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Fine Arts gets a face lift at UK

By SUZANNE HORSLEY
Contributing Writer

Like most students and faculty members, Richard Domek would prefer to hear the sound of music coming from UK's Fine Arts Building — not the racket of jackhammers breaking through rock.

But Domek, the College of Fine Arts dean, said the construction — which has been going on in the building since November — is almost complete. He hopes the commotion and confusion that accompanied it will be finished as well.

"There is some amount of inconvenience," Domek said, but "the result is going to be well worth it." Renovations were scheduled to be completed Aug. 28, in time for the fall semester. But unforeseen problems and delays prompted officials to ask, and receive, a 40-day extension, Domek said.

Domek said that 80 to 85 percent of the construction is complete. The Fine Arts Building was as-

essed as needing \$5 million in renovations in fall 1989, prompting the power tools, ladders and presence of construction workers.

The project was allotted \$2.3 million in the University budget.

From that, the building now has air conditioning and heating in most of the classrooms and is totally handicapped-accessible. It is newly painted. Also there is a new dance floor, new ceiling tiles and lighting and more smoke detectors.

In addition to the exterior improvements, an electrical service was installed, which will eliminate blown fuses.

The Theatre Department received a new dust absorber and safety features for the scene shop and an emergency exit door were installed in the costume shop.

Also, a computer infrastructure was installed, which will be used later for video, audio, telephone and computer networking.

"The biggest thing that we did get that will impact the students is that

we got a dance floor," said Geraldine Maschio, department chairperson. "It's just safer. We'll be able to begin teaching more dance classes. That's the thing that I'm most excited about."

Maschio, whose offices have been moved twice, said the construction — while necessary — also is very trying. Theatre classes, for example, were relocated in classrooms used primarily for wrestling.

"It's been difficult," Maschio said. "It will be well worth it, but not having a classroom to teach in makes it difficult. We have special needs — it's not just lectures."

Faculty members aren't the only ones confused.

"It's a real inconvenience," said tuba performance major Chris Latham. "We're short on practice room. We could've had a new building for the amount of this thing."

Brad Daniel, a music education major, said, "They got the classrooms fixed, which should have

been done last semester."

He also said the acoustics are bad in the practicing rooms and that he could hear music from other rooms and that it wasn't as bad two years ago.

However, he said he believes that the renovations were beneficial.

The new lockers and the ability to keep materials in the building without the threat of theft make it so. "Psychologically it's a lot better now," he said.

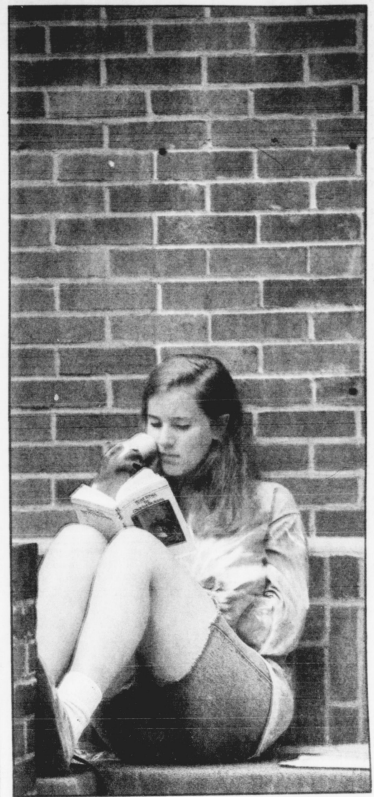
Kaye Hart, a music education major, said he'll enjoy the new additions to the building.

"I'm all for it. I know it'll inconvenience us but it's worth it. It's really about time that this one got some attention."

School of Music secretary Robin Rankin added: "We just work around it."

More than 100 construction workers are on the project.

BOOKIN' IT



Nicole Westcott, an 18-year-old elementary education major, relaxed with a book in front of Lafferty Hall yesterday.

GREG EANS/Kernal Staff

Yeltsin calls for end to nuclear weapons

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin called yesterday for the ultimate destruction of nuclear arms and end to underground tests.

He also said the central Soviet government and the republics should jointly control the weapons.

"We are in favor of total elimination of nuclear weapons in Russia," Yeltsin said in an interview with Cable News Network.

The Russian Federation president reaffirmed his commitment to arms control agreements and called for more sweeping arms-reduction talks.

"I think, personally, that it is not a major victory when 50 percent of nuclear weapons are car-marked for elimination in a situation when 5 percent is enough to destroy the whole world," he said. He was alluding to the most recent U.S.-Soviet arms deal, signed in July by

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and President George Bush.

Gorbachev has long called for the ultimate elimination of nuclear arms and has urged Bush, unsuccessfully, to ban arms tests.

"It is necessary to stop underground nuclear tests," said Yeltsin, noting that such tests had been banned at the Semipalatinsk range in the steppe republic of Kazakhstan, to the south of Russia.

But, he said, the test range at Novaya Zemlya in northern Russian remained open.

"This ... is a very sensitive environmental area," he said. "If we damage the environment, it will not be restored in a thousand years. We need to prevent further testing of nuclear weapons and we will call on President Bush and all the other nuclear powers to stop the tests of nuclear weapons."

As Soviet republics move toward independence, some Western lead-

ers have worried about control over the Soviet nuclear arsenal. Yeltsin offered assurances yesterday that Russia was moving to secure them.

He said nuclear weapons are being moved from the Ukraine to his republic and that Kazakhstan is planning to do the same.

"We have set up a committee to control nuclear weapons so that they are not used either by hawks or ultraright or ultra-left-wing forces or terrorists because this is very dangerous at the present time," Yeltsin said.

"Apart from the central government, we want Russia to control nuclear weapons and to be responsible for nuclear weapons on the territory of Russia, and we want to be answerable to the whole international community so that we keep a finger on the button as well," he told CNN.

Yeltsin also told CNN that in light of the Russian republic's size and power — and its role in crushing

last month's coup — Russians should hold key posts of prime minister, defense minister, KGB chairman and interior minister.

In the interview, Yeltsin said that Gorbachev had no choice but to go along.

"Now this is his last chance," he said. "If he continues together with the democratic movement and Russia and he recognizes the independence of all the other republics, yes, his political life will be extended," he said.

Yeltsin also said the KGB should lose some of its authority. He told CNN the telephones of millions of Soviets were tapped, and called for elimination of the KGB department behind the tapping.

"For the past few days my telephones have been working much better," Yeltsin said. "They are not clicking any longer. So even the president of the Russian federation

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Campus Hardee's serves up free parking for students

By KELLEY POPHAM
Contributing Writer

In an effort to boost business and ease the shortage of prime campus parking, Hardee's restaurant on Euclid Avenue is giving ten UK students a free parking space each month.

Ten different names are drawn

monthly in a lottery to determine who will fill the slots, said restaurant manager Dorie Clark.

Clark and store owner Jim Karns came up with the idea last semester after the restaurant had to tow several cars that were parked illegally in the Hardee's lot.

"We did not want it to be a nega-

tive thing," Clark said. "We want to do something for the students. We really appreciate their business."

Parking tags are issued to each lottery winner, and the restaurant keeps records of each student's names, license numbers, and the makes and models of their cars.

The spaces are monitored closely

to insure that the program isn't abused.

Clark said the restaurant's managers hope to eventually mark the spaces with a wildcat's head or paw.

The first lottery drawing of the semester was held last week, and Clark said she was surprised to find a full box of entry forms in the res-

taurant's lobby.

Not everyone, however, supports favor of the raffle.

Hardee's employee Rosetta Sidney said the restaurant lot is already too crowded.

"We don't have that many parking spaces for the customers anyway

— especially during lunch," Sidney said. "There's not enough for ten people to be parking here for a month."

Lottery drawings will be held each month throughout the school year, and they may become permanent if student interest continues, Clark said.

SHUT OUT



J. J. HAWES/Kernal Staff

The parking lot beside Funkhouser Building has been closed to make way for University construction projects, including a new civil engineering building that is going up near Anderson Hall.

Schools threatened in U.S., Bush says

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press

LEWISTON, Maine — President Bush, declaring that "our schools are in trouble," challenged parents and students yesterday to take more responsibility for improving the quality of education in America.

"If our schools fail us, we can't blame Washington or Augusta, the state capital of Maine, Bush said. "We must blame ourselves for betraying our children."

Ending his summer vacation, Bush stopped here on route back to Washington to press his crusade to bring new vigor to America's classrooms. The focus on education is a major part of Bush's effort to deflect Democratic criticism that he lacks a domestic agenda.

Addressing an audience of students, parents and educators at Lewiston High School, Bush said that "every day brings new evidence of crisis" in classrooms. He noted that scores on verbal Scholastic Aptitude

Tests have fallen to their lowest level.

"These numbers tell us: our schools are in trouble," Bush said. "But before we point fingers, how many of us demand more of our children, ourselves, our schools? Survey after survey suggests too many parents and students remain unconcerned, unconvinced that the state of their own schools should worry them."

"Some of us don't want to ask tough questions and risk angering teachers and administrators. We seem to believe that while everything else in the world changes, our schools shouldn't — that what was good enough for us should be good enough for our kids."

"The truth is, all our children are at risk," Bush said.

Democratic Party Chairman Ronald Brown said the president's trip was designed to launch Bush's 1992 re-election campaign and "re-

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SPORTS



True freshman Damon Hood to start at tailback Saturday. Story, page 5.

UK TODAY

Today is the last day to add a class for the fall semester.

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Houston columnist fired after disclosing his homosexuality

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A columnist for The Houston Post was fired after defying his editors' orders by publicly disclosing his homosexuality.

Juan Palomo, who tried to announce he was gay in a July 9 column, was fired after giving an interview to the weekly Houston Press about his dispute with Post editors, who had ordered him to cut the announcement from the column.

"Juan chose to take the matter public to the extent I felt would be detrimental to the Post and I told him that," Charles Cooper, the newspaper's senior vice president and editor, said in an internal memo Aug. 31. Cooper said Post officials also objected to Palomo's decision to talk about the conflict with other media. Angry Post reporters circulated a petition Aug. 30 asking that Palomo be reinstated.

Palomo told the Houston Chronicle his dismissal was "a matter of pride and machismo.... They can't stand the idea of someone not toeing the line."

Cooper said he's prepared for any

backlash from the firing. "I expect negative reaction to this action from inside and out," Cooper said. "I can handle that better than I could a continuing situation that challenged the basic authority and instincts of our editors."

Michigan Supreme Court Throws Out \$3-Million Libel Award

LANSING, Mich. — The state supreme court has thrown out a \$3 million libel award won by two men who said a 1979 newspaper series falsely implied they had connections with organized crime.

Gary Francell and Joseph J. Loricchio, former owners of the Pine Knob entertainment complex near Detroit, did not claim the facts in the four-part series by The Detroit News were wrong.

The series sketched the history of Pine Knob and the deaths of two people who figured in its development. It also looked at the source of a \$200,000 loan used in its construction and several investors associated with organized crime. The

court's Aug. 26 ruling said the two men had failed to show that the articles contained any false implications or false statements. It sidestepped the question of whether private individuals can sue for libel over the implication of articles with no false statements.

Richard E. Rassel, attorney for The Evening News Association Inc., said the newspaper was delighted with the decision. "Obviously, we're elated and I think our feeling is that it's a major victory for the public's right to know," he said. The plaintiffs' attorney, Pamela Hobbs, had no immediate comment.

An attorney who filed a brief on behalf of the Detroit Free Press said the case was of great concern to Michigan news organizations.

"It would have had a terribly chilling effect on the reporting of public interest subjects if you had to not only worry about making sure your reporting was truthful, but you had to also guard against any conceivable implication," said Herschel Fink.

A Wayne County Circuit Court

jury had awarded Loricchio no damages and Francell \$3 million, but the judge set it aside. The Michigan Court of Appeals reinstated the \$3 million award without reviewing the trial record. In reversing the appeals court, the Supreme Court said the entire record should have been reviewed because of the case's First Amendment importance.

Credential Plans for Noriega Trial

MIAMI — Press arrangements have been made for the trial of former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega, which is scheduled to begin with final motions on Sept. 4 and jury selection beginning Sept. 5.

All media organizations granted permanent, gavel-to-gavel credentials can pick them up at the U.S. Marshal's office, Room 205, at the federal courthouse at 301 N. Miami Ave., Miami. Reporters should have either a media ID with a photo, or a regular photo ID with a letter on a company letterhead and signed by an editor or news director.

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- 8 Lower Your Cholesterol Now
- 9 Wellness Weight Control
- 16 Wellness Cooking Class
- 22 Stress Management Series
- 22 Financial Management Workshop Series (2)

NOVEMBER

- 7 Low Back Care Seminar
- 13 Mike Nichol's Stress Management Seminar
- 19 Lunch Seminar
- 19 Financial Management Workshop Series (3)
- 21 The Great American Smokeout
- 25 Holiday Eating Seminar

DECEMBER

- 2 World AIDS Day
- 9 Holiday Eating Seminar
- 20 Fall Fitness Classes End

JANUARY

- 6 Spring Fitness Classes Begin
- 6 Cooper/Clayton Smoking Program

- 6 Freedom From Smoking Program
- 14 Financial Management Workshop Series (1)
- 15 Wellness Cooking Class
- 21 Lunch Seminar
- 28 Wellness Weight Management
- 29 Lower Your Cholesterol Now

FEBRUARY

- 6 Low Back Care Seminar
- 7 Alumni Gym Open House
- 11 Financial Management Workshop Series (2)
- 28 Developing a Healthy Worksite

MARCH

- 2 TropiCAT Walking Program Starts
- 10 Financial Management Workshop Series (3)
- 24 Lunch Seminar

APRIL

- UKMC Health Fair — TBA
- 13 Supermarket Tour

MAY

- 8 Spring Fitness Classes End
- 18 Summer Fitness Classes Begin
- 19 Lunch Seminar

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- 8 Freedom From Smoking
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Inmate says college education turned life around

Associated Press

EDDYVILLE, Ky. — In 1982, 20-year-old Scott Payne didn't have much going for him.

He was in the Kentucky State Penitentiary serving time for robbery and several other crimes.

The Owensboro native had been kicked out of school in the seventh grade and was reading and writing at a third-grade level. He admits he was antisocial and rebelled against society.

Payne says his life has turned around — even though he's still in prison — because he's taken advantage of the prison's education programs.

In December, he expects to become the first penitentiary inmate to earn a bachelor's degree from Mur-

ray State University. And he said he's been rehabilitated through education.

"It has completely changed the way I look at things. When I came in here, I had a drug problem and I was real antisocial," Payne said. "I didn't believe in the system and thought everyone should be out for themselves."

"Education has given me a different perspective on things. I've learned you can't just be out for yourself. I know now that you can get anything out of life you want, if you are willing to work for it."

Payne also said he used to think there were only two sides to every issue.

"I didn't think that there was any middle ground. I've learned now that things aren't always black and

white and that there are variations in between.

"This may sound odd, but the more education I get, the more I've found out what I don't know. I used to think I had all of the answers, but now I know that I don't."

Payne said his life began to change in 1983 when he enrolled in a GED program.

"I wasn't interested in getting my high school diploma, but I wanted to learn to read and write," Payne said in an interview in the prison library where he spends most of his free time.

"I learned that when you are in prison, the only way to communicate with the street is through letters. I decided I had to read and write. I worked hard and read everything I could get my hands on."

In less than two years, he completed the program and earned his high school diploma. He figured he was finished with education until a few years later when one of his prison friends asked him to join him in a two-year college program offered by Murray State.

"I had no desire to go on to higher education, but I told him that if he enrolled, I'd enroll. He went up and signed us both up, and then I was obligated."

Murray offered four courses per semester by sending professors to the prison.

"I didn't think I could do it and I was real leery," Payne said. "Everyone told me the first semester would be the hardest, but I got three Bs and a C. I was amazed and surprised myself... It really motivated me and I wanted to continue."

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Kentucky's economy struggling, experts say

Associated Press

A state economist says Kentucky's economy slid in to a recession last October that is likely to last at least several more months.

"We're feeling the effects of it, and it won't be over until next spring at the earliest," said Ed Blackwell, chief labor market analyst for the state Cabinet for Human Resources.

Blackwell puts most of the blame on a sluggish non-farm job market.

The coal industry, a mainstay of rural Kentucky, has been slumping badly. A mild winter last year created a coal surplus, and the spot market price has dropped to about \$25 a ton.

Amendments to the Clean Air Act last year forced utilities to make quick, sometimes expensive decisions about what kind of coal to use. There is talk many will turn to less-expensive, low-sulfur Wyoming coal, leaving Kentucky coal operators, especially in western Kentucky, with a smaller market.

Overall the situation has created a sense of urgency within the industry, and has led to layoffs. Island Creek Coal Co., which has its headquarters in Lexington, recently offered early retirement to many of its employees and has not ruled out the possibility of layoffs.

Statewide unemployment rose to 7.4 percent in July, compared with 6.8 percent nationally and 5.2 percent a year ago. Double-digit unemployment is now commonplace in many Kentucky counties, and the official count is thought to underestimate the number of people out of work.

A Louisville economist disagreed that Kentucky slipped into a recession, but said growth will probably

be mild for the rest of the year.

"Though we have a spotty economy, growth remains positive," said James McCabe, chairman of the department of economics and finance at the University of Louisville.

The slump hasn't been limited to any one segment of the economy, but high unemployment and failing businesses have been more common in rural areas.

Still, the hard times have hit Lexington, which had grown steadily right through the most recent recessions, officials said.

In 1975, the recession was driven by rising oil prices, which forced energy consumers to burn more coal. That helped both the state and Lexington economy. The recession years of the early 1980s affected Kentucky, but Lexington continued to grow. This was widely attributed to the white-collar nature of its workforce.

The complexion of the workforce, in Lexington and the state, has changed since then. Thousands of manufacturing jobs were added. When Toyota Motor Manufacturing USA Inc. announced that it would build a Camry plant in Georgetown, the state became a popular, centrally located site for manufacturing plants. As many as 50 major automotive "satellite" plants have moved here since Toyota's arrival, according to state government figures.

The jobs were welcome, but they might have had the side effect of making the economy more like the nation's — and thus more susceptible to national recessions.

"Lexington was always considered a Cinderella city — recession-proof, white-collar, all that," said Paul Coomes, a University of Louisville economist who monitors

Kentucky's urban areas. "And I don't remember anybody ever talking about Lexington going down with the U.S. economy. So I think this is a first."

While some other Kentucky cities posted modest gains in employment, Lexington showed a slight decline during the second quarter of this year versus 1990. Coomes said Louisville lost manufacturing jobs during the 1980s, but gained service-industry jobs, which made it less vulnerable in hard times.

Charles Haywood, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Kentucky, thinks Coomes is misinterpreting the employment statistics. Haywood thinks jobs already are coming back in Lexington, and attributes the loss during the past year mainly to the sale of the International Business Machines Corp. plant last December. IBM cut 1,200 people from its workforce by offering incentives.

Haywood said he thought the completion of Toyota's expansion in 1993 could ultimately be the impetus for far more jobs than the 1,500 that will be created by Toyota alone. It might lead to a strong economic recovery in the region as a whole, he said.

School chief retiring in midst of controversy over CIA ties

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The president of the Rochester Institute of Technology, whose ties to the Central Intelligence Agency are being investigated by a special college panel, announced his retirement yesterday.

M. Richard Rose, who became president in 1979, said his retirement would be effective June 1, 1992.

The 58-year-old Rose, a deputy assistant secretary of defense in the Nixon administration, said his decision "coincides with personal plans for retirement formed two years ago."

"It permits the RIT Board of Trustees sufficient time to complete a national search and yet enables me to raise funds for an important addition to our college of science facility and complete my last long-range goal," Rose said in a statement issued by the private college.

In the same statement, the chairman of the college's board of

A special committee of trustees, students and faculty is investigating the relationship between the CIA and the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

trustees, Thomas Gosnell, said the board accepted Rose's decision "with deep regret."

The controversy over the college's more than \$1 million in CIA research contracts erupted early this year when Rose took a four-month sabbatical at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va.

The revelation led to student protests, a rare occurrence at the conservative 13,000-student campus, and to an investigation of the school's ties to the agency by the local newspaper, The Democrat and Chronicle.

Several faculty members and students called for Rose's resignation.

Some administrators associated with the RIT-CIA research projects did leave the school, including Andrew Dougherty, Rose's executive assistant and the college's chief contact with the intelligence agency.

A special committee of trustees, students, faculty members and an alumnus is examining the propriety of RIT's ties to the CIA. The panel is expected to issue its report this fall.

In remarks prepared for yesterday's annual state of the institute address to faculty, administrators and staff, Rose continued to defend the school's contracts with the CIA.

"It is an agency of our government. We need a capable intelligence service," he said.

The school's ties with the CIA go back decades because of their shared interest in photography and the evolving field of imaging science.

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Pravda reappears without Lenin

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Pravda has returned to print as an independent newspaper without its customary portrait of Lenin — or financial support from the Communist Party.

"Today, Pravda is left practically without any financial support whatsoever," said a front-page statement Aug. 31. "In this critical situation for the newspaper we appeal to our readers: The publication of Pravda will depend largely on you yourselves."

The paper was closed for a week by Russian President Boris Yeltsin for allegedly supporting the failed hard-line Communist coup. Editors said they had no choice but to print the conspirators' statements and decrees, and that their staff reporting on the coup was neutral.

They charged Yeltsin with exacting political revenge, but agreed to register Pravda as an independent publication with the Russian government.

The editors said they would no longer consider themselves the publication of the party's Central Committee because the party had practically ceased to exist.

In a message to readers, new editor Gennady Seleznev said the journalists had endured "humiliation, insults, and threats" while they reorganized.

Changes in the Aug. 31 edition were subtle, but real.

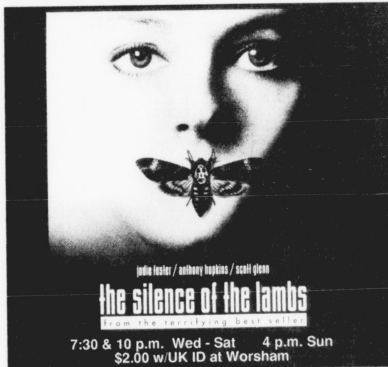
Lenin's portrait was removed from the paper's banner, and a front-page cartoon took a dry look at the Soviet Union's disintegration.

In it, a sign proclaiming "The union is unbreakable" is itself broken by black footprints of a crowd carrying banners. It leaves the sign saying, "The union broken."

Inside, a cartoon reprinted from a Western publication suggested that Yeltsin is the most powerful man in the country. It showed a huge Yeltsin shaking hands with a small, darkened figure of Gorbachev and saying, "Welcome back to power, Mikhail."

It also printed several expressions of support for the newspaper and appeals to Yeltsin from foreign organizations to allow the paper to continue publishing.

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Frank Capra, legendary film director, dies

Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Director Frank Capra, the Sicilian immigrant whose classic movies reflected the hope, vigor and individualism of the American spirit, died yesterday at his home in California. He was 94.

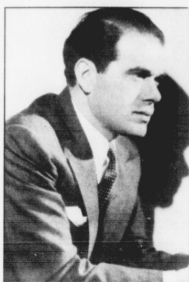
Capra died in his sleep at 9:30 a.m. PDT at his La Quinta home, said his son, Tom Capra, executive producer of NBC's "Today Show" in New York.

Capra, whose film career stretched back to the silent era, won three Academy awards, for "It Happened One Night," "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" and "You Can't Take It With You."

His films of the 1930s — "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "Lady for a Day," "Broadway Bill," "Lost Horizon" — depicted his deep-felt populism and his belief that the individual can prevail over big business and big government. They were embraced by Depression-era America.

His most important postwar film, "It's a Wonderful Life," profoundly influenced Steven Spielberg and others in a new generation of filmmakers.

Then-President Reagan, saluting Capra for his Life Achievement Award from the American Film In-



CAPRA

stitute in 1982, said, "You have recognized and helped us recognize all that is wonderful about the American character."

In accepting the award, Capra said, "The art of Frank Capra is very simple: It is the love of people."

His son said he had suffered a series of minor strokes several years ago and had been under 24-hour nursing care in his condominium near Palm Springs.

Throughout his 38 years as a di-

rector, Capra battled for freedom as a filmmaker.

"I suppose, being a Sicilian, I took a dim view of authority of any kind," he once remarked. "I don't like anybody telling me what to do."

His independent spirit led to clashes with Harry Cohn, the tyrannical boss of Columbia Pictures, where Capra spent his most productive years.

Capra fought for directors' rights as a founder and three-time president of the Screen Directors Guild.

He titled his autobiography *The Name Above the Title*, signifying the filmmaker's achievement in billing.

Capra was born in a small village near Palermo, Sicily, on May 19, 1897. He was the youngest of a farmer's seven children.

When Capra was 6, his family emigrated to the United States and settled in Los Angeles, where Salvatore Capra worked in nearby vineyards.

"I hated being poor," Capra wrote in his autobiography. "Hated being a peasant. Hated being a scrounging newskid trapped in a stinky Sicilian ghetto of Los Angeles. My family couldn't read or write. I wanted out."

His first method of escape was education. He worked his way through the California Institute of Technology, graduating as a chemical engineer in 1918.

After a stint in the Army, he taught mathematics in San Francisco, then discovered "the magic carpet of film. I vaulted to fame on its witchery."

In San Francisco, he directed a short film based on Rudyard Kipling's "The Ballad of Fultah Fisher's Boardinghouse." It was a flop, but Capra had become enamored with the movies.

He apprenticed with Mack Sennett's comedy factory as prop man, cutter and gag man, then directed his first feature.

The 1925 film, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," starred Harry Langdon as a naive young man who enters a cross-country foot race.

Another Langdon comedy, "The Strong Man," was praised by re-

viewers, but on their next film, a black comedy called "Long Pants," Langdon's ego flared and he fired Capra. Unable to find work in Hollywood, Capra went to New York to direct Claudette Colbert in "For the Love of Mike."

Returning to Hollywood, Capra began his stormy relationship with Cohn. The director made 19 films from 1928 to 1933, including "Submarine," "Ladies of Leisure," "Dirigible," "The Platinum Blonde" and "The Bitter Tea of General Yen."

"It Happened One Night" proved the sensation of 1934, the first movie to win the top five Academy Awards. (Only "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" in 1975 accomplished the same feat.)

The comedy hit established Capra as Hollywood's leading director and elevated Columbia from its minor-studio status.

"Neither Claudette Colbert nor Clark Gable wanted to make the picture," Capra recalled. "They thought they were being punished by their studios by being loaned to little Columbia over there on Poverty Row."

Capra broke with Cohn in 1941, filming "Meet John Doe" and "Arsenic and Old Lace" for Warner Bros.

He joined the Army six weeks after Pearl Harbor and produced the acclaimed "Why We Fight" series to teach troops the background of the war. He received a special Oscar for his training films.

After the war, Capra formed Liberty Films and made "It's a Wonderful Life," about a man contemplating suicide who is given a chance to see how things would have been without him.

The movie, starring James Stewart, proved one of Capra's most enduring films, and now appears on television every year at Christmas.

When Stewart received an honorary Oscar in 1985, he gave special thanks to Capra.

His other postwar films — "State of the Union" with Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, "Riding High" and "Here Comes the Groom" with Bing Crosby and "A Hole in the Head" starring Frank Si-

ewald — failed to achieve the success of his Depression-era classics. Critics attacked his sunny optimism as "Capra-com."

Capra submitted to the demands of star Glenn Ford on the 1961 "Pocketful of Miracles," a remake of "Lady for a Day."

The director wrote that it "was not the film I set out to make; it was the picture I chose to make for fear of losing a few bucks. And by that choice I sold out the integrity that had been my trademark for 40 years."

He never directed another film.

The next generation discovered Capra, and in his later years he was laden with honors at film festivals throughout the world.

Spielberg called "It's a Wonderful Life" his favorite movie, and his admiration of Capra was evident in his depictions of everyday living and in his fondness for happy endings.

Capra enjoyed visiting college campuses and talking to students who were excited by his movies.

"Filmmaking is decision making," he once said. "That's all you do, make decisions. You make a thousand a day. You've got to make them fast, and you've got to make them not by logic — logic isn't connected with filmmaking. They're gut decisions. That's your creativity."

In 1985, Capra appeared at a Hollywood celebration for the 50th anniversary of "It Happened One Night."

Stewart, John Huston, Peter Falk and others offered tributes, and a message came from Reagan. The guest of honor responded in Capra style:

"I'm overwhelmed, overjoyed and over-almost every other damn thing you can think of. ... It's hard for me not to be crying. All this love sent my way ... I don't know what to do with it. Maybe I'll find a bank to put it in."

His second wife, Lucille, died in 1984 after 52 years of marriage; they had three children.

Capra's artistic vision reflected American life, changed film history

Staff reports

The passing of legendary film director Frank Capra yesterday will be felt in many aspects of the entertainment community, a UK film expert said.

An influence on modern day di-

rectors such as Steven Spielberg, Capra helped form the vision for generations of movie makers who followed, said Greg Waller, a UK English professor who specializes in film.

"I think Capra had a tremendous amount of impact for a couple of reasons," Waller said.

"First, during the 1930s he was able, with his success, to force Hollywood to give more power to the director. In his contract he insisted that his name appear above the title. Because of this, the films truly belonged to him."

Waller added that Capra managed to combine comedy with other themes.

"A couple of his films in the 1930s, such as 'It Happened One Night' started a trend of screwball

comedies with an adult, comic version of relationships."

Capra's films reflected many aspects of American life, including those brought about by a shift in values after the second world war.

"After the war his film 'It's a Wonderful Life' was extraordinary because it had to struggle hard to be optimistic about life after World War II, even when there was so much to be pessimistic about — especially in small-town America," Waller said.

Greg Laber, chairman of the Student Activities Board cinema committee said that Capra's death means the loss of a major artistic vision.

"To the film world," Laber said, "it's like losing a Michelangelo."

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Capra's legacy lives on in films

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LOS ANGELES — Here are Frank Capra's film and television credits. All are directing credits unless otherwise noted.

- "Fultah Fisher's Boarding House," short, 1922.
- "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," co-director, co-screenwriter, 1926.
- "The Strong Man," 1926.
- "His First Flame," 1927, co-screenwriter.
- "Long Pants," 1927.
- "For the Love of Mike," 1927.
- "That Certain Thing," 1928.
- "So This is Love," 1928.
- "The Matinee Idol," 1928.
- "The Way of the Strong," 1928.
- "Say it with Sables," 1928.
- "Submarine," 1928.
- "The Power of the Press," 1928.
- "The Younger Generation," 1929.
- "The Donovan Affair," 1929.
- "Flight," 1929.
- "Ladies of Leisure," 1930.
- "Rain or Shine," 1930.
- "Dirigible," 1931.
- "The Miracle Woman," 1931.
- "Platinum Blonde," 1931.
- "Forbidden," 1932.
- "American Madness," 1932.
- "The Bitter Tea of General Yen," 1933.
- "Lady for a Day," 1933.
- "It Happened One Night," 1934.
- "Broadway Bill," 1934.
- "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town," also producer, 1936.
- "Lost Horizons," also producer, 1937.
- "You Can't Take it With You," also producer, 1938.
- "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," also producer, 1939.
- "Meet John Doe," also producer, 1941.
- "Prelude to War," documentary, co-director, 1942.
- "The Nazis Strike," documentary, co-director, 1942.
- "Divide and Conquer," documentary, co-director, 1943.
- "Battle of Britain," documentary, co-director, 1943.
- "Battle of Russia," documentary, producer, 1943.
- "Battle of China," documentary, co-director, 1943.
- "The Negro Soldier," documentary, 1944.
- "War Comes to America," producer, 1944.
- "Tunisian Victory," documentary, co-director, 1944.
- "Arsenic and Old Lace," 1944.
- "Know Your Enemy: Japan," documentary, co-director, 1945.
- "War Comes to America," producer, 1944.
- "Two Down and One to Go," documentary, 1945.
- "It's a Wonderful Life," also producer, co-screenwriter, 1947.
- "State of the Union," also co-producer, 1948.
- "Riding High," also producer, 1950.
- "Here Comes the Groom," also producer, 1951.
- "Our Mr. Sun," TV science special, 1956.
- "Hemo the Magnificent," TV science special, 1957.
- "A Hole in the Head," also producer, 1959.
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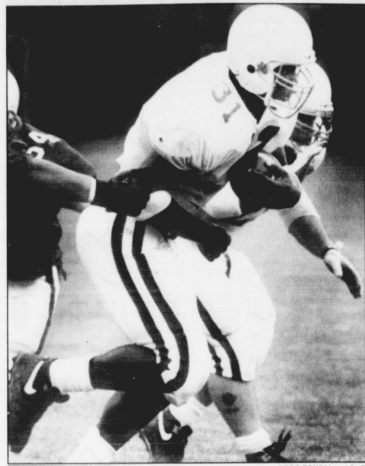
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Cannon's work pays off with scholarship

By BOB NORMAN
 Senior Staff Writer



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True freshman tailback Damon Hood, the reigning Kentucky high school "Mr. Football", rambles through the defense.

Rookie Damon Hood makes Wildcat debut

It was almost as if he didn't care.

No big smile. No grin. No emotion at all.

There Damon Hood stood talking about what will be his first college football game. But, as he found out Monday night, it will also be his first start.

This time last year, he was running around on high school football fields in Western Kentucky, becoming Kentucky's "Mr. Football" for the 1990 season.

Now, he's on the verge of becoming the first "true" freshman at UK to start a season opener in at least 10 years.

"I'm willing to help this team in any way I can," Hood said with a straight face. "Since we've had a couple of injuries, I'm willing to step up and show how I can play."

"It's just going to be any other game."

Redshirt freshman Clyde Rudolph, who was named the starting tailback a couple of weeks ago, will not be able to play in Saturday's opener due to a sprained ankle.

It's not as if Hood, a Bowling Green, Ky., native, doesn't realize what is about to happen; it's just the other way around. He has taken UK coach Bill Curry's attitude to heart.



Barry REEVES

He strives never to be too high or too low, just to stay on the even keel, to do his best and to let the fate take its course.

"Damon never really shows much emotion," running backs coach Walter Lewis said yesterday. "He just goes out there and knocks you on your butt, takes care of his business."

With his God-given ability and work ethic, he takes care of his business quite well, thank you. At 6-foot-2, 205 pounds, part of his business is, as Lewis said, knocking the opposition on their collective butts.

There's no bull. No reason to talk. No reason to gloat. He (sorry about the cliché) just does it.

All you need do is look at his statistics. They are phenomenal. He rushed for 2,515 yards and scored 43 touchdowns as a senior at Warren Central High School.

Still no gloating. This guy had college recruiters sleeping on

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At the end of Monday night's UK football practice, all the players — heaving and exhausted — gathered around Coach Bill Curry for a talk under the lights of Commonwealth Stadium.

Before demanding "perfection" and "acceleration" of his players, Curry took a moment to thank the scout team — all the walk-ons, the ones that gut it out every day with little hope of ever playing in the show.

These are generally the punching bags for the scholarship players, the practice dummies. The ones that pay for school.

The scholarship players, on cue, gave a rousing, "way to hold up under our hits," applause to the hapless walk-ons, while the scout team took their praise.

This time, though, Willie Cannon applauded instead of playing the part of the stolid sacrifice.

This time Willie Cannon, who came up from Miami, Fla., last year to take his chances both financially and athletically, was the big-leaguer patronizing the hopefuls.

Cannon had hit the mark, and when the call came down from Curry last week that a new scholarship was being handed to him, Cannon's thoughts shot down to his family in Miami.

"It was unbelievable," the cornerback from Southridge Senior High School in Miami, said. "It was a goal of mine to take some of the pressure off my parents."

And when the call came down to Gwendolyn Witten, Cannon's mother, she felt a tremendous weight lifted.

"It was wonderful," she said of the news. "It was the answer to my prayers."

It was, in many ways, beyond Witten's dreams. The current red-shirt freshman had nearly made the decision to forego college in favor of working a job to take the burden off his mother at home.

But a talk with the father of his former Southridge teammate Troy Hobbs lit his eyes for football in Kentucky.

"(Hobbs' father) talked to me and he told me I had a good chance to play here," Cannon said. "And when I first came here, I was unclear on what exactly the situation would be. I just wanted to make myself known."

"But this year I came on with a vengeance so I could play on the field."

There is a lot of talk about the heart of the members of the scout team. But heart won't win you a spot on the UK team.

Cannon, at 5-foot-11 and 170 pounds, won a scholarship when he won a starting spot on the special teams. For Cannon has a very special skill: He can block field goals.

It is through this special pursuit that he lives up to his name. Cannon looks as if he has been shot out of a cannon to block those three-pointers.

"I got used to coming around the corner, leaping and laying out my body," Cannon said, eyes down, as if embarrassed, as if he felt the task was too easy to make a fuss over.

"He loves to block field goals," Witten said of her son.

If this is true, Cannon has been having the time of his life. He has blocked several — including two in a scrimmage game — during these preseason practices.

And to watch him explode off the line one is immediately struck, first by unbelievable body control and then by his explosive speed.

But, according to Cannon, he doesn't have blazing speed when he runs in front of someone holding a stopwatch. It is not time that fires him up.

It's competition and the tangible goal of stopping a rolling running back or stopping a just-booted football that puts acceleration in Cannon's wheels and ignites an explosion on contact with a player or the football.

"When I run my 40s I don't run very fast," Cannon said. "But when I try to catch someone on the field I usually catch them."

But, according to Witten, that competitive desire erupted when he first latched on shoulder pads and eased a protective Ridell on his head.

Witten said she noticed a transfor-

mation from little boy to "spitfire" when Cannon began playing football in the Pop Warner little leagues in elementary school.

"He was always fired up, never depressed whenever he was in a football uniform," Witten said. "I tell you, he was a little spitfire."

He took that kind of drive to Southridge High where he intercepted six passes — returning one for a 77-yard touchdown — and blocked three field goals. His team, stunned by his powerful status, gave him the "Unsung Hero" award when he was named only honorable mention all-district.

One reason he received only the small accolade was probably due to his size. He was, perhaps, literally overlooked.

Size has been an ongoing battle with Cannon. He was, according to

Witten, exceptionally small as a youngster. In fact, Witten speaks of her now 170-pound football-playing son as if he were a giant.

"He was very small," Witten said. "He was always afraid he wouldn't get any bigger. But, as you can see, he's grown."

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was being bugged."

Meanwhile, in a move to placate critics in the Congress, Gorbachev withdrew his proposal for a new, smaller legislature with 20 representatives from each republic. He instead suggested reforming the Supreme Soviet, the 542-member legislature elected by the Congress.

The special three-day session of the Congress is scheduled to end Wednesday. The restructuring plan calls for establishing a new legislative body, state council and economic coordinating committee that would govern during an interim period as the Soviet Union moves toward a loose confederation.

Under the plan, the central government would be given up most functions beyond defense and foreign affairs. The plan also apparently would grant independence to the five republics that oppose remaining in the union — the three Baltic states, Moldavia and Georgia.

In speeches yesterday, Gorbachev and Yeltsin sought speedy approval of the plan — which would concentrate power in a State Council made up of the Soviet president and leaders of the republics.

Gorbachev acknowledged some

could find fault with the proposals. But he said:

"We need to remember that we are talking about transitional organs, and we need to prepare conditions and create new power and government structures later in the framework of a new Union Treaty, an economic agreement and others which we plan to conclude."

"Let me tell you, the West is watching. If we are able to coordinate, unite within the new forms, find new structures, new people, the West will support us."

Gorbachev also tried to blunt objections from hard-liners that the new government structures he had proposed represented "almost another coup."

The Soviet president said he was acting democratically to save the country, but his opponents were portraying these actions as "an evil conspiracy against the people."

A few hours before Gorbachev addressed the Congress, Yeltsin took the podium to harshly criticize the Soviet president for failing to foresee the coup attempt last month. Yeltsin also pledged the Russian republic would be an "equal among equals."

"The Russian state, which has chosen democracy and freedom, will never be an empire or big or little brother," he declared.

Yeltsin underscored the need for

the "creation of a union as a free commonwealth of sovereign states based on coexistence of various forms of interstate relations."

"Indeed there may be independent republics which insist on a confederation, and on a federation and on an associated membership and on an economic union," Yeltsin said. "And yet, they must all be within some sort of one, new single system."

The struggle for independence moved forward in Lithuania yesterday, when Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis said he expects the United States to help the republic win the departure of Soviet troops and thus secure its total independence.

Lithuania's secession struggle did not end with President Bush's an-

nouncement Monday that the United States was recognizing the Baltics as sovereign nations, Landsbergis said during a news conference in Vilnius.

"On the contrary ... in Bush's statement there is an obligation to help the Baltic states realize this independence," he said.

An estimated 90,000 Soviet troops remain on Lithuanian territory. A Soviet delegation is expected in Vilnius next week to discuss their withdrawal.

"We trust the political support of the United States with all the authority it possesses" will help Lithuania in those talks, Landsbergis said.

The three Baltic states took the first step toward membership in the United Nations yesterday. Letters

from their presidents were delivered to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar seeking membership in the world body.

The requests must be reviewed by the U.N. Security Council, where the Soviet Union has veto power. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has said he would allow independence for the Baltics, and the Soviet legislature may take up the issue before it adjourns this week.

Meanwhile, a senior U.S. diplomat arrived in Estonia yesterday to begin consultations on the renewal of diplomatic ties that were suspended 51 years ago, the State Department announced in Washington.

Curtis Kamman, a deputy assistant secretary of state, will travel on to Lithuania and Latvia after talks in Tallinn, Estonia. Teams will later be

sent to the three republics to begin establishing embassies.

The three Baltic states have asked to become members of the 34-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which monitors security and human rights issues on the continent.

It will meet in Moscow next week, and U.S. Secretary of State James Baker has indicated he plans to attend, although no formal announcement has been made yet.

The United States considers the current governments of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia to be the legitimate successors to pre-1940 governments which existed prior to the forcible annexation by the Soviet Union.

Lutherans continue debate on abortion

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The nation's largest Lutheran denomination refused to label abortion a sin and worked today toward guidelines expressing milder disapproval.

Delegates of the 5.2-million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America took up the abortion issue for a third day this morning.

Discussion was expected to resume this afternoon, with a decision possible tonight, church officials said.

The eight-day assembly continues through Wednesday.

"It divides us almost as much as it divides the nation," the Rev. David Preus of Minneapolis said Monday.

On Monday, delegates rejected a measure pushed by Richard Bansemmer of Salem, Va., that said "taking of human life in any way is a violation of God's will and therefore sinful."

The Doggy Bag by Kenn Minter



"We will lose them to Orthodox, Roman Catholic and others that call it sin. If this assembly can't say so, it's a sad day."

Paul Hasbargen, retired professor

However, they also rejected a proposal saying that support for "freedom of conscience" and the Gospel compels "acceptance of the choices" made by pregnant women.

They also threw out proposals that would have condemned all abortions except to save the mother's life and one that said life begins at conception.

Still under consideration was a proposal that was developed after churchwide hearings.

It condones abortion when the mother's life is threatened, when the fetus is so abnormal it would die, and in cases of rape or incest.

It adds that church members can-

not agree on other moral reasons for abortion but that some members believe such reasons exist.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was formed in 1987 when three branches of Lutheranism united.

Paul Hasbargen of St. Paul, Minn., a retired University of Minnesota economics professor, argued for the failed proposal to call abortion a sin.

"If we do not have it in there that it is a sin, many Christians will be leaving the church," he said.

"We will lose them to Orthodox, Roman Catholic and others that call it sin. If this assembly can't say so,

it's a sad day."

Others argued that the church should recognize the problems in society that have brought on abortions rather than single out individuals.

To make abortion a personal sin would "shift the attention back on the sin of the individual and not on us," said the Rev. Bruce Davidson of Teaneck, N.J.

The assembly had received a letter from New York's Roman Catholic Cardinal John O'Connor urging Lutherans to take a bold stance for "unborn life."

No one reacted to the letter during floor debate, but some delegates told reporters later that it was inappropriate for O'Connor to get involved.

Others said he had a right to be heard by the denomination, named for Martin Luther, the 16th-century Protestant reformer who broke away from the Catholic Church.

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Rice tops list of best colleges

By LEE MITGANG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rice University, which offers 3,900 students an Ivy League-caliber education at half the price, was named the nation's best college by Tuesday by Money Magazine.

The magazine's second annual survey, appearing in a \$3.95 "Money Guide" that will go on sale at newsstands on Sept. 9, analyzed 1,011 colleges and universities and identified 100 best values based on

quality of students, faculty and facilities and tuition.

The top-100 list contained 56 private schools, including some of the nation's priciest campuses: Yale, Stanford and the University of Chicago, where tuition exceeds \$16,000 but which nonetheless were judged excellent values.

Others, such as Trenton State College in Trenton, N.J., and Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, were rated bargains with tuitions of less than \$5,000 even for out-of-state students.

UK officials said last night that the University has not received notice whether or not the school made Money's list.

On the cost side, the survey rated schools based on tuitions, and used out-of-state charges for public schools to make them more comparable to private institutions.

In measuring educational quality, the survey used such indicators as student-to-faculty ratio, average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, library resources, graduation rates, percentage of graduates who earn doctorate degrees, and the number of graduates who make Standard & Poor's Executive-College Survey of 70,000 top corporate executives.

Rice, this year's winner, charges students \$7,700 in tuition plus \$4,900 in room and board, about half the cost of most Ivy League colleges, thanks largely to a \$1 billion endowment. Until 1965, it charged no tuition.

The Houston-based school was founded in 1891 by cotton baron William Marsh Rice, whose dream was to establish a first-rate college open to all regardless of means. Rice's engineering, business and science programs rank among the nation's best.

Cooper Union, rated tops last year in the magazine's first survey, dropped out of the top 100 this year. The New York City-based school remains an "unbeatable bargain" at \$300 a year, the magazine said, but offers degrees only in art, architecture and engineering.

Harvard failed to make the list because it "declined to disclose data ... needed to perform our calculations," according to the magazine.

Harvard spokesman Peter Costa said the university has a policy against releasing average SAT scores and other data that was asked for in the survey.

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Racial tension discussed at UK reception

By JOE BRAUN
Contributing Writer

Underlying racial tensions, triggered by last week's controversy concerning the printing of a racial slur, were still noticeable yesterday at a reception for new minority students.

"I think the University is making a valiant attempt to welcome minority students, but problems still exist," said Ervyn Whitaker, Black Student Union president. "This reception would have been a good place to discuss the racism problem on campus."

About 100 new minority students attended the "Get Acquainted Reception," an annual event sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs to familiarize incoming students to campus.

New students were greeted last week with the lyrics "Tis summer the darkies are gay" in the "Wildcat Datebook 1991-92," printed by the Student Activities Board.

The lyrics were from the original version of "My Old Kentucky Home" and appeared on the back cover of the datebooks. The song was first published in 1853.

While some of students at the reception said they had put the incident behind them, Whitaker had difficulty forgetting the error.

"Mistakes happen, but people need to stop putting things on shelves instead of talking," Whitaker said.

UK announced last week a 50 percent increase in black faculty, bringing its faculty count to 31. About 200 black freshmen enrolled at UK's main campus this fall.

Phi Beta Sigma, one of the four

predominantly black social fraternity's at UK, and Simba Elmika, another black organization, are demanding the resignation of the SAB members involved in the publishing of the song.

The fraternity, which has about 15 members, is the only group boycotting SAB activities.

"We're tired of these mistakes and people just saying 'I'm sorry,'" said William Pitney, vice president of the fraternity.

But Barry Stumbo, the SAB adviser, said boycotting isn't the solution to racism at UK.

"I respect their decision to have every right to make a stand but I don't see a positive outcome of boycotting," Stumbo said.

SAB pulled the books from the shelves and issued a public apology last week stating the error was "not intended maliciously and purposefully."

K.C. Watts, SAB president, said student leaders are planning to meet to discuss how UK can be more sensitive to all cultures.

"Boycotting is not going to increase communication between us and it's not going to solve anything," Watts said. "I'm not resigning."

The reception is held annually to help minority students get acquainted with the many minority faculty members, students and administrators at UK. Minority students were addressed by UK President Charles Wehington and Robert Hemenway, chancellor for the Lexington Campus.

In an opening speech, Wehington assured students that "policies are in place to protect the rights of all people at UK."

COOLING OFF



SAM CARLETON/Kernal Contributor

Theresa Crow, a sophomore in the College of Nursing, and her 14-month-old daughter, Heather, enjoy the fountain in front of Patterson Office Tower.

Hemenway also stressed UK's commitment to student equality in his remarks.

"This banquet reflects the kind of commitment I would hope all UK students have towards minority students," he said.

Sonja Giurey, a freshman business and marketing major from Danville, Ky., was very excited about meeting new people at yesterday's reception.

"I feel that the university has welcomed me very nicely. The banquet helps us (minority students) to get to know each other better."

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Football

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his doorstep all the time. His high school coach, Joe Hood (no relation), was the envy of practically all high school coaches.

Damon's attitude never changed. Not once.

It would have been totally out of character.

Even though Curry's staff knew they had pulled off a recruiting coup, they weren't sure how quickly Hood would adjust to the college game.

One thing is for sure, there are no disappointments.

"I just know that he runs fast when somebody chases him and sometimes they get hurt if they do catch him," Curry said yesterday at his weekly news conference.

Hood, 18, probably will not be the only tailback used against Miami (Ohio). Redshirt freshman Donnie Redd and true freshman Carlos Collins are scheduled to see time at the position.

None of the three or Rudolph have ever played a down of college football, so there's no way to tell how any will perform.

Practice all you want, but you never know how someone will respond under enemy fire. Those who produce will play. Those who don't, won't. It's that simple.

"Game presence will decide who gets the playing time," Curry said. "You can't really coach game presence. You can prepare them as best you can, but they have to make those split-second decisions. They have to do it."

Practice counts, too. Through practice, Hood has earned the first shot. And with his potential, there may not be that opportunity for anyone else.

Should Hood perform up to his high school levels, we may never hear from any of those other guys again.

"If he's doing the job, we're certainly not going to change anything," Lewis said.

Then again, there's that chance of failure — something that Curry does not believe will happen. But he does recognize the possibility.

"This is not Warren Central, and we're not playing in front of 200 people," the UK coach explained. "I think I know, but I've had a lot of surprises in my life."

This coupon good for imaginary air conditioning KK

"That's part of the thrill about college football: You're always finding out new things. I'm looking forward to seeing what this kid will do."

We may not know how Hood will look, but, then again, we do know how he will look.

"Damon never loses that look," Lewis said. "He's always got that intense look about him, the look where he's thinking of a way to beat you."

"He's definitely a guy you want to have on your side."

Hood will be on UK's side for the next four years. And when the lights at Commonwealth Stadium come on Saturday night, he'll be standing tall right behind fullback Terry Samuels.

No big deal.

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Reasoning behind student insurance seriously flawed

In 1990 the Kentucky General Assembly passed a law mandating health insurance for college students.

The law, part of an omnibus health care reform act, required both full-time and part-time students who are taking 75 percent of a full course load to carry minimal hospitalization insurance.

State Sen. Benny Ray Bailey (D-Hindman), the law's sponsor, said the mandate was necessary to keep health care costs low. He said college students who are hospitalized but don't have health insurance drive up the costs for those who do.

Students without coverage, in effect, receive care that is subsidized by the taxpayers and those who pay insurance premiums because the expense of indigent care is passed along in higher bills and taxes.

Bailey says this is an unfair subsidy that burdens those who are being responsible about health care.

In order to cut down on these "subsidies," the General Assembly decided to require health insurance for college students. Of course, this could result in some students being forced out of college because of the added cost of insurance.

But Bailey had a solution to that: Anyone who is eligible for college loans would qualify for aid from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority so they could afford the required insurance.

Somewhere, however, this logic seems fatally flawed.

If the plan was to make college students more responsible for their own health care and therefore reduce subsidies from those who are responsible, then why is the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority subsidizing — with taxpayers' money — the newly required insurance?

Obviously, all the law has done is to transfer a mixed public/private subsidy to a new, wholly state-run subsidy.

Implementation of the health mandate has been temporarily blocked while Franklin Circuit Court hears a class action suit challenging its constitutionality.

But there is no guarantee the court will overturn the law. Nor is it sure the General Assembly will repeal the law, as student leaders have requested.

A solution to the health care crisis is needed. Almost 17 percent of students at Kentucky's state-supported universities lack health insurance, according to the state Council on Higher Education.

But Bailey's law is not the answer.

It is just another attempt by the government to stick a band-aid on a wound that requires emergency room treatment — or possibly another doctor other than Big Government.

SAB must act responsibly or resign

The recent controversy over the "Wildcat Datebook 1991-92" reprinting of the A.B. "Happy" Chandler theme song, "My Old Kentucky Home," offers both an insult and a challenge to the University of Kentucky. As students of this University we find it impossible to let this issue rest with a simple apology from the Student Activities Board.

K.C. Watts, president of the Student Activities Board, has stated that "No current member on this board is responsible for this year's datebook." We reject SAB's attempt to place responsibility for this insult out of their hands. We call on Watts and SAB to accept responsibility for SAB's racist publication and name the person or persons directly responsible for this insult.

If Watts and SAB find that they can not (for whatever reason) name the persons responsible, a new board should be chosen by the student body. It is our belief that racism left unchallenged begets more racism. Therefore we challenge SAB to act responsibly or resign.

Chad Martin is president of *Socially Concerned Students* and Jerry Moody is president of the *UK chapter of Democratic Socialists of America*.

Health insurance mandate a fair and just solution

At a time when the words "health care" and "crisis" are virtually synonymous nationwide, we in Kentucky can be proud that we've taken progressive strides to assure that all our state's citizens have access to life-giving care.

The vehicle of this welcome, forward step was the Omnibus Health Care Reform Act of 1990, a measure I sponsored in that session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

The act is far-reaching. Among other things, it created a program to compensate hospitals who care for low-income people with no insurance.

It expanded Medicaid coverage to include pregnant women and children who have incomes up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level. It created a Center for Rural Health at the University of Kentucky aimed at boosting the number of health-care professionals who work in rural parts of the state.

And it protected from possible financial ruin the estimated 17 percent of our college students without health coverage, by requiring them to have basic hospitalization insurance — offered to them at an extremely low cost, also as mandated by the omnibus reform measure.

Such coverage for uninsured college students was a good idea in 1990; it is an even better idea now. As everyone surely knows, the cost of hospitalization — and insurance coverage against hospitalization — is spiraling daily.

And even though college students think (with some good reason) that they're "bulletproof," the fact remains that no one really is; and a



Soviet shakeup a coup without a clue

The Soviet Union has a long, storied history — at least 20 or 30 years, I would guess. Given their special knack for revolutions, uprisings, civil wars, and violent upheavals (it's practically the national pastime!), you would think any group of would-be "coup plotters" would take a little more pride in their work than the recent group did.

After all, when you plot to overthrow one of the largest bureaucracies in world history, you do a little homework first. You don't "wing it."

When you're overthrowing a superpower, you don't just throw things together. Can you picture Soviet hard-liners loafing around, looking for something to do? One wise-guy pipes up: "Hey, you wanna overthrow the government?" (Maybe it was the vodka talking.) Everyone else probably went along just to placate the loudmouth.

But you have to plan things out first. You don't say the deposed leader is "stepping aside for health reasons." This is the political excuse of "my dog ate it." This excuse, lame as it is to start with, decreases in believability when dozens of others are suddenly "stricken" with this same mysterious 72-hour bug.

Later, this same bug spread to the "coup plotters" themselves. They were described as being "slightly



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ill." Stay tuned. Soon, they'll be slightly dead.

Somewhat, I have this recurring image of that eight-man committee of hard-liners driving an Edsel to an "Ishar/Howard the Duck/Leonard Part 6" Film Festival while enjoying the taste of New Coke as they ask each other World League of American Football trivia questions. Having these guys in charge of the Soviet Union would be a lot like turning the whole thing over to Bob Uecker.

It's gratifying — but perhaps not too surprising — to see the coup fall flat on its face, assuming a coup even has a face. I seriously doubt that the "coup plotters" could successfully manage a miniature golf course, let alone a government. While I hate to imply that the eight-man group was lacking in charisma, let's just say they made Mike Dukakis look like Robin Williams.

So the coup is over, but numerous questions remain. Among them:

• Do you suppose that Soviets see our names on their TV sets and kid us? Do they see names like George Bush and James Baker and wonder,

"How do you pronounce that?"

• What can be done about the breakaway Baltic republics? Well, even though I didn't have the time to read up on the subject or find out exactly what these "Baltic" things are, one can assume their importance is slight.

Common sense tells us that the cheapest piece of property on a Monopoly board must occupy a small place in the grand scheme of things. So you land on it — so what? So you have to pay six bucks in rent? Big whoop! If this Baltic deal was on the up-and-up, the place would cost more than St. Charles Place or that Water Works thing.

Here's another puzzler: Just when things can't get any worse in the Soviet Union, they always seem to suddenly get much worse. Allow me to elucidate.

A year ago, Soviet stores had no food at all. You could see it on TV; the shelves were completely empty. Today, a year later, newscasters tell us conditions have gotten even worse. Worse? What could be worse than no food? No air?

I don't intend to make light of Soviet supply problems, goodness knows. But I'm not alone in thinking the Soviet people could do a better job of expressing their plight. When you see interviews with Soviet citizens on the streets of Moscow or Berlin or whatever the capi-

tal is, they always seem to talk to the same types of people. "We have no food," one irate woman bellows. "We stand in line for hours, only to get nothing." Sound bad? You betcha.

But, invariably, the angry woman is the size of an Oldsmobile.

Since the country has no food, I can only assume the woman is "big boned." (A brontosaurus should have bones so big.)

A cynic might say that several months of famine might be just the ticket to ease this lady's weight down into the triple digit zone. Of course, I'm no cynic.

This Soviet dilemma certainly makes you think. About what, I don't know. Perhaps we should thank our lucky stars that we need not worry about such events occurring here.

As Soviet leaders become bogged down in complex domestic issues, it's gratifying to see President Bush avoiding that domestic stuff here. It's equally comforting to see our leaders tirelessly monitoring this turbulent world scene from Kennebunkport, Maine, in between rounds of golf or when the fish aren't biting.

Toby Gibbs is communications graduate student and a Kernel columnist.

Guest OPINION

single major illness requiring hospitalization could prove ruinous to the students themselves — and their families — if no insurance coverage exists.

Still, this portion of the bill has proved controversial — largely in the press, but also among some students.

I have talked directly with a number of students, arranged to meet with the student body presidents of all our colleges, and invited students to share their concerns with the interim Health and Welfare Committee, of which I am chairman.

To date, I have not heard a single student say it is a bad idea for all students to have basic hospitalization coverage.

I have, however, heard concerns in two areas: That they cannot afford the protection being offered, and they do not like that the law is "mandatory."

Those concerns, while understandable, prove illusory when confronted with the facts.

What does this coverage cost? An astonishingly small amount.

For the coverage mandated by law — 14 days in the hospital and 50 percent of physicians' fees while hospitalized — a student whose family is above the federal poverty line would pay about \$8 a month, or \$40 a semester. A student whose family falls below the poverty line

would pay half that — about \$4 a month, the cost of a fast food meal.

At a time when basic hospitalization coverage on the open market runs into hundreds of dollars monthly, this is truly a bargain.

Even so, it is true that even \$4 a month might be a burden on some students.

Recognizing this, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority has stated that financial aid for the coverage would be available to students who qualify for student loans — assuring that none will be denied insurance for lack of money.

As for the mandatory nature of the law, I would note that students already pay a multitude of "mandated" fees. Scanning the college catalogs, you read about \$50 athletic fees and \$30 student-newspaper fees, among others. Who's to say those inescapable fees, while worthy, are more important than hospitalization coverage? Not I — and not the financially devastated family of an uninsured student who fell prey to an illness or injury requiring an extended hospital stay.

Such stories — such tragedies — are more common than you might imagine.

I would also emphasize that students who already have hospitalization coverage are not required to buy this coverage, and stress that two state colleges (Kentucky State University and Morehead State University) already have mandatory coverage in place, and imposed that requirement independent of the 1990 legislation.

When you further consider that one-third of private colleges in Kentucky have similar requirements, you see this is an idea with considerable support among the schools themselves.

It isn't just something "dreamed up" by the legislature to impose on students.

Still, let's agree that our motives in passing the bill go beyond simple humanitarianism.

There are real-world, nuts-and-bolts reasons to require this coverage, and as stewards of the taxpayers' dollars, it is our responsibility to acknowledge them.

Without coverage, what happens to a student who must be hospitalized?

Under the 1990 reform measure, hospitals are required to treat any Kentuckian below the poverty line free of charge to the patient — but not free of charge, period. Payment will be made: either by each and every Kentucky taxpayer, or by those who have insurance.

The theory of mandatory coverage is the same as the theory of any group policy: By spreading the risk among a large group, costs can be held down.

This is especially true when the "group" is almost uniformly young and healthy, as college students are.

And, just as importantly, the taxpayers and those who are already spending too much money for health-insurance coverage will be

spared the added burden of paying to treat an uninsured population that now, with this law, need not be uninsured.

It is my hope that college students will see the fairness and the justice of this — as well as the necessity, for their own well-being, and the well-being of their families. I would remind them that medically related expenses are the number-one cause of personal bankruptcy petitions in this country today. And I would tell them that, according to one health-care economist, if we don't stop the upward spiral of costs, the average hospitalization policy in the year 2000 will be priced at \$22,000 annually, a frightening figure indeed.

College students now have a chance to become part of the solution to our health-care crisis.

As long as some segments of our society choose not to purchase medical insurance even though it is cheaply and readily available, the rest of us will pay — and pay dearly.

Unless we all acknowledge our own responsibility in contributing to the problem, it can fairly be said we'll soon reach a point of no return. At that time, health insurance and good health care — will be distant dreams from a forgotten past, dreams only the wealthy can afford.

State Sen. Benny Ray Bailey (D-Hindman) sponsor the Omnibus Health Care Reform Act of 1990 and is Chairman of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.

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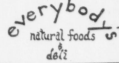
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Bush

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failure to live up to his lofty promise
to be our education president."

"George Bush and his White
House must match rhetoric with real
action and substitute direct presiden-
tial responsibility for the same old
photo opportunity," Brown said in a
statement. "Campaign pledges don't
cut the mustard when our economic
future depends on smart kids and a
skilled workforce."

Bush said parents expect too
much of teachers, asking them to act
as social workers, psychologists and
family counselors.

"And at the same time, we ask too
little of our students," he said. "We
shy away from demanding excel-
lence and accountability."

The president told parents, "Don't
be a stranger in your child's school.
Visit the classroom. Talk to the prin-
cipal. Make it your business to find
out whether your child's school is
drug free. Talk to your school board
about school choice, about curricu-
lum, about ways to put your schools
to use year round."

On this traditional start of the new
academic year for millions of Amer-
ican pupils, Bush sought grassroots
support for the lofty education goals
he and the nation's governors have
set for the year 2000.

Education Secretary Lamar Alex-
ander and Maine Gov. John McKern-
an joined the Bushes at Farwell
Elementary School and Lewiston
High School as Maine became the
third state to enlist in the America
2000 education campaign.

Twenty-eight kindergartners be-
gan their first day of school by
trooping through with their parents
to get a presidential handshake. The
youngsters then sat on the floor at
the Bush's knees as the president
and first lady read them a story.

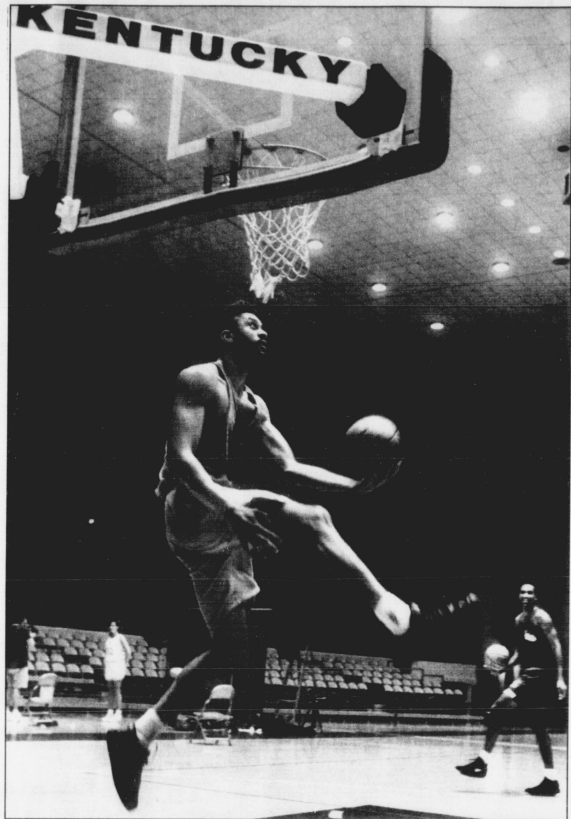
Afterwards, at a roundtable dis-
cussion with Farwell's staff, Bush
heard third grade teacher Sandra
Scribner complain of the difficulties
of teaching "when we turn on TV
every day and find all of the ills of
the nation being blamed on the
education system."

Bush picked up her cue and de-
cried the impact of television vio-
lence on young children, including
his grandchildren.

"You see a little 6-year-old kid
of shrinking down into a chair. ..."
said Bush. "I am convinced that the
excesses are having a bad effect on
our children and family stability and
on learning."

"I worry about the dissolution of

SPIKE IT



Kenny Walker struts his high-flying style for ex-wildcat Reggie Hanson in a pick-up game of HORSE at Memorial Coliseum yesterday afternoon.

the family," he told the Farwell
teachers.

"But you've got to stop short of
making all-encompassing decrees
from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
that fly in the face of people's
rights to do these things," he said.

Colorado and Oregon earlier this
summer launched their own parallel
drives, and Bush is dispatching sev-
en Cabinet members to state kickoff
events in Omaha, Neb., and Ellicott

City, Md., on Thursday.

Bush launched the America 2000
campaign last April, and Congress
is still weighing his proposals to
provide seed money for designing
new schools, promoting parental
choice and encouraging other re-
forms.

Lewiston, a town of 45,000 peo-
ple, has reduced its high school
dropout rate from 11 percent in
1986-87 to 5 percent in 1989-90.

After a year in which Bush's at-
tention has been riveted on foreign
policy, including the Gulf War and
the splintering of the Soviet Union,
White House officials said the pres-
ident will place special emphasis
this fall on the school reform cru-
sade.

"He's not going to quit on edu-
cation," said Andrew Card, the deputy
White House chief of staff. "Unlike
what's happening in the Soviet Union,
we're not going to change our
education system overnight."

The six national education goals
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- High schools graduate more than 90 percent of their students.
- American students rank first in the world in math and science.
- Students achieve competency in English, math, science, history and geography.
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