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Survey shows 78 percent would fund station

By JAY BLANTON
Executive Editor

A student-run radio station at UK is almost a "certainty" following a survey in which most students agreed to help fund the station.

A two-question phone survey sponsored by the Student Government Association indicated that about 78 percent of the students polled are in favor of paying an additional dollar in student activities fees each semester to finance the station.

Last month, Radio Free Lexington's Board of Directors gave the station until Thanksgiving to show it had student support.

In addition, about 70 percent of students said they would favor creating "two dead days" at the end of each semester to allow for more study before final exams.

The UK Survey Research Center surveyed 540 students on both issues. And in both questions, student support on the average was highest among undergraduates.

In the radio issue, 81.8 percent of the freshmen and 82.5 of the sophomores favor an increase in student fees. Juniors responded with 74.1 percent and seniors 76.9 percent in favor of the fee increase.

On the dead days question, 79.8 percent of the freshmen, 71.3 percent of sophomores and 76.9 percent

of juniors surveyed favored the days.

However, only 58.9 percent of the seniors surveyed favored the free days.

SGA President Cyndi Weaver said she was pleased to see that the strongest support for the station came from freshmen and sophomores, because those students will be around longer.

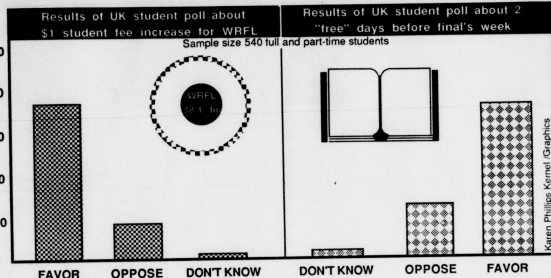
The survey was commissioned at the beginning of this semester after members of RFL, a student group that has been trying to form a station for two years, ran into unexpected construction costs last summer.

The dead days question was added to the survey by Weaver.

Although positive response from the student body was considered to be the primary stumbling block toward making the station a reality, the SGA senate and the Board of Trustees must still OK the student fee increase proposal.

A student forum will be held at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 14 in 113 Student Center to gather more student input. Following the forum, the SGA senate could decide to ask the BOT for a fee increase at its Oct. 21 meeting.

The BOT then could approve a fee increase at its Dec. 8 meeting. There is not a November meeting of the trustees.



RFL members say that if the fee increase is approved by the BOT, the radio station will be on the air in the spring semester.

One issue, though, that will definitely have to wait, no matter how much students favor it, is dead days.

Last year a proposal was made by Weaver, then an SGA senator, to move the UK academic calendar forward two days to create additional "free days" prior to final exams.

Members of the UK Senate Council, composed of elected faculty members, said that students must be in favor of the dead days proposal for it to be enacted, Weaver said.

Even though the survey showed a large majority of students favored two free days, the calendar for the next academic year is already filled, Weaver said.

Weaver said the proposal and survey results will now go to the Senate Council's calendar committee.

The try for a student radio station has also taken a long time, but RFL members say they shouldn't have to wait until the next academic year to be on the airwaves.

RFL Adviser Paula Anderson said she thinks the station could be on the air by March — unless circumstances that haven't been anticipated come up again.

RFL General Manager Scott Ferguson said the station had tried to "hit" everyone possible for money to fund it, but the group had just come up short.

It was only appropriate that the students be the final link in funding the station, Ferguson said. "I'm glad they knew (the station) was worth the money" before any records were even played.

RFL members had set a target date of Oct. 1 for being on the air, but the UK Physical Plant Division estimated that it would take almost \$25,000 to renovate a storage area in the Student Center for broadcasting and recording needs.

The group had received \$40,000 from the city of Lexington and the University for start-up costs. The city and University had also contributed \$15,000 between them for yearly operating costs.

UK Vice Chancellor for Administration Jack Blanton said the show of student support makes the station almost a "certainty."

The survey results make the rest of the process toward going on the air just a "formality," Ferguson said. "If students didn't want it — (it) wouldn't be on the air."

However, Blanton, a member of RFL's board of directors, said that while gaining student support was a "giant first step," there are still

steps to go. "We need to get the station on the air," he said.

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Just-a-swingin'



Meredith Hairston, 4, of Lexington, was swinging on the railing outside Miller Hall during the warm fall weather yesterday afternoon. The weather tomorrow will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain.

McConnell, UK leaders support Bork for court

By TYRONE JOHNSTON
Contributing Writer

Wednesday, Oct. 7, is the date that the Senate will vote whether or not to make Robert Bork, President Reagan's nomination, a Supreme Court Justice.

There has been much criticism of Bork's policies in the Senate as well as in the newspapers lately. Many speculate that Bork will not be nominated. Of the 100 senators, only 32 senators support Bork. Of the rest, 26 oppose his nomination while the other senators are remaining quiet on the issue.

At least one of Kentucky's senators, Republican Mitch McConnell, will vote to nominate Bork, according to McConnell's deputy press secretary in Washington, Michael Mitchell.

"Senator McConnell will definitely vote for the nomination of Robert Bork," Mitchell said. "The Senator feels that Bork is qualified to take

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the position of Supreme Court Justice."

Mitchell said he didn't think that recent publicity generated in the news media had affected Bork's nomination in a negative way, based on McConnell's constituent response.

"The letters and responses that Senator McConnell has received has been about 60 percent pro-Bork," Mitchell said.

Kentucky's other senator, Democrat Wendell Ford, did not wish to comment on the nomination of Bork until after the hearing.

On the college level, while leaders of both campus political parties said they supported Bork, they disagreed over whether he'd get nominated.

Fat Hart, president of the UK College Democrats, said he feels Bork

Freshman council to be more active this year

By JULIE ENSELMAN
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The freshman class is typically an uninvolved and unaffiliated group of students, right? Wrong, if this year's Freshman Representative Council has anything to say about it.

The FRC consists of 30 members — double the number from last year — who were selected after interviews with members of the Student Government Association early in the year. The group is divided into a senate council and an executive council.

In past years, the role of the FRC has been rather ambiguous, said SGA President Cyndi Weaver. Members only worked on already established projects. But this year they're trying to be more active and influential, she said.

"We have a really sharp set of kids," Weaver said. "They're interested in what's going on."

The FRC primarily will provide freshman input into student government and plan freshman activities, said Greg Reeves, SGA senator and FRC adviser. Representatives will assist SGA senators as well as work on various independent projects through the formation of different committees.

Freshman input into University activities is essential, according to freshman James Blackmon, chairman of the executive council.

"We see things from a different perspective," he said. "If we get things rolling, we can get a lot done."



CYNDI WEAVER

One of the plans the FRC has is the possible production of a freshman newsletter or student handbook, which would list the opportunities on campus available to students. Such an item is badly needed, said member Sean Lohman.

The Council would also like to organize a debate between students running for the two freshman senator positions with hopes of generating some publicity for the FRC. Elections are Oct. 14.

In addition, members will work on improving freshman orientation.

"We have a lot of good people who are ready to get in and work. We want to make a difference," he said.

Shortage of nurses beneficial, dangerous

By ANDREA WOOD
Contributing Writer

A UK nursing student could head out into the work force and find a job that is going to offer him or her a bonus of \$10,000.

The current nurse shortage has prompted at least one hospital in the state to offer large bonuses to attract nurses to join their staff.

How has this shortage affected current students in the UK School of Nursing?

"It's made me want to make it," said Sandy Beard, 21, a nursing junior from Hardinsburg. "I know I'll have a job."

According to an article appearing in the Lexington Herald-Leader, the shortage began in mid-1986 and is progressively becoming worse. This is not the first shortage of nurses, but this time it could last longer, possibly five to 10 years.

Beard said the bonuses appeal to her but said she would not work

somewhere just because they offered her a lot of money.

"I wouldn't go to northern Kentucky for \$10,000," she said, referring to one of the bonuses being offered by St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Covington.

The UK Albert B. Chandler Medical Center has not adopted any type of one-time bonus for relocation and has not considered it, according to Dr. Diana Weaver, associate hospital director of nursing.

"We are considering longevity bonuses for staff. It would be a whole package for retention and recruitment," Weaver said.

Kim Roberts, a nursing major from Virgie, said she isn't worried about finding a job, and she said the convenience of being able to find a job anywhere helps when trying to plan a future and marriage.

Beard and Roberts both agree on their chances for success within the profession. With fewer competitors,

better jobs are naturally more accessible.

"We won't move up as fast though. We will be needed on the floor more," Roberts said.

However, the anticipated nurse shortage hasn't shown up in student enrollment.

"The shortage in the nursing profession hasn't significantly affected enrollment of four-year students," said Becky Hudson, director of student services at the UK School of Nursing.

"We are acutely aware of the situation, however," she said.

But while the shortage has created a positive outlook for those seeking careers in the profession, the shortage could have a negative impact on the kind and amount of care available.

Weaver said due to the shortage, "nursing positions have remained vacant longer than is the norm."

"It could come to the point where (patients) don't get the total care

needed because (nurses) will have so many patients. I can see it coming to that," Roberts said.

"The nurses will get even more frustrated and the shortage will become worse."

Beard agreed, but said the patients will be affected "especially emotionally. The nurse just won't have time to talk to the patients a lot."

Not only will quality patient care decrease but the shortage could increase the already traditionally high burnout rate of nurses.

Not everyone agrees on the causes or the solution to the shortage.

Hudson said the most obvious solution is intense recruiting efforts aimed at students making career decisions in junior high and high school levels, supplemented with an increased public awareness of what nursing really is.

A better play perhaps for hospitals would be to use "creative employ-

ment" to attract nurses. "We need to get the station on the air," he said.

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Sports

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Hard bodies equal hardwood success

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For right now, the sounds of a basketball pounding the hardwood of Memorial Coliseum have been drowned out by the clanging of iron weights on the concrete floor at Shively Sports Center.

Until Oct. 15, when the NCAA will allow official practices to begin, the UK basketball team will be concentrating on conditioning — that means pumping iron.

"Strength helps in playing but it is also a key factor in eliminating injuries," said UK assistant coach Jimmy Dykes. "We try to strengthen the whole body. Some kids need work in different areas than others so the workouts are kind of personalized."

The team began working out with UK weight coach Pat Etcheberry during the second week of classes this semester.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday the team jogs to Shively, works out with the weights for an hour and then jogs back to Memorial for a short pickup game.

The weight workout includes an incline press and cleans to strengthen the shoulders and upper body and squats for the legs.

"We don't try to put on that much bulk," Etcheberry said. "In basketball we try to develop as much

strength as possible without putting the bulk on. We try to concentrate on their running and quickness, too."

On Tuesday and Thursday the team plays pickup games for about three hours. Due to NCAA regulations the coaches cannot supervise the scrimmages.

When the season begins, Etcheberry said the team will tone down the lifting to "maintenance" workouts, which concentrate on keeping the strength the players have gained in preseason.

Although the team does not lift on Tuesday or Thursday, a new form of torture has been introduced by the coaches to increase the players' leg strength while they play.

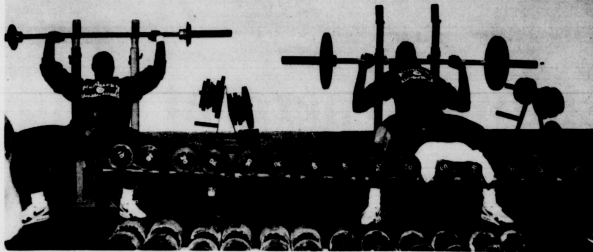
The strength shoe is a basketball shoe which has a platform elevating the front of the foot. This causes the players to run, pivot and jump on the balls of their feet without the heel touching the ground.

"What the idea is, is to strengthen and stretch the Achilles tendon and calf muscles," Dykes said. "That is supposed to increase your explosiveness, your first three steps, and your vertical jump."

The players run in the shoe for about 20 minutes at the end of practice and actually play with the futuristic sneakers for about five minutes.

"It's hard to realize how much it

THE STRONGEST SHALL SURVIVE



UK basketball players Reggie Hanson, at left, and Cedric Jenkins lift on the incline benches at the Shively weight room. The UK team is lifting three times a week to increase strength and speed.

helps you until you take them off," senior Richard Madison said. "Then your legs feel so much lighter."

UK started a weight program for the basketball team in the early 1970s and was the first college team in the nation to do so, Etcheberry said.

But although weights in college basketball is now standard practice, at the high school level, weight training is sometimes still ignored.

And that shows when first-year

players step into the weight room for the first time. UK freshman LeRon Ellis, who has never trained with weights until now, said he has some problems dealing with the ins and outs of weight training.

"Right now, I haven't adjusted to it yet," Ellis said. "When I first started lifting I was really sore and my shot kept falling short. Then I started getting used to it. Instead of getting sore I was getting stronger and I started over-shooting."

Madison said he and the other players who are used to the weight training routine no longer have Ellis' shot problems.

And although Ellis and UK's other freshman recruits may be struggling a little, Etcheberry is making them pull their own weight.

"Sometimes I'll ask him if I can start with something lighter," Ellis said. "He'll say, 'Hell no, you'll start with a man's weight.' He really pushes you to your limit."

Rogerson leads golf tournament

Staff reports

Senior Lady Kat golfer Kate Rogerson shot a two-over-par 74 yesterday in the second round of the Memphis State Invitational to maintain a one-stroke lead.

Rogerson leads North Carolina's Katie Peterson and Donna Andrews. Peterson is one stroke out while her teammate is two back.

With the final round to be played today, UK is in third place of the tournament as a team. The Lady Kat golfers, who shot a team score of 314-310-624 in the first two rounds, trail Duke and North Carolina.

Other UK golfers competing in the tournament, which is being held at the Colonial Country Club, finished the second round with the following scores: Noelle Daghe 78-76-154; Debbie Blank 81-81-162; Cindy Meuller 86-79-165 and Jayne Lohr 82-87-169.

This is UK's second tournament of the fall. They finished second last weekend to second-ranked Miami of Florida in the Lady Seminole Invitational at Florida State.

The UK women golfers will return home Oct. 15-17 for the Lady Kat Invitational at the Spring Lake Country Club.

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Three senators add more opposition to Bork nomination

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Robert H. Bork's Supreme Court hopes suffered major new setbacks yesterday as Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, a conservative Democratic senator and two liberal Republicans declared opposition to his confirmation.

Byrd had been publicly undecided, even suggesting that he and other Senate Judiciary Committee members should send the nomination to the Senate floor without taking a stand on it when they vote today.

But yesterday he called the nomination "doomed," said President Reagan shouldn't have picked Bork in the first place and suggested that withdrawing the nomination "would spare Mr. Bork."

At the White House, Reagan said

he would fight on, declaring that only "over my dead body" would the nomination be defeated before reaching the full Senate.

Before Byrd's announcement, chief White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater called the nomination "very much alive." After hearing about Byrd, he said, "It's getting tougher but we're still working on it."

Tom Korologos, the administration lobbyist working on Bork's behalf, said, "It doesn't look good, but we're still in there slugging."

In addition to Byrd, Sens. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., Lowell P. Weicker Jr., R-Conn., and John H. Chafee, R-R.I., left the undecided camp for the opposition, with DeConcini telling reporters, "I think it's over."

DeConcini said his personal count shows at least 53 senators opposed

to Bork, while Sen. Alan Cranston — who counts noses as the Democratic whip — added that he now counts 53 opposed and 42 in favor with five senators' positions unknown.

"The outcome is now pre-ordained," Cranston said. "I don't see how it can be turned around now."

Fitzwater said Reagan telephoned four senators yesterday, lobbying for their votes, but he wouldn't say who they were.

He said Reagan, who briefly answered several questions on Bork at an unrelated White House ceremony, intends to speak out for him at the re-scheduled swearing-in Thursday of FBI Director-designate William Sessions. Asked if Reagan planned a television address, Fitzwater said, "Every option is being considered."

The decisions by Byrd and DeConcini also will affect the Senate Judiciary

Committee vote today on the type of recommendation the panel will make to the full Senate.

They became the seventh and eighth lawmakers on the 14-member panel to announce opposition to Bork. Cranston said the vote "would likely turn out to be a negative recommendation" although a decision of "no recommendation" is still possible.

Both sides have said the nomination should be sent to the full Senate, no matter how many committee members oppose confirmation.

Five Republican members of the committee favor Bork, and Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., is to make his decision known today.

Weicker and Chafee became the third and fourth Republicans to speak out against the nominee, following Sens. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, a member of the Judiciary

Committee, and Bob Packwood of Oregon. Democrats who say they support Bork are Ernest Hollings of South Carolina and David Boren of Oklahoma.

Byrd said he would vote against Bork because of concerns about privacy, the right of Congress to sue the president in federal court, and because the nomination is "too controversial to go forward with."

Asked if the nomination should be withdrawn, Byrd told reporters, "I think it would spare Mr. Bork and I'm sorry the president sent this nomination up to the Senate."

Byrd said he decided to switch from the undecided camp now because, "Over the weekend I made a lot of calls to West Virginia and

found a great feeling of concern, distrust, mease."

"The White House should recognize that this nomination is going down, not up," Byrd added.

DeConcini said Bork's career as a professor and an appellate court judge "indicates a lack of understanding of the effect of judicial decisions on real people. Judge Bork views the Constitution as a bloodless and sterile contract."

Weicker said he could not "accept several months of seemingly innocuous, sophisticated banter" by Bork as a "substitute for that nominee's lifetime of unrelenting criticism or disdain for... laws giving our constitutional ideals their highest... meaning."

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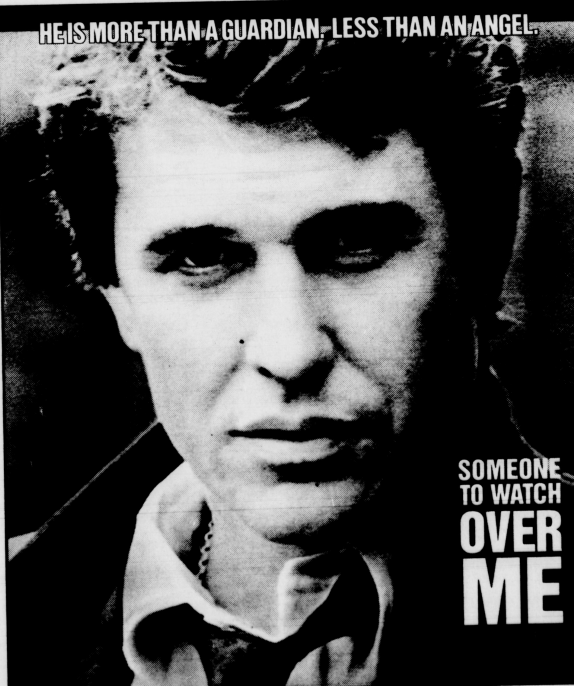
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Rep. Harper shows best understanding of state's problems

It wasn't the Lincoln-Douglas debates, but anyone who watched Sunday night's debate between Democrat Wallace Wilkinson and Republican John Harper should have gotten a pretty good idea how the two candidates stand on the issues.

Both of the gubernatorial candidates said they were the "change" the state needed to save it from the terrible ways of "old politics."

But neither of the candidates appeared to be the real political salvation the state truly needs though.

Wilkinson, with months of political coaching behind him, came off as more polished, but not necessarily more knowledgeable about the issues.

If the debate had been judged on appearance alone, Wilkinson would have won the debate hands down.

He smiled when he had to, used all the right gestures and waved to his supporters before going on the air.

But on substance, Harper emerged as the winner.

The state representative from Shepherdsville displayed a much better understanding of the problems confronting the state, although he didn't convey it very well.

He didn't just echo what the voters wanted to hear — an easy and quick way to economically recover without raising taxes — he told them what must be done.

Several times during the debate Wilkinson appeared to change his position on some issues.

During his race for the Democratic nomination, Wilkinson spoke of a state lottery as the way to economic salvation.

But during the debate, he said that a lottery is not the "answer" to all of the state's problems.

Wilkinson had also pledged not to raise taxes during his campaign.

However, he told Harper that he would "consider" raising them in the second half of his term if the state's per capita income went up.

Harper pointed out that state's per capita income goes up every year.

The two candidates will square off again on Oct. 19 on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University and let voters in the eastern part of the state hear them speak.

We hope that by then, Wilkinson will have not changed his mind again.

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Readers are encouraged to submit letters and opinions to the Kentucky Kernel.

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Writers must include their names, addresses, telephone numbers and major classifications or connections with UK on all submitted material.

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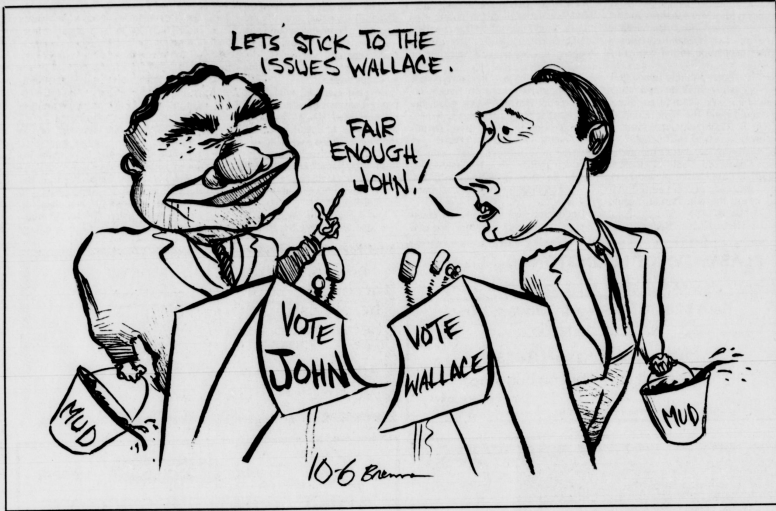
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Reading newspapers hard task for some

It's too bad that the people who need this column most won't even bother to read it.

They figure they know all about newspapers. You read something, disagree with it, claim it's biased and write a letter about it.

Well, sorry buddy, it just isn't that simple.

First of all, not everything in the paper is an article. That means, obviously, that not everything is supposed to be a mere account of some facts. Work that appears on the Viewpoint page, for those who haven't picked up on it yet, is supposed to be biased.

On the other hand, work that appears on news pages is supposed to be objective — that is, not reflect any of the writer's opinions.

That's pretty easy to understand. But here are some definitions, in all seriousness, to help.

EDITORIAL. — When you open the Viewpoint page, the thing in a two-column format down the left



side is the Kernel's editorial. This is the paper's opinion, decided on by an edit board made up of several editors and other key people.

Contrary to what some simpl-minded and grudging people think, this is not the personal opinion of Editorial Editor Tom Sullivan, based on the whim of his personal dislikes and likes.

This group holds a weekly meeting, decides on topics, argues (pretty fiercely sometimes) and then votes on a stance. One of the board's members then writes it up. The editorial is supposed to be biased. But it's also supposed to be fair. It's the Kernel's way of saying what we, as people who follow campus issues closer than almost everybody

else, think about a particular issue.

An example is the edit on the Student Government Association's refusal to set aside a mere one hour a week when other students — their constituents — can talk to them about concerns they might have. As a paper, we think this is a mockery of the word "student representative." And have said so.

The fact that the edit reflects the paper's viewpoint doesn't necessarily make it right, but there is some credibility in the fact that a group of people who religiously follow issues have hashed out a common ground on which to take a stand.

COLUMN. — Columns are those very opinionated pieces of prose (like this one right here) that carry a picture and column slug on it. The slug and the identification line in italics at the end mark these as columns. These are supposed to be biased, since they reflect personal opinions and personal experiences as related by the writer.

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ally an article is preceded by an editor's note or an "analysis" slug. These identify the articles as including the personal thoughts of the writer, usually as a result of a lot of experience covering that particular issue.

All this means two things. One, those who write our columns and complain about their columns as being biased — congratulations! — you're right.

But those of you (about every other letter) who write and complain about Bonifer's "article" on the pope or Sullivan's "article" on the Grateful Dead retreat tire man or Lexington drivers — Buzzzzzzz — you're wrong!

This all sounds pretty simple, right?

But you'd be surprised to read all the letters we get complaining that our columns and editorials are biased. And that our articles and photo cutlines/captions didn't include the personal opinions (slanted personal attacks) about somebody or some situation.

I don't want people to think I don't want letters to the editor. I love them. They mean the paper is being read. But I hate for a letter writer to put his or her foot in his mouth immediately because of an error.

If you write in about these opinions, ... call it a column, or don't call it at all.

Editor in chief Dan Hassert is a journalism and English senior and a Kernel columnist.

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against it. It's time to do your job! Can you do it?

Thomas Aaron is vice president of the Black Student Union.

C.A.'s column B.A.D.

As an American Catholic with close ties to my European ancestry, I found C.A. Duane Bonifer's article "Pope's Visit Won't Change American Catholics" in the Sept. 21 edition both in extremely bad taste and offensive.

I am curious as to Mr. Bonifer's religion. If he is a Catholic, he must indeed be ignorant of the role that women have played in the church through the centuries. What other

church along with the Orthodox, Old Catholic and High Episcopal hold Mary, Jesus' mother, in such high esteem along with hundreds of other women saints?

What other church is so complex because it embraces individuals from every walk of life — from bag ladies to presidents and kings, every nationality known in this world, every race that God ever created?

Mr. Bonifer, you criticize my religion and my Pope. Pope John Paul II is the first Polish pope who represents not only human rights for his native Poland and Eastern Europe suppressed by the Russians, but also for the world. Mr. Bonifer, give the man his credit, after all, he is the pope; he knows his job better than you know yours as a columnist.

Michael Wayne S. Oteky is a resident of Nashville, Tenn.

The Soapbox Attendance Policy

A university, by definition, is an institution of higher learning. Should it be any more than that? Should UK have the right to require classroom attendance? Are college courses any more than a purchased service, which the consumer can choose to use or ignore?

Is it fair that a student who does "A" work in a class should receive an "E" simply because he or she missed five classes without an ample excuse?

Simply said, is the University playing the part of your parents? And if they are, do they have that right?

This is your opportunity to reply.

Submissions to "The Soapbox" will be printed on the Thursday following the introduction of a topic the week before. This is your opportunity to vent your frustrations or your congratulations.

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Diversions

Erik Reese
Arts Editor

Bimbo beat of Bananarama LP proves frivolous

By TIM FOGLE
Staff Critic

WOW!
Bananarama
London (PolyGram Records)



So Dick Clark says, "What's good about this new Bananarama song?" And the brain-dead teenybopper says, "I just, like, really like it." "But what do you like about it?" says Dick. "Well," says B.T., "it's got a good beat and you can dance to it." What a revelation and how true.

The new Bananarama album, dubbed **WOW!** by the intellectual trio, aims low and connects. All these women want is for their radically limited audience of 14- to 23-year-old girls to put this record on and dance. And in that they have succeeded.

The new album, and the songs contained therein, are awfully reminiscent of everything they've done before. Listen to "Venus" and

"Cruel Summer" and then switch to "I Heard A Rumour" or "Come Back" from their newest. You won't hear a discernible difference. In fact, every song on this album sounds exactly like every song they've ever recorded.

When Bananarama formed, the search for a computer programmer was probably as important as the one for a producer for their debut album. It sounds like one drum pattern was used on all 10 songs and they just flowed into each other.

Quit listening for a few minutes and then come back. You won't be able to tell where one song ends and another begins. And, in all likelihood, you won't care.

Your best bet is to buy the 12-inch dance remix single of "I Heard A Rumour" and listen to it over and over. You'll save a few dollars and get all the bimbo trinity has to offer.

One other thing. The cover on this record is evidently some feeble attempt at reverse sexism in response to moronic bands like Motley Crue. Now I know how Tipper Gore feels.

New Boss album hits racks

Staff reports

Around 7:30 last night, the delivery truck rolled in and out of Lexington hardly noticed.

It made a brief stop at Cut Corner Records and Video, dropped off 150 copies of the new Bruce Springsteen LP, *Tunnel of Love*, and was on its way. No mad rushes. No screaming stampedes. Just 150 copies of Springsteen's first album in three years.

Despite the late delivery and initial lag, Cut Corner's CD buyer, Tony Slakin, predicts, "By tomorrow, it will be sold out."

The album, which sports a tranquil Springsteen leaning against a white convertible, will go for \$7.99.

Cut Corner also received 30 CDs which Slakin expects to be sold by the end of the week. They are priced at \$14.99 each.

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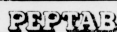
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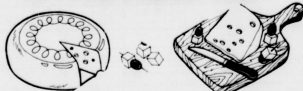
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