, and they will shoot to kill when they see fit.

At least, in the future, they will not have the shroud of diplomatic immunity behind which to hide. And whether Libya attacks with an army or terrorist bombings, Britain may respond with the full force of the law.

Not to mention Her Majesty's own army.



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LETTERS

Nice legs not needed

During my years as a student here I have read many letters to the editor regarding the University public safety division. The majority of these letters concern themselves with the seeming propensity with which the officers ticket cars and or have them towed. Myself being one of not always park where I should, I have received my fair share of tickets.

This past week I found myself

parking again in a designated no-parking area. Upon returning to my car, I found an officer writing out a ticket and preparing to have the car towed. After having the officer explain to me why I shouldn't have parked there, he decided to give me a break and proceeded to tear the ticket up and cancel the towing.

I would like to commend the entire university public safety division for its capable handling of a difficult job and specifically thank this officer for his act of kindness and showing me that it doesn't take a spar-

king smile and a nice set of legs to have a favor done.

Kent N. Thompson
Animal science graduate student

'Ridiculous' charges

I have been reading the articles lately concerning the SGA elections and the charges filed by Phil Taylor and Jim Davis. I have never heard of anything more ridiculous in my life!

Just who are these guys, anyway?

Tim Freudenberg and his running mates, John Cain and Jim Pustinger, were elected by the students. Where do Taylor and Davis get off saying that the whole election should be overturned because of a picture in a display board in the Student Center? I looked at that board today — Phil Taylor's picture is in that board too. How can he file charges against one group of candidates who had their pictures posted right next to his?

I think the real losers in this issue are the students on this campus. They are the ones who have read

about the assinine and pointless antics of Phil Taylor and Jim Davis in trying to have the entire SGA election nullified!

I wish Davis and Taylor would grow up and allow the legitimate elected leaders to work on projects that will benefit students at UK. After all, is SGA an organization whose purpose is to represent student rights, or is it just a playground for Phil Taylor and Jim Davis to play "People's Court"?

Kevin Carr
Computer science senior

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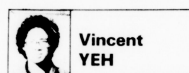
Quality education requires cooperation

In the debate on the Senate Council's proposal to institute a plus-minus grading scale, both sides would do well to keep in mind one fact: Grades are a necessary evil.

The primary mission of a university is learning. While this purpose may be accomplished in various ways, from faculty (and students) conducting research in new academic territory to students studying classical material to agricultural extension agents providing useful information to farmers around the state, a university exists to collect, store and share information.

While grades can serve as a motivation to learning, the purpose of grades is to certify student accomplishment to external institutions such as professional schools and employers. Although this certification may serve a useful social purpose by providing a way to select a few individuals for the desired jobs and schools from a larger pool of applicants, it also can interfere with education.

Preoccupation with grades can cause some students to miss some excellent opportunities for education. Many students will pass up a



Vincent YEH

lecture by a world class expert for last minute cramming in the hopes of gaining a few extra points on a test occurring the following day.

Others miss the chance for personal growth in extracurricular activities, ranging from intramurals to student government to occupy their time with books (or with the computer).

The pressure of grades is probably the biggest source of stress in a student's life. The desire for good grades can cause one to sleep at odd hours, consume a lot of caffeine, and miss regular exercise, each of which is a source of stress and interferes with their learning. How much can one learn in such a state?

Worse yet, concern about grades causes some students to be more interested in how their classmates are doing rather than in their own mastery of

the material. An entire class may be slow because everyone has decided to do only as much as the next person.

On the other hand, some classes go quickly because a few students set a fast pace; yet, there may be subtle pressure on those who enjoy learning not to get ahead.

Not only are the activities of many students affected by the existence of grades, but grades intrude upon faculty time. A significant amount of time goes into creating exams, reading papers, and grading papers and examinations.

While many faculty enjoy teaching, it is doubtful that anyone enjoys grading papers and exams. Probably the only thing hated more is committee meetings.

With grades a faculty member assumes two roles in the classroom. He or she is both a teacher and an evaluator. Sometimes these roles can create a conflict of values. Is the instructor who gives low grades holding the line on grade inflation or reflecting the fact that he or she was unsuccessful in communicating the course material? Learning is inherently a cooper-

ative effort. While cooperation between teacher and student is essential for education to occur, cooperation between students can facilitate understanding. Yet how often do we hear stories of cutthroat competition?

An idealistic solution would remove the chore of evaluation from the universities and let professional schools and employers find other ways to select individuals other than the averaging of marks given under varying circumstances.

If this were the case, then transcripts could be limited to a record of courses successfully completed and the emphasis of university life would be on learning for the future.

In a non-idealistic world, we should keep in mind that there are many ways of gauging a person and that future success and prosperity do not necessarily depend on the maintenance of a certain average.

Good luck. May you all demonstrate on your finals what you've learned during the semester.

Vincent Yeh is a computer science graduate student and the Kernel's Thursday columnist.

Elevator stuffers hope for Olympic gold

The '80s were a terrible era for animal lovers who owned their own pet stores. They dreaded the sound of the bell which released hordes of hungry college students in search of after-school snacks, as goldfish swallowing became a fad at campuses across the nation.

The '80s saw enlistment in the armed forces as the "in" thing to do, although this withered down after the invasion of the Philippines and Guadalcanal.

As for the '60s and '70s, students enjoyed dropping acid and watching the "flaming" colors produced by draft cards and ROTC buildings. We are already well into the '80s, but with apathy sleepily rearing its head everywhere, there are no fads which can be identified with this decade. But a tradition at UK, its roots traceable to the time when students studied as many people as possible into telephone booths and beat-up Volkswagens, may change all this.

Today's trend setters (a branch of the canine species *Irish Setter*): the two are usually found together) gather daily at the Patterson Tower

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to pack as many people as can fit into the confines of an elevator, a fad known as "elevator stuffing."

Sandy Sardine, author of *Hold That Door!* and an active participant, explained: "The rules are pretty simple. You stuff an elevator to the limit then add two or three more people. Part of the fun is watching where everyone positions their hands to keep from being slapped."

But stuffing is a sport which does have its dangers. Last month, 28 people were injured in a tragic accident. According to Sardine, "Someone, for a practical joke, shorted out all the lights that tell you what floor you're on. People had nothing to look at but each other and they just panicked. It was worse than the Who concert in Cincinnati."

Earl Sardine, Sandy's husband (they met after he correctly posi-

tioned his hands during an event), hopes that stuffing will become an official Olympic event, as windsurfing did. He rigorously drills his athletes to get them into tip-top shape. But this training "has stirred up quite a bit of controversy."

These Olympic hopefuls must get up early in the morning for practices held at Commonwealth Stadium. After half an hour of stretching exercises, such as tapping toes, pacing, lifting the arm to look at a watch and harsh vocal yells (cussing), blue-and-white buses arrive for the athletes to stuff.

Conflicts have arisen with other students, though. "It's just not fair," stuffer Shirley Moore huffed. "We're trying to practice and these studs just get in the way by trying to get to class. And what's more, they get off the bus just when we've finished packing it full. How can we simulate full buses if they won't stay on?"

After heated complaints by students about the situation, a decision was made to add more buses to the routes, eliminating crowds but also ruining the competitive atmosphere

sought by the stuffers. Only intensive lobbying efforts by SGB Save Our Buses prevented the addition of more buses.

Amid all this confusion, Sardine believes the practices have paid off. "We took first place in freestyle and second in the graphic division at the Ohio State Stuff-Off," he proclaimed.

Sardine explained: "Freestyle stuffing is just where you go for the maximum amount of people. Graphic stuffing is similar, but participants wear brightly colored clothes, and try to arrange themselves into eye-pleasing patterns. The most popular pattern is the checkerboard effect; only people at the bottom tend to suffocate. If we can find a solution, I think we'll be unbeatable."

He emphasized that students should support their efforts, even at the sacrifice of safety and comfort. "After all," he added, "we're trying to bring the Olympic gold home to Kentucky."

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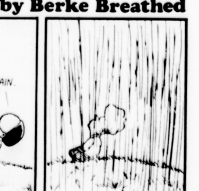
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SPECTRUM

From Staff and AP reports

Health fee remains unchanged

Despite the Health Center's move to the UK Medical Plaza, the health service fee will remain the same.

"There'll be no change in the \$25 fee for next Fall and Spring semesters," said Vivian Smith, assistant administrator and ombudsman for the Health Service.

Smith said the move to a larger facility has benefited the service.

"We're seeing more students as a result of the required health service fee, and the utilization has risen, and now we are able to accommodate this with the larger facility," she said.

"All Lexington campus students, including I.T.I., are eligible to use the Health Service," Smith said.

"We're a 'walk-in' service. Appointments are not necessary."

Modern dancers perform

Students in modern dance and jazz classes will perform a collection of dance compositions in a program called "Sundance."

The program was choreographed by Claudette Wispe, a professor of health, physical education and recreation. The performance is free and open to the public.

Eastern president to retire

RICHMOND, Ky. — Eastern Kentucky University President J.C. Powell submitted a letter of resignation yesterday, saying he doesn't have "the energy and enthusiasm" necessary to direct the school beyond December.

Powell, 58, has spent 24 years at Eastern Kentucky, the last seven and one-half of them as president.

Under a proposal accepted by Eastern's Board of Regents, Powell will retire on Dec. 31, but will remain as president emeritus until June 30, 1985. The regents immediately authorized the appointment of a six-member presidential search committee, and three advisory committees.

Reading from a prepared statement, Powell told the regents he recently spent time considering what he believes will be the challenges that will confront the school over the next several years. He declined to outline his list, but said they "will make strenuous demands on the president and will require leadership that is vigorous and enthusiastic."

David Kennedy found dead

PALM BEACH, Fla. — David Anthony Kennedy, the troubled 28-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was found dead in his hotel room yesterday, police said.

Kennedy had a history of drug problems, but police would not immediately say what caused the death, except that there was no evidence of foul play.

Palm Beach Police Sgt. Henry Marchman said the body was found in Room 107 of the Brazilian Court Hotel, where Kennedy had been staying alone.

A hotel spokesman said Kennedy had been in town on a family vacation, and had been going back and forth between the hotel and the nearby winter home of his grandmother, Rose Kennedy.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a 'PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED' section.

Surgeon to discuss physical effects of alcohol abuse

By LINDA HENDRICKS Staff Writer

Dr. Gordon Hyde, a surgeon at the UK Medical Center, will talk about the effects alcohol has on the body, in a program sponsored by BACCHUS.

"Alcohol has a great effect on the human body," Hyde said. "The discussion will include both the short-term and long-term effects it has on one's body."

He also will speak on alcoholism and the genetic, physiological and human aspects of the disease at 7 p.m. today at 506 Health Sciences Learning Center.

"I'll be discussing the effects of alcoholism and also what can be done to help students who are alcoholics," Hyde said.

Hyde's talk will conclude the semester-long series of

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Olsen started working on his book in 1969 while in Indiana University and had his research completed by the time he came to UK in 1973. It was published in 1975.

"I spent about a year and a half doing research in Istanbul, Turkey — the former capital of the Ottoman Empire — where all the archives are stored, and in London and Paris," he said. "It took about three-and-a-half years to do the research."

The translation of Olsen's book began in 1979, was completed in 1983 and is just now being put into circulation.

It was translated by a person who is adviser to the Ministry of Education in Saudi Arabia, he said. "Seeing the book in Arabic was almost as exciting as seeing it when it was originally printed."

speakers sponsored by BACCHUS — Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students.

Hyde also will discuss the warning signs of alcoholism. "A student who gets drunk on Saturday night does not realize the damage he is doing," he said. "Drinking affects a person's thinking and academic ability."

Mary Brinkman, faculty adviser for BACCHUS, emphasized that BACCHUS is not a prohibition or treatment-oriented organization like most people think, but instead a national organization whose goal is to decrease alcohol abuse on campus.

"BACCHUS encourages people to make their own decisions," she said. "We're hoping to attract a huge crowd."

The meeting is open to the University and community. A business meeting will follow the presentation.

Advertisement for 'Sixteen Candles' movie at Lexington Mall. Features Molly Ringwald and James Stewart.

Advertisement for 'ADVANCE REGISTRATION SCHEDULES' for a 4-week intersession. Includes dates for registration and classes.

Advertisement for 'Surf's Up at Surf City' beer blast. Promotes 'LEXINGTON'S BIGGEST BEER BLAST' with 54 all-draft options.

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