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Sutton did not file charges against Kemp

Staff reports

UK basketball player Sean Sutton did not file charges against recruit Shawn Kemp, who was under investigation for the theft of two gold necklaces taken from Sutton's room in September.

Sutton could not make an "unmistakable identification" of two chains Kemp had pawned at a local shop,

according to Terry McBrayer, the Suttons' family lawyer.

Sutton reported that two gold chains were stolen from his room in Wildcat Lodge in September. On Oct. 22 police recovered two gold chains that were pawned at a Lexington shop by Kemp.

Kemp was identified as a suspect in the theft, but no charges were filed against him by Sutton.

"Sean Sutton recently reported two gold chains missing from his room," McBrayer said in a prepared statement last night. "Later, two gold chains were brought to him for identification. Due to his inability to make an unmistakable identification of the chains no complaint was filed."

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Hostage Anderson releases videotape, blames Reagan

By FAROUK NASSAR
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — American hostage Terry Anderson, in a videotape released yesterday by his kidnappers, read a statement that accused the Reagan administration of blocking his release and urged the next president to do more.

President Reagan denied interfering with efforts to free Anderson, and his chief spokesman, Martin Fitzwater, denounced the tape as "a cynical attempt" to influence the Nov. 8 election.

Copies of the 2-minute, 35-second tape were delivered to two Western news agen-

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UK college GOP and Democrats debate campaign

By JULIE ESSELMAN
Special Projects Writer

In a debate that probably touched on more issues than presidential and the vice presidential debates combined, representatives of the UK College Democrats and College Republicans last night argued their candidates' policies in areas such as education, defense and the economy.

About 40 people gathered in the Old Student Center to hear the debate, which was sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha political science honorary. Alan Cornett and Dan Miller represented the College Republicans, and Joseph Elias and Chris Harrell spoke for the College Democrats.

Education and the candidates' plans for its improvement sparked debate over the federal government's educational responsibilities. The Democrats said the government should ensure education for every American while the Republicans maintained that the individual states should bear more of the burden.

"We need to have a foundation for funding education," Elias said. "Why doesn't the government say it's going to provide an education for everyone like it should?"

Elias said that under the Reagan administration, federal aid for education has been cut while average tuition costs have increased.

"Tuition at UK has doubled since Reagan's been in the White House," said Harrell. "The Reagan administration is making it harder for students to go to school. Look at Kentucky. Where's the money? They don't have the money. It's up to the federal government to ensure an education to every student."

The Republicans, however, said the Democrats "want a larger federal government," and that education is not the primary responsibility of the government.

"The states must take that responsibility," Cornett said, adding that UK's tuition is low compared to most universities. "Education clearly is a valid problem, and George Bush has said he's willing to look at these problems."

Elias said that Democrat Michael Dukakis's proposal of providing loans that students can gradually repay while they work

after graduation will put less of a burden on students.

But Cornett said it would be difficult to fund such a broad program and that "for the rest of their lives (students) would be paying on their education."

Another hotly-contested issue was the status of the U.S. economy and the candidates' views on how to deal with it.

The Republican side said the economy is in relatively good shape and that Bush will continue the Reagan administration's supply-side economics.

"It's no 'voodoo economics' that we went from double-digit inflation (to single-digit) ... and people are at work again," Cornett said.

"Bush has seen supply-side economics does work. He's willing to admit it. I wish Mike Dukakis would do the same thing."

But Elias said the economy "is not doing OK." He mentioned the \$1.4 trillion federal debt and the \$150 billion trade deficit.

"We're mortgaging our future," he said. "If (supply-side economics) has worked, why do we go more and more in debt? It just doesn't make any sense."

Much of the talk on defense centered on the Strategic Defense Initiative, strongly supported by the Reagan administration.

Dukakis, who at first opposed SDI, has said he would support limited research into it and then consider its deployment if proved possible.

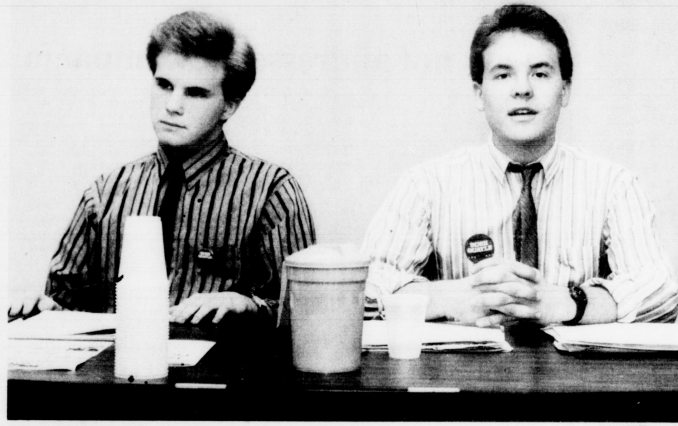
"SDI today is a fantasy. The way Reagan has described it," Harrell said. "What Gov. Dukakis wants to do is keep research levels the way they were in 1983. The reason is to see if somewhere down the line this system would be feasible."

But Miller said the Soviets are already researching the program, and the United States can't afford to lag behind.

"The Reagan administration isn't wanting to deploy the system tomorrow," Cornett said. "President Reagan has said if we do come up with it, we'll share it with the Soviets."

The two sides also differed on the nation's role in supporting and defending countries militarily. Dukakis has said the United States should share the defense

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ALAN HARVE/Kenrol Staff

Alan Cornett and Dan Miller of the UK chapter of the College Republicans respond to a question at last night's debate between the College Republicans and the College Democrats.

Issues, substance are not important in most campaigns, professors say

CATHERINE MONZINGO
Staff Writer

Presidential elections are less partisan today and campaign strategy is geared toward not alienating voters, according to two UK professors.

Stanley Feldman, a UK political science professor, said important issues have not been addressed in this year's presidential election because they alienate voters.

"Campaign strategy is geared to win elections and you win elections by attracting voters and not losing voters," Feldman said at last week's Saturday Seminar.

Issues that are discussed are symbolic or stylistic, Feldman said.

A candidate will not lose voters on either

side of partisan lines on those issues, Feldman said.

Feldman also addressed negative campaigning, in which a candidate builds his image by tearing down his opponent's reputation.

Negative campaigning involves the stressing of a candidate's competence and his opponent's incompetence, Feldman said.

Voters "see a strange pattern of discussing the Pledge of Allegiance or prison furloughs," due to negative campaigning, he said. But "whoever we elect will have nothing to say on these issues."

Because of the format of television news, presidential campaigns are concentrating on creating "sound-bites" — short phrases

developed to fit in a visual set — to make a candidate more appealing, Feldman said.

This sort of strategy will not lead to better discussion of issues," Feldman said.

David Hamilton, a UK assistant professor of history, discussed what campaigns and voter behavior were different in the 1800s.

Voting was part of being a citizen and participating in politics was a major form of entertainment, Hamilton said.

Between 1876 and 1896, 40 percent of eligible voters voted, Hamilton said.

Partisanship was intense and members displayed their affiliation, he said.

"A good citizen (was) a partisan citizen

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Man arrested with gun at Commons Sunday

By KAREN NEAL
Contributing Writer

A Louisville man was arrested early Sunday morning after he shot at another man during an argument in the UK Commons area, according to UK Police Chief Wilson McComas.

Ersuline Weathers Jr., 19, of Louisville was charged with wanton endangerment and was taken to Metro Detention, McComas said. The victim, Philip B. Chenuault Jr., 463 Johnson Ave. Lexington, said Weathers fired a semi-automatic handgun at him, according to the police report.

McComas said that the incident occurred outside Kirwan IV.

"The arrest was made in the loading dock area," McComas said.

The incident occurred after an argument broke out between Weathers and Chenuault, according to McComas.

"According to the information based on my reading, they were acquainted with each other," McComas said.

The police report stated that two wit-

nesses were present at the time of the incident.

"All witnesses testified that the suspect fired a handgun at the complainant," McComas said.

Victor Edwards, who was attending a party in the Commons area, witnessed the incident while he was standing outside of Kirwan IV at about 1:30 in the morning.

A weapon was pulled out and a weapon was fired," Edwards said.

According to Edwards the two men approached the area arguing.

"There was some words exchanged but I couldn't tell you what they were," Edwards said.

Edwards said Chenuault and Weathers were about 10 feet apart when the gun was pulled out.

Chenuault was in Louisville yesterday afternoon and could not be reached for comment.

Blanding II received a bomb threat early Friday morning, according to Ken Walker, Blanding II hall director.

Halloween not just a kid's holiday

By KRISTI WILLET
Staff Writer

Even though Halloween was yesterday, local businesses are still thriving from what has grown into one of the biggest holidays of the year, according to Hallmark house manager Kate Morgan.

"Halloween is probably the fifth largest holiday for us (Hallmark) now, behind Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day," Morgan said.

Over the past couple years Morgan said she has experienced almost a 40-percent sales increase.

"Most of our increase is because of our Halloween accessories we started carrying about three years ago," Morgan said.

For some Lexington businesses, yesterday was the highlight of the year.

"Halloween is definitely our biggest day of the year, but we stay busy from October right through Christmas," said Sharon Curry, owner of Off Broadway Costumes.

"There are a lot more adults renting costumes and participating in all the festivities of Halloween," Curry said. "For many, Halloween has become an adult holiday instead of a time for children trick-or-treating."

Costume rentals have increased because more people work and don't have the time to make their own outfits and the number

"Although we sell masks for children, mostly our customers are adults."

Tracy Skaggs,
employee at Backstage Inc.

of adult parties around town has skyrocketed, Curry said.

"We live in a more affluent society where everyone moves from place to place and our homes don't have storage like they used to," she said.

Debbie Taylor, a cocktail waitress at the Pegasus Restaurant and Lounge in Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort, served her guests dressed as Spiderwoman Saturday night.

The party, called "Nightmare at Marriott," was one of the lounge's biggest nights, Taylor said.

"We had a wonderful turnout with wait-to-wall people," she said. "Halloween isn't for kids anymore. Everyone needs an outlet where they can get away from what they really are during the week. Halloween is a way for you to be anything you want to be for at least one night."

Although gangsters and flappers never seem to go out of style, movie characters and presidential candidates were most

popular this year, said Tracy Skaggs, an employee at Backstage Inc.

"Everybody wants to be Freddy Krueger," Skaggs said.

Batman and Robin, Superman, and French maids also topped the list of popular rentals this year, she said.

"Although we sell masks for children, mostly our customers are adults," she said.

One reason for the transition of Halloween becoming an adult-oriented holiday instead of the traditional night of masquerade for children is the risks involving trick-or-treating in the 1980s, said Denise Brown, a full-time babysitter in Lexington.

"Most children don't trick-or-treat anymore," Brown said.

Community parties and elementary school carnivals are one alternative to allowing children to roam the neighborhoods, Brown said.

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Presidential race heads into the final week of campaign

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

The Republican ticket of George Bush and Dan Quayle snickered yesterday at Michael Dukakis's late campaign declaration of liberalism in the race for the White House. Dukakis was running as heir to a great Democratic tradition of "caring government" as he struggled to gain ground.

"Miracle of miracles," taunted Bush, who has waged a campaigning effort to depict Dukakis as a liberal outside the American mainstream. Quayle said he was glad the Massachusetts governor had resolved his political "identity crisis."

Dukakis invoked the names of Roosevelt, Truman and John F. Kennedy as he campaigned in California, saying those Democrats stood for "caring government and caring political leadership. That's the kind of president I want to be."

Public polls continued to show Bush-Quayle the solid leaders in the race over Dukakis and running

mate Lloyd Bentsen, with one week until the election.

Democrats said their surveys showed late gains for their side, but Bush advisers said their man was leading in virtually all the large states that Dukakis would need to carry to forge an upset. A survey in Missouri gave Bush a 14-point margin.

Bush and Dukakis threw themselves into the frenzied final week of campaigning while carpenters worked outside the Capitol in Washington, erecting the inaugural stand where one of the would-be presidents will stand on Jan. 20 and take the oath of office.

The battle of television commercials entered their latest phase, as well.

Dukakis charged the Republicans with "running for the highest office in the land by waging the lowest level campaign in modern history" in a five-minute network commercial to be aired tonight. In a bid to steal one of Bush's most memorable campaign lines, he said his values — not the vice president's —

would make America "a kinder, gentler nation."

Bush's latest commercials included one depicting Dukakis as an incorrigible tax raiser, saying he increased levies on interest, dividends, meals, corporate, payroll and state income and had signed a sales tax on items "never taxable before."

"And now he wants to do for America what he's done for Massachusetts," says a narrator. "American taxpayers can't afford that risk."

Bush was in Missouri and Kentucky, and he waved a 347-page book that was a compilation of position papers and speeches to run a campaign based solidly on the issues.

Dukakis aimed his California appeal at women, listing his support for comparable wages, affordable child care, parental leave laws and a woman's opportunity to have an abortion.

Bush rallies the state Republicans to get vote out on election day

By TED M. NATT JR.
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — With the focus in Kentucky this week on the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs, Vice President George Bush yesterday reminded the state's Republicans that he is in a horse race of his own and needs their help.

"We're looking to you to get that vote out on Nov. 8," Bush told several hundred flag-waving supporters during a rally at the Commonwealth Convention Center.

The GOP presidential nominee urged the people to do the "grubby work" by getting people to the polls and telephoning their friends to encourage them to vote.

"Leave no stone unturned," he said. "We are in a horse race, and I intend to cross that finish line first."

Bush's comments came a day after a new poll showed him

with a 15-point lead in Kentucky over Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis.

The survey, taken last week by The Courier-Journal, said Bush had a 53 percent to 38 percent advantage in the state, a dramatic gain from his two-point lead around Labor Day.

Nine electoral votes are at stake in Kentucky, where the Bush-Dukakis battle originally was predicted to be close.

But Bush appears to be attracting the kind of support needed to overcome the Democratic registration advantage of better than 2-to-1 over Republicans in Kentucky.

When Bush arrived at the convention center, members of the crowd clearly had Halloween, as well as the general election, on their minds.

He was greeted by numerous signs, including a large one that said, "America needs a treat, not a trick."

"I love these homemade signs," Bush said. "They are fantastic."

There were pumpkins on the stage along with bales of straw and cornstalks.

High school cheerleaders, high school bands and a bluegrass band also welcomed Bush.

U.S. Rep. Jim Bunning, a Republican from the state's 4th District, said Bush's visit to the state "continues to emphasize just how important the Bush campaign feels about Kentucky. They think it's very, very important to win Kentucky."

He was joined on the podium by U.S. Sens. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, a national co-chairman of Bush's campaign, and Christopher "Kit" Bond of Missouri, as well as U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers, Bush's state campaign chairman, and former U.S. Rep. Gene Snyder.

Hostage Anderson releases tape

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in Beirut four days after Anderson, 41, marked his fourth birthday in captivity.

Statements from the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad, which holds Anderson, accompanied the tapes.

"On the occasion of Terry Anderson's birthday and in response to your letters, and according to his desire to send you a recorded message, we hereby enclose with this statement the recorded message on videotape," the kidnappers said.

Anderson, chief Middle East cor-

respondent for The Associated Press, began the message by identifying himself and saying the date was Oct. 30.

"Once again I'm being given a chance to speak to my family, to my friends and to the American people," he said.

Anderson said his spirits were boosted by the birthday greetings he received, "but as my fourth birthday in captivity passes, and as the end of my fourth year (in captivity) approaches, I find it difficult to keep my hopes and my courage high."

"I've been very close to being released several times over the past two years. But each time it seems that the U.S. government uses its influence to stop any agreement from being made. And I don't understand this," he said.

In Los Angeles, Reagan told reporters his administration had done everything possible to win the hostages' freedom.

"I don't think that was Terry speaking," he said. "I think he had a script that was given to him."

Issues not addressed in campaign

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As society changed from agricultural-based to industrial, the impact of parties began to decline, Hamilton said.

The Australian ballot was implemented and government jobs no longer were given as political favors, he said. Newspapers were independent, relying on advertisements and non-partisan funds and participation in special-interest groups rose.

Gradually, party affiliation

became less important and the lines between the parties were no longer as clear cut, he said.

Today, there are scientific predictions of who will win elections and how many people will turn out to vote.

The best of these models, Feldman said, can predict voter turnout within three percent.

If Bush wins, the Democrats will be faced with the attempt to redefine their issues, he said.

zen," Hamilton said. "Candidates for president rarely made campaign speeches. People knew the issues and they tried to get out the highest number of the party faithful" to vote.

Hamilton said that the newspapers were funded by political parties and government jobs were given to a winning candidate's supporters.



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DIVERSIONS

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Pious pornography?

'Christ' is more a reaffirmation of faith than blasphemous, forbidden fruit

By ELIZABETH WADE
Assignment Editor

ATLANTA — Director Martin Scorsese achieved his 15-year quest this year by bringing Nikos Kazantzakis' controversial novel *The Last Temptation of Christ* to the screen.

The movie, which was filmed in Morocco, strays from the traditional depiction of Christ by portraying him as a man who was unperfect and unsure of his destiny as the Messiah.

Willem Dafoe gives a dynamic and sensitive performance as Jesus by revealing the miraculous and forgiving powers of God. Dafoe portrays Christ in a much more human manner than have similar movies.

The movie opens with Jesus making crosses. Judas, one of the disciples of Christ, arrives and scolds Jesus because he thinks Jesus is contributing to the crucifixion of people by building cross-



desert upon John the Baptist's urging, and draws a circle in the dirt — where he stays until God speaks to him.

While being one of the most dramatic and explosive scenes in the movie, the scene also deviates from the traditional. In this scene Jesus must pass four temptations of the devil, which are represented by a serpent, a lion, a flame and an apple tree bearing blood-filled fruit.

The serpent represents sex and when Jesus resists, the serpent blows up, causing Jesus to cry heavily because he was tempted by the devil. After passing the other temptations and being threatened by the devil, God — in the image of John the Baptist — tells Jesus that John the Baptist will die and that Jesus is the Messiah.

Jesus goes back to the river bank, where, in a graphic depiction, he pulls his heart out and preaches the word of God.

Jesus and his disciples visit a

temple where moneychangers have set up shop. Enraged, Jesus warns them that he will tear their temple down and rebuild it again in three days. Jesus meant this in the sense that he would change their attitudes.

Soon after, Jesus is condemned by Pontius Pilate (played by David Bowie), a Roman officer. He is then beaten with whips and clubs and is forced to carry the cross up the mountain where he is to be crucified.

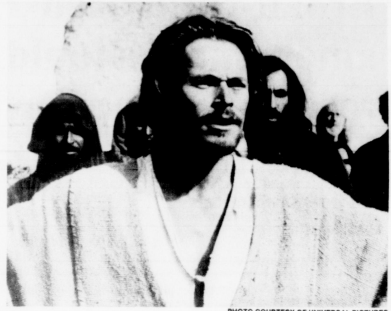
It is at this point that the movie takes a large step away from all traditional movies about the Messiah. First, in a dream, Jesus is tempted by the devil, who convinces him that he is not the Messiah and he does not have to die on the cross and is free to live as a mortal and marry Mary Magdalene.

This idea has made some Christians irate because they can not imagine their savior to be imperfect in any way. It caused people and theaters to ban the movie in certain cities.

As the dream continues, Jesus, who has remarried and born children, grows old and is about to die when Judas comes and tells him he was deceived by the devil. At this point the movie begins to take a turn back towards the traditional. Jesus's hands and feet bleed at his wounds as he crawls to the top of the mountain and grievously asks God for forgiveness.

The last scene shows Jesus on the cross as he says "It is done."

The end of the movie is the most interesting section because it



Willem Dafoe gives a sensitive portrayal of Christ in Martin Scorsese's controversial *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

shows Jesus carrying out the temptation of the devil and then repenting his sin. This is an element that we as humans can identify with and I think this is what Scorsese was trying to get through to the audience.

This movie not only makes the traditional Christian reexamine their faith in the Lord, but it also makes the viewer examine himself and whether or not he lives up to Christian principles.

I believe this is an excellent movie that is very reaffirming to the Christian faith. The movie shows that Christ resisted temptation and that he knew what he was giving up by dying for man.

The movie also shows people that they can ask God for forgiveness of

their sins and be forgiven as Jesus asked his father to forgive him.

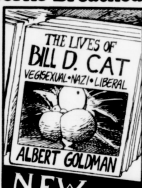
Although the movie does not follow the traditional story of the Messiah, I see no reason why this movie should not be shown. History has a way of changing stories to make them appear better than they are from generation to generation.

I therefore question the validity of the story of the Messiah in the Bible.

The people who prejudge the movie and ban it without seeing it first are hypocrites. Christianity teaches us not to be hypocrites. Maybe this movie is a lesson in itself.

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Broad-form deed amendment should receive our support

Although posters and signs scattered throughout Lexington and the state tell Kentuckians to vote yes on Amendment #2 — an amendment to broad-form deed laws — such groups as Kentuckians for the Commonwealth are afraid ignorance will keep voters from taking a stand on the issue.

Because of the complicated wording of the amendment, many Kentuckians have avoided the issue. Proponents of the amendment are confident it will pass if voters come out and vote. But right now, ignorance of the amendment's purpose seems to be the opponent.

Like the posters, the Kernel is saying vote yes on Amendment #2. And here's a little background information to go along with it.

Broad-form deeds appeared in the late 1800s when it was discovered large amounts of coal existed in certain regions of Kentucky. The deeds were agreements between coal companies and landowners that allowed the companies to extract the coal without buying the land.

In short, broad-form deeds severed the mineral and surface rights to the land. The landowner still could farm the land and had control of the surface. He also still paid taxes on the land. The coal companies had the rights to everything beneath the earth's crust.

This situation used to work. Most of the deeds were worded to provide the coal companies with "every means available" to extract the minerals from the land. In the late 1800s these means were mining and drilling.

The advent of strip mining in the 1950s changed all that. The deeds still provided coal companies with "every means available" — and the companies used them. Landowners had their land stripped away by coal companies with little or no compensation. This practice continues today.

Amendment #2 is a proposal that would require coal companies to use only the means available at the time the deed was signed to extract minerals. That means there would be no more strip mining under the broad-form deed.

The only organized opponent to the amendment is the Kentuckians for Property Rights. The group is made up of coal industry heads and there is no question as to why they are protesting such an amendment. It would cost some coal companies money.

But that's too bad. As it looks now, if voters get out and vote, the amendment will pass. And it needs to. Kentucky is the only state that tolerates such an agreement. The surface rights of farmland should belong to the landowner. Times have changed and it's time for the laws to change with them.

Gallaher congratulated for serving UK campus

Mention UK's alcohol policy and one of the first people you have to think of is Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Art Gallaher.

Gallaher was the object of both praise and criticism following his recommendation that UK ban alcohol in dormitories and most other places on campus.

But that was only one decision that marked Gallaher's term as chancellor, which ends June 30 when he will resign to resume his teaching career in anthropology.

As chancellor for more than six years, Gallaher has been a part of major changes at UK.

He has been involved in changes which have helped make UK a better academic environment, such as selective admissions and the adoption of a University studies program.

The editorial board of the Kentucky Kernel often criticized Gallaher's opinion on issues, particularly on the issue of alcohol, and the way he handled them — or in our opinion the way Gallaher did not handle issues like alcohol by appointing committees or letting the issue get lost in the bureaucratic red tape forming on his desk.

But that doesn't mean that we do not respect the position or the man who held it. He has served the University throughout his career at UK and particularly as its chancellor.

We wish Art Gallaher the best of luck in his new endeavors as a teacher and scholar.

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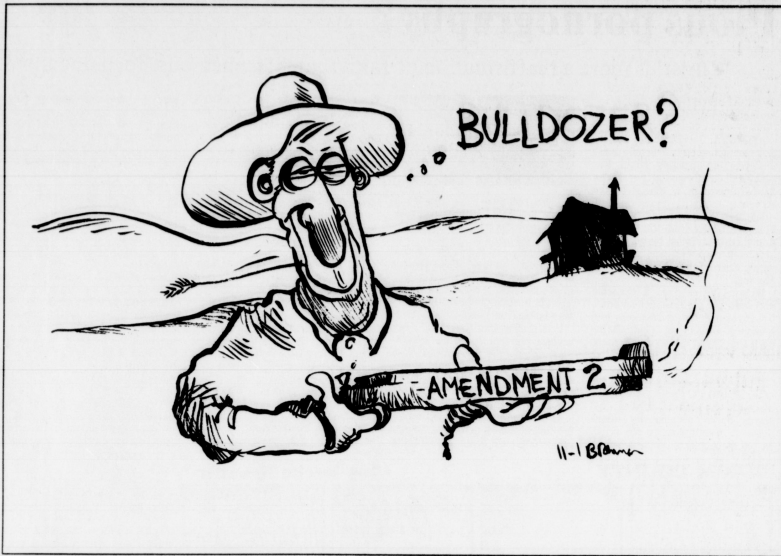
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If letters and opinions have been sent by mail, telephone numbers must be included so that verification of the writer may be obtained.

The author's name must appear on all material published unless a clear and present danger exists to the writer. All submissions are subject to editing.



Dirty politics

Freedom of expression includes accepting other opinions

I have been called a lot of things in my life, but I must say "child molester" has never been one of them until the night of Oct. 24.

I was one of the quiet participants as I held my Dukakis/Bentsen sign high at the Dan Quayle appearance, but a particularly rude gentleman in front of me insisted on pushing, cussing and pinching to convince me that I was standing in the wrong place.

I'm sorry for assuming that being an American gives me the freedoms of assembly and speech, but according to this man, I was a "little red-haired socialist." I guess that's what happens to you when you assume.

I noticed a young Republican family that had settled to my left and that their 3-year-old son had been raised on his father's shoulders. I also noticed that every time the avid Quayle fan in front of me waved his sign, he came dangerously close to poking the child in the eye.

As a babysitter, my first response was to grab the sign. I did not tear it up, as had been done to two of mine, but I tried to yell above the crowd for the man to be careful.

Seeing my hands in the air near the boy prompted the rather crass "lady" (and I use the term lightly) standing on my right to point-blank call me a child molester.

I personally don't know the political preference of the criminals of death row, but I can safely bet that they are not all card-carrying Democrats.

When did this campaign become one of mudslinging and name-calling and not of issues? Are issues not important to the modern society of America? If not, I wish someone would hurry up and tell me so that I might switch my

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major from political science to advertising in order to assure my future election to the U.S. Senate.

I am so sick of the word "liberal." What does it mean? Everyone loves to throw it at the Democrats, but no one wants to define it.

Liberal to me is not obscene (which is another word that has had trouble finding a definition lately), but a progressive way of life that looks with optimism at plans and goals for a brighter future rather than dwelling in the safety nets of the past.

Why do the candidates seem to have so much trouble dealing with issues instead of mudslinging? Because issues have never been brought to the forefront.

Bush's avoidance of questioning and Quayle's outright misinterpretation of everything put before him is appalling, but Dukakis's lack of bringing this out is almost as bad.

Dukakis has made very valid points, but as he didn't demand the same from the puppet-like Bush, no real debates have ever occurred.

Not one issue was discussed at Quayle's rally. He spent 25 minutes Dukakis-slandering, which consisted of about 20 percent fact and about 80 percent fiction.

Never did the crowd hear "Dan Quayle will do this," but Dan only said "completely negative things about a solid man who was not able to defend himself. He stopped only long enough to patronize and attempt to humiliate the overwhelming Democratic supporters in attendance (about 1,200 of the 2,400 there were for Dukakis) which led to a whole new round of whants of

"No more liberals" from the Republican forum.

I was scared for my safety once as I had my sign in the air. A College Republican hit me in the face while my hands were up and I could tell by his face it was no accident. I felt sad that it had come to this.

As I was leaving the arena after the circus was over, a short, plump woman carrying a homemade Bush sign ran up and grabbed my sleeve and said: "Hey, honey, how does it feel to be a loser?"

She caught me off guard, and I took a minute to calm my anger: "Well, ma'am, since you're the one rude enough to ask an assinine question like that in the first place, I'm sure you must undoubtedly be aware of the answer."

"Yeah, but I'm asking you, Dukakis wasn't even born in the U.S."

"Lady, if Dukakis wasn't born in America, then he wouldn't be eligible to run. Do you even know what the J. in J. Danforth Quayle stands for?"

"Who?"

I turned to leave at this, unable to mentally debate with this unarmed person, and I heard her shout over my shoulder: "You homosexual — I'll bet you're one of those lesbians!"

All I could do was laugh, and to think that this woman, who probably thought SDI was a type of queer disease, has the ability to nullify my vote. Scare me.

I am going to graduate during the next administration. Whether I go to grad school or out into the work force depends on the quality of the economy and the availability of jobs.

Since Bush and Quayle run from issues, while Dukakis and Bentsen state theirs, but don't demand the

same from the Republican side, it is up to us to face facts and make an intelligent vote.

Find out how the candidates feel about the defense, the environment, financial aid for college students, and the debt, and then decide which pair of men will lead us into the 21st century with progressive, and, yes, liberal ideas.

The next president will be faced with a debt of over \$3 trillion and an environment that has been trashed by unregulated corporations.

Rather than use this space to preach for Dukakis and against the evils of George Bush, I'd like to challenge students and faculty at UK to learn the candidates before Nov. 8.

Two years from now when the country is in the hole \$5 trillion and we have enough arms to destroy the world 47 times, it is too late to discover that the wrong man is in office.

Don't look only at the front man, either, because it only takes one slip to put the vice president in office.

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SGA 'alive and well'

The time has come to say enough is enough. The Kernel editorial board has repeatedly lambasted the Student Government Association, on various matters and issues that have come before the Senate.

It would appear that the editorial board is in need of a retreat which would un-stop their creative juices. Perhaps a week in the great outdoors will rekindle your ability to explore new and diverse forms of journalism which would be more appealing for students to read.

A suggestion might be to focus on the good student government does for this University. Student government is a very diverse organization that provides many services to the students in this campus.

Student government provides legal services, publishes the campus directory, student discount cards, scholarships, child care grants, free escort service and the Makin' It Guide.

Student government also sponsors campus blood drives, food

drives, fund drives for important projects, free tax preparation service and drug/alcohol awareness programs.

Student government is looking into several proposals such as a student credit union, campus-wide formal, centralized book exchanger and a speakers symposium.

The one thing that truly amazes me is your ability to judge student government without bothering to check things out yourselves. Duane Bonifer, who has repeatedly criticized the Senate for its actions, has not bothered to attend a Senate meeting this semester.

He appears not to care enough to do his own research, but rather form his opinions and conjecture and "here say."

Student government is alive and well, despite the views of the Kernel, and I would encourage students to come find out for themselves. Those arms in the office throughout the day and would be happy to tell you what the student government is working on and how you can get involved.

On a closing note, I would like to thank Duane Bonifer for suggesting we take the "G" out of student government, perhaps he is right. As a

counter proposal, I would like to suggest you take the "r" out of Kernel and replace it with an "n." The Kentucky Kernel sounds more appropriate considering your paper seems to be going to the dogs.

Ken Payne is an SGA senator at large.

Campus humor

The recent issue of students jaywalking on Rose Street reminds me of a little joke I heard. It goes something like this:

Policeman 1: Say, did you hear about the UK student who was injured on Rose Street?

Policeman 2: No, how did it happen?

Policeman 1: The student was jaywalking and was struck by a car running a red light.

Kevin McIntosh is in the communications engineering, installation and maintenance department.

GOP snowing the voters

It is this student's impression that a large part of the American electorate has fallen victim to the snow-job this election season. Through their negative campaigns, George Bush and Dan Quayle, who have been referred to as the "Royal Couple," have been able to mask their elitist, right-wing views that are truly out of America's mainstream.

This was never so evident as when Bush, at a posh New York dinner, quipped that he "hadn't seen so many tuxedos since the last come-as-you-are party in Kennelbunkport." Careless statements such as the low- and middle-income individuals of this nation. The hope here is that voters will realize the critical economic and international problems that face this country will be dealt with intelligence, honesty and fairness by Mike Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen.

Martha McDevitt is an agricultural economics senior.

SPORTS

Tom Spalding
Sports Editor

UK runners sweep cross country titles

Staff reports

The UK cross country team did a double take in Tuscaloosa, Ala., yesterday, capturing both the men's and women's Southeastern Conference tournament titles at the league championships at the Harry Pritchett Golf Course.

The women's team, ranked in the Top 20 the entire year, finished first in the five-kilometer race by 46 points over its nearest competitor, the University of Alabama. It was the fourth time in five meets this season the women have finished first.

The UK men, predicted to finish behind favorite University of Tennessee going into the race, stunned UT by edging its team by two points, 37-39.

The UK women runners, who had won the Kentucky, Salki and Furman Invitationals, showed their dominating form again yesterday.

Paced by seven runners in the top 10, UK easily outdistanced Alabama, 22-68.

In cross country, the team with the lowest score wins.

UK's Lisa Breiding led the UK women's attack with a time of 17:04.44, second to Alabama's Carol Trepanier, who won the title in 16:55.39.

The race was close, with only 36 seconds separating the 10th from third-place runner.

In fact, UK junior Valerie McGovern edged out teammate Kristy Orre by only three seconds; they placed third and fourth, respectively.

UK's Denise Bushallow wound up sixth with a time of 17:28.99. Teammate Sherry Hoover finished seventh and UK junior Donna Combs ended up ninth.

Lisa Reed of Louisiana State University placed fifth in the race.

The women's race went almost as predicted in the coaches' pre-meet poll. UK was a unanimous choice to win, and did.

Alabama, Florida and Auburn finished in their predicted 2-3-4 order.

Florida scored 82 points, UT 115 and Auburn 121.

The Georgia Bulldogs, predicted to finish sixth, finished 185 points behind the UK women. Ole Miss did not field an entire team.

The men's race was essentially a two-team race between the Wildcats and Volunteers — and UK pulled out a two-point win over the favored UT runners.

The UK men placed three of the top five finishers. UK senior Benny McIntosh was second for Kentucky, finishing in a time of 24:11.41. James B. Kaiser was third in the

race, finishing four seconds behind McIntosh.

Once again, an Alabama runner placed first — German Beltran won by 16 seconds in a time of 23:54.33 — but, once again, the Tide effort fell short. Alabama was a distant third with a team score of 88 in the 8-kilometer race.

Richard Ede, the SEC champion in 1986 and 1987 placed fifth. Charlie Kern finished eighth.

Ede competed for the first time this season last week due to a calf injury.

Kentucky finished first as a team for the third time this year (excluding a No. 1 finish by UK's B team in the Eastern Kentucky Invitational).

It was the UK men's team first title since capturing one in 1970. Yesterday's title was just the fourth team title in the SEC Championships since 1935.

Wildcat shooters 3rd at Jacksonville meet

By WARREN HAVENS
Staff Writer

UK's third-place finish among four Top 20 teams at the Jacksonville (Ala.) State Invitational Saturday left UK rifle coach Harry Mullins with a smile on his face.

"My group performed really well under pressure," Mullins said. "We got a particularly good effort from two of our freshmen."

Freshman Tom Hodgkins, a native of Williamsburg, Mass., placed second on the UK squad in the small-bore competition, firing a personal-best of 1123.

Freshman Jennifer Clark of Waterford, Conn., was fourth among the UK contingent with an 1105.

20th-ranked UK squared off against nationally ranked squads. The Citadel, which finished first, 13th-ranked Xavier University and 17th-ranked Jacksonville State University.

"With four nationally ranked teams, I knew it would be a tough meet," Mullins said. "Heading into the action, I knew we couldn't come in first or fourth. I was a little disappointed with our third-place finish, but happy with our scores."

UK's total of 5971 in the combined events placed them just behind second-place Xavier. The Wildcats have gone head-to-head with Xavier in every meet this year, which has formed a friendly rivalry.

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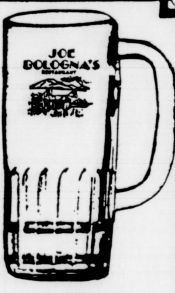
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