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SGA to consider loaning up to \$3,500 to RFL

By CHERI COLLIS
Staff Writer

Radio Free Lexington is planning to ask the Student Government Association for a loan of up to \$3,500 to pay for construction costs for the student-run radio station.

RFL representatives say a loan from SGA will ensure that the station gets on the air next semester.

The station had received \$40,000 between the city of Lexington and University for start-up costs last year. The city and University also contributed \$15,000 between them for yearly operational costs for a three-year period.

"We're asking for money for construction so we can be on the air for the spring of '88," General Manager Scott Ferguson told RFL board members at a meeting yesterday.

However, this is contingent on the UK Board of Trustees passing at their upcoming meeting the \$1 increase each semester in student activities fees for next fall.

The station had planned to ask the board for a \$1 increase in student fees each semester to fund the radio station, beginning next semester. However, administrators and board members thought that passing any mid-year increase would be contradictory.

The BOT has taken a stand

against mid-year increases of any kind in response to the state Council on Higher Education's consideration of a mid-year tuition increase to offset a projected \$9.9 million shortfall in education next year.

RFL board members expect a favorable response from the board when they meet on Oct. 20.

The following day, the SGA Senate will decide whether to give RFL the interest-free loan.

SGA President Cyndi Weaver said she thinks RFL will get approval from both the BOT and SGA senate.

RFL plans to pay back the loan the first quarter of the next fiscal year. The fiscal year begins July 1.

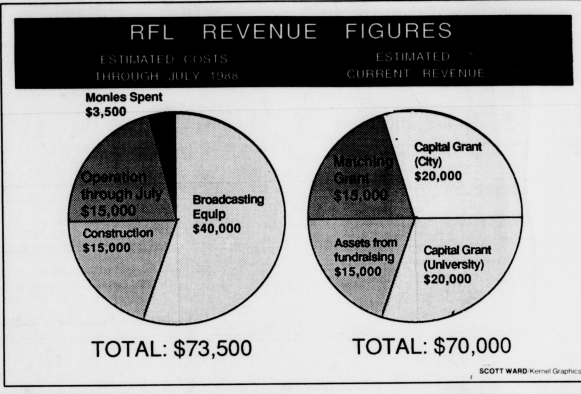
RFL has received \$6,000 from student government and already has \$9,000 on hand from money raised.

Weaver said paying back the loan shouldn't be difficult because the station will have funds available from the fee increase.

"I couldn't ask for a mid-year (fee) increase on principle's sake," Weaver said. "It puts the University in a position of contradicting itself."

"If the board votes favorably, as far as I'm concerned you've met the deadline," said Jack Blanton, vice chancellor for administration.

As soon as the fee increase gets approval from the BOT, UK Physical Plant Division construction



workers will put RFL on their list of priorities.

Blanton was referring to a deadline RFL's board of directors gave the station for showing student and financial support.

Problems, though, aren't just limited to getting the station on the airwaves.

Once the station is operational, an important concern of two RFL board members is the actual length of time RFL will spend on the air.

RFL Adviser Paula Anderson said

she thinks it is more sensible to start off on a smaller scale such as going on the air "for a few weeks, to work the kinks out and get the staff in shape."

"We're operating on a razor-thin budget," Blanton said. "Youthful enthusiasm is wonderful but our experience tells us that it wears thin quickly. Give us an operating plan... convince us. My concern is (that) management... 24 hours, seven days a week is like trying to run an emergency hospital."

But RFL Program Director Mark Beatty told board members that not being on the air around the clock would be a disservice to students.

"I don't think this limited service bit is a good idea," Beatty said. "It's tragic to go off the air at two in the morning at a university. Kids are up at 2 a.m."

A list of complete operating procedures for RFL is expected at the board of directors' next meeting on Oct. 22.

"I'm willing to be persuaded," Anderson said. "Part of my job is to point out (to RFL) that things can happen."

"It's sink or swim at 24 hours (a day)," Anderson told board members.

However, Beatty replied that it is sink or swim no matter how many hours the station is on the air.

Uphill battle



A runner takes on a hill yesterday afternoon, on the UK park course in the first leg of the two-mile course located off Alumni Drive. The course is designed for runners to exercise along with running.

Freshman candidates to square off in debate

By JAYE REELER
Staff Writer

Freshman senatorial candidates will debate this evening between 6-8 in a forum in the Donovan Hall lobby.

"The forum provides an opportunity to introduce the candidates and allows each candidate to express his viewpoints," said Joey Schmidt, a member of the forum committee.

"It's a shame it takes this long into the school year to get an input from the freshmen," said Cyndi Weaver, Student Government Association president. "We need to hear a voice from them."

At the beginning of the forum each candidate will introduce himself. Ten of the 11 freshmen running for election will participate in the forum.

The candidates are Mark Avestian, Michael Bell, Ashley Boyd, Kimberly Cagle, Sean Coleman, Kyle Higginson, Kevin Horton, Sean C.A. Duane Bonifer and Thomas J. Sullivan, and J.W. Patterson, director of debate.

Freshman elections will be held Wednesday and Thursday. Freshmen need a valid ID to vote.

Price. One candidate, Stewart Weaver, will not participate in the forum because he is hospitalized.

"We're interested in how the freshmen feel, how quickly they think on the spot and how the candidates grasp the functions of SGA," Weaver said.

Freshman input is very vital because the decisions SGA makes will affect them, said Weaver. The upperclass will be gone and the freshmen have more at stake (than upperclassmen).

"Each candidate will draw one question at random, and a member of the panel will ask the candidate a follow-up question," Schmidt said.

The panel consists of two senators, Kim Fowler, senator-at-large, and David Bingham, College of Allied Health senator; two Kernel editors, C.A. Duane Bonifer and Thomas J. Sullivan, and J.W. Patterson, director of debate.

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'Mailman' delivers when it comes to votes

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The candidates' names dominated the headlines on May 26, primary day, but it was likes of Richard Farmer who would help determine winners and losers and perhaps chart a small piece of Kentucky's future.

Richard Farmer is a vote-fixer.

Richard Farmer is a pseudonym of a real person — a 37-year-old unemployed auto mechanic who draws disability pay and refers to himself as "the mailman."

"I deliver," he says.

With the stipulation that his county and precinct be kept confidential and the names of his contacts disguised, Farmer agreed to show a reporter for The Courier-Journal how he lines up votes. The newspaper published his story yesterday in its series on abuses in Kentucky's electoral system.

Candidates for statewide office need not trifle with the likes of Farmer, who has a second-grade education, holds no political or elective office and has no ability to raise the huge sums of money needed to fuel today's sophisticated campaigns.

But their operatives in the eastern Kentucky county where Farmer lives no him intimately. So when Farmer decided to cast his lot with Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear in the Democratic gubernatorial primary, it quickly became a foregone conclusion locally that Beshear would fare well in Precinct D-501.

Beshear lost every precinct in the county except D-501.

One reason for Farmer's success as a political operative is his position as self-appointed ombudsman for Precinct D-501. When someone needs a tow, Farmer has a chain. When someone gets arrested, Farmer puts up bond money. When someone needs a house site, Farmer monitors lots. When someone needs a job, Farmer tries to find one.

When election day comes around, Farmer expects a paycheck.

"The ones I do favors for, I go back and see 'em when it comes election time," he says. "I ask 'em for their votes." They know I helped 'em before. I don't have to remind 'em."

Farmer admits he bought votes outright in previous campaigns. And he admits to having had money — big money — to spend for his candidates.

Last November, he says, it was at least \$2,000. In the 1985 county judge-executive's race, it was \$4,500.

"From the beginning, I thought the end justified the means," he says. "Whatever the other side does, you gotta counter them. If one candidate spends money and the other don't, they're in trouble. That's a fact of life. As long as there are people who'll take it, there'll be those who'll spend it."

For Beshear's campaign, Farmer says any money he will spend will be his own.

He hedged when asked if he will buy votes. He says he may hire a few "workers" to hand out cards, a few "haulers" to transport votes to

Effective lobbying passed condom bill

By C.A. DUANE BONIFER
Associate Editor

ANALYSIS

Going in to last Wednesday's SGA Senate meeting, SGA Senator at Large David Botkins was a little uneasy. After four weeks of discussion, the senate was finally ready to vote on a resolution by the Sexual Safety and Awareness Task Force calling for the distribution of condoms on campus.

Botkins was sure that 15 senators were behind the proposal and another 10 adamantly opposed it. He was unsure how the remaining 10 would vote.

However, after 1½ hours of heated debate, the resolution was overwhelmingly passed by a 26-9 margin. Hours of lobbying and skillful planning had paid off, along with the help of poor organizational tactics by the opposition.

At the senate's first regular meeting of the school year on Sept. 9, Botkins and Arts & Sciences Senator David Allgood proposed a resolution calling for studying the feasibility of implementing condom vending ma-

chines in the University's rest rooms.

The aim behind the resolution actually was not to study distributing condoms on campus, but it was to place them on campus. Allgood even admitted it.

Nevertheless, the resolution was a wise move. Had they called for the distribution of condoms at the meeting, Botkins and Allgood would have been seen as neglecting other members of the senate on the issue. But by calling for a study, Botkins and Allgood were asking the senate for its input.

Despite their willingness to work with the senate, chances for the resolution passing were not favorable at first.

Senator at Large James Rose then proposed an amendment to the resolution that called for the creation of a task force that would study the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.



DAVID BOTKINS
Rose said he proposed the amendment because "we shouldn't pass something we really don't believe in."
With the amendment, Rose said he was "satisfied that it needs to go on

and it's something the student government needs to look into."

Whatever that meant.

Rose's uncertainty on the issue reflected how many of the senators felt. Not many of the senators had studied the issue a great deal and needed more time to look into the issue.

There were conflicting views from the outset over what the Sexual Awareness and Safety Task Force's actual purpose was when it was created.

Some senators thought the group was to conduct an in-depth study into all the possibilities in preventing sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies. However, other senators, along with SGA President Cyndi Weaver, said the task force's sole purpose was to formulate a plan to distribute condoms on campus.

A week later, the task force held its only hearing. A handful of students showed up and a proposal to distribute condoms on campus was formulated. Not exactly an in-depth study.

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Diversions

Erik Reece
Arts Editor

Blues legend J.L. Hooker at Breeding's

By ERIK REECE
Arts Editor

This story contains the opinion of the writer.

One would be hard-pressed to find a living musician who has produced more of an impact on the progression of rock than John Lee Hooker — the reason being that Hooker was there at the beginning, when rock was blues and blues was one black man with an electric guitar.

Hooker will be in concert tonight at Breeding's.

Hooker's influence is immeasurable. When a young Bob Dylan first got his chance to perform onstage in New York, Hooker was the headlining act. Another group that opened for Hooker in Europe was an unknown R & B outfit called the Rolling Stones.

Yet, in a day of syncopated blues, Hooker's style stays true to its Delta origin. Which isn't to say that his songs don't lend themselves to a mainstream blues market. Hooker has probably been covered more times than any blues artist.

The Animals practically made "Boom Boom" a rock standard. R.E.M.'s latest compilation of out-takes, *Dead Letter Office*, contains a vicious metal version of "Burnin' Hell."



Purist blues artist John Lee Hooker will bring his vast blues experiences to Breeding's tonight.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ROSEBUD AGENCY

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MUCH

John Lee Hooker will be in concert tonight at 9 at Breeding's on Main St. Tickets are \$10 at Breeding's.

However, Hooker's blues possesses none of the Chicago instrumental influences found in the music of Muddy Waters or Howlin' Wolf, both artists who came from the same region as Hooker. Born in Mississippi, Hooker picked up the rudimentary guitar techniques of other Delta-blues artists. Carrying on the tradition of Robert Johnson, Hooker

made a career of open-chord, slide guitar style. His songwriting trademark is to carry on a call-and-response session with his guitar, singing a line and then playing a riff in response.

"There ain't many of us left — maybe five or six," Hooker told Mark Johnson of *California Today*, referring to the blues purists of the '60s. "We ain't gonna be around all ways. When we're gone, they'll still be people playin' the blues, but not the way we play it. It ain't gonna last."

Hooker's songs are the product of pain and prejudice. His blues is stark and vividly emotional. On the heartbreaking "T.B. Is Killing Me," the imagery of sweat-stained sheets on a deteriorating deathbed is heartbreaking.

Moscow Virtuosi at UK's Center tonight

By JODI WHITAKER
Staff Writer

The Singletary Center for the Arts will host a performance of the Moscow Virtuosi tonight on one of its many 1987 U.S. Tour stops.

A program of Mozart and Vivaldi will be presented beginning tonight at 8 in the Concert Hall of the Center for the Arts.

Formed by Vladimir Spivakov in 1979, the orchestra has become one of the world's leading ensembles.

The members of the group are hand-picked, and are all top soloists. The tour includes performances by Spivakov as well as vocalist Grigori Zhsilin, pianist Vladimir Krainev, American trumpeter Stephen Burns and American soprano Arax Davtian.

Vince DeMartino, professor of trumpet at UK, thinks everyone should attend the performance.

"(The Moscow Virtuosi) is a very extroverted type of group that gives really exciting performances of works," DeMartino said. "The background of the people is so different, they have to interpret the music differently." He added that the performance should be a "unique musical experience" and should provide a "microcosmic view of a different country."

"They have such precision that it sounds like one person playing towards one ideal idea, which in music allows you to do literally anything," Zack elaborated. "If anyone has any possibility of coming to the concert, they should do everything in their power to get there, because they will be well-rewarded with a unique experience."

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MUCH

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From 1963-1970 many children were vaccinated with "killed virus" vaccines that unfortunately did not give long lasting immunity. Therefore many college students who were vaccinated during these years are NOT immune.

This situation has led to some serious measles epidemics on college campuses over the past three or four years. These epidemics occurred at neighboring universities such as Indiana, Purdue and Miami of Ohio in addition to many other colleges nationwide.

For this reason the Student Health Service is conducting a measles immunization clinic:
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Protection of the University of Kentucky student body requires 100% participation. Please give this matter your prompt attention. We need your cooperation to assure that U.K. does not experience a measles epidemic in this and future years.

FRANK S. CASCIO, M.D.
Director, Student Health Service

Sports

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Professor teaches on pitcher's mound

By STEVE HARDY
Staff Writer

Good, sound mechanics are a key to being a successful baseball pitcher. But that is easier said than done.

The small subtleties that affect a skilled pitcher's performance can be virtually impossible to detect. Even the trained eye of a major league pitching coach can miss a hitch or an inconsistency in a pitching motion.

Robert Shapiro, an associate professor of health, physical education and recreation at UK, has implemented the use of cameras and computers to research the complex motion of the art of pitching.

"It certainly is the new wave," Shapiro said. "Pictures don't lie." Studying pitchers at both the professional and the collegiate level, Shapiro's main goals are to apply his research to help technique and to avoid athletic injuries.

One benefactor of Shapiro's research has been former Chicago White Sox pitcher Jerry Koosman.

At the beginning of the 1983 season Koosman was the strongest White Sox pitcher. But as the season progressed Koosman began to run out of gas in the middle innings.

On the scene with his high-speed cameras, Shapiro discovered that Koosman's stride had increased during his release. By changing his fol-

low-through, Koosman had been putting more strain on his arm than necessary.

His problem diagnosed, Koosman shortened his stride and finished the season strong.

"It was an education," Shapiro said. "It was a situation that worked out well for everyone."

A more sophisticated method developed by Shapiro is the three-dimensional system of pitching analysis.

Since the complex pitching motion appears in three dimensions, Shapiro uses multiple cameras to digitize various angles of movement. He later simulates the pitcher's motion on a computer.

"You can look from any view you want with the three-dimensional technique," Shapiro said.

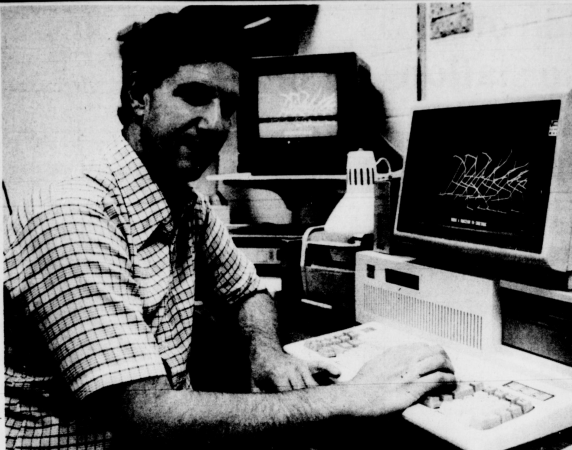
"In a skill as complex as pitching, you need to look at what's happening in all three different dimensions. In terms of making measurements, it's much better than film."

UK assistant baseball coach John Butler said the team encourages Shapiro's scientific research.

"It helps us as far as making us a better team," Butler said. "Little things you can't see with the naked eye make the difference."

Enhancing athletic performance is certainly important to Shapiro. But the medical possibilities of his research are endless.

It is very important to Shapiro to



MARK ZEROF/Staff Photo

UK Associate Professor Robert Shapiro is shown here with one of the computers he uses to aid pitchers with their throwing motions. Shapiro has worked with both professional and UK pitchers.

help athletes better understand how or why an injury occurs.

"We can refine performance by identifying things that predict an injury," Shapiro said.

Shapiro is hoping to apply these techniques to non-sports injuries such as cerebral palsy.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg for what we are trying to do," Shapiro said.

"Baseball has been a very good avenue of publicity, and it's fun to do.

"But if we can learn to help a kid with cerebral palsy, we've accomplished more."

Volleyball team wins three more

Staff Reports

The 10th-ranked UK women's volleyball team improved its record to 13-1 last night by downing the Red Raiders of Texas Tech at Memorial Coliseum.

The Lady Kats won the match in three games with scores of 15-9, 15-8, 15-12.

UK has played three matches in the past four days, coming away with three wins over Notre Dame, 19th-ranked Western Michigan and Texas Tech.

The Lady Kats were led in the matches by Lisa Dausman. Dausman had 11 kills out of 18 attempts with no errors for a hitting percentage of .611. She is leading UK this year with an overall hitting percentage of .423.

"Lisa played another flawless match for us again against Texas Tech," UK coach Kathy DeBoer said.

Correction

The student trainer who has been in charge of Winston Bennett's knee rehabilitation is Charles Woolton. The Kentucky Kernel regrets the error.

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Viewpoint

Dan Hassert
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SGA should vote to give radio station the money it needs

Seventy-eight percent. That's about the percentage of students who are in favor of raising their student activities fees by \$1 each semester to fund a student-run radio station at UK. A recent survey, sponsored by the Survey Research Center, showed us that.

The Board of Trustees is expected to approve raising student fees at its Oct. 20 meeting — but there's a hitch.

The fee increase won't take effect until next fall. That means that even if the board approves a fee increase, Radio Free Lexington still needs \$3,500 in construction costs to get on the air next semester.

Student Government Association President Cyndi Weaver wants the SGA senate to loan the money to RFL. We think they should.

Here's why. Simply put, 78 percent. We know that student government loaning money to a media organization isn't the best of all possible situations, but students have shown their overwhelming support for a radio station.

And SGA's primary responsibility is to serve students' interests. RFL is definitely one of them. On Oct. 21, SGA will have a chance to show the student body that it is cognizant of students' needs and desires.

An interest-free loan of up to \$3,500 will almost assure the station of hitting the airwaves early next semester.

Members of Radio Free Lexington have been trying for more than two years to make a student-run radio station at UK a reality. Every time the group thinks they've almost conquered the last financial hill toward becoming a station, something always seems to stop them.

This time there's one hill left to conquer. SGA can fulfill its role by helping RFL do it. It's a move we urge SGA to make by acclamation.

Laughing at yourself necessary for SOR 101

To those special people finding the "SOR 101" letter to be the work of Satan.

I read the infamous letter and being a GDI, or non-greek, I found it quite amusing. I find most satire amusing, even when directed at groups to which I belong (I have that unique capability of being able to laugh at myself).

Of course, some persons do not understand what satire means, nor are they capable of appreciating its finer points. Its sole purpose is to ridicule or discredit vice or folly.

I hardly think you, who found the letter so anger-inducing, would not have laughed had it been directed at some other group (for example: the football team, ROTC, dorm dwellers, resident advisers, etc.). All groups have certain characteristics that appear ridiculous to society.

All groups are open to satire. Face it, you are not excluded from the category of groups having ridiculous

Guest Opinion

characteristics that others find amusing or pointless.

However, if even after looking up "satire" in the dictionary you find yourself still angry at the injustice of the attacks in that dreadful letter, you will find yourself in good company. I doubt that many members of the "fundamentalist religion find "Church Lady" very amusing, and those poor British felt the same way about J. Johnathan Swift and his satire "Gulliver's Travels."

"If the shoe fits..."
Tonia G. Gordon is a communications senior.

The Soapbox

Dead days

Students can be heard for miles around at the end of each semester complaining that they haven't had enough time to study for their final exams. Some people at UK are trying to remedy that.

Student Government Association President Cyndi Weaver has been attempting for quite some time to get the University to implement dead days, or class-free days the week before finals week.

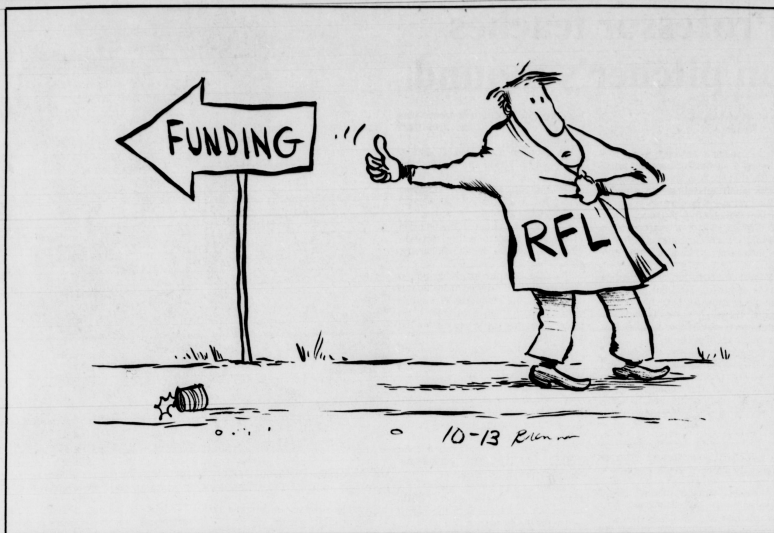
In fact, the results of a study released last week showed that more than half the students at UK would support two class-free days before finals.

Would you like to have two days off, plus the weekend, before your finals begin each semester? Or do you think it would be a waste of time?

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.

People submitting material should address their comments to "The Soapbox," Kentucky Kernel, 685 Journalism Building, Lexington, Ky. 40506-092. This can either be done by mail or dropped off at the office.

BLOOM COUNTY



Editor gives paper's reaction to charges

Let me assure you that the Kernel editorial staff was very concerned Thursday when Ms. Fraysure handed her letter to myself and Student Publications Adviser Paula Anderson.

The questions raised have legal and ethical implications with the potential to run any credibility the Kernel has ever had.

But regardless of our immediate reaction, we had no intention of conceding anything until we found out what had happened, why it happened and where we stand now.

And so when we called Tom Sullivan in for questioning, we bluntly and harshly demanded an explanation. As a result of that and several other conferences, our position is that we stand by him. For though we can accuse him of being careless, we can't accuse him of intentionally stealing Royko's column.

Several editors can attest to the fact that Tom sat down at a terminal and wrote his column without any notes and/or Royko clips.

Tom has admitted that he must have read Royko's column when it ran June 15. While he did not consciously write his column with Royko's ideas in mind, there's little doubt that some of Royko's arguments stuck with him.

After we talked to him, we sought out a lawyer. Over the weekend, we slept little and argued a lot.

And while we're not satisfied with our situation, we are satisfied with our answers.

The lawyer, who specializes in journalism law, said that legally, there's no question that Tom Sullivan did NOT plagiarize Mike Royko's column. It might be evident that Tom appropriated the idea for the column, but there is no law against that. And though the two columns have similar introductions and contain some similar ideas, the lawyer said there is no evidence that the column was lifted — Tom's column did not follow Royko's paragraph for paragraph, as is charged in the letter to the editor.

The lawyer did say that to avoid any appearance of plagiarism and to act with courtesy, Tom should have

in a way, this is my swan song. I realize that's a cliché lead for a goodbye column, but then again so are most goodbyes. However, the situation in which I am resigning my column is not cliché.

In fact it demands a specific explanation.

As most of you probably know by now from reading Kernel Editor Dan Hassert's column, my column of last week has been placed under some scrutiny — and justifiably so.

Mike Royko's column of about five months ago and my column of last

week, while not carbon copies, are very similar. Close enough in fact that a great amount of concern has been raised among the Kernel editors, myself included.

I'm not going to deny or accept guilt here. Dan has already made my side of the story known. What I am going to do is explain some things.

First of all, the Kernel has always been and will continue to be the most important part of my college career.

You see, I came to UK because of the Kernel. I've told the story before. So here I am, four years older and an editor of the Kernel. I'm learning journalism in a "hands-on" situation.

But part of learning journalism is learning ethical journalism. This is my career, this is what I want to do for the rest of my life.



Dan HASSERT

given Royko some sort of credit in the column.

While the editorial staff was relieved that the Kernel was not in trouble from a legal standpoint, we were more concerned about damage to our credibility with our readers.

Tom Sullivan was editorial editor of the Kernel. In this capacity, he coordinated the content of the Viewpoint page, designed and edited the page, ran edit board meetings and wrote a weekly column.

This year it's one of the most important positions on the Kernel. The Viewpoint page, in addition to containing a very successful student forum (The Soapbox), has been a point of emphasis for the paper.

Through its editorials, the Kernel has pulled no punches in criticizing/supporting various organizations and people.

The Kernel edit board has spent several hours each week selecting edit issues and arguing over the paper's stance. The six members of the board — Editor in chief Dan Hassert, Executive Editor Jay Blanton, Associate Editor C.A. Duane Bonifer, Design Editor Karen Phillips, Editorial Editor Tom Sullivan and Editorial Cartoonist Michael Brennan — differ in attitude and opinion on most issues. This difference has resulted in the healthy debate and eventual vote or compromise from which we've written our editorials.

But for us to demand that administrators and students respect this opinion, we have to be extra careful to keep our readers' trust. Which is why we can't afford to have our editorial editor in suspicion. No matter how much we believe he is completely honest and trustworthy, there are readers somewhere for whom suspicion is enough. And so we've decided to make a few changes.

As of the beginning of next week, Tom Sullivan will no longer be serving as Kernel editorial editor. Associate Editor C.A. Duane Bonifer will take over the position of editorial editor. He will now be in charge of the Viewpoint page, including running edit meetings.

In recognition of Tom Sullivan's abilities as a journalist, he will assume the title of news editor and take on responsibilities of assigning stories and coordinating news coverage.

Furthermore, Tom Sullivan's weekly column will cease to exist. Tom and the editorial staff have agreed that we can't expect the Kernel's readers to read his column without being clouded by the suspicion cast on it through this incident.

Editorial Editor resigns position as columnist



Thomas J. SULLIVAN

This is what I've worked for, day in and day out for the past four years. I don't want it to be charged any more than it already has been.

Those who read the "Meet the Press" Viewpoint page in the first week of school probably read that my goal was to be a professional columnist.

That's my ultimate goal. This column has been a way to hold onto that goal. It is something that I have enjoyed doing more than any other part of journalism. It's also something I've taken very seriously.

That's why I must give it up. Even the mere suggestion that I have plagiarized someone's column arouses suspicion. It places my column under constant scrutiny. That's something I do not want.

Integrity is something that a columnist needs desperately. If I continued to write a column, my integrity would be questioned and that would be counterproductive.

Therefore, I will no longer be a columnist on the Viewpoint page of the Kernel. But my reputation is not the only

Conspicuously close columns

The Oct. 7, 1987, issue of the Kentucky Kernel contained a column by Thomas Sullivan entitled "Slit Skirts: Girls dressed sexily get the attention they want."

I immediately recognized the content of the article as one I had read before, in recent months. Minimal research at M.I. King Library confirmed that a suspiciously similar column was written by Mike Royko, a syndicated columnist with the Chicago Tribune, on June 15, 1987. It was entitled "The thin-skinned can't skirt the issue." (Chicago Tribune, June 15, 1987, page 3.)

I find it "amazing" that a very similar "traffic light/bare thighs" incident happened to Mr. Sullivan in Lexington as happened to Mr. Royko in Chicago just four short months earlier. I find it equally amazing that they both wrote similar analyses, paragraph by paragraph, of what women are really after. Perhaps they should get together to discuss it. I'm sure Mr. Royko and his attorneys would be very inter-

ested in hearing all about Mr. Sullivan's column.

While I, along with many of my fellow students in the College of Law, am grossly offended by the content of Mr. Sullivan's column, I firmly believe in the first amendment right to free speech. Mr. Sullivan is clearly entitled to print his own opinion in his columns. However, he must be held to a minimal standard of journalistic credibility. If Mr. Sullivan does not have either the time or the creativity to actually write the columns he signs his name to and takes the credit for, he should resign his position with the Kernel. Further, if the Kernel expects to ever gain respect as a legitimate newspaper, the management should demand Mr. Sullivan's immediate resignation. Surely his actions are as reprehensible as a U.S. senator who recently admitted his own plagiarism in campaign speeches and a law review article.

Debra A. Fraysure is a third-year law student.

What does all this mean? It means that Tom Sullivan did not plagiarize Mike Royko's column. He did not intentionally use ideas from Royko's work. The Kernel staff and readers know Tom Sullivan's columns enough to realize that above anything, Tom is very creative and needs no crutches.

Nevertheless, as a student newspaper, the Kernel faces a difficult and ongoing battle to earn credibility as a staff of serious journalists. For its readers — administrators, students and those in the Lexington community — to respect the paper, we must keep the newspaper's page sacred in our and our readers' eyes. We think our decision does that.

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

consideration taken here. The Kernel is also very important.

As editorial editor I oversee the Kernel's editorial board and the Kernel's columns. I don't think I can do that without putting the Kernel in a difficult position.

For instance, how can the Kernel write an editorial criticizing Joseph Biden for alleged plagiarism when its editorial editor has been accused of the same?

There is a problem. I have discussed the situation with the Kernel's editorial staff and offered my services in some other capacity. I have been re-assigned.

The Kernel made no mistakes, I did.

For those who ask me, I will be more than happy to explain the situation above and beyond what Dan has stated. But as far as the Kernel is concerned, this is my final statement of opinion.

Thank you for your time and the kernel you're reading. I've learned a lot on this page, I hope you have too.

Editorial Editor Thomas J. Sullivan is a journalism senior and a Kernel columnist.

•Lobbying passes bill

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One of the resolution's opponents, Senator at Large David Moore, said conducting a study in only a week might not have been railroaded the issue, but "we'll just say a semi-truck hit them dead with it."

After the proposal was formed, Botkins went to work.

Calling on health professionals within the University and community, he mounted a strong lobbying effort that convinced almost all the undecided senators to vote for the resolution.

But what assured the resolution's approval was the poor organizational effort by its opponents. Moore said the short time given to form opposition was the reason for the poor organization. However, in that same amount of time Botkins had organized his forces.

Most of those who opposed the resolution were only against the third plank of the resolution, which calls for the actual distribution of condoms on campus.

When the idea of placing condoms in rest rooms was brought up about a month ago, Twila Green of the

Baptist Student Union said her group would fight against the proposal because it would encourage sexual promiscuity.

BSU demonstrated very little vocal opposition to the resolution though. The only time the group actually spoke out against the proposal was at last week's meeting when Becky Caldwell made a short statement against it.

Another religious group that came out against the resolution was the Wesley Foundation.

Margaret Eaton spoke out for the group at the senate meeting, but she became unraveled during her speech and ended up preaching to the senate instead of trying to persuade them.

David Gabbard, an engineering student representing Students Against Condoms, presented the senate with a petition signed by 75 students who opposed the third plank of the resolution.

Gabbard, however, probably caused more students to vote for the resolution rather than against it. During his presentation to the sen-

ate, Gabbard too began to preach to the senate, drawing upon religious rhetoric to defend his position.

In fact, almost all of the arguments the opposition used against the proposal were that it would be immoral to place the machines in the rest rooms.

Fine Arts Senator Freddie Herman told senators that U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett had come out with a book that said condoms are not always 100-percent effective against the preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.

Executive Vice President Brad Dixon also presented the senate with statistics that showed the rate of unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases actually rose on college campuses when condom vending machines were placed on campus.

Both Dixon's and Herman's presentations were the type of substantial arguments the opposition needed. The only problem was that they came too late.

One group that was mysteriously

quiet about the entire issue was the Catholic Newman Center.

The group's president, David Keller, said the Newman Center had "no big plan of attack." He said several members had discussed doing something, but with the exception of a letter written to the Kernel by the Rev. Dan Noll, no action was taken.

Keller was present when the senate voted on the resolution and he said Senator at Large Kim Fowler offered to yield time for him to speak, but he passed up the opportunity.

"I guess we kind of missed the opportunity," he said. The condom issue is now in the hands of the administration and no one is sure when it will be acted upon.

But as Senator at Large Ken Payne said after last week's senate meeting, proponents of distributing condoms on campus "have a long way to go before this one is over."

Associate Editor C.A. Duane Bonifer covers the Student Government Association for the Kernel.

Press association elects Lexington publisher

Associated Press

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Creed C. Black, chairman and publisher of the Lexington Herald-Leader, has been elected president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association.

The election of Black was announced Monday at the association's annual meeting, being held this year at The Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, according to news release.

Black succeeds Cecil Highland Jr., president and general manager of the Clarksburg (W.Va.) Exponent and Telegram. Highland has been elected chairman of the association's board.

In addition, Larry Franklin, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Harte-Hanks Communications, has been elected

Patrick-elect and Wayne Trent, publisher of the Rock Hill (S.C.) Herald, has been elected treasurer of the SNPA, which has 824 member newspapers in 14 states.

Howard Baker Jr., the White House chief of staff, told publishers Monday that it's likely a nuclear arms agreement can be signed in November. Baker said Secretary of State George Schultz is likely to put the final touches on a nuclear arms agreement during an upcoming visit to Moscow.

In a seminar yesterday, reporters and editors from the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer will discuss their coverage of the PTL scandal, which resulted in the downfall of PTL founder Jim Bakker and sparked the "Holy War" among television evangelists.

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