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Awareness of AIDS stressed

By TRACEY L. BOYD
Staff Writer

Various UK groups will pull together Friday to observe the third annual World AIDS Day and offer information to the University community on the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome and about available resources.

The purpose of recognizing World AIDS Day parallels the University's purpose — to educate.

"We want to be proactive," said Russ Williams, UK substance abuse and AIDS educator. "Education is the primary way to reduce the fear (of AIDS) and get a more rational and sane response to the epidemic."

The World Health Organization, a

specialized health agency of the United Nations, has designated Saturday as World AIDS Day. The National HIV and AIDS Awareness Day is Monday, Dec. 3. UK will hold its event Friday, and this year's theme is "Women and AIDS."

WHO's current statistics about the AIDS epidemic indicate that between eight and 10 million people worldwide are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS. Of this number, more than three million are women. Projections based on the current number of HIV-infected people indicate 500,000 people will develop AIDS during 1990 and 1991, and 200,000 of these will be women.

AIDS cases were reported during 1990 by the end of October — 477 in Kentucky. Of these U.S. cases, 93,775 deaths have resulted, 333 of which were in Kentucky.

"We want to move to increase awareness and provide education to prevent further infection and limit consequences of infection," said Lisa Stoffer, assistant dean of students.

An ad hoc committee chaired by Williams has coordinated the events on campus. The committee includes Mary Brinkman, director of health education for UK Student Health Services; Tim Dunnagan, director of the Wellness Program; Nina Roter, of the Office of International Affairs; Stoffer; and Williams.

Williams has organized a Resource Fair to be held Friday in 206 Student Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The fair will involve representatives from many campus education organizations, including the Wellness Program, the Dean of Students Office, Health Education, International Affairs Office, College of Nursing, Student Government Association, Student Activities Board, Gays and Lesbians United for Education, and Associations of Medical and Pharmacy Students. Community-based AIDS service agencies also will be represented.

Current literature about AIDS and related topics will be available to

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Facts on AIDS

HIV risks can be reduced by:

- Remaining within a monogamous relationship when you become sexually active
- Using latex condoms with the spermicide Nonoxonyl-9 during sex
- Avoiding any injury to body tissues during sex
- Not using intravenous drugs or sharing needles

Possible symptoms of AIDS or HIV infection are:

- Sore throat that does not go away or white spots or patches in the mouth
- A new, persistent cough
- Persistent diarrhea
- Pink or purple bumps or blotches on the skin
- Persistent excessive tiredness for no apparent reason
- Recurring fevers, chills or night sweats
- Unexplained weight loss of more than 10 pounds
- Persistent enlargement of the lymph nodes (glands) in the throat, neck or armpits

A VIEW FROM DOWN UNDER



Junior Ted Waldeyer, a UK diver, and junior John Crachiun, a UK swimmer, watch the World Diving Trials held at the Laxcaster Aquatics Center yesterday afternoon. See Story Page 2.

Volleyball team gets NCAA bid

By BRIAN JENT
Managing Editor

While UK setter Laura Linder was sitting in her room studying Sunday night, she received an unexpected phone call from Coach Kathy DeBoer. The reason: the Wildcats received an invitation to the NCAA Volleyball Tournament.

Besides feeling elated about the invitation, UK's captain and only senior member was surprised that the NCAA had invited a team that lost in the first round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament to the University of Mississippi (15-4, 4-15, 15-9, 12-15, 12-15) last Friday.

"I thought that was impossible. I thought my career had ended," the All-American candidate said. "Kathy DeBoer called me (Sunday) night. ... How about playing in the NCAA?" she said. "... I can't put it into words how excited I was."

Linder, who will be participating in her third NCAA tournament, was the first person DeBoer called about the Wildcats' 7:30 p.m. game Friday against Florida State University at Memorial Coliseum.

"I am incredibly thrilled for Laura Linder because she deserves to go on. ...," the UK coach said. "The first person that I called after I got the phone call was Laura Linder be-

cause this would be the most special to her."

Although UK's 21-11 season could be considered a roller coaster ride, DeBoer thinks her team deserved the bid because of a second-place finish in the SEC and big wins over teams like Purdue University, the University of Illinois and the University of Wyoming.

"We have had a season in which we have lived on the edge," she said. "We would have a good win ... and then we would turn right around and have a bad weekend."

Despite the first-round loss to Mississippi, DeBoer thought her team might qualify for the NCAA Tournament with its 21-11 record.

"The problem is that they had to forgive us for the Mississippi loss, and they obviously did," she said. "There is no doubt in my mind that this team is good enough to be in the NCAA."

DeBoer will not make any "predictions" about how far the team will advance in the tournament. Her main concern is Florida State, which enters the tournament with a 25-9 record.

"There are no bad teams in the NCAA," DeBoer said. "The 32 teams which got in there are in there because they are the best teams in

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UK community skeptical of earthquake predictions

By ANGELA JONES
Assistant News Editor

Although the prediction of a massive earthquake along the New Madrid Fault has some people scrambling, UK's community seems to be keeping a cool head.

The New Madrid Fault, which runs through western Kentucky and is 150 miles away from campus, has become the topic of discussion in the past few months, after climatologist Iben Browning predicted a quake measuring 7.8 on the Richter Scale to occur around Dec. 3.

Many experts question the validity of Browning's prediction, saying it is just a random guess. Jason Travis, a western Kentucky native, agrees.

"I think everyone's paranoid about nothing."

Jason Travis,
Undeclared sophomore.

"I think everyone's paranoid about nothing," said Travis, an undeclared sophomore.

"He's a biologist. What does he know about earthquakes?" Travis asked.

Travis, a Paducah native, has grown up in a community where earthquake insurance is a must and said the probability of a quake is old news to him.

"One week's no different than the next" when you live on the New Madrid Fault, Travis said. "If it's gonna happen, it's gonna happen. There's

not much you can do."

But Vincent Dmevich, professor of civil engineering, said although he doesn't take much stock in the date predicted, a quake is inevitable, and it will be a good opportunity to re-evaluate UK's earthquake emergency response plan.

"It's not clockwork. It could happen Dec. 3 or Feb. 20," Dmevich said. "We should take the same precautions throughout the year."

An emergency response plan for a quake on campus has been created, and an emergency team composed

of several physical plant staff members and campus police, said Jack Blanton, vice chancellor for administration.

"Who can say if we're going to have one or not?"

Blanton said people should take precautions but not be preoccupied with the prediction.

"Earthquakes are the last thing on my mind," he said. "I'm more concerned about how students are going to pass my class."

One student said his plan is to "do outdoor things" on Dec. 3.

"I plan to head for open fields after classes," said Doug Schelling, a biology junior from Washington state.

But one Henderson junior said he thinks the prediction is a joke and

has no special strategies created to dodge falling buildings.

"I can't believe a bunch of people have jumped because one guy made a guess," said Jeff Henderson, whose hometown is susceptible to major damage caused by an earthquake.

But Henderson said he isn't worried.

"I'm no more concerned about my family on that day than any other."

San Francisco native Cindy Ninos, however, said there is plenty of room for worry among UK students.

Ninos, who survived the earthquake that killed more than 270 people in the Bay area last October, said she is skeptical of the buildings

on campus. "They're not built to pass quake regulations," said Ninos, an animal science freshman. "That's why San Francisco is the safest place for an earthquake."

Classes continue but no tests during 'dead week'

Staff reports

Although next week is officially "dead week" classes will be alive and well. Although some schools cancel classes the week before finals, UK does not.

But take heart. If you have a final examination Dec. 3-7, you are not required to take it, according to the University rules. The purpose is to give students time to study for finals without having to study for other tests.

UK Admissions Office conducts information day

The UK Admissions Office will conduct an information day on the Lexington Campus for black seniors at Lexington's high schools today. Some 200 students are expected to attend to learn more about scholarships, college classes, careers, housing and extracurricular activities.

The students will arrive at 9:30 a.m. and meet in 230 Student Center. They will move to the Grand Ballroom for a college fair, student

panel discussion, entertainment by the UK Black Voices and lunch.

UK students will conduct campus tours beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Departments sponsor 16-day trip

The UK Russian and Eastern Studies Department is sponsoring a 16-day trip to the Soviet Union.

The trip, from Dec. 28-Jan. 13, will include visits to Leningrad, Pskov and Moscow.

The cost is \$2,138, which in-

cludes round-trip airfare leaving from New York, accommodations, meals, transportation and several planned excursions.

The trip is open to the public. The deadline for payment and visa application is Saturday.

To make reservations or for more information, call Cynthia Ruder, UK Russian professor, at 257-7026.

'Circle of Love Day'

Lots of holiday celebrating at this nighttime event in the Great Hall,

UK Student Center tomorrow. Santa (a.k.a. Bob Clay, dean of residence life) and Mrs. Claus (Connie Baird, with University Extension) will help light the holiday tree.

Athletics Director C.M. Newton, the Black Voices and Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway will participate.

The event's primary purpose is to allow students, faculty and staff to choose names of local children for whom they will fill holiday gift wishes.

UK TODAY

UK's Waste Management Task Force seeks advice from students, faculty and staff on issues like recycling; meeting at 7 p.m. tonight, 230 Student Center

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SPORTS

Olympic medalist wins World Trial

By AL HILL
Staff Writer

Wendy Lian Williams, a 1988 bronze medalist, won the first women's 10-meter platform diving final yesterday at the Lancaster Aquatic Center.

Williams won handily, scoring more than 47 points over her nearest competitors.

However, it wasn't until the third round that she made her move.

After two mediocre dives, Williams accumulated six scores of 8.5 and one 9.0, on her third dive — which was to be the only 9.0 of the day for the women.

"I knew from the minute I jumped that I fell right into the groove of the dive, and the dive took care of itself," Williams said.

Ten of the best women's 10-meter platform divers in the United States competed for the opportunity to go to the VI World Aquatic Championships Jan. 3-13 in Perth, Australia. The World Aquatic Championships is considered the most competitive diving meet on Earth — next to the Olympics.

The women each performed eight dives with degrees of difficulty ranging from 1.4 to 3.0.

But only the two best scores from yesterday's competition and Friday's 1 p.m. trial will enable them to qualify.

Williams, who has been diving

since she was 3, won the first trial with a score of 420.24. Finishing second in the event was Colleen (Cokey) Smith, with a score of 372.69.

Smith dove consistently on all eight of her dives, but like Williams it was an outstanding third dive that enabled her to finish second before Linda Pesek's 362.97.

"I kept my mind clear and took one dive at a time, I have tendency to think ahead of the dive I'm doing," Smith said.

Pesek, 20, was one of the youngest divers at the meet. She finished a surprising third in her first world championship trial.

Despite the apparent magnitude of the meet, it was business as usual for Pesek.

"It was a little different, but I thought of it as just another meet," she said.

It was Pesek's fifth dive that received the highest score, which was unusual for her because it was an inward 2.5 flip dive, usually her toughest dive, she said.

"I've had problems with that dive in the past, I came off the tower really clean, and I knew then it would be a good dive," Pesek said.

The men, who competed on the three meter board last night, were led by Mark Penzi. Penzi narrowly defeated former Olympians Mark Bradshaw and Kent Ferguson.

Penzi dived consistently throughout the competition.



MICHAEL CLEVELAND/Kentucky Kernel Staff

Wendy Lian Williams, a 1988 Olympic bronze medalist, shows near-perfect form in a dive from the platform yesterday at the Henry A. Lancaster Aquatic Center. She won the platform competition.

Monday's World Trial diving results

Women's Platform Final #1	
1. Wendy Lian Williams	420.24
2. Cokey Smith	372.69
3. Linda Pesek	362.97
Men's Three Meter Final #1	
1. Mark Lenzi	651.01
2. Mark Bradshaw	648.81
3. Kent Ferguson	648.15

Pesek's fear lifts her to new heights

By AL HILL
Staff Writer

After a near fatal disaster on the 10-meter platform high dive, NCAA champion Linda Pesek has earned a healthy respect for the diving tower.

"I'll never play dive from the tower," Pesek said. "I need things to have to think about that takes my mind off the height, it helps me keep my mind straight."

Pesek, a native of Houston, Texas, is visiting Lexington this week in hopes of qualifying for the World Championships, to be held in Perth, Australia, in January.

The competition, which began yesterday at the Lancaster Aquatics Center, was Pesek's first big non-collegiate meet.

"This was the first time she has gotten to dive in a meet of this caliber, and we were very excited about the way she dived today — very consistent," said Dave Parrington, Pesek's coach.

Parrington was alluding to yesterday's third-place finish in the first of two competitions on the 10-meter platform.

Pesek has her work cut out for her, as only the top two divers from both competitions will qualify for the big one in Australia.

It hasn't been an easy trip to the top of her sport — and to the top of the 10-meter platform — for Pesek. She began diving her sophomore year in high school. Her rise, in fact, nearly ended in tragedy.

While training for the Senior Nationals in 1986, she missed her dive, and, landing awkwardly, she lost consciousness after impact.

"I was doing a 3.5 tuck, I came out of my dive too early and landed horizontal — I was knocked unconscious. I didn't remember anything I did that day, then I had to do the same dive two days later (in training)," Pesek said.

She had to be dragged out of the water by onlookers.

But that didn't stop the courageous Pesek. She completed five

days later in the competition and had to perform the same dive — the 3.5 tuck. And "she did it quite well," Parrington said.

It was Parrington who persuaded her to try the 10-meter platform, as she said she felt more comfortable on the lower level boards.

"When she first started out, she was really scared of the platform, but was eager to do it. ... In the early days of her career, I had to push her a great deal, but I knew she had the potential," he said.

She feels she owes her successes — as well as her recovery — to a much bigger influence.

"Prayer and the Lord. It's above consistency and everything else — that's what got me here," Pesek said.

Pesek enjoys diving, but she said she doesn't feel she's competing against the other divers at this event.

"The person who is most deserving and is doing the best at the time deserves to represent the United States. ... The diving world is like a family — they are supportive and they cheer each other on," she said.

Pesek currently is a senior at the University of Houston.

Apparently the diving blood runs in the family — her little sister Kathy also has trained with Parrington.

"(Kathy is) also an outstanding talent," the coach said.

Recently, Parrington took the diving coach job at University of Tennessee. In order to train, the elder Pesek travels to Knoxville on weekends. During the week, she and Parrington talk on the phone and examine videotapes.

At the end of the school year, Pesek will move to Knoxville, where she can train full time with Parrington. There she will prepare for the 1992 Olympics.

"The first year of diving 10 meter was really scary," she said. "I didn't know exactly how much time you have to fall."

"The thing is being lost and not knowing where I am."

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Kats defeat NKU

By TIM WIESENHAHN
Staff Writer

Although the Lady Kats breezed past the Northern Kentucky University Lady Norse 97-79 last night at Memorial Coliseum, UK coach Sharon Fanning was less than enthusiastic about her team's third victory in as many games this season.

Following the game, Fanning stood on the court scouring the game's score sheet for bright spots. "We had six players in double figures — that's a plus," Fanning said. "And it was a 'W'."

The Lady Kats full-court press forced 12 first-half NKU turnovers as they raced to a 54-36 halftime advantage. Still, Fanning was not impressed.

"They (NKU) out-hustled and out-scraped us all night," Fanning said. "We were sloppy protecting the ball and consistently beaten to the boards all night."

"We need to work on the fundamentals."

The loss dropped Northern Kentucky to 2-1.

NKU coach Nancy Winstel said that UK's depth proved to be the difference in the game.

"We simply ran out of gas with four or five minutes left in the first

half," Winstel said. "Their depth was too much."

Sophomore Lori McClellan chipped in 21 points and pulled down four rebounds for the Lady Norse.

Senior guard Tracey Davis led UK's attack with 15 points, and sophomore center Jocelyn Mills and junior forward Stacy McIntyre each contributed 14 points.

UK's swarming full-court press kept the Lady Norse unsettled all night as they committed 21 turnovers and shot only 38 percent from the field, including 44 percent from three-point range.

NKU, however, was more successful from the charity stripe, hitting 27 of 34 free throw attempts.

The Lady Kats canned 48 percent of their shots from the floor, including 45 percent from three-point range, while converting 66 percent of their free throws.

The Lady Kats will have one day to work on their fundamentals to get ready for Ohio State University who comes to Memorial Coliseum for a 7:30 p.m. game tomorrow.

The Lady Kats see the game as an opportunity to earn some national respect because the Lady Buckeyes made it to the NCAA postseason tournament.

Vukovich III dies in crash

Associated Press

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Bill Vukovich III, a third-generation race car driver whose grandfather was killed while leading the Indianapolis 500 in 1955, died Sunday following a crash at Mesa Marin Speedway.

Vukovich, 27, had just completed a few practice laps when his sprint car slammed into a wall at about 11:30 a.m. PST, said Frank Lewis, president of the California Racing Association.

"Basically he went into the turn, took his foot off the gas and went to hit the brakes to slow the car down," Lewis said. "The car locked up and he went straight into the wall."

"He hit his head against the wall and that's what killed him."

His grandfather, Bill Vukovich, won the Indy 500 in 1953 and 1954 and was killed while leading the 1955 race.

His father, Bill Vukovich Jr., was runner-up at Indy in 1973 and raced Indy cars for 12 years.

Vukovich Jr. discussed the death of his father and watching his son follow in their footsteps during a 1988 interview with The Associated Press.

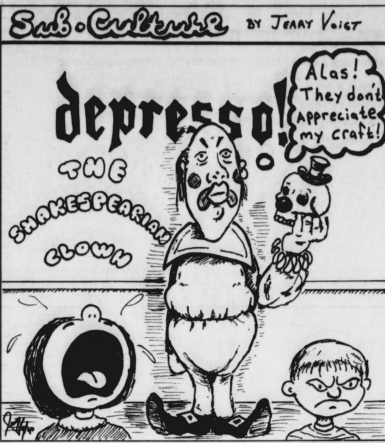
"Billy never really came to me and said, 'Let's talk about your dad.'"

"Billy was always a strong-headed kid and he grew up around cars. And when he was convinced driving was what he wanted to do, I sat him down and told him this is serious business and not a game."

"I also told him, 'You've got to be nuts to drive one of these things. But your grandfather did it and I did it, and I never asked my mother what she thought.'"

"But then I didn't know much about my dad at the time either. I was 11 years old when he was killed."

DIVERSIONS



Pianist Davidovich to make local debut

Staff reports

Russian-born pianist Bella Davidovich is making her long-awaited Lexington debut on the University Artist Series at the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts tonight at 8. Her 1989 Series performance was cancelled suddenly due to illness. "All last season, my audience was asking when Bella was going to return," said Holly Salisbury, director of the Singletary Center. "I'm sure they'll find her performance to be well worth the wait."

The program features six Chopin works: "Fantasie in F minor," "Prelude in C sharp minor," two mazurkas, a scherzo and one barcarolle. Schumann's famed Romantic piece "Carnaval: Scenes mignonnes sur quatre notes" constitutes the entire second half of the program.

Before emigrating to the United States, Davidovich was one of the Soviet Union's pre-eminent artists, and one of the few women admitted into the inner circle of Russian cultural life. Born into a family of mu-

sicians, she displayed her rich musical talent at the age of three and began formal training at six. She was 18 when she entered the famed Moscow Conservatory, and in 1943 she won first prize in the Chopin Competition in Warsaw, earning the title "Deserving Artist of the Soviet Union."

During her remarkable career in Russia, Davidovich appeared with major Russian conductors and performed as soloist with the Leningrad Philharmonic for 28 consecutive seasons. She was a member of the faculty of the Moscow Conservatory for 16 years.

She came to the West in 1978, became an American citizen and has established herself as one of the country's premier keyboard artists.

Tickets for Davidovich are \$16, or \$9 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the Singletary Center Ticket Office or by calling 257-4929.



DAVIDOVICH

Guitar rescues Charlatans UK's 'Friendly'

By MICHAEL L. HUFF
Staff Critic

Want to spice up your next party with just the right amount of dance and a heaping helping of the post-modern? Then pick up the new release from Britain's own, the Charlatans (billed as the Charlatans UK for us Yankees.)

But exercise some caution. Prepare to gorge yourself on more Hammond organ than you ever heard during Sunday morning worship. This funkadelic quintet offers originality in the vast realm of alternative music.

Their new album *Some Friendly* is a euphoric and luxurious retreat from the more popular dance music that tends to cloud the electromagnetic spectrum like so many '74's on a busy day in the musical jet stream.

The opening track, "You're Not Very Well," delivers a punchy

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rhythm and a melodic chorus. It is important to note how this group uses the keyboard family. A Hammond organ replaces the layers of synthesizers that color much of modern dance pop.

However, about 30 minutes of listening to the album leaves the brain in need of an electronic fix. The listener starts to miss the conventional after hearing too much of the unconventional. But this doesn't stop the album from being at least a moderate musical success.

The Hammond organ triumphs over the guitar again in "White Shirt." The use of the organ is tactful, but there's too much of it in this song. The song — in fact the entire album — could benefit from more substantial guitar use and a little less organ.

The album's saving grace is the subtlety of the guitar under the tire-some layers of organ reverb.

The weather gets grayer with "Then." By this time the listener is tired of hearing the Hammond steal all the thunder, but here a gentle

rain of jazz falls and cools the overheated patience.

The best cut on side one of *Some Friendly* is a kooky little instrumental titled "109 pt. 2." The whole tune sounds like old Pink Floyd with weird appearance by the Doors' keyboard player. The organ doesn't bother the listener as much on this track, since it doesn't have vocals to compete with.

"Polar Bear" is the most danceable track on side two — perhaps the whole album. The sound is similar to that of the Talking Heads, but once again, that organ hammers at the listener's nerves. It starts to sound more like an organ grinder in "Believe You Me."

Another weak point in this otherwise wonderful album is the repetitive nature of the songs. The bass isn't too meticulous or complex. And somebody, please, unplug that organ!

Finally, the guitar gets its chance in "Flower" and earns its rightful place as lead instrument. The listener, however, is treated to too much of a good thing.

If you like the sounds of the Smiths, then "Sonic" is your tune. A fast-paced, funkpsychedelic beat and rich use of all instruments come

together in satisfying tones and crisp backbeats. If this sounds more like a nice snack than a song, you're right. This is the best track on the album because it explores more of the organ's potential.

Influences of the Doors, Manfred Mann and Pink Floyd blend well in the album's final track, "Sproston Green." The guitar riffs are more expressive and moody, and the vocals here are far the best.

As a whole, *Some Friendly* is a good album for your alternative music collection. But if you don't like the sound of an organ, don't buy it. If you're enthusiastic about psychedelic dance music with a more traditional flower power flavor, then this album is for you.

Book reveals Townshend's bisexual life

Apple College Information

"I know how it feels to be a woman because I am a woman. And I won't be classified as just a man." That stunning remark comes from Who guitarist Pete Townshend, who divulges his bisexual nature and rejects his macho, rock-star image in *Rock Lives: Profiles and Interviews*.

Townshend, father of three and married since 1966 to Karen Astley, says "Rough Boys," from 1980's *Empty Glass*, was "a coming-out, an acknowledgement of the fact that I'd had a gay life, and that I understood what gay sex was about. It was a real acknowledgement of the fact that I'd been surrounded by people that I really adored — and was actually sexually attracted to — who were men. And that the side of me that responded to those people was a passive side, a subordinate side."

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Students should give SGA piece of their minds

A common complaint students have about the UK Student Government Association is that its members are unresponsive to the needs of the average student. Some have remarked that SGA would not know the average student if one walked into its office.

When confronted with those comments, most SGA officials respond, "No one has told me about that."

This week, SGA's freshman senators and senators at large are giving students a chance to tell them how SGA can better serve UK's increasingly diverse and multi-cultural Lexington Campus and Lexington Community College.

Through the rest of this week, the 19 senators will be at the "SGA Question and Answer Booth" on the second floor of the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

No appointment is necessary, and you don't have to have been a major campaign supporter to speak with them.

The senators' efforts may be seen by some cynics as another attempt by SGA to window-dress its organization. No matter what the intentions, students serious about the booth should take the opportunity to speak with senators informally about what they need to do to improve SGA and UK.

Government's strength comes from its ability to effectively respond to its constituents' needs. If the constituents do not make their opinions known, it is difficult for those in government to provide the necessary leadership and direction.

This week also could be productive for those in the SGA Senate. A recurring problem on campus is that people become too comfortable in their setting. For someone in SGA, that can be especially detrimental because only by meeting with those who have different interests and opinions can a senator effectively gauge the campus' interests and needs. This week will allow senators to meet some of those people.

Sine the UK presidential search died down, SGA has not been in the news that much. But that does not mean that its purpose has been diminished one iota — providing services to students and improving the campus' quality of life.

LETTERS

Take time to laugh at life

I think we should give some thought to Marcia Lynn Hensley's letter to the editor in which she stated, "No person wants to open their paper and read about devil sacrifices and men purchasing feminine hygiene material."

Why would someone want to read about this make-believe stuff when real life is so much more entertaining? I would rather open my paper and read about people blowing up other people because they think differently. Or maybe George Bush and Saddam Hussein getting mad at each other and people ready to kill for each of them.

Environmental tragedy, the homeless, murders, rapists, the list goes on. I can't forget to mention my favorites, the savings and loan bailout and the abortion controversy. Each is always good for a cry.

With all the senselessness of reality that makes me cry and scream, I applaud anyone who tries to make me laugh and help me escape the horrors of the real world for a few moments.

Some people may not like "The Doggy Bag," but then not everyone likes Richard Pryor. Keep making us laugh, Ken Minter, and thanks.

Bryan Gene DeWhitt Gibson is a biology and psychology senior.

Leave UK athletes alone

Are the athletes of this University more important than the rest of the students at UK? Are their private lives so much more fascinating? Some may think so, but I don't.

I can't tell you how many times I've heard people complain about UK athletes being put on pedestals. I've heard that athletes receive special treatment from professors and

administrators. Personally, I think it's all a bunch of lies — to put it nicely. It seems quite clear that all you people talking about such things are just eager to degrade those students who appear to have it easier than you — and that simply is not true.

I think it's ridiculous that people can't leave UK's athletes alone. I'm not only talking about gossiping students, but the media too!

It annoyed me to wake up one morning and hear a couple of disc jockeys making fun of a UK football player for being arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol. He was subsequently suspended for the next football game. Even the Lexington Herald-Leader had to get in on the story.

I have one thing to say to all of you — get on with your own lives! These athletes at UK are ordinary people, with the exception of possessing an above-average athletic ability.

To those of you students who want to see the athletes treated like everyone else — why don't you start by stopping your sensationalistic gossip? And a word to the media — report what really matters. If an athlete has suffered an injury, by all means let the fans know — but taking cheap shots doesn't cut it.

Lisa Simoncelli is a journalism junior.

Death no joke

Greg Hick's guest opinion ("The Professors," Nov. 13) was truly tasteless. When I opened the Kernel that day, I thought that someone had actually died. Death is not a joking matter. As I continued reading the column, I realized what a sick idea it was.

The Kernel editorial staff should have shown some responsibility and eliminated it from publication, or at least indicated in some way that it was just a trashy joke.

Jack Hash is a French sophomore.



Taken For A Ride

Trip in Corvette was a chance to live life in the fast lane



David DICK

Always wanted to take at least one ride in a Corvette before departing this splendid orb.

Along comes my big chance. One of my buddies in the College of Communications, Steve Dozier, photojournalism professor, owns one of the sleek dudes. It's a cream-colored beauty, low down and dirty, designed to make a farm boy feel like he'd stepped out of his pickup truck mentality to join the world of swingers.

Met Steve at his home in Versailles. Before you could say, "Cool, man," I was nestled in the bucket seat, feeling powerful and ready for Hollywood.

We scratched some gravel on Maple Street and headed over to U.S. 60 toward Frankfort and Interstate 64.

"Only way to go, Steve." He smiled.

No room for a gun rack, I thought, but what the heck? In a Corvette, all you need to do is to look across your nose and charm them out of the trees.

We rolled into Louisville, changing lanes in morning rush hour as if we owned the concrete plant that built the interstate highway system.

We attended the College and Career Day, sponsored by the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, the Jefferson County Youth Performing Arts School and duPont Manual Magnet High School.

But a big part of my brain was



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out there in the wild blue yonder, riding off into the Kentucky sunset in a Corvette, carrying my behind end like a catcher's mitt.

Steve and I walked out at a day's end through a cold rain to our awaiting chariot. The catcher's mitt had some water in it. So did the recessed compartment behind the passengers' seats, where the battery is located.

The divine machine would not start. I sat and sulked while Steve went to look for a telephone to call American Automobile Association.

Nice enough fellow showed up. He jumped-started the hot rod, and we were ready to head home. Something of the edge was taken off, I

thought.

Steve nursed the water-logged beast through the evening rush hour, down Third Street to Eastern Parkway, over to I-65 and down to the Watterson Expressway, over to I-64 and on back in the direction of Versailles.

It was touch and go the whole way, and the rain was coming in the sides of the proud Corvette, because there wasn't enough juice to close the windows.

Near one of the Shelbyville exits, Steve uttered the words neither one of us wanted to hear: "This car has stopped. I do not like that this car has stopped. I do not like this at all."

I didn't, either.

Steve engineered the car to the side of the interstate. We stepped out into the rain and began to walk toward Shelbyville.

We were wearing almost identical identical black wool coats, which sponged up rain.

"You know what we look like?" "No, what do we look like?"

"Mormon missionaries." A nice lady in a pickup truck stopped and picked us up.

"We're not Mormon missionaries."

She smiled as if to say she didn't care one way or the other.

The lady dropped us off at a service station.

Steve called AAA again. I raided vending machines. The rain kept falling. The price of gas at the full-service island was \$1.80. Damn it all, said the lonely and forlorn.

The AAA truck arrived. Steve told him where he could find the dead and wet Corvette. Finally, the driver returned with the beast chained to the top of the truck bed.

"Y'all gotta ride up there. I got two other guys in front with me."

I looked at Steve. He looked at me. We climbed up there.

"I ain't lost anybody, yet," said the driver.

Riding in a Corvette chained to the top of a truck in pouring-down rain on the interstate in something like a wet county fair ride that's stuck.

When we passed a semi-trailer I waved and smiled at the driver, who probably thought, "Serves those rich kids right."

David Dick is director of the UK School of Journalism.

He wasn't much of a poet, and she knewed it

By Kerry Karpesky-Ryan

Some years back, when I was a young rooster still able to strut my tail feathers, I had a crush on this wifely little lass named Myrna.

Myrna was one of those artsy-smartsy types.

She spent most of her time in the discos and coffee houses smoking cigarettes (but not inhaling), drinking coffee that was mostly cream and sugar and listening to poetry.

This was back when discotheques were places of cool jazz and quiet intellectual conversations; not strobe-lighted cacophonies of shallow talk, with people having conniption fits to the beating of an obstreperous drum machine.

The poets of Myrna's idolatry were older guys who had pieces of beards, and they wore French berets and turtle-neck sweaters even in the heat of summer.

They brandished peace signs to complement their lofty poems of love and war and politics.

And while most of the crowd was just a bunch of phonies blowing hot air to hip, Myrna was different. She was real.

On sunny afternoons after school, I'd see her lying on her belly in the shade of this giant oak tree, nibbling an apple and kicking her legs like a tired swimmer, while pondering the works of T.S. Eliot, Robert Frost and Longfellow.

She was dazzling in her black dancing tights with matching skirt, her long brown hair touching the top of the light sweater that was tied around her waist by its arms.

Often she'd be barefooted, and it still pulls and my heart to recall myself admiring those twitching toes from afar.

I was lovesick, and my only hope was to become a poet myself.

In my earnest to win the attention of my Myrna (in my mind she was already my sweetheart), I somehow missed the fact that poetry was not just a matter of rhyming a few pretty words with "Roses are red and violets are blue."

I did what any other all-American teenager would do. I went to the library.

I checked out a book titled *The Contexts of Poetry*, by Hazard Adams, ploughed through it in two nights, and sat down to write.

She was dazzling in her black dancing tights with matching skirt, her long brown hair touching the top of the light sweater that was tied around her waist by its arms.

What came out was this: Myrna, oh Myrna, Your eyes are a furnace, Your smile is as bright as the sun.

Myrna, dear Myrna, My heart is yearning, Let me be your only one.

Myrna, my Myrna, Etc., etc., etc.

It went on and on in this fashion for about a million stanzas.

Having completed my great work, I stalked my unsuspecting prey for a few days, looking for just the right moment to surprise her with it. I had no doubt that my poem (I called it "Ode to a Lady") would touch Myrna so deeply that she would be moved to tears of love and joy.

Finally one day I saw her standing at the bus stop in a driving rainstorm, soaked to the skin. Under the pretext of my umbrella, I sidled up

next to her and lit into "Ode to a Lady" with a stuttering passion.

After I finished, she asked, "Have you told anyone about this?"

"No," I replied. "It's for your ears only."

"Good," she said, obviously relieved. "Promise me you never will."

"Why?" I asked as the bus pulled up.

"Because it's lousy."

With her words still ringing in my ears, Myrna got on the bus, taking my umbrella with her, and rode out of my life. The last I heard, she was living with a sculptor up in Greenwich Village, N.Y.

As the years pass, I still write poetry from time to time. I always think of Myrna and "Ode to a Lady" when I do. But since that dismal day at the bus stop, I pretty much keep my poetry to myself.

Kerry Karpesky-Ryan is a Lexington resident.

AIDS

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everyone. Williams ordered brochures printed in about 10 different languages and in Braille to help "populations who normally don't get attention they need in special projects like this." Videos also will be shown in the Student Center Theater.

SGA will have table games during lunch in the Student Center Cafeteria. Students can win money or prizes by answering questions about AIDS correctly.

"It will give students a chance to start thinking about AIDS," Stofor said.

Other exhibits will be set up in the UK libraries, Lexington Community College and the Albert B. Chandler Medical Center.

Resource and information tables will be set up in two locations at the

Medical Center: in front of the Medical Center library from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and by the Medical Center cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Williams said he is pleased with the support he has received from campus personnel organizing the major educational campaign. But he is afraid the effect of AIDS information is diminishing as people tire of hearing about the disease.

"Some people are offended by talk about sexual acts, but it is a blood-borne sexually transmitted disease," he said. "It may be uncomfortable (to discuss), but it's quite necessary."

"I think we run the risk of overeducating in a situation like this. But, at the same time, we can't let ... an unpleasant topic lead us away from doing what needs to be done."

Brinkman said the day's activities will help to increase awareness and "heighten sensitivity to the issue."

She emphasized the importance of getting people to think about the issues, if only momentarily. "They

don't necessarily have to get real involved in it to think about it for a few minutes."

Although UK is "only one speck of sand in the middle of the world," Williams emphasized that every informed person helps increase AIDS awareness.

Williams has arranged to use several other methods in getting information out to the UK community.

For example, UK employees will receive a list of reference facts about AIDS with their paycheck.

Also, an updated tabloid newsletter, "Question-and-Answer guide concerning HIV infection and AIDS," will be inserted in Friday's Kentucky Kernel.

The newsletter was created and updated by a UK committee established in November 1987 to develop a report of recommendations and guidelines in response to AIDS. After reviewing UK's policies, the committee recommended a series of steps including increased communication in the University community

about AIDS and related issues.

The brochures and newsletters provide general information about HIV infection and AIDS, as well as ways to contact campus, local and national resource organizations for additional information.

The HIV infection presents two problems that researchers must consider: eliminating the virus and restoring the body's immune system, but to date, no cure or vaccine exists. Several experimental drugs have been developed and tested, but Williams said the drugs only slow the growth process of the virus.

A positive test for HIV means the person has been exposed to the virus and developed antibodies, not necessarily that he or she has AIDS.

However, these people are carriers and are capable of transmitting the virus. Symptoms may take five to 10 years to develop.

"Prevention is the only cure we have right now - prevention through education," Williams said.

"Higher education needs to move

aggressively to confront misinformation and mythology regarding AIDS," Stofor said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, two in every 1,000 college students are infected with the virus.

Students need to understand that if they "indulge in risky behavior, they could be increasing their chances of becoming HIV-infected," Brinkman said.

Brinkman said one problem with making college students aware of the consequences of AIDS is that often they almost believe themselves to be immortal and perceive the length it may take for symptoms to develop as being "half a lifetime."

"I really believe in education. Education sinks in, but behavior changes don't necessarily follow immediately. It's a real challenge."

Volleyball

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the country. We got Florida State, and that is who we are going to concentrate on the whole week."

The Wildcats did not play Florida State this season, but the Cats and the Seminoles are quite familiar with each other. Last season, they met twice, and the Seminoles won on both occasions in five games.

"It is going to be a dog fight," DeBoer said.

After a season of ups and downs, the Cats are looking to forget the past and concentrate on the future.

"What has happened all season this season doesn't matter," UK middle blocker Cathy DeBuono said. "This is the NCAA Tournament."

World AIDS day focuses on women

By KIM PAINTER
Apple College Information

have to?"

Unfortunately, Denenberg said, the incident was typical: Even women at the highest risk for HIV infection still don't realize they could have AIDS and need treatment.

Health care providers don't tend to suspect AIDS in women, either — and don't recognize it when they see it, said Denenberg and others seeking more attention for growing numbers of women with AIDS.

Women will get at least some symbolic attention this week, when

the World Health Organization dedicates its World AIDS Day on Saturday to women and AIDS.

"Women pay a heavy price for being second-class citizens. They are caretakers of other people and tend to neglect their own health," said Mathilde Krim of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, who will address the United Nations on Friday.

She agrees that women tend to be diagnosed later than men, partly because they don't go for health care

as early and partly because doctors don't recognize their symptoms.

Adding to the problem is that, in the United States, AIDS disproportionately affects the disenfranchised — poor, urban, black and Hispanic women who either have drug habits or are involved with men who do.

Activist group ACT UP — the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power — will focus on women at a National AIDS Awareness Day protest Monday at the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

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