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## UK Police solicit SGA funds to buy rape-prevention items

By Nicole Heumpreus  
Staff Writer

Student Government Association Senator at Large Misty Weaver spearheaded a debate last night over whether the SGA Senate should allocate \$3,000 for the purchase of rape defense equipment.

While Weaver vehemently voiced her concern about the principle of the purchase, the senate decided to approve funds for the purchase anyway.

UK Police Chief W.H. McComas, who brought the proposal to SGA, said the equipment, called the Rape-Aggression Defense System, would be used for a rape prevention program that the police department will be giving in the near future. He said the program will be offered to all female UK students.

McComas said the equipment consists of a protective body suit, nicknamed the RAD suit, that the

"rapist" wears during a simulated attack. The equipment also includes 15 sets of karate gloves, mitts, knee pads and elbow pads for students to wear.

"Instead of women just listening and watching a demonstration, the RAD suit gives them the opportunity to get hands on experience in self defense," McComas said.

A new rape prevention program will replace the current one, during which police give an hour lecture and a demonstration on how to prevent possible attacks.



WEAVER

The disagreement between senators was not concerning whether the RAD suit program was worthwhile, but if the UK Police Depart-

ment should be asking the SGA Senate for the money. Weaver said,

"I really don't want to give the impression that I'm not for this kind of program on campus. I was thinking that we should support this. It should be a student thing. But it's the fact that the UK Police Department came to UK student government for money," she said.

"That whole system just gets to me."

When Weaver asked McComas why the Senate should support a police department project, he said that SGA already supports one — the Student Escort Service.

"Every year we pay for the escort service," Weaver said. "When you come to UK, you don't think that your legs will be going towards something like (the escort service)."

"Automatically, you should feel safe to walk around this campus. Automatically, you should have these types of services."



Junior Michael Eaves, a recently elected officer in the Interfraternity Council, is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, a traditionally white fraternity.

## Blacks receive mixed reception when seeking membership in traditionally white greek system

By Graham Shelby  
Senior Staff Writer

Victor Hazard has a story to tell.

Not long after he was hired as associate dean of students in fall 1988, he ventured to a fraternity house and tried something.

Hazard, who is black, said he wanted to get a feel for UK's racial climate, so he went up to a predominantly white fraternity house and asked some of the members, "What would it take for me to get in this organization?"

The response, Hazard said, was "I don't think there's any chance of your getting in this organization."

He then introduced himself and watched the befuddled greek's jaw plummet. "I don't know what they mistook me for, but I know they didn't think I was the associate dean of students."

Some black students might argue that the fraternity members — which Hazard declined to name — didn't mistake him at all. The most recent figures show a total of eight black students holding membership in predominantly white organizations.

He was a black man who wanted to join their organization. The eight blacks who have broken racial traditions inside UK's 2,600-plus greek system have found their reception mixed, with some of the sharpest barbs hurled at them from other blacks.

Junior Michael Eaves joined Phi Sigma Kappa, a predominant-



ly white social fraternity two years ago.

Eaves, recently elected vice president in charge of public relations for UK's Interfraternity Council, said, "I joined (the fraternity) because the guys there made me feel like I was a part of their organization before I actually was."

He said the issue of race was not a great factor in his initiation. "Obviously, none of my brothers had a problem with it or I wouldn't have joined in the first place."

Eaves said he was accustomed to being around whites. In high school, "I was used to being the only black in my classes."

Direct criticism of the move to join Phi Sig didn't come to him from whites. "I got the worst of it from other minorities," he said. "Black people felt like I was ... deserting them."

Patrick Mills, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity, said he didn't care what people said about his decision. "They can say whatever they want about me," he said. "I know who I am, and I know where I stand as an individual in society."

Though Mills said he notices prejudice, in dealing with people, "I don't see colors," he said.

Bridgette Turner, a member of

Alpha Delta Pi social sorority, said she received staunch criticism from some black high school acquaintances after she decided to join the predominantly white sorority. "I got dirty messages left on my car that I was doing the wrong thing. I was making a mistake."

"Just because I'm a minority doesn't mean that's where I'm supposed to go."

Kim Mayo, president of historically black Alpha Kappa Alpha social sorority, said it's natural for the blacks in this situation to level more criticism.

"Of course, it's going to be from black people," she said.

Before there can be comfortable integration, "we need to get together and stick together as a people," she said.

In the past few years, one of the eight black greek organizations has admitted a white member. Alpha Phi Alpha social fraternity admitted Wayne Hibbs, a Centre College student, in spring 1991.

Tony Pollard, secretary and treasurer for the Alphas, said Hibbs was admitted as a member but has not paid dues and the relationship has soured since then.

Pollard said Hibbs' situation is "basically the same as any member who doesn't fulfill expectations."

Still, "it's ... worse because he's white."

Alpha members had varying degrees of openness to the idea.

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## National Smokeout held today

By Sean McGuirk  
Contributing Writer

Bryan McCrery flipped open the lid of a cigarette box, tucked a smoke in the corner of his mouth and struck a flame from his lighter.

"Non-smokers don't understand the addiction," McCrery, an architecture senior, said. "It's easier to go a day without food than without a cigarette."

In the seventh grade, McCrery began to smoke cigarettes. By high school, he was smoking a pack a day.

"Now it's like clockwork, every hour on the hour I smoke after I eat, before I go to bed and while I'm watching TV," he said.

However, McCrery admits such a strong addiction doesn't give him the right to smoke wherever he wants.

"I respect non-smoker's rights. If I sense someone is uneasy with my smoke, I put it out," he said.

Today, the American Cancer Society is hoping millions of Americans will do the same, even if they aren't around non-smokers. The Great American Smokeout, a national campaign encouraging smokers to go cold turkey for one day, also will highlight the health risks of smoking.

Biology senior Shay Wright, a non-smoker, is concerned about second-hand smoke and said many smokers often are inconsiderate by lighting up anytime, anywhere.

"In essence, the non-smokers are at more of a health risk from second-hand smoke. It's more potent," Wright said.

Communications junior Stephen Keller agreed that smoking is bothersome, especially in larger buildings on campus.

"It bothers me when I climb the stairs of the classroom building and breathe in a puff of smoke," he said.

Although non-smoking students find smoke irritating, many said they respect the rights of students who smoke.

"If people can drink alcohol, people can smoke," Keller said. "If the government stepped in to take away the right of smokers, other rights could be taken away. A domino effect could occur."

But UK students, smokers and non-smokers alike, agree that campus buildings should have designated smoking areas.

Sophomore Sara Engelhardt said people should be allowed to smoke in certain areas as long as they respect the rights of those who don't smoke.

Graphic design senior Tricia Barry agreed, saying that designated

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## BRASS REFLECTIONS



Music junior Scott Heersche, 20, plays solo near the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts.

## National Service plan seeking student input

By Holly M. Baumgarten  
Contributing Writer

UK students will have the opportunity to offer their ideas on proposed National Service project tonight during a special University forum.

David Crowley, a member of the state Council on Higher Education, said the forum will give students "a chance at a grass-roots level to really shape a new program."

Clinton's proposed National Service project would enable college students to repay student loans through community service.

Crowley, who will mediate the forum, is involved with a group called the National People's Coalition for National Service, which is seeking student input on how such

a service project should be set up. The group is conducting several of forums on college campuses across the country and will be making recommendations to an agency working with the Clinton transition team on the proposed National Service project.

"We get the sense that these ideas will be taken pretty seriously," said Crowley, director of UK's Campus-Serve Project. "This could be a program that they try to enact within the first 100 days of the Clinton administration."

Crowley said the purpose of the forum is to give students, who would be potential participants in national service projects, an active voice in the development of the program.

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## Financial Aid Office computer shut down

Staff reports

Students will not be able to get financial aid checks or information concerning their financial aid status until a new computer system is installed later this month.

The new system is expected to be functional by Nov. 30, said Bobby Halsey, director of financial aid.

Although the financial aid office had no control over when the system would be shut down, "we tried to pick a time that would be as convenient as possible," Halsey said.

"We sympathize with the stu-

dents." The office will not be able to provide any service that requires specific information about student files, said David Prater, associate director of financial aid.

"We can't disperse any aid checks because we can't confirm information," he said.

Halsey said computer systems at Student Billing and Check Cashing services will not be affected.

Financial aid counselors still will be available to students to answer general questions during normal office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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**WEATHER:**  
Partly sunny today; high between 60 and 65. Partly cloudy tonight; low around 45. Partly sunny tomorrow; high around 65.

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## Russian writer speaks about dismal economy

By Rob Thorne  
Contributing Writer

Inflation without increased wages is one of several factors contributing to dismal conditions in the former Soviet Union, a Russia writer said during a speech at the Student Center Tuesday night.

"The price of products and the will of the people are in contradiction," Daniil Chikoma said through a translator.

About 25 people showed to hear Chikoma speak about economic problems facing Russia since the failed military coup in August of 1991.

Chikoma blamed the Russian prime minister, Yegor Gaidar, for many of the problems.

"Gaidar's policies don't allow for transition into free market econo-

my," he said.

Chikoma further blamed government bureaucracy under Gaidar.

"Gaidar is just a figure head," he said. "There are many powerful people in government who never have had anything to do with a free market economy and who never will have anything to do with a free market economy."

Chikoma used some painful examples to illustrate the dire state of Russia's economy. He spoke of his neighbor, a World War II veteran, who makes only \$3 per week on his pension.

Because the pension plan for German soldiers is much better, his neighbor often cynically asks, "Who won the war?"

Since the economy has failed as miserably as the coup attempt, the

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## DIVERSIONS

### Characters best part of '5th of July'

By Tanya Pratt  
Contributing Critic

A little old lady, a hippie, one repulsive couple, a young girl, her mother and a homosexual couple make up the cast of characters in the "Fifth of July."

Presented by University Theatre and directed by James Rodgers, this play, written by Lanford Wilson, presents a Vietnam veteran's adjustment from Vietnam to the materialistic '70s. It is set on a farm in Missouri.

The Vietnam veteran, Kenneth Talley Jr., is played by Chris Carrier. This character has been injured in battle and is unable to walk without

the aid of a prosthetics device. His partner, Jed Jenkins, played by Matt Brown, cares for Ken while living with him. He is a quiet character whose personality is not nearly as pronounced as those of the rest of the cast.

Ken's sister, June Talley, is played by Melanie Julian. Her character was less joyful and more of a serious and protective mother in opposition to her past as a revolutionary and a hippie.

Shirley Talley, played by Laurie Warnecke, is her energetic 14-year-old daughter. She wants to be famous. She wants to do something with her life. She doesn't want to end up like her mother.

Gwen Landis, played by Stephanie Kingston, is a wealthy woman who inherited her own business. She is going through a mid-life crisis and recently has embarked on a singing career.

John Landis (Scott Winterton) is her manipulative husband. He is trying to take over her business by getting her singing career started.

Sally Friedman (Tina Tober) is a woman in her early '60s who is trying to get over the loss of her husband.

Ashley Jones plays Weston Hurley. He is the hippie of the group, writes songs for Gwen and plays guitar in her band.

All the characters are forced to make the choice of moving forward in their lives, pursuing their dreams and letting go of their past or remaining where they are.

Although "Fifth of July" was not the most enjoyable or entertaining play, the characters did the best jobs they could with the materials they were given. The characterization proved to be the best quality that this play contained.

"Fifth of July" will be shown Nov. 19-21 at 8 p.m. in the Guignol Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. Tickets are \$8, and \$6 for students and seniors.

### Miner mixes rhythm & blues, jazz, gospel on Motown debut

Tim Miner  
Tim Miner  
Motown Records

By Holly Terry  
Contributing Critic

Tim Miner is a new Motown artist on the scene. His self-titled debut album can reach all R&B music listeners.

He flavors his songs with the sounds of R&B and gospel to add to his mixture of ballads and up-tempo songs with funky dance beats. Throughout the album, he uses a mixture of gospel, rhythm and blues, and a little jazz, making them blend.

"Wouldn't Change A Thing," the first single to be released from the album, gives you that perfect blend. The song begins with an instrumental, which moves into him singing his gospel, rhythm and blues sound with a mid-tempo beat.

For the funky upbeat "Come And Go With Me," Miner teamed with Grammy-



nominated producer Keith Andes. Brian McKnight, a former member of Take 6 and a Mercury recording artist, co-produced the melodious ballad "I Will Love All The Hurt Away," the only song not composed by Miner.

Music is not new to Miner. With his father pastoring churches and his mother directing the church's music, religion and music were definite parts of his childhood.

At the tender age of 5, he was mimicking and singing the sounds of Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder, which aroused his curiosity and guided him to listening to the Motown sounds.

Not only has Miner been singing since he was 5, but he is a

self-taught musician. He has taught himself to play the drums, bass guitar, keyboards and guitar.

After high school, Miner relocated to Los Angeles to pursue his dream and make it a reality. While in Los Angeles, his dream of a music career began to look like reality.

He sang in many black churches, where he began to socialize with famous gospel artists, like members of the Hawkins family and Andre Crouch's family.

The people welcomed his talents, and he later signed a contract with Sparrow Records. After his marriage to Cindy Cruse, he founded Knightlight Studios and recorded his second and third albums.

Miner continues to carry the tradition of Motown artists on his debut album. With such a powerful debut album, he makes you wonder what to expect from him in the future.

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# SPORTS

## Pitino says Cats aren't as good as everyone is expecting

### Coach says experience needed to add to talent

By Ty Halpin  
Assistant Sports Editor

Associated Press: No. 5.  
CNW-USA Today: No. 5.  
Sports Illustrated: No. 1.  
UK's 1992-93 Wildcats basketball team is ranked in the top 10 in all of the pre-season polls across the country.

Coach Rick Pitino doesn't believe this year's team is that good — yet. "I've always said that it's talent and experience, and we don't have the experience right now," he said at a press conference yesterday.

The UK coach said he thinks the ranking is way too high. "I laugh a little bit at the ratings because I wouldn't rate us in the top 20 right now," he said, "no where near the top 20."

Last year, the team had the expe-

rience and talent to warrant a high ranking, Pitino said.

"Last year, we were picked (fourth). I was delighted with it. I believed it. I thought it was great. I thought we deserved that ranking," he said. "We're way off that mark right now."

The team is full of newcomers with freshmen Tony Delk, Jared Prickett and Rodrick Rhodes, and transfers Rodney Dent and Todd Svoboda. Pitino said there's only one way to gain the experience needed to receive these rankings.

"The experience is gained only by going out there and performing and playing," he said. "It's going to take time."

Pitino said he is not pleased with his team's performance to this point.

"I'm been very disappointed in this basketball team right now," he

said. In Pitino's mind, UK shouldn't even be picked No. 1 in the Southeastern Conference's eastern division. He gave many reasons for his thoughts.

"If I had to look at this basketball team, I would not pick it as one of the leaders in the eastern division of the SEC. I'm not being negative. I'm being realistic," he said.

"I'm watching a lot of players who are confused about the system, and they have a right to be confused. I'm excited about the work ethic. The effort is terrific," he said. "I love the talent level, but it just takes time. Time will heal all the wounds that we have right now."

Pitino warns that he is not making excuses for a potentially bad year but wants people to realize that the Cats won't be good right away.

"These are not excuses, or preparing people for a down season. We're going to be a good basketball team," he said. "It's just a matter of when that will happen."

As for the rankings, Pitino wants his team to work towards March Madness and the end of the season.

"You don't want to be early on. You want to be late, and that's what we're striving for," he said.

The Cats face High Five America tonight at 7:30 in Rupp Arena.

**Notes:**  
• Mashburn wasn't overly disappointed about being bumped from the cover of *Sports Illustrated* by new heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe.

Sports Communications Director Chris Cameron passed along that Mashburn said it wasn't all that important to him. Mashburn spent three full days with 57 photographers and was interviewed extensively for a major feature that will still appear in this week's edition.

Pitino said V still is picking UK as its preseason No. 1 team. He added that Bowe deserved to be on the cover because he fought a great fight.

Junior center Gimel Martinez will be out for at least four weeks, but Pitino said that Martinez won't

play in a game for at least six weeks because he wants to make sure Martinez is 100 percent.

Right now, Martinez is doing very little. Pitino said he will start shooting free throws and standing jump shots today in practice.

Pitino continued to tout the progress of Prickett. He compared

the freshman forward to Mashburn, saying that he expected Prickett to be the same type of impact player as a freshman that Mashburn was two seasons ago.

Pitino said he wouldn't be surprised to see the same type of statistics out of Prickett this season that Mashburn had as a freshman.

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### UK baseball signs two top recruits

Staff reports

The UK baseball team signed two pitchers this week.

Right-handed pitcher Jared Camp, of Huntington, W. Va., and Curtis Whitney of Lexington both signed a letter of intent to play baseball for UK next season.

Camp, a 6-foot-1, 170-pound hurler, had a 9-2 record on the mound as a junior for Huntington East High School. He struck out 110 batters in just 70 innings pitched and was named First Team All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-State last season.

Camp also was recruited by Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

Whitney, a 6-foot, 195-pound senior at Lafayette High School, was a right-handed pitcher for the Generals' state championship squad last year. Whitney was undefeated last season (12-0) and struck out 120 batters.

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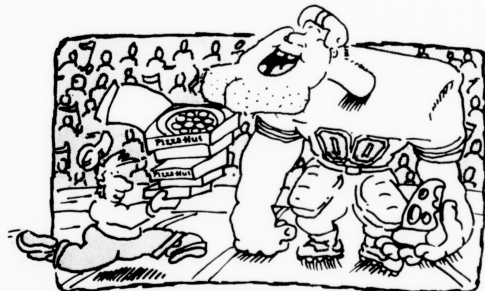
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## Division in greek system caused by both parties, forum would vent anger

### EDITORIAL

Integration is a neverending process. Cooperation amongst people and respect for others are difficult traits to learn, but understanding the reasons why is even harder.

The traditionally white greek system on campus continually is being hammered from all sides because of the ratio of white to black members in their organizations is unbalanced, yet many black groups say they don't want integration.

The white system has made efforts to open its doors and its system to people of all races — but many non-caucasian students have testified that they still feel uncomfortable around these white dominated groups.

On the other hand, some minority students have expressed a wish to keep whites out of their organizations.

Annisia Bunton, president of Delta Sigma Theta social sorority said she "wouldn't want a white Delta" in her sorority.

Blatant division. The answer to getting rid of this "uncomfortable" feeling and the perpetual division that exists between races begins within one's self.

People's mindsets *must* change and problems between groups must be brought to light.

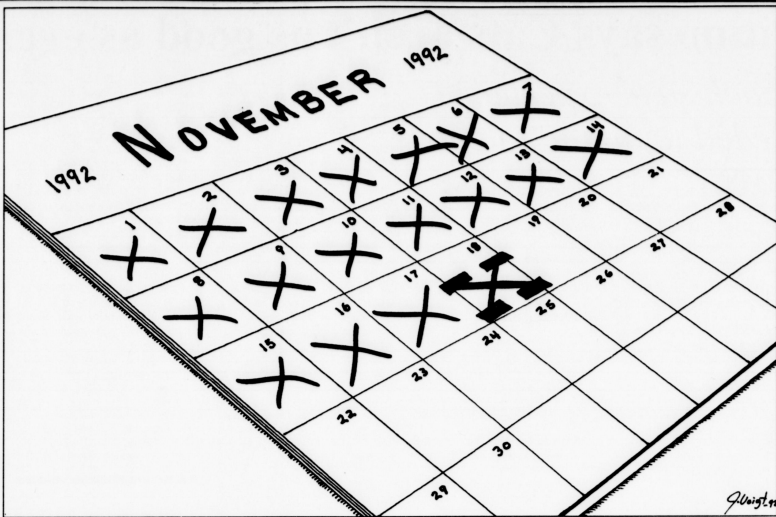
The Dean of Students Office should help promote diversity and help heal wounds by sponsoring a forum for open and honest dialogue between students. It would be a chance for students to speak their minds on racial matters. In the past similar forums have taken place, but students were afraid to speak their minds. This should be an anything goes event!

The forum couldn't be run by a panel that asks questions and gets pre-prepared statements as answers — a single moderator is needed for the event to produce the results necessary to begin to search for a solution to hatred and racism.

That moderator should be Dean of Students David Stockham. He should act as the gatekeeper for the event.

Until tensions are released true cooperation and understanding cannot take the place of separation and division.

For now, until someone takes action, we'll have to settle for forced integration.



## Let us bow our heads... Columnist gives thanks for things in his world



**Chip Tillett**  
Kernel Columnist

It is the week before Turkey Day and all through this column, I'll give thanks to the worthy and some who have fallen.

Some are sarcastic and some are real. You'll laugh, smile, maybe shed a tear.

But before we do that, let's spend some time talking about some traditions that aren't going to rhyme.

Thanksgiving around my house is a little different. We sit around the Thanksgiving tree and sing carols while enjoying a frothing cup of Tang. (Hey, if it's good enough for the astronauts, it's good enough for me.)

After that, we set off some fireworks and go hunting for eggs left by the Thanksgiving Bunny.

We also are all vegetarians, so instead of eating the traditional turkey, we have mealofal. But this mealofal contains nothing that even comes close to meat.

Instead we just use dirt from the backyard. Yes, it is a little dry sometimes, but we always can wash it down with another glass of Tang.

OK, so maybe I made some of that up, but I promise the tree part is true. Our Christmas tree has been up in our living room for nearly two years now. (I be-

lieve in the Christmas spirit year round.)

Not only does it eliminate the hassle of having to put it up every year, but the tree can be used for other holidays.

The Labor Day Tree. The Fourth of July Tree. Or even The Uncle Eddie Got Paroled Tree. Just use your imagination and you have a tree for all seasons.

What Thanksgiving is really about is reflection. Reflecting on what the past year has given to you and your family and stopping to say "thank you." And without further adieu, I'll give my thanks for 1992.

\*Dad. Thanks for letting me go after my dream. You gave me love and support, rather than throwing me out or setting me on fire.

\*TMC Long Distance Company. Thanks for your commercials that make no sense and have nothing to do with your long distance service. Though it is nice to hear UK coach Bill Curry list the priorities he tries to teach the team. (I always start giggling on number

four.)  
\*Joe, my editor. Thanks for giving me a chance. I just hope you don't regret it. By the way, can I get a new mug shot?

\*UK Food Services. Thanks for a new and unique dining experience every time out. Also, congrats on your recent naming to the Mobil Five-Star Dining List.

\*Ray, my roommate. Thanks for putting up with me and all my strangeness. You are my link to reality and keep me from turning into the Captain too often.

\*I'd like to thank my producer, director and the Academy for this award. Being up against DeNiro, I did not expect to win, but it was a really great script.

\*S. Martin. Even though I don't know you personally, I was touched by your letter. I'm glad you have your priorities in order. Stay strong!

\*Mike Bolton. Thanks for putting out an album that is probably a sign of the apocalypse. I'm sure Motown is happy that you are destroying what are classic songs with your whiny remakes. Oh, yeah, get a haircut, too.

\*Hector and Jennifer, my illegitimate children. Don't eat too much turkey and tell your moms that their checks are in the mail.

\*Rodney Dent. Thanks for ignoring some ignorant remarks made by some people on campus. Most of us feel that you deserved the chance. Good luck this season.

\*Twila Greene, BSU Campus Minister. Thanks for nine years of service here at UK. You will be missed.

And to everyone else who reads my column, I'd like to thank you for the couple of minutes you take to read this column every Thursday. I really do appreciate it.

We really could learn a lot from that first Thanksgiving, when people of different origins sat down to enjoy dinner together.

It would be nice to have the world sit down together and enjoy some turkey. But, until we can put aside racism and ignorance, that just won't happen.

Sure, everyone says this is a goal, but most of them are just full of stuffing.

A week from today I hope you take a moment to give thanks for what you have. Don't forget to be sincere about it.

It's kind of sad that we set aside one day to remember to give thanks and the other 364 to forget.

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## What's Buckley smoking when he calls for legalization?

I can't believe it! Where do we find these people?

I just read the article in the Kentucky Kernel, my favorite morning diversion, about William F. Buckley Jr.

I hope I wasn't the only person appalled by his idea of legalization of the sale of all drugs to anyone 21 or over through the federal government. It makes me wonder if it is really sugar that he puts in his coffee in the morning.

I do not necessarily disagree with everything that Buckley stated in his speech. He made several points that I relate to. However, his position on the war against drugs simply made me cringe.

If Buckley thinks our country has problems now, he should seriously consider what would happen if drugs were made legal. Our country



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would never be the same again. Has Buckley forgotten the reasons that drugs are illegal — that drugs are harmful to the body and mind if used improperly?

Granted, some drugs are helpful with correct administration. That is why they are used medicinally.

However, there is no reason for the government to advocate drugs with no medicinal value that debilitate the user and cause serious health problems and even death in some cases. The drugs that are legal now, like alcohol and tobacco products, always are demonstrating their harmful natures.

Does Buckley really think legalization and regulation will stop drug usage eventually? I would like to know how he came to this conclusion.

The government supposedly regulates use of alcohol — you remember legal drinking age, though very few people pay any attention to it.

Also, there are many programs to promote sobriety or "responsible" drinking. Do they work? Not really.

Do we really need the government promoting drugs that are even more dangerous than alcohol to support "responsible," "social" drug usage? The government has been so successful in alcohol regulation.

Yes, I'll admit that some of these programs help people with drinking problems, but these problems are too widespread for everyone to receive help.

Also, many people refuse to be helped, thinking that they are in control and can quit anytime. However, these are also some of the first people to acquire alcohol when it becomes available.

Some people claim to be "social drinkers," but alcohol is never

needed to be social and is never responsible for anything except accidents, violence and illness.

Do we really need the government promoting drugs that are even more dangerous than alcohol to support "responsible," "social" drug usage? The government has been so successful in alcohol regulation. Just think what it can do for drug use!

Also, legalized drug use would not put the black market out of business. Legalization might put those markets out of business, but there is always a drug that is more potent, more dangerous, more deadly.

You can be sure that the government will not be the organization developing them — unless our society is even more corrupt

than anyone thought possible.

How would the government react to these new drugs? Soon this same argument would arise about those new drugs. The cycle has to end somewhere.

People like Buckley should take a few moments to consider their own ideas and recognize their senselessness. Then the government could find some real solutions to the drug problem in the United States and stop wasting our time with nonsensical whims.

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## Smoking at UK continues to harm students

### Smokeout Day should prompt some action

Today is the Great American Smokeout. It's the day in which smokers can attempt to end their relationship with cigarettes.

Whether a smoker wishes to participate in this activity or not is a personal choice. However, on this occasion, I would like to bring up an issue of importance related to smoking.

Most smokers are aware of the damaging effects of cigarettes on their health, and a lot are apparent-

ly willing to live with the risks. The problem is that the rest of us, the non-smoking majority, have been forced for too long to participate in the activity of smoking by having to breathe in their cigarette smoke.

Students, faculty, instructors and staff who work and attend classes in the numerous buildings on campus have no protection from the unpleasant smelling, harmful cigarette smoke of those who light up wherever they want.

There are few "No Smoking" signs around, and there are many ashtrays bolted to the walls of

buildings such as the White Hall Classroom Building, so it is clear why people smoke inside them.

It's about time that more atten-

tion is paid to the overall comfort of all the people who use the campus facilities and not just to those who smoke. It is necessary to restrict smoking in airtight buildings like White Hall Classroom Building where one person's cigarette can spoil the air of a whole stairwell or a hallway.

It's very frustrating to climb the stairs, breathing deeply from the exertion, and to have to breathe in someone's cigarette smoke.

Also, as an instructor who uses the classroom building frequently, I

think it is annoying to have to close the classroom door in order to keep out the smoke. The rooms are too hot and the windows don't open.

It's about time that smokers accept the reality that most of us don't care to share in their habit.

Although it will be difficult for some smokers to get used to the idea that they can't smoke anywhere, it has been extremely difficult for us non-smokers to put up with cigarette smoke for so long.

To all of you non-smokers reading this letter — do something to voice your opinion! Nothing will change if you do nothing!

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## Greek

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Pollard said, but "the whole fraternity was putting a little trust in him."

Hibbs could not be reached for comment.

For a student to break historical boundaries, black or white, is difficult.

"That's a tough thing to do," Hazard said. "What that does to the individual is automatically single them out to be scrutinized. They kind of place themselves in limbo," he said.

Not that joining a white fraternity can alleviate discrimination from whites. Eaves gave the following account of an incident that happened last semester at a party at the Sigma Chi social fraternity house:

Eaves wasn't on the guest list but entered with friends who were members of the men's basketball team. He was admitted and his hand was stamped.

He stayed and circulated there even after his friends left and no one said anything to him. Then, "I was standing there talking to this girl, a white girl." Some members of the fraternity then approached him and asked if they could help him. Eaves said he responded, "No, I'm not thirsty."

"One of the guys asked me who I was," Eaves said. He said he was told, "I don't think you were invited. It's time for you to leave."

Sigma Chi President Steve Staples said he had no knowledge of the incident but said, "It could very well be possible."

He said prejudice exists in every organization but said it might not have been a factor in that incident. "If you're not on the guest list, you leave, simple as that."

Eaves said the situation didn't seem so clear-cut. If he had been white, he said, no one would have asked him to leave. "They didn't feel threatened by me standing in there," he said. "God forbid, I was holding hands or kissing her."

Similar situations have happened at other fraternities, he said. "Since then, I haven't gone to another party that (Phi Sig) didn't have."

Still, he said he doesn't keep a grudge against the fraternities themselves. "Even though it hurt me, I still don't hold it against that organization."

Mills said he rarely encounters overt prejudice as a member of Lambda Chi but it's there.

Once during an intramural basketball game, he said he collided with an opponent who was white. "He was like, 'I'm not scared of you. I'm not scared of you,'" Mills said. "Don't think that because you're black you can intimidate me."

Within his fraternity, Mills said members "always ask my permission before they tell a black joke."

The junior said, at times, he says he doesn't want to hear it, but "I usually tell them to try their luck."

## ROTC places 8th in competition

By Rebecca Burkhard  
Contributing Writer

UK's Army ROTC Ranger Challenge team placed eighth in a field of 18 during a regional competition at Fort Knox, Ky., this weekend.

Although the team won't advance to the national level, Capt. Philip Hartsfield, the group's commander, still described the competition as a success.

This year marked the first time in three years that UK's cadets had advanced to the regional level — an achievement that reflected many hours of hard practice which began each morning at 5:30.

"It has been a very long and hard road to get where they are," Hartsfield said.

The hard work and experience can only help next year's team, he

said, adding that he is enthusiastic about its chances.

"Seven out of nine of us will do it again next year, so it's something to look for next year."

The format for the Ranger Challenge consisted of eight events — four individual events and four team events.

The individual events included assembling an M-16 rifle and an M-60 machine gun, rifle marksmanship, a grenade assault course and the Army Physical Fitness Test, a timed two-mile run coupled with pushups and situps.

"The physical fitness test is like a triathlon for the military," Hartsfield said.

Team events consisted of "orientteering" — locating specific points using a topographical map, designing a one-rope bridge to cross a 40-foot water obstacle, a combat patrol

exercise and a timed 10-kilometer road march, complete with 30-pound ruck sacks and weapons.

Although half of the events were performed individually, Hartsfield stressed that they are all team events.

"Other than the physical fitness test, there's no event that doesn't require strong teamwork," he said.

The UK team won only one event, the Grenade Assault Course, but John Calhoun, a business management senior and member of the Ranger team, was pleased with the team's performance.

"Six out of the nine on the team had no prior experience, but we had a pretty good crossover of experience," he said.

UK's cadets competed against teams from several states, including Alabama, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin.



## Forum

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At the forum, students will have the opportunity to discuss the specific types of service programs that would interest them. They also will discuss potential roadblocks or problems that might exist, and at what point in their school careers they would want to complete their service.

Crowley said tonight's forum is similar to a meeting at Michigan State University during which President Kennedy proposed the idea of the Peace Corps.

"Our generation of college students have a chance to shape a new National Service program much like college students in 1960 helped Kennedy shape the Peace Corps," Crowley said.

"The potential for this, if it's done right, is tremendous."

The forum will be held tonight at 6:30 in 106 Old Student Center. It will be held in conjunction with the Student Organization Assembly's November meeting.

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vietnam now also asks "Who really won last August?"

Richard Dwyer, a minister at Calvary Baptist Church who attended the speech, visited Russia in 1989 and met Chkonia at about the same time in Lexington.

"I think (Chkonia) reflects the pessimism of the intellectual crowd in his country," Dwyer said. "They want someone who will take over and create a Utopia."

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## Smoking

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smoking areas don't provide all the answers for those exposed to smoke in the public.

"People have the right to smoke until they infringe on the rights of non-smokers," she said. "When you're in a non-smoking section in a restaurant, you still inhale smoke from the smoking section."

Until stricter smoking restrictions are introduced, all students must deal with the situation by exercising respect for each other, McCrery said.

"Non-smokers should have equal rights," he said. "It's not my right to kill a person by smoking, but it's my right to smoke."

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