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UK bus driver shares stories with her 'kids'

By Cathy Jones
Contributing Writer

Jeri Childs never had any biological children, but she does have "a whole schoolful of kids" to care for each day.

Childs, who turns 58 this month, can be seen driving the Blue Route bus on campus five days a week. Her short, graying hair is usually topped with one of the more than 500 hats she has collected over the years.

She thinks of her student passengers as friends first and passengers second. In fact, she goes a step further, calling them her "kids."

"They're all my kids, my children. I don't care if they are young or old or black or white," she said.

Childs is especially protective of the disabled students. They ride her bus partly because of the wheelchair lifts, but more because of her, even planning their trips to campus around her bus schedule.

"She takes care of her boys," architecture senior Jeff Merrill said.

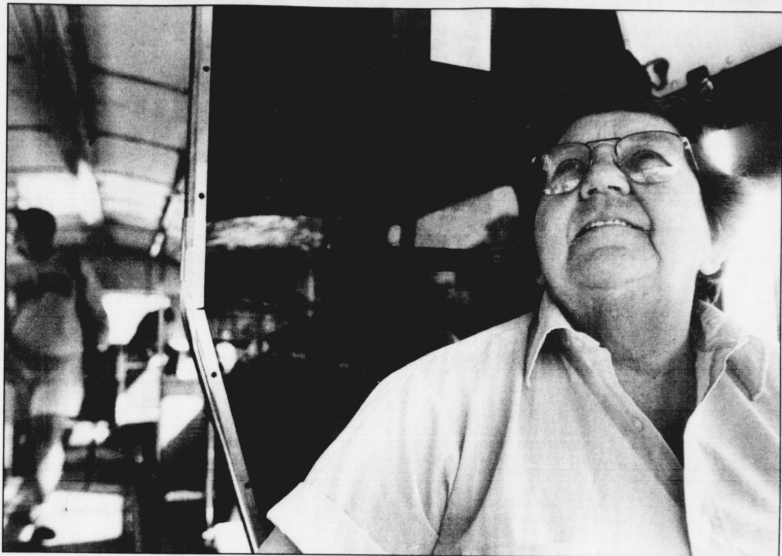
Lee Gordon, an undecided sophomore, and Darin Sechrest, an animal science junior, echoed Merrill's opinion about Childs' relationship with her "boys." The mere mention of her name brought smiles and laughter as they shared their stories.

Ryan Watkins, a political science senior, also is aware of Childs' special bond with the disabled students on campus.

Watkins recalled being on a bus with a different driver when a disabled student was preparing to board. Watkins said the student looked up, saw the driver was not Childs and decided to wait for Childs' bus.

Childs describes herself as "rather pleasant" and "very compassionate."

Gordon called her "spontaneous," but Watkins said "caring" is the most fitting word to describe Jeri



Jeri Childs, who drives the Blue Route bus on campus five days a week, says she thinks of UK students first as friends and then as passengers. The students call her 'spontaneous' and 'caring.'

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University Press turns 50 without big fanfare

By Clarissa Blair
Staff Writer

Although the University Press of Kentucky is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, several employees said the day-to-day routine continues as always — fast-paced, highly technical and vastly rewarding.

"It's been a very interesting and challenging career," said Georgiana Strickland, the press' managing editor.

"This press is very much like a publishing house in New York, but on a smaller scale," she said. "We're very much a team."

In an upper room inside the three-story frame building on Limestone Street that houses the publisher of scholarly books, Strickland and author Kent Brown huddle over a stack of Civil War illustrations, deciding how to arrange them in Brown's book, "Pushing of Gettysburg."

After an evening panning through a group of pictures spread across her living room floor, Strickland still was agonizing over two that just didn't seem to fit.

In another room, Editor in Chief Jerry Crouch, who after more than 34 years at the Press is hoping to retire this year, listened intently to the woman who may take his place.

And in another room, designer Glenda King was, as she put it, "worshipping at the copier."

"Fast-paced" is how Strickland described the work at the press.

"Still, I have an enormous amount of respect for the time and effort an author puts into a book," said Strickland, who has been a manuscript editor at the Press for 24 years.

"I know what I have done on it is only a small part."

The University Press, which publishes about 50 books each year, has among its list of authors many famous names, including historian Thomas D. Clark, investigative writer Joe Nickell, Lexington attorney and historian Kent Brown and UK English professor and Renaissance scholar John T. Shawcross.

New authors include journalism professor Maria Braden, whose new book, "She Said What?" currently is en route to book stores.

Director Ken Cherry said the

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President-select plans more responsible SAB

By Clarissa Blair
Staff Writer

Newly elected Student Activities Board President Wes Butler said yesterday he plans to make the board committees more efficient and responsible during the next academic year.

"There are always possibilities of making it better so it will include more students," said Butler, a history junior. "Students bring new and innovative ideas to the campus."

SAB has three objectives, Butler said.

"Our mission is to entertain, educate and bring cultural and ideological diversity to the campus."

He said the board could not accomplish all three without good student involvement.

Butler, a third-year member of SAB, said he plans to have a board meeting with the heads of

all board committees before the beginning of the next school term to establish some central goals.

"My personal goal is to bring more diversity to campus," Butler said. "But I want to find out what other members' goals are. At the

meeting, we will find out where we are heading so we can all be together and have a central plan."

One concern Butler expressed was the lack of information the UK student body has about SAB. He said participating on a board committee will provide students with a wealth of unique

BUTLER



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Construction to begin at farm

Associated Press

Besides a high-tech complex that houses a division of Hughes Aircraft, there is little at UK's Coldstream Farm to indicate its intended future.

But construction projects this year are expected to be a key to the success of transforming a large portion of UK's agricultural experiment station into a research park, as was originally envisioned in the 1980s.

One of the projects, widening of a nearby road from two to four

lanes took a step forward last week, when the University sold the state Department of Transportation about 9 acres for right-of-way. The \$126,000 purchase also included an easement to build storm sewers across the western portion of the farm, on Lexington's northwest side.

In June, the city will begin to install the first of 10 miles of sanitary sewer lines and a pump station on Coldstream that will clear the way for large-scale development.

The sewers are being paid for by the Lexington-Fayette Urban

County government in exchange for 220 acres that will be used as park land. Once the sewers are in place — sometime in mid-1994 — UK can pick up the pace in soliciting tenants, said Ed Carter, UK vice president for budgeting, who is overseeing Coldstream development.

"We've moved very slowly so we didn't get ahead of the sewer project," Carter said.

Drug companies already are a target for the dean of UK's College of

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NO SMOKING?



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY PETER MOORE

A student questioned in writing the effectiveness of the Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building's new smoking policy. Officials placed no smoking signs on ashtrays yesterday.

Lawyer points out hole in Jones' health reform

By Mark R. Chelgren
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A Washington lawyer hired to explain the pitfalls of federal law to Kentucky's health care reform efforts also pointed out a gaping loophole in Gov. Breton Jones' latest plan.

In his latest version, Jones would force individuals to buy their own health care insurance.

Employers would have to pay a payroll tax of 3 percent to 4 percent, but would be exempt if they offered health coverage to their workers.

Charles Miller, a partner in the firm of Covington and Burling, said federal law would prohibit the state from imposing any rules on those employer health care plans.

"What you can't do is tell the employer what he must buy," Miller said.

"A state cannot tell the employer ... what the terms of his coverage must be."

Legislative members of the Health Care Reform Commission were openly skeptical.

Rep. Ernesto Scorsone, D-

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Cooperation between Student Government Association administrations is necessary for students' voices to be heard next year in Frankfort. Editorial, Page 4.

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Mostly sunny today, high around 65. Partly cloudy tonight, low between 45 and 50. Partly sunny and mild tomorrow, high around 70.

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DIVERSIONS

Critics offer conflicting views on 'Proposal'

Weak plot is downfall of movie



By Greg Laber
Staff Critic

A down-and-out couple goes to Vegas and loses all of its money. Then, a professional gambler offers to bail them out if he can spend the night with the young man's wife.

Sound familiar? Last year, it was called "Honeymoon in Vegas," and it was a laugh riot. Now, it's the premise of "Indecent Proposal," and we're supposed to take it seriously.

The makers of this film are up against steep odds. It's tough to evoke emotional responses from a situation someone else made us laugh at. Director Adrian Lyne tries hard — perhaps a little too hard.

Based on Jack Engelhard's novel of the same name, "Indecent Proposal" centers on the relationship between two high school sweethearts. David, played by "Cheers" regular Woody Harrelson, is an aspiring and impassioned architect. Demi Moore ("A Few Good Men") plays his wife, Diana, a real-estate agent.

Diana suggests they take out a couple in seemingly innocent ways,



PHOTO COURTESY OF PARAMOUNT PICTURES

The storyline in 'Indecent Proposal,' starring Robert Redford, Demi Moore and Woody Harrelson may remind moviegoers of last year's hit, 'Honeymoon in Vegas.'

loan so David can build his dream house and make a name for himself. Unfortunately, the recession wipes out their dreams, and they are forced to scrounge for funds or abandon the project. David comes up with the bright idea of flying to Vegas with their last \$5,000.

When luck fails them, they are approached by John Gage, a professional gambler who wants to borrow Diana for a few rolls of the die. She wins him big money, and he insists on repaying them at a party. It is here that he offers David \$1 million for a night with his wife.

Gage ingratiates himself to the

but his ulterior motives are obvious to the audience. We can feel ourselves slowly sucked into his trap as the couple accepts gift after gift. But once David and Diana accept the gambler's offer, there is no where left to go. All of Lyne's clever camera angles and imaginative lighting aren't enough to breathe life into this soulless script.

The talented cast offers little help. As the gambler, Redford walks through his role with little enthusiasm or expression.

Moore does no better as the wife turned prostitute. Rather than develop a character, she is content to rely on sex appeal and frequent tears.

Ironically, it is Woody Harrelson who is most believable in what many consider a difficult dramatic role. The comic charms he honed on TV and in last year's "White

Men Can't Jump" make him likable, even as this very flawed man.

The problem with the movie is one common to Lyne's work. Like many of his contemporaries, Lyne is more comfortable with visual gimmickery than human frailties.

The last half of the film splutters out of control as Gage pursues and torments the couple like Glenn Close in "Fatal Attraction." When David cracks, we are expected to believe that his wife overcomes her hatred of the gambler and falls for him instead. The transition is so unlikely, it seems almost comic.

Expecting us to believe in these most unlikely and their actions is the most indecent proposal of all.

"Indecent Proposal," rated R, is showing at Lexington Green, Lexington Mall and North Park cinemas.

Redford and Moore make new movie worth watching

"Indecent Proposal"
Starring Woody Harrelson, Demi Moore and Robert Redford
Paramount Pictures

By Bo List
Staff Critic



of the pleasanter charms of the movie. "Indecent Proposal" has no shortage of little reasons to like it.

You're \$50,000 in debt, and you have only \$5,000. What do you do? Go to Las Vegas, of course.

Well, that's what David and Diana Murphy do. David (Woody Harrelson) has just borrowed that money from his father in a last-ditch effort to come out ahead. His house (his dream) is on the line, and there seems to be few options for them.

Believe it or not, though, they turn that \$5,000 into \$25,000 in a few short hours. They go back to their hotel, tumble romantically in their winnings, and promptly lose it all the next day.

Where is the solution?

It appears in the form of millionaire John Gage (Robert Redford). He takes quite a liking to Diana (Demi Moore) when he notices her stealing complimentary chocolates from an expensive clothier. He later asks David if he can "borrow" her for good luck on a million-dollar bet.

She wins it for him, and he is entranced.

Over a casual game of pool, the three of them discuss whether people can be bought. Diana says no, and to prove a point, Gage offers David (remember this) \$1 million for one night with Diana.

They say no, but can't sleep that night. They need the money and decide to go through with it because it would just be her body, not her mind or her heart.

A contract is drawn up by the couple's lawyer and friend Jeremy (Oliver Platt who appeared in "Flatliners"), complete with all kinds of clauses including payment in the event of impotence or death. Geez, he's not that old.

The night comes and goes, and they are given the million. They agree never to speak of it again and leave Vegas with the intention that Gage be left behind with it.

But David finds Gage's phone number in Diana's purse. Was Diana really just talking on the phone with her mother, or is she having an affair with Gage? And just what is David doing in Diana's purse? Suspicions arise, and they both discover that they can't forget about it. Anything else would reveal some

However, they are not enough to completely erase one gigantic flaw: unoriginality. There isn't a whole lot here that hasn't been done before. The recent comedy "Honeymoon in Vegas" fits the same mold, and "Pretty Woman" bears a resemblance as well.

This is no romantic comedy, though. "Indecent Proposal" is dark and, in many ways, sinister.

Money as an object and as a concept, is paid enormous respect and is held in higher regard than freedom, fidelity and human life. This attitude is reflected on all fronts, and is no more evident than in Gage's treatment of David as an owner of a woman rather than as a husband.

This isn't the film's point of view, though; director Adrian Lyne plays devil's advocate on a lot of these issues, and his handling of the situations shows more class than crass.

Speaking of class, did I mention that Robert Redford's in it? As the plutocratically romantic John Gage, he commands style and careful reserve. He measures his character's relationships precisely, and they end up intriguing and defined, particularly with his chauffeur Mr. Shakedown ("Faces" Seymour Cassel). The role certainly is no stretch, but he makes the most of it.

Surprisingly good is Demi Moore. Since her career turnaround in "Ghost," she has been on a steady road of good acting, but graduates here to very good. She was pretty good in last year's "A Few Good Men." Her emotions seem real, and her pronounced transformation throughout the film is believable and bears real weight.

Harrelson, though, will find it hard not to be Woody from "Cheers" in just about anything he's in. "Proposal" is no exception.

He seems to have effectively removed the Woody from him, but has replaced it with little, leaving his character a bit dry next to the juicy performances of Redford and Moore.

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SPORTS

Sports BRIEFS

Track and field takes fifth at Sea Ray Relays

The UK track and field team placed fifth at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., last weekend.

A recap of men's events:

*Junior Clyde Rudolph placed second in the 200-meter run with a time of 10.66, a personal best for the sprinter.

*Rudolph combined with sophomore D'Andre Jenkins, sophomore Christian Adair and freshman Tim Harden to win the 4x100 meter relay in a time of 39.93, a new UK record. The previous record was 40.23, set in 1992. This mark gave the relay team an NCAA provisional qualifying time.

*Sophomore Gary Fitzpatrick, freshman William Perry, John Rhodus and senior George Yiannellis teamed to take fifth in the distance medley posting a time of 9:47.87. Iona College, in New Rochelle, N.Y., won in a time of 9:43.30.

*Yiannellis, sophomore Vadim Nemad, Fitzpatrick and senior Neil Crouse finished fourth in the 4x1500 in 15:47.30. East Tennessee State won in 15:34.90.

*Perry, Jenkins, Adair and Demarcus Lindsey placed ninth in the 4x400 with a time of 3:13.01.

In women's action:

*Freshman Mia Richardson, freshman Anita Manning, Angie Rotarsch and junior Michelle Burnpous led UK to a second-place tie of 9:01.39 in the 4x800. Alabama won the event in 8:52.78.

*Freshman Leslye Swigert had a personal best of 4:38.75 in the 1500-meter run.

*In the 4x100, the freshman quartet of Raina Turner, Jacqueline Knox, Michelle Hite and Mellinda Goodman ran 47.88.

Men's tennis team loses third straight

The 11th-ranked UK men's tennis team suffered its third straight loss in a 4-1 loss to No. 6 LSU in Baton Rouge, La., Sunday afternoon.

The Wildcats, 12-9 overall and 5-4 in Southeastern Conference play, captured their only point when freshman Tad Berkowitz ousted Alex Guevara in straight sets 6-2, 6-3.

UK lost the doubles point as the unranked LSU tandem of Tamer El Sawy and Guevara surprised No. 16 Mahyar Goodarz and Mike Hopkinson from UK, 3-6.

In singles, El Sawy, the nation's fifth-ranked player, rolled over UK's Goodarz, who was ranked 22nd 6-3, 6-2.

LSU freshman Chad Dudley and Ryan Ideta defeated UK's Stephen Mather and Ford Lankford, respectively, at No. 4 and No. 5 singles.

The remaining matches were suspended when the match was clinched.

UK returns to action April 16 when it travels to Columbia, S.C., to face South Carolina Friday afternoon. The Wildcats will go to Athens, Ga., to meet the third-ranked University of Georgia Bulldogs April 18.


Lady Kats golf team ends season tied for eighth

The UK women's golf team saw its two-year reign over the Woodbridge Intercollegiate come to an end Sunday in Kings Mountain, N.C.


The Lady Kats fired a 315 in the final round and finished the tournament tied with Auburn for eighth at 964.

No. 8 Texas won the nine-team event. The Lady Longhorns turned in a 301 in Sunday's final round to finish at 920, which was 12 strokes better than second-place Wake Forest. Furman finished third at 935.

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Mashburn uses ineligibility to his benefit

By Ty Halpin
 Sports Editor

When Jamal Mashburn walked off the court after UK's loss to Michigan at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, he could have looked into the cameras and said, "I'm going to Disneyland."

Mashburn didn't get a paycheck signed by Michael Eisner, but Saturday he did sign autographs at The Cats' Pause for \$5 a pop. With the estimated four to five hundred Wildcat fans who attended the session, someone stood to make a pretty penny.

Oscar Combs, publisher of The Cats' Pause, contacted Mashburn to set up the event and indicated yesterday that Mashburn cleaned up on the deal.

"He made a nice piece of change," Combs said. "We paid him to come. Basically, all the money went to him."

Wildcat fans have seen the new Mashburn — the professional Mashburn. By foregoing his senior

director of the NCAA, agreed with Bostick's assessment of the situation.

compliance, said that Mashburn is not in any trouble with the NCAA.

"The big thing is that what he did would affect his (future) eligibility," he said. "He didn't plan to use his extra year of eligibility, so there's no problem."

David Berst, assistant executive director of the NCAA, agreed with Bostick's assessment of the situation.

Berst said there is no written agreement Mashburn has to sign to break his ties from UK.

The situation is similar with former Wildcat player Richie Farmer, who has appeared in numerous commercials.

When and if Mashburn selects an agent, this also will deem him ineligible from NCAA athletics, Bostick said.

"He announced a long time ago that he would go pro," he said. "If he has contacted an agent, he becomes ineligible. If he's not eligible, then he can sign autographs."

Chris Cameron, assistant athletics director at UK, said the UK junior will find an agent soon.

"He almost has decided," he said.

"If he's going professional, eligibility wouldn't be a concern of his," he said. "He can use his athletic talents for his own profit."

Both Berst and Bostick said no NCAA violation has occurred.

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"He's working on that."

Cameron said Mashburn should have an agent within the next few days.

By signing autographs, the chances for Mashburn to return for his senior season at UK became almost null and void.

This ineligibility probably doesn't mean anything to Mashburn, but it may be of interest to someone like Michigan's Chris Webber who hasn't announced whether he's going to turn pro or stay in school.

Webber and two of his Wolverine teammates garnered media scrutiny but no NCAA sanctions after receiving payment for judging a slam-dunk contest last year.

Berst and Bostick said Mashburn is not required to sign anything to release him from the letter of intent he signed with UK.

Accepting the money from Combs released Mashburn from any UK ties.



MASHBURN

Hilltoppers try to top UK with tough team today

By Jeff Drummond
 Senior Staff Writer

UK vs. Western Kentucky.

It's the game sports fans across the state wanted to see in the NCAA basketball tournament, but it didn't materialize as the Hilltoppers were eliminated just a three-pointer shy of a matchup with the Wildcats.

Although the action shifts from the hardwood floor to grassy Shively Field, the intrastate rivals finally will meet today when the Hilltoppers visit UK for a 6 p.m. game against the baseball Cats.

WKU enters the game with an overall record of 20-9 and a 7-5 mark in the Sun Belt Conference. The Hilltoppers are riding a six-game winning streak, including a three-game sweep of Jacksonville

over Easter Weekend.

"(Western's) got a good ball-club," UK coach Keith Madison said. "They just went out and swept Jacksonville, so that tells me they're going to be tough."

"And they always get up for Kentucky. We've never seen them flat."

That could spell trouble for the Cats. 10-11 overall, 3-6 in Southeastern Conference play, who started the season hot but have cooled down of late.

UK's lackluster play was exemplified over the weekend in losing two out of three games at Arkansas.

"On Friday night, we got great

pitching and outstanding defense," said Madison of the Cats' 1-0 loss in the series opener. "But we didn't execute offensively."

"Then we put it together in the second game, but we didn't execute defensively in the third game. We've been up and down lately."

Madison hopes a six-game home stand — which starts today with WKU and concludes against Tennessee this weekend — will help the team regain its early-season form.

"We're going to be home for six-in-a-row, so this is a good time for us to become consistent," he said.

WKU coach Joel Murrie brings a veteran squad to Shively with strong support from the junior college ranks. The Hilltoppers' roster features only nine players who came directly out of high school into the WKU program. The other 18 players are transfers.

"Western does a good job of recruiting," Madison said. "Coach Murrie really has a solid program."

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Cooperation now means students have better shot at being heard next year

EDITORIAL

One of the most important transitions facing the Student Government Association relates to students' voices being heard in the halls of state government.

In past years, outgoing presidents have done everything from sabotage to nothing to damaging their successors' voices. There is hope this year that one of those unfortunate situations will not be repeated.

Outgoing President Pete November and President-elect Lance Dowdy should resolve, for UK students' benefit, not to let one of those scenarios happen.

One way the two presidents can work together is to secure the selection of Dowdy as chairman of the Board of Student Body Presidents, which consists of the student presidents of the eight state-supported universities.

Because of Lexington's proximity to Frankfort, it's important in a legislative year that the board chairman be able to reach the capital quickly. The fact that UK is the state's flagship institution cannot be ignored.

This position had gone to UK presidents before, but the last two times any hope was scuttled by the lame duck.

Another important decision the board makes is nominating individuals for the student seat on the state Council on Higher Education. The board will send three names to Gov. Brereton Jones, who will make the appointment.

This year's representative, Clay Edwards, did a yeoman's job in his unsuccessful attempt to avert a tuition increase — a much better job than any of the student presidents did.

For that reason and the fact that, as a UK graduate and a University of Louisville law student, Edwards represents two of the biggest state institutions, he should be reappointed. Rather than nominating someone else, Dowdy should nominate or support Edwards.

With Edwards back on the CHE and with Dowdy as chairman of the board, UK students will be placed in a better position to have their voices heard in Frankfort. Teamwork is the key.

OMBUDSMAN'S CORNER

Dead week — No examinations or quizzes, except for "make-up" examinations or laboratory practicals, shall be given the week of April 26-30.

There will be regularly scheduled classes during dead week. Students are responsible for any assignments given or due during this week. Instructors planning to give a regular examination during this period need to rearrange their schedules and offer the examination before dead week. Call 257-3737, if you have any questions.

Finals — No final examination shall be given before Monday, May 3, 1993.

Any student with more than two final examinations sched-

uled on any one date (not within 24 hours) shall be entitled to have the examination for the class with the highest catalog number rescheduled at another time during the final examination period.

In case the highest number is shared by more than one course, the one whose departmental prefix is first alphabetically will be rescheduled.

The option to reschedule must be exercised in writing to the appropriate instructor two weeks prior to the last class meeting.

Gretchen LaGoda is UK's academic ombudsman.

LETTER

Braun too big for editor's chair

To the editor:

Hey, Joe Braun!

Your column on March 25, "Clinton destroying the United States," was arrogant, ludicrous and embarrassing. You compared Janet Reno and those proposing legislation that would protect the staff and patrons of abortion clinics to the Nazis: "Silencing the opposition. Remember the German Gestapo?"

The conservative terrorism of abortion activists seems more in line with Nazi tactics than laws to protect the rights of women. You wrote: "If it becomes illegal to block or picket the entrance to federally funded abortion clinics, fuses may get shorter until an explosion occurs, and the anti-abortion movement gets more violent." That smacks of a threat.

But you had less to say about Reno's policies than about her appearance. "Yes, that is her real face" and "Reno has been very busy the past few days (probably limiting the time she spends on her make-up)." Well, "beam in your own eye," chubby cheeks. If Reno should learn some make-up skills before starting work as attorney general, maybe you should get that weight problem under control before spouting off on the Kentucky Kernel's editorial page (all Braun

and no brains lately).

Maybe we've got you wrong. Maybe you're putting on that poundage purposefully so you can fill Rush Limbaugh's shoes. (Both you and your reactionary idol get a lot of mileage out of absurd Nazi parallels, e.g. Limbaugh's feminist gibberish.)

Instead of wolfing down Twinkies, you might go further if you worked on your prose. Sentences like "Assuming Aspin can stay alive long enough (because of his ailing heart), the wording will be interesting to see" don't reflect well on our student newspaper — they don't even reflect well on our freshman composition classes.

Now, we're sorry to have gone off at you like this; these ad hominem arguments are really low. But, after all, it was you who declared mud-slinging season open. Big target that you are, you're hard to miss; but there is no sport in gunning for beached whales, so we'll save our mud for a better occasion.

We all live in glass houses, but you cast the first stone. Polemics really aren't our style; we've just had enough of blasted, more-moral-than-you conservatives. So, Mr. Editorial Editor, lighten up (literally and figuratively).

Joe Compton
Philosophy senior
Ross Compton
Psychology freshman
April 2, 1993



Current system doesn't discriminate

Gays don't need special protection



Joe Braun
Editorial Editor

condone such an amendment and once again play small-potato politics.

If the resolution passes, it would not change the existing non-discriminatory code but only show the senate's support for this code measure in the future. Only the UK Board of Trustees can change regulations governing the University.

There is no documentation at this time that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, other than the clause that reads "beliefs."

Whether homosexuality fits under the category of "beliefs" is unclear. It depends on whether one considers homosexuality a trait one is born with or a lifestyle choice.

If it doesn't fit under "beliefs," then many other categories also do not fit because there is no documentation to prevent discrimination against such groups as vegetarians, smokers or obese people.

Do homosexuals at UK need added protection? The people of Colorado recently said no with a statewide amendment. But what about UK?

How many documented cases of discrimination based on sexual preference exist at UK? If there

have been any cases reported, then I am not aware of them, nor have I read about them.

Where are they? If there's such a problem, then it must be brought to light to prove the existing policy does not cover homosexual students at UK.

Changing the clause will not empower homosexuals to take action against past discrimination.

If gay and lesbian students believe they are not covered and the current policy does not protect them, then perhaps the need for a change exists.

If the senate passes the resolution simply as "a precautionary method," then it also must take into consideration the many other minorities on campus.

After all, many existing minorities are burdened everyday for their lifestyle choices.

What choices do vegetarians have at cafeterias on campus? Actually, very little other than vegetarian lasagna at the Student Center and the salad bar. Why should vegetarians be forced to eat meat when

they choose not to?

Heavy people choose to eat. They also have to attend class at UK. Some of those desks are pretty small. Is this fair? (According to Joe Compton and Ross Compton's letter to the editor in today's paper my 175-lb. frame may fit that category.)

Students concerned about the well-being of the environment often are forced to take tests on paper that is not, and will not be, recycled. This goes against their beliefs.

Existing policies already protect homosexual students from being wronged because they choose to practice a lifestyle that differs from the accepted norm.

Discrimination is hard to prove, but the need and justification for an amendment to the non-discriminatory clause is even harder.

Editorial Editor Joe Braun is a political science and journalism sophomore and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

James Earl Ray deserves real trial



Don Puckett
Asst. Editorial Editor

"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial..."

The closest James Earl Ray has gotten to a public trial in the quarter-century since the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was a mock trial conducted by HBO and broadcast for the public last week.

For the charge of murder in the first degree, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty and opened a can of worms that Ray hopes will lead to a new trial in real criminal court.

Twenty five years ago, Ray confessed to the shooting and killing of King. Shortly thereafter, however, he recanted his confession and said he had been coerced into the admission. Without a trial, he was sentenced to 99 years in a state penitentiary and has been there ever since.

Ray still claims his lawyer then, the late Percy Foreman, used inappropriate tactics to force him to plead guilty. Foreman told Ray that if he did not confess, the police would arrest his father who had been a fugitive since his escape from prison in 1924 and charge his brother with conspiracy.

Out of concern for members of his family, Ray entered a guilty plea.

Ray also alleges Foreman had a conflict of interest in the case. If Ray pleaded guilty, the lawyer stood to gain \$165,000.

Civil rights groups and historians have argued for years that Ray was not a lone gunman, and many are not even convinced that he pulled the trigger. Instead, they believe King may have been the target of an FBI plot to assassinate him and stifle the civil rights movement.

The HBO trial took place in a Memphis, Tenn., courtroom, and many precautions were taken to en-

sure fairness. A real judge and real attorneys were used in the proceedings. The jury consisted of six whites and six blacks who were chosen by a computer to ensure a balance and diversity of backgrounds.

There were no scripts and no actors. All the witnesses actually were involved in the original investigation, and sworn statements were read as testimony for deceased witnesses.

William Pepper, Ray's current lawyer and defense attorney during the mock trial, emphasized that the only witness who could say the shot came from Ray's hotel room was intoxicated at the time of the shooting and that police ballistics tests could never verify the gun used in the shooting was the one found with Ray's fingerprints on it.

Also, Pepper presented witnesses to testify that smoke was rising from a bushy area in front of the building Ray was staying in after the shooting and that a mysterious figure had been seen in the bushes.

To support the FBI conspiracy theory, Pepper used ex-FBI officials who testified that illegal wiretaps and surveillance of King were conducted by both the FBI and the Army.

In the end, the testimony was enough to place a reasonable doubt in the minds of jury members, and after nine and a half hours of deliberation, they returned a verdict of not guilty.

After the trial and verdict, Pepper told reporters: "All possible avenues of release will now be explored, including an application for exoneration."

The verdict apparently is not

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enough to convince Tennessee Gov. Ned McWherter to pardon Ray. "This is a made-for-TV movie that has no bearing on the legal decision that was rendered some 25 years ago in this case," said Ken Renner, a spokesman for the governor.

Although the trial carries no legal weight, the fact remains that Ray's only chance so far of clearing his name resulted in a verdict of not guilty. This at least proves there are many questions left unanswered and calls into question the motives for not allowing Ray to have a real trial in the first place.

Two weeks after Ray's guilty plea, he filed a handwritten request for a new trial, but the judge died while considering it. Pepper said that Tennessee law was clear in a situation such as this: A new trial is to be automatically granted. And although an identical request by another inmate was granted, Ray's request was denied.

What is the government afraid of? If Ray were found not guilty in a real criminal trial, there would be public pressure to find the real killer or killers. Theories of conspiracy such as the one presented by the defense in the mock trial would need to be explored further.

Is the government willing to undertake this self-scrutinizing task?

There is a possibility that an innocent man is sitting in Riverbend State Prison. Every day he wakes up behind bars, suffering the consequences for a crime he may not have committed.

Right now, James Earl Ray may be the only one who knows for sure. But the criminal justice system owes it to him and to the public to search for the truth — no matter how much it hurts.

Assistant Editorial Editor Don Puckett is a political science and journalism sophomore and a Ken-

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Farm

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Pharmacy and a local economic development official.

Companies that locate at Coldstream would lease land for offices or manufacturing sites and would ideally have strong links to UK and its research faculty.

For example, the farm's first tenant, Hughes Display Products, is the outgrowth of a small high-tech company started by Lee Todd, a UK graduate and former professor.

Todd sold his company to Hughes Aircraft, then persuaded its board to consolidate the division's manufacturing operations at Coldstream.

UK has since pursued several other tenants and has "one hot prospect, a small one, that we hope to have something resolved on within 30 days," Carter said. He declined to identify the company.

Pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies are the focus of efforts by Dr. Jordan L. Cohen, UK's dentistry dean, and David Copenhaver, president of Lexington United Inc.

In late 1991, the state approved a joint venture with UK to solicit investors for an \$8 million plant for drug research and manufacturing at Coldstream Farm.

Cohen and Copenhaver traveled to southern California earlier this year to try to interest biotechnology firms in investing in the plant.

The College of Pharmacy operates one of just two university-affiliated pilot drug laboratories in the country certified to test new drugs for U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval.

Another selling point for potential investors is that the pharmacy school was ranked third best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

"All of those things together make UK's College of Pharmacy really different," Copenhaver said.

"There are a lot of places in the country where drug companies can get bits and pieces of it, but at this time, nobody else but UK can offer all the pieces."

The trip to southern California in February to biotechnology companies "reinforced us that we were on the right track," Copenhaver said. "They all need it, but they don't have the money to do it."

But the first step remains financing a pilot program, Copenhaver said. Carter estimates that a pharmaceutical research plant would cost almost \$9 million, money that UK does not have.

Copenhaver said he is working on several financing packages that would combine private and state money. He contends that the research center would help not only Lexington but other parts of Kentucky, as well.

Press

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publishing process begins with several different methods.

A large scale, ongoing search for authors is conducted by representatives who attend conventions and scout for scholarly books.

Many times, the Press recruits authors by mail.

Sometimes authors initiate the process by submitting manuscripts for consideration.

For Brown, it happened quite by accident. "I went there to talk to them about something entirely different," he said.

While he was there, he began talking about the information he had spent more than 30 years compiling on Alonzo Cushing, an 1861 graduate of West Point.

The Press indicated to him an interest in the book. Two years later, his book idea is becoming a reality and is expected to be in print by fall.

"I am very impressed with staff at the University Press," Brown said.

"They are a terrific team. The whole staff assisted me in every conceivable way. I hope to be able to work with them again."

Bradlen, whose book is a compilation of profiles of women columnists, said, "I gave Ken some of the

profiles that I had written and asked him to read them.

"He was very encouraging and said to go ahead with it and continue to write. Later, I went back with a more complete manuscript."

Bradlen said it speaks well of Cherry that he could see the value of "a very sketchy manuscript. He recognized its merit early on."

Strickland said she understands the exhilaration that a new author feels when his or her first book finally is printed.

"I get a copy of the book to them as soon as possible," she said.

"It's the same type of high a woman has when she gives birth to her first child. It only happens once."

Health

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Lexington, said employers could avoid the tax and claim they offer health care coverage by having a first aid kit.

"If that's what we're talking about, that's hocus pocus," Scorsone said.

Miller said some social pressure could be brought to bear on employers, but to mandate some sort of minimum coverage of employers would put the state on shaky legal ground.

The problem is the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, ERISA, which essentially forbids states from taking any action that harms workers' benefits.

Miller said requiring employers to provide a certain level of coverage borders on a so-called "pay or play" system where companies must insure workers or pay a tax.

Miller said such a system carries a "significant degree of uncertainty."

Miller offered an unusual alternative to the commission, which is charged with drafting a health care reform plan.

A state could enact a minimum wage law that includes a health care section.

Any employer who did not provide coverage would have to pay a higher wage in real dollars, Miller said.

The point is crucial to Jones' view of health care because it is based on everyone having insurance coverage.

Many legislators, though, say mandatory insurance coverage is a moot political issue and cannot pass the General Assembly.

The most pressing financial issue on the health care horizon is more straightforward, Miller said.

Kentucky's current tax on health care providers must end by July 1 and it accounts for 31 percent of the money the state spends on Medicaid.

But the current state system basically taxes only the Medicaid receipts of health care providers.

Chilids

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Chilids. Merrill simply laughed and asked, "What can you say about her?"

All three students agree Chilids is by far their favorite driver.

Chilids said she never tires of driving her bus, even though she travels the same route an average of nine times a day, five days a week. She said she believes it is the students who keep her job interesting.

She loves to talk to students about their jobs, their classes or their weekend adventures. She even tells a few tales of her own.

Merrill, Gordon and Sechrest all said they love talking to her, but admitted that she can't keep a secret. Sechrest said he likes to ride her bus to catch up on the latest and juiciest gossip.

Driving a bus is not always

smiles, laughter and good conversation, however. Chilids said her scariest experience occurred while she was driving the trolley, rather than her regular bus, because several of the buses equipped with wheelchair lifts were not running.

As she turned a corner, a student in a wheelchair slid headfirst down the trolley stairs and into the doors. Chilids and the only other passenger had to pull the student and his motorized wheelchair from the stairs and lift him back onto the platform.

Fortunately, the student was not seriously injured, but Chilids still wonders what she would have done if the other passenger had not been there to help. She said she still does not know which of the three was more scared.

No matter what the weather, Jeri Chilids will be there to take her kids where they need to go. And if they're good, they might be treated to a cup of hot gossip along the way.

SAB

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experiences.

"I've had experiences in SAB that I never thought I would have. I've

met people that I never thought I would meet," he said. "I don't think students know about that right now."

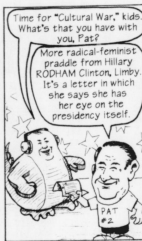
"We're focusing on better quality of programs and better committee responsibility. We had a great leadership last year. I only hope to continue in that direction."

The Student Development Council welcomes its newest members:

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| Michael Bass | Amelia Perkins |
| Vinod Belani | Denise Schermer |
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APRIL 16-17, 1993

5K WALK/RUN

Prizes for the organization with the most members participating, as well as trophies for division winners. Saturday, April 17 at Gate 2 Commonwealth Stadium. Check in at 7:30 a.m. \$8.00 entry fee through April 14 and \$10.00 after that date.

AIR BALL

Volleyball on a 3-foot high enclosed air mattress. Get your teams together for Saturday, April 17 at the Student Center. 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$20 per team/9 members per team.

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Available at the SAB office, Rm. 203 of the Student Center. \$10 each.

OTHER EVENTS

Kick-off Party with FREE CONCERT featuring Johnny Somebody and The Onion Boy. Haggin Field, 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 16

2 HOT-AIR BALLOON RACES: Have your organization sponsor a balloon for \$75. Hang a banner from the balloon and even be a part of the crew! E.S. Goodbarn Field 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR: Jewels, paintings, hand-made crafts, hand-blown glass, and more! Stoll Field, 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 17

ENTERTAINMENT with the Sensations and See-I Reggae Band. Student Center Parking Lot, 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 17

FOOD! Hot Dogs, chips, sodas, sno-cones, cotton candy! Student Center Parking Lot Saturday, April 17

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