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RFL fund, Student Center renovation OK'd

SGA allocates up to \$7,500

By JAY BLANTON
News Editor

The Student Government Association took out an "insurance policy" of sorts last night.

SGA, by a roll call vote of 24-5, passed a bill allocating "up to \$7,500" for Radio Free Lexington.

The amount of money SGA gives RFL will be determined by RFL's fund-raising efforts in the next month.

SGA Senior Vice President Kenny Arrington, who also serves as RFL's chairman of the board, said he has set a deadline of March 2 for radio station organizers to raise \$15,000.

UK and the city also pledged \$7,500 each for the next three years

to cover the radio station's yearly operational costs. Radio Free Lexington, though, must raise \$15,000 from its own resources to cover the \$30,000 that is needed for yearly operational costs.

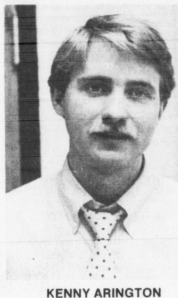
RFL has received \$40,000, for start-up costs, from donations made by the UK administration and Lexington.

Arrington said the administration, however, will not release any of the funding for the radio station until RFL shows some financial commitment from the students.

"I'll put it this way," Arrington said. "(The administration is) very itchy."

Arrington said the bill would act as

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KENNY ARRINGTON

Senators support center's commercialization

By JAY BLANTON
News Editor

SGA last night passed by acclamation a resolution endorsing the recommendations of a committee working to solve the problems of the Student Center.

The move was to strengthen the voice of the student committee, whose report was approved by the Student Activities Board Tuesday.

Speaking before the Student Government Association, SGA President Lynne Hunt said the committee was formed last April to investigate alternatives for dealing with the Student Center's problems.

The Student Center has long been

plagued with both financial and usage problems.

Hunt said the committee recommended several things that will now be passed on to Jack Blanton, vice chancellor for administration, for his consideration.

Hunt said the committee recommended that the Student Center undergo "major redecoration" to make the center "more aesthetically pleasing" to students.

The committee also recommended that management of the Student Center be consolidated under one director. Currently, there is a food services director, Allen Riemann, and a director of the Student Center, Frank Harris.

Hunt said consolidation of the two

positions would "cut down on a lot of red tape" and would also help in keeping revenue within the Student Center.

Harris said many universities work well with the two-management system, but in the case of the UK Student Center, single management would probably be better. The Student Center would work "much cleaner under single management."

The committee recommended commercialization of the Student Center on a "limited basis." In a survey of students, Hunt said students approved of commercialization.

SGA Arts and Sciences Senator Cyndi Weaver said the term "lim-

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Snow woman

Lisa Broadbent, a sociology and biology junior, makes a snowman outside the Classroom Building yesterday afternoon. To-

day's expected 40-degree weather should melt the little more than an inch of snow that blanketed Lexington on Tuesday.

ALAN HAWSE/Kernel Staff

New fall orientation to prepare freshmen

By DAN HASSERT
Senior Staff Writer

Freshman orientation has become a two-step process, due to a new program under the dean of students office.

Along with the summer advising conferences, orientation will now include a 2½-day orientation, which will start the Saturday before the fall semester's classes are scheduled to begin.

The fall orientation replaces Freshman Weekend, which was ended after an ad hoc committee on student orientation recognized a need for a program that reached more freshmen.

The key to the two-step plan is its separation of content, said Becky Jordan, a member of the committee and assistant dean of students.

The summer conferences deal mainly with registration and advising, while the fall program is more academically oriented, Jordan said.

"If you give all this information to students at one time, you get an information overload," she said. "The topics that are addressed to the students in the fall are more beneficial to them at that time."

Such topics include the "mechanics" of academics, such as classroom expectations, syllabuses, grade point averages, time management, student responsibilities and rights, the ombudsman, class attendance and add-drop, Jordan said.

Besides such "common sense" topics, there will also be presentations about counseling, career placement and the library. Student organizations and the social side of college life will also be represented, she said.

"We've assumed in the past that students know what college life is

like," said Don Witt, director of advising conferences, a member of the orientation committee. But this isn't always true, he said.

The new program should increase UK's retention rate, Witt said.

It will also leave more time for advising in the summer conferences, Witt said. In the summer, students really only want to register and learn about urgent things such as housing, financial aid and the student health service, he said.

All students who schedule summer conferences or attend Merit Day in the spring "are expected to attend the fall conference," Jordan said.

This represents about 2,500 students, she said.

Except for last year, Freshman Weekend had an average attendance of about 170 to 200 students, said Douglas Wilson, associate dean of students.

"Freshman Weekend did an excellent job at what it was designed to do," said Wilson, who is chairman of the student orientation committee. "We wanted to expose more students to the same."

The orientation will give freshmen and transfer students an opportunity to move in, pay fees, buy books and tour the campus, Jordan said. In addition, they will have the chance to meet other freshmen at social activities that will include a picnic and dance on Saturday night.

The fall orientation will be staffed by about 75 to 100 student volunteers. The dean of students office is currently seeking students to fill the positions. Interested students can sign up applications in 575 Patterson Office Tower or call 257-6597. The deadline is Feb. 25.

Barker Hall wall mural honors POWs, MIAs

By THERESA STARKEY
Contributing Writer

The last American troops evacuated Vietnam 15 years ago, but the UK ROTC Air Force Cadets want the public to remember the POWs and MIAs.

To honor those Americans listed as prisoners of war or missing in action, Gen. Russell E. Dougherty Squadron at UK have dedicated a wall mural at Barker Hall.

The mural, traced by a projector with freehand done by 2nd Lt. Dana J. Nelson and Cadet George E. Scherzer, is a reproduction of the POW/MIA poster presented to the Pentagon in 1986. Scherzer said the project took about 60 hours.

Nelson, a December 1986 graduate

of UK, unveiled the mural during the ceremony at Barker Hall on Jan. 15.

"I feel very strongly about the lack of public awareness concerning POWs and MIAs, especially Vietnam," Scherzer said. "I think it's a good reminder."

In addition to the mural dedication, Col. Ronald C. Hoover, commander of UK's Air Force ROTC detachment, presented a book titled *Home With Honor* to Joseph Burch, acting vice chancellor for student affairs.

He, in turn, gave it to Paul A. Willis, the University's director of libraries, where it is to be placed in the special book collection. "It is an impressive book," Willis said.

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INSIDE

American life and institutions are the subject of two plays performed by area companies. For a preview, see **DI-VERSIONS**, Page 3.

The Wildcats hope for some consistency against Ole Miss tonight. See **SPORTS**, Page 6.

WEATHER

Today and tonight will be mostly cloudy with a chance of rain in the afternoon and a high around 40. Low tonight near 30.

CAE phones prospective students

By WILL RENSNAW
Staff Writer

Potential UK students may be getting a phone call in the next day or so from a member of the Collegians for Academic Excellence preaching the pros of the University.

Tomorrow the UK admissions office will end a three-day phone-athon aimed at convincing students who have high academic standing and have indicated some interest in the University to make a final decision concerning their enrollment.

The phones are being manned for the third year by 35 members of the Collegians for Academic Excellence.

CAE Chairman John Menkhaus said the names of the prospects to be contacted come from American College Test scores.

If students indicated an interest in UK on the ACT form and the stu-

dents' scores are high, they will be contacted.

"We do anything we can to convince prospects to make a decision to attend UK," Menkhaus said.

The callers are told to inform prospects of deadlines for paperwork, upcoming events, suggest campus tours, discuss possible majors and send them any information they might need from the University.

"The phone-athon has been very successful over the past three years and our goal is to surpass the number of people reached in previous years," Menkhaus said.

Menkhaus wasn't sure of the number of students contacted Monday and Tuesday, the phone-athon is first two days, but by tomorrow the

organization hopes to reach about 750 prospects.

"It's a way of making the students' connection with the University more personal," said CAE Campus Liaison Leslie Popplewell.

"This is the first time an effort has been made to make contact of any kind, much less student contact with prospects," she said. "It forms a student-to-student basis. A lot of them (prospects) were amazed that the University was even calling."

The phone-athon is only one of the activities in which the CAE participates. Others include the Governor's Scholars Project, Merit Day, a research scholarship program and the UK Preview Night for new students.

The major role of the CAE, as well as that of the phone-athon, is to "enhance the academic quality of the University," Menkhaus said.

Alternate channel

Radio Free Lexington organizers hoping to give students alternative programming with 'more diverse style' of music

By KEITH ASHLEY
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series on Radio Free Lexington. This article deals with the station's purpose and goals.

Four basic questions surround the proposed student-run radio station. What is Radio Free Lexington? Why is Radio Free Lexington? And how is it going to happen?

The what and why fit together.

RFL will be a means of transmitting alternative music and art that isn't available on the radio in Lexington at this time.

In terms that are a bit more concrete than "alternative music" and "art," RFL organization President Mark Beatty said the station proposes to aim its programming at progressive rock.

"Approximately two-thirds to three-fourths of the programming will be of a progressive rock format," Beatty said. "Essentially what this means is music of a more di-

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Mark Beatty,
RFL president

verse style and with more diversity of technique than what is now available on commercial radio.

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hear, music other than that which is tried and true."

Beatty said that in addition to innovation in the instrumentation of the music, he expects that some of the programming will be geared toward music "more challenging in concept than what is generally heard."

"Certainly some of this music is radical — politically and socially," Beatty said, "but some is just for fun — silly love songs and inane little ditties."

The rest of the programming will be devoted to other forms of music that seldom, if ever, find their way onto commercial radio — alternative jazz, reggae, rhythm and blues, hard-core, bluegrass and music from local artists are all being considered.

Tom Hackmann, manager of Lexington's Bottom Line, said the station would add to the Lexington music/art scene, simply by giving airtime to local bands.

Hackmann and the Bottom Line are working toward providing exposure for local artists with a monthly

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AROUND CAMPUS

Staff reports

Road made from waste products

UK transportation research engineers are getting set to build a test road made in part from the waste product of a new coal burning technology.

Due to an experimental process called atmospheric fluidized bed combustion, calcium sulfate can be used to make a concrete suitable for use as a road base material.

A new section of road in McCracken County will be the site of the first large-scale test of the material. The UK project team will design the pavement, monitor construction then monitor the condition of the road for approximately five years.

Selwitz named ARENA president

Ada Sue Selwitz, head of the research subjects office and senior professional associate at the UK Research Foundation has been named the new president of the Applied Research Ethics National Association.

ARENA's membership includes researchers, administrators, and members of institutional review boards and hospital ethics committees who are concerned with bioethics.

Selwitz heads a staff of four, reviewing grant applications and keeping abreast of federal regulations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Public Health Service and Food and Drug Administration.

Selwitz is also the author of "Resource Guide: Federal Requirements for Protection of Human Subjects."

UK offers help to single parents

In order to help meet the needs of the steadily increasing number of single parent families, the UK Academic Support Services is offering a Single Parent Resource Group.

The course, co-sponsored by Parent's Place, an organization formed to help parents cope with problems in raising children, and the parent education division of Graham B. Dimmick Child Guidance Service, is focused on the specific needs of the single parent.

The group will meet at the United Campus Ministry, 412 Rose St., from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays starting Feb. 3 through March 10. The course is free to UK students and is open to the public at a cost of \$36. For further information call Parents' Place at 268-4292.

Mural

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The picture journal is filled with real accounts by the men of the 12th Wing of the Air Force chosen to retrain POWs after their return. One hundred and fifty pilots were retrained for flight travel, some after more than seven years of imprisonment.

"It's hard to read without feeling the emotion of the men," Willis said of the book. "You share in their greatest moments through the photographs."

Col. John Rollston said in the forward of *Home With Honor*: "I remind you that a major requalification program for repatriated pilots is a historic first. It fell to a fortunate lot of the 12th Wing."

Hoover said that "there are still 2,421 Americans, including over 900 Air Force members, either missing or unaccounted for."

"As long as we still have men over there, the situation will not be resolved," said Capt. Richard Tinkler of the UK Air Force ROTC.

The spirit that went into the commission of the mural is summed up in its caption, "American POW/MIA's... Not Forgotten."

Music

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songwriters' night. The club will show its support for RFL by sponsoring a benefit show Feb. 25.

Beaty said the station's proposed programming, though conforming to the basic frame mentioned, is by no means set in its ways "and hopefully never will be."

The idea behind the station is for an active listening community to have large amounts of input into the programming.

Beaty said anyone interested in taking part can start at 5 p.m. today by attending the first official RFL organizational meeting of the semester, which is being held in the RFL offices in the basement of Miller Hall.

Beaty described RFL as serving the UK/Lexington community with an "easily accessible broadcast media that can concentrate on events and programs on the UK campus and in Lexington."

Beaty said the music would appeal to the "non-traditional part of education, which broadens a person through art, by exposing people to what is new and foreign."

Also on the educational side,

Beaty sees the new station as offering hands-on experience for students who aspire to be newscasters or disc jockeys.

Dawn Echterkamp, WKQQ radio station office manager, agreed, saying that an applicant for almost any job at WKQQ would definitely benefit from experience in college radio.

However, journalism professor David Dick, who has spent 26 years as a television and radio broadcaster, said the value of such experience depends largely on the individual.

Dick said working for an organization like a campus radio station or newspaper "eats up your time." He said it was more important to have "a good liberal arts education."

"If the recording industry is your thing, then working for a campus station could be a good way to develop contacts in the profession," Dick said. However, he said that while he didn't want to appear "negative about the thing," he would "sound a cautionary note" in advising students to evaluate their motives before devoting too much time to such a station.

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Diversions

Plays by two prominent American playwrights come to town

Sam Shepard exposes family dilemmas with brutal realism in 'Starving Class'

By KEITH ASHLEY
Staff Writer

Living in a shabby hovel with a perpetually empty refrigerator, four failing lives and a failing avocado/sheep ranch to match, how can a family refuse to be members of the starving class?

This is one of the questions at the center of Sam Shepard's "Curse of the Starving Class," which opens tonight at Actors' Guild of Lexington.

"Like most Shepard plays, it doesn't function like straightforward, realistic drama," said Joe Ferrell, the director.

While the setting is recognizable enough, the characters and their actions can be somewhat questionable. Sam Shepard, popularly known for many works including the play and film "Fool For Love," is regarded by many as the greatest American playwright of his time.

This work, in keeping with Shepard style, is an introspective, thought-provoking examination of individuals.

In "Curse of the Starving Class," a family of four is starved for more than what isn't in the refrigerator. A struggle for identity and a satisfying life can be seen as the center of much of this play's strife, Ferrell said.

Roger Lee Leasor plays Weston, the drunkard father, with Georganne Duncan (recently seen in UK's

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**Joe Ferrell,
director,
"Starving Class"**

production of "Talking With") as Ella, his wife.

UK theater senior Henry Kevin Haggard (who appeared in AGL's '85 production of Shepard's "Fool for Love" and this year in UK's "The Fantastiks") plays the idealistic son, Wesley, while Tara Bellando is his younger sister, Emma.

Ferrell said the play can be seen as one in a series of plays by Shepard which strives to examine the family situation. "It shows that individuals aren't always kind," Ferrell said.

Haggard, who performs one of the major roles in the play, describes "Curse of the Starving Class" as "not a happy play."

From his perspective, the attraction to it is purely in the form of human interest. "They want to see it because the people are fascinating," he said.



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Sam Shepard, who wrote and starred in the screen version of his play "Fool for Love," is the probing author of "Curse of the Starving Class," which opens tonight at Actors' Guild of Lexington.

The play works more to echo middle America, he added. "There is not necessarily a message."

Formerly a UK professor, Ferrell has made a special trip back to Lexington to direct this Actors' Guild production. He has lived in New York for the last couple of years and

David Mamet employs 'street poetry' to bring home message of 'Buffalo'

By KEITH ASHLEY
Staff Writer

Wise agreed that the rough language is poetry in its own way — "a poetry of the streets."

"American Buffalo" is not a play about the near extinction of big hairy animals sometimes called bison. It is a play about the survival of small naked ones sometimes called men.

In the case of "American Buffalo," these men are three small-time crooks, struggling for whatever they can get on the streets of Chicago.

"American Buffalo" was written by David Mamet and won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for 1976-77, as well as the award for Best American Play of the year.

The play opened in Lexington last night as a Center Stage production at the Theater Downunder in Levas' Restaurant.

Director Steve Wise said the play "deals with some pretty low-class characters."

"It is universal in impact and teaches that everyone has the same problems," Wise said. The three characters in "American Buffalo" simply react to their problems in a socially unacceptable way. They steal.

The producer, Barry Williams, also warns that the play has some "really vulgar language" and that it is "for mature audiences only." It is this language that Williams considers part of the beauty of the play.

"It is profane but eloquent," he said.

The play employs a cast of only three players. Donny, played by Gene Arkie, is a junk shop owner who acts as a surrogate father to the other two characters.

Teach, played by Gene Haley, is a hardened, streetwise guy who makes a living in petty thievery. Jeff Daeschner has the role of Bobby, a troubled kid Donny takes off the streets and under his wing.

They are all "motivated by their survival instinct," Wise said. "They are reaching out for love, acceptance and a home. The three characters are all in the same position. They all hate it, but it's the best they have."

With this Center Stage production, Wise is making his Lexington directing debut. He has previously worked as a director in numerous other locations, including Louisville and New York.

Williams is well-known in Lexington theater, having directed plays with Center Stage productions and Actors' Guild of Lexington.

"American Buffalo" will continue at 8 tonight through Sunday and Feb. 5-8. Tickets are \$7 for the general public and \$6 for students and senior citizens. For reservations call 233-1511.

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Fall advising session good way to orient students to campus

College can be a rude awakening for someone fresh out of high school. Sometimes, a little too rude. They get frustrated and leave without ever truly understanding what the college they chose to attend was all about.

That is a problem at many universities, and UK is no exception. Fortunately for both prospective students and the University, UK is trying to make entering college less painful, if not downright pleasant.

Beginning with the next bunch of incoming freshmen and transfer students, a fall orientation program is being implemented. This program is designed to let students know what to expect and will be a complement to the summer advising conferences that incoming freshmen now attend.

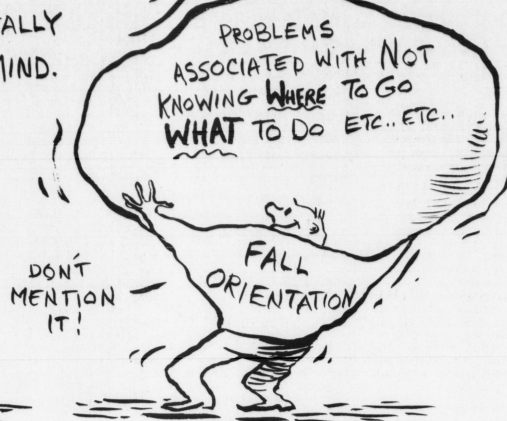
The summer conferences concentrate on registration and advising but are not able to concentrate on the areas that often drive students away after only a year or less — academics and the classroom environment.

A program of this sort was needed at UK. Because of its size and the reputation as THE university in Kentucky, many new students come to UK fearing they will be swallowed up by some giant machine. Consequently, they never give themselves a chance to fit in and run away completely shell-shocked and exasperated. They end up rooting for the Wildcats but fearful of UK itself.

Fall orientation should go much further than the now-abandoned Freshman Weekend toward letting more freshmen know what to expect.

The new program will concentrate on informing new students of the "mechanics" of academics. New students will be oriented on things many of them have never before encountered. It is hoped that things such as the ombudsman, add-drop, syllabuses, time management and

THANKS! THAT'S REALLY A LOAD OFF MY MIND.



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student rights and responsibilities will make more sense when the orientation ends. And students will be more able to understand them when faced firsthand. This program should cut down on students' frustration and help them work with the University.

In addition, they may realize that UK is not against them but for them.

Administrators hope the new program will serve about 2,500 students a year. If even a few of those students are helped by this new program, it will be worth the effort.

"(This) is something we've needed to do for a long time," said Douglas Wilson, associate dean of students. He's right. UK needs to reach out more to students if it hopes to attract and keep them here. This fall program is a step in that direction.

Reagan administration misleading public with facts on SDI

It's been close to four years since President Reagan proposed research for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), or "Star Wars," the space-based ballistic missile defense system.

If fully operable, SDI would serve as sort of an umbrella over the United States that would destroy incoming missiles. This system would, according to Reagan, render nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete." At first glance this sounds great. A fully operable SDI system would allow human beings, at least in the United States, to stop worrying about the possibility of their daily activities being interrupted by an atomic weapon. Throw in the fact that the United States would become the uncontested superpower of the world, and it looks as if SDI is our ticket to utopia.

Well, I hate to shatter this little fantasy, but SDI is about as capable of leading us to utopia as I am of passing Chemistry 105 — it's just not going to happen. In fact, after examining all the factors involved, it becomes obvious that SDI is one of the most ignorant and unrealistic programs our government has ever adopted.

I say this because, to begin with, SDI won't even protect us. Most supporters of the program claim enthusiastically that a working SDI system would destroy at least 95 percent of the thousands of incoming missiles.

Well, that sounds great, but what about the 5 percent that happen to elude the shield? We must keep in mind that at today's level of superpower overkill, only about 5 percent

Bill FUGATE

would be necessary to turn most of the human race into dust.

The SDI program looks even more ridiculous when you take into account the fact that there are already weapons out there that SDI would not be able to detect, let alone destroy.

These weapons, long-range cruise missiles, are small, relatively inexpensive and highly accurate. They also possess the unique advantage of flying under radar, giving them the ability to destroy their targets without warning.

And even if these weapons did not exist, SDI would be highly vulnerable to various countermeasures. Richard D. DeLauer, former under secretary of defense for research and engineering, stated that "any defensive system can be overcome with proliferation and decoys, decoys, decoys."

Despite these facts, though, the SDI program continues to draw overwhelming support from the Reagan regime.

Another fact that not many people seem to be aware of is that in order to be most effective, SDI must destroy enemy missiles in the boost phase, the first three to five minutes after launch.

It must do this to prevent the release of thousands of warheads and decoys. A feat such as this would ob-

viously require immense battle management capabilities. In fact, because decisions would have to be made within seconds after a launch was detected, time for human judgment or for correcting computer errors would be extremely limited.

I find it hard to believe that our government would be willing to let the destiny of the United States rely on a system that, for the most part, does not allow any room for error.

What happens if we receive a signal that some other country has launched some missiles, respond with SDI and then discover that it was merely a false alarm? I think that would be the ultimate irony. We could accidentally initiate a nuclear war while attempting to protect the United States.

This would never happen, though, because President Reagan claims that SDI will put an end to the build-up of nuclear weapons in the world. This idea completely convinced me that President Reagan does not inhabit the same realm of reality that most of us are accustomed to.

In reality, SDI will lead to a nuclear weapon buildup of inconceivable proportions. An indicator of this might be the fact that Mikhail Gorbachev has stated that SDI does not scare the Soviet Union and that it is already working to produce countermeasures.

Also, how do you think the U.S. government, especially the Reagan administration, would react if the Soviets were the ones attempting to deploy an SDI system?

I think the answer is obvious. There is no way that President Reagan would wait around until the So-

As if the fact that the only thing SDI will accomplish is to stimulate the arms race wasn't enough, the price tag attached to it has 13 digits.

viets perfected the system and hoped that they would share it with us.

Instead, the U.S. government would more than likely try to give us the impression that the commies are on the verge of taking over the world, so that every possible American tax dollar could be directed toward the production of more nuclear weapons. That's a scary thought considering that the military budget is ridiculous as it is.

President Reagan would then, of course, rationalize these actions by telling the American public that we cannot trust the Soviet Union, that their SDI system is a direct threat to the United States, to democracy and to freedom as we know it. You see, there's no way we would simply give in to a system such as SDI.

How then could we be so naive to think that the Soviets would?

As if the fact that the only thing SDI will accomplish is to stimulate the arms race wasn't enough, the price tag attached to it has 13 digits. That's right, \$1 trillion.

Now wait a minute — let's get this straight. Our government is going to spend a trillion dollars on a defensive shield that won't even protect us? That simply defies logic. Just try to imagine what our deficit

is going to look like after we waste a trillion on SDI.

I agree, not a pleasant thought. I think Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said it best while speaking before a Senate arms hearing on March 6, 1984: "This is probably the biggest project this country has ever been asked to fund. You don't even have an idea (how much it will cost) . . . We are faced, in my opinion, with a threat far more destructive than anything Russia might throw at us in missiles and that is our deficit."

I wish more of our government officials shared the same belief as Mr. Goldwater because studies have indicated that high rates of military spending appear to retard social and economic development, while disease, illiteracy and suffering tend to increase.

This is something we need to consider very seriously because an immense deficit could prove to be disastrous to the United States in the near future. I think the thing that bothers me the most about SDI is that even though the majority of Americans oppose it, our government continues to fund and research it.

A Harris survey released March 5, 1985, clearly showed that most U.S. citizens oppose President Reagan's

SDI system, 56 percent to 39 percent. It's really frustrating knowing that despite the facts, our government has chosen to ignore the opinions of the people it's supposed to represent.

I was always under the impression that the government in the United States operated on the basis of democracy. Lately, I'm not so sure.

I once wondered how our government could be so naive, ignorant, uninformed, etc., to think that a defensive shield such as SDI could be attainable. Well, I have come to realize that our government is not naive, ignorant or uninformed. It knows damn well that SDI is not a realistic goal.

A space-based weapon system is, though. The Reagan administration is simply using the term "defensive" as a means of maintaining congressional support for the project.

In light of all these facts, all I have to say is, c'mon people, time to make the connections. Our government is in the process of creating a weapon system capable of disintegrating chosen targets from space and we're paying for it.

Throw in the fact that we are the only nation on Earth to ever use atomic weapons on other human beings, and it looks like the Soviets, and the rest of the world for that matter, have some legitimate reasons to oppose SDI.

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Instructor's warning underestimated

It's not as if we weren't warned. Storm warnings were hoisted early on in Journalism 101. As we carved our names into the desks, popped gum and doodled, the professor stood right down there and warned us, "You better learn how to spell." Yeah, OK.

Throughout the semester the warning flag fluttered and snapped, "You better learn how to spell because you will be penalized for misspellings in Journalism 204." Professor Dick, Master of the Understatement.

The wind howled like a banshee that 10-degree morning. It was colder than a ticket taker's smile, so to speak. What's worse, it was a Monday morning. The Friday before we had the perversely fascinating, however gruesome, task of writing an obituary of our Journalism 204 instructor.

In need of advice, I found myself in the instructor's office that bleak morning. She smiled, "I've been grading my obituaries," she said. I flicked a piece of lint off of my sweater. "So far I've come up with three zeros."

Bolt upright and suddenly wide awake, I tried to throw my brain

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into rewind so that I could replay that last statement. As I looked down at her desk, three red rings of fire stared back at me bespeaking the awful truth.

"I'm just now about to grade yours." She smiled. I panicked. Good Lord! I was about to witness my own dissection. I couldn't stand it. I had to get the hell out of there.

Despite the surgeon general, I smoked a half pack of cigarettes in the 10 minutes before class. I remembered the words of a weather-beaten and wizened old student who certainly looked like he knew what he was talking about. "Don'tcha ever get a zero, boy. Cain't never bring it up to no passin' grade."

As class began, I thought I could hear a bell slowly tolling in the distance. The instructor smiled as she entered the room. "All but two people in this class received a zero on my obituary," she announced. Not being a regular winner of lotteries, this journalism major grimly realized that this was probably going to be a long semester.

We all soon learned a cardinal

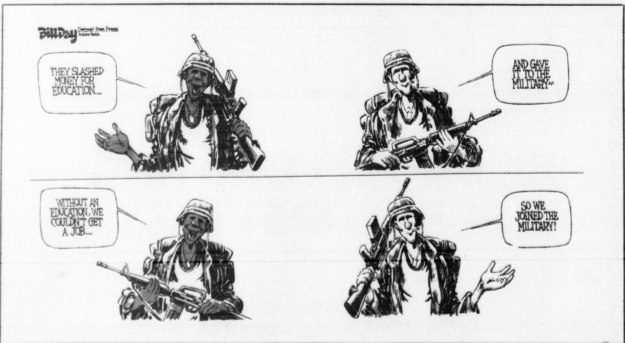
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rule of the Journalism 204 game: a careless error in the accuracy or spelling of a name or correctness of a date or address will result in an automatic "0" or failure of the entire assignment. I mean no prisoners taken, no quarter. Zero.

All but two pale faces stared morosely at their obituaries as I discreetly slipped mine into the back of a notebook. To my horror, I had discovered that I was the fool who had misspelled the instructor's name.

So it looks like the heat's on, kids. But it's not as if we hadn't been warned, after all.

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Back on track

Cats hope to leave inconsistencies, Ole Miss behind them

By JIM WHITE
Staff Writer

The UK basketball team is hoping there is truth in the statement "better late than never."

With tonight's 8:05 matchup at Ole Miss marking the end of the first half of Southeastern Conference play for Eddie Sutton's team, the Wildcats realize it could be now or never.

But the players are confident that the inconsistencies that led to a 4-4 SEC record and 11-5 overall, are behind them.

"In the second half of the season, we are expecting to play a lot more steadily than we did in the first half," said junior center Rob Lock. "If we keep playing with consistency and keep playing as a team, I think we can do a lot better."

UK's two consecutive victories over conference foe Vanderbilt and 18th-ranked Navy helped spur mid-season confidence.

But the main factor responsible for lifting the Wildcats' spirits may seem somewhat surprising.

"(The Vanderbilt and Navy) victories have helped out the team's confidence a great deal," Lock said. "But the LSU game (a 35-point

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home loss), helped us in many ways also."

"It's bad to get beat by that many points, but it really helped to pull the team together and get us on the right track."

And tonight's game with the Rebels will prove whether the Cats have indeed found the right track.

With a 9-7 record, and a 2-5 mark in the SEC, the Rebels might not seem to be a great threat.

But with UK being as unpredictable as it has been, the players and coaches are taking nothing for granted.

And with a closer look at Ole Miss, it's a good thing.

The Rebels have accumulated only two conference victories. But those were against Georgia and LSU, two teams that defeated UK on its home court.

"Their record in the conference is very misleading," said UK assistant coach Doug Barnes, who scouted the Rebels. "They are a much improved team and are very experienced."

Eric Smith, a 6-foot-6 senior forward averaging 12.7 points and 8.2 rebounds per game, will lead the experienced Ole Miss crew. But he won't be the only player on the court UK will have to worry about.

With four returning starters, all of whom have scoring averages in double figures, the UK coaching staff admits it will be impossible to concentrate on one key player.

"Eric is their most outstanding player and he is one person we will have to stop," Barnes said. "But they are a very balanced team."

Second-half comeback falls short; Ole Miss downs Lady Kats 72-64

By MIKE SCHWEITZER
Contributing Writer

OXFORD, Miss. — The UK Lady Kats dug themselves a deep hole last night at Mississippi, and they could never quite climb out.

After falling behind by as many as 20 points in the first half, UK clawed its way back but the effort went for naught. The Lady Kats fell to eighth-ranked Ole Miss 72-64.

The loss, UK's third in Southeastern Conference play against only one victory, dropped the Lady Kats to 11-7 on the season. The Lady Rebels raised their impressive record to 17-1 overall and 3-1 in SEC action.

Ole Miss coach Van Chancellor was happy to get the win but said his team was fortunate to turn back the visiting Lady Kats.

"I thought Kentucky outplayed

Ole Miss," Chancellor said. "My team was very lucky to win."

Luck is certainly not what UK had from the field. The Lady Kats came out shooting cold and as a result found themselves trailing the Lady Rebels from the opening jump.

With 2:05 left in the first half, Joy Eichelberg hit the front end of a one-and-one free throw to give Ole Miss its biggest lead of the night at 38-18. UK came back to cut the lead to 40-24 at intermission.

The Lady Kats continued their comeback when the teams returned to the floor.

Debbie Miller, who led UK with 19 points, carried her team on a 9-0 run early in the second half. And with 13:03 to play, Jodie Whitaker canned a 19-foot jumper to close the gap to 44-41. But that was as close as UK got.

Player	pts	fg	ft	reb	a	pf
Shrum	25	2	0	1	3	0
Croley	34	8	15	0	8	4
Miller D.	35	6	11	3	6	1
Harding	13	4	12	0	7	4
Whitaker	35	8	13	1	4	1
Spencer	1	0	0	3	0	0
Tarrantini	13	0	0	0	1	2
Ponzie	11	4	0	0	0	1
Warren	6	1	1	0	2	0
Freeman	4	0	0	0	1	0
Team	0	0	0	0	4	0
Totals	200	50	4	14	17	64

Player	pts	fg	ft	reb	a	pf
Eichelberger	20	0	1	2	1	0
Scott	26	4	12	4	6	2
Avery	30	9	14	3	6	7
Willard	36	5	12	2	3	1
Williams	15	3	12	0	3	2
Hoyman	1	0	0	0	0	0
Morrison	4	0	1	2	3	1
O'Neil	25	8	14	2	5	1
Drummond	1	0	0	0	0	0
Waters	2	0	0	1	0	0
Hartwig	21	6	0	0	5	0
Team	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	200	79	11	22	47	18

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