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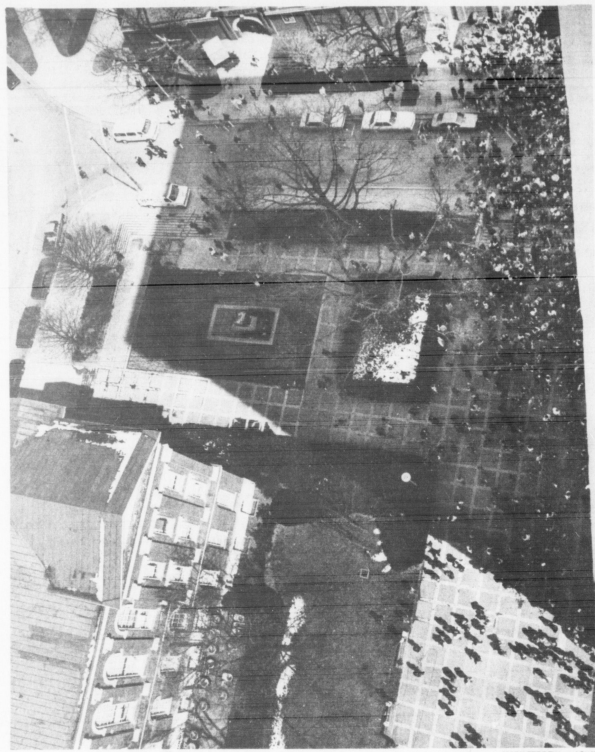
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About 100 students search among the 3,000 pingpong balls dropped from the Office Tower that contain prizes. The pingpong ball drop is part of Little Kentucky Derby week.

## SAB's Little Kentucky Derby week commences with pingpong ball drop

By SCOTT WARD  
Managing Editor

Noon at UK.  
A couple hundred people mill about the fountain outside the Patterson Office Tower.

Two journalists meet, look a little embarrassed. They discuss past Little Kentucky Derby coverage — pingpong ball drops, run for the rodents, that sort of thing. One suggests that this year they make it interesting — drop mice. "And race pingpong balls," the other adds.

A face pops out of the north-west balcony of the Office Tower. The crowd grows anxious. A trumpet flourish. The announcement of the 10 semifinalists for Little Kentucky Derby Princess is made. Another flourish.

Let the games begin.  
And then . . . the balls drop. But the wind is blowing hard, as it does every year for the pingpong ball drop, and the crowd starts moving toward the Student Center where most of the balls are heading. Some people scramble and others just kind of look up and watch the balls drop,

bouncing off the side of the building.  
And then, after about five minutes, it's over. People head for class, or lunch or wherever.

Three thousand pingpong balls were dropped, said Joan Loughrey, assistant director for student activities. Each ball was numbered and some are worth prizes, which range from a weekend in the Radisson to free dinners in local restaurants to McDonald's coupons and free haircuts.  
Loughrey said the balls must be taken to the information desk at the LKD Carnival, which is running today through Sunday in the Commonwealth Stadium parking lot.

For the third year in a row, the drop kicked off the annual Little Kentucky Derby, which culminates over the weekend with a band concert, a balloon race and the crowning of the LKD princess.

The 10 semifinalists for princess are Susan Bridges, from Pi Kappa Alpha; Lisa Croucher, from Zeta Tau Alpha; Susan Hale, from Alpha Omicron Pi; Marlin Lloyd, from Theta Chi; Kelly Simms, from Donovan

Hall; Karen Skeens, from Chi Omega; Courtney Tigue, from Kappa Delta; Ingrid Van Nostitz, Alpha Delta Pi; Pamela Waters, from the Commuter Cats; and Kellie Webb, from Pi Beta Phi.

The field will be cut to five finalists, who will be announced at the Run for the Rose this afternoon at 4:30 in Clifton Circle. The LKD princess will be crowned Saturday during the band festival at E.S. Goodbarn field.

People who attended yesterday's pingpong ball drop said they were drawn by the promise of prizes, and that, all and all, it was fun and a worthwhile event.

Erick Bartman, an undeclared freshman who snagged a pair of pingpong balls, said he saw the poster and was hoping he could win a prize — "maybe a free car, something like that."

Although there are no cars being given away, Bartman said, "It was great, see all these people out here, meet other people . . . you need something to add some life to your afternoon."

## Four SGA candidates tackle issues in debate

By C.A. DUANE BONIFER  
Staff Writer

SGA vice presidential candidates discussed how to improve the Student Government Association's image last night and how to reach "Joe Student."

About 75 students attended the debates in 230 Student Center that were co-sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society and the Kentucky Kernel.

The first debate pitted three-year SGA Senator at Large Brad Dixon against Karl Crase, a newcomer to campus politics.  
In his opening statement, Dixon, a member of Kenny Arington's ticket, said SGA must keep student costs at a minimum by implementing a possible tuition freeze and increase the overall quality of education at UK.  
"It's time to bring the quality of our general education up to the standards of our research program," Dixon said.

Dixon also spoke of the importance of SGA representatives to "find out what the students want" during his closing statement.

During his opening statement, Crase, a member of Cyndi Weaver's ticket, stressed "change" and the need for SGA to move in a "new direction."

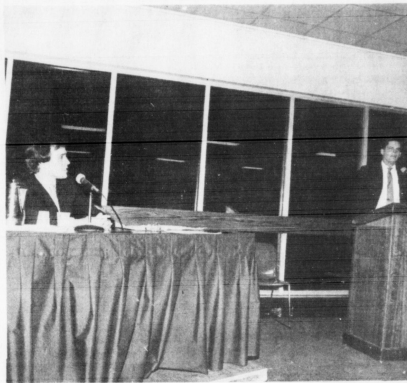
"We've got to go out and address the concerns of 'Joe Student,'" he said.

Changes Crase said need to be made in SGA's executive branch include the improvement of the academic affairs committee, the resurrection of the minority affairs committee and creation of three new committees to deal with both off-campus students and those in residence halls.

However, during the cross-examination periods by the candidates and the four-member media panel, neither of the candidates provided detailed answers.

In the second debate, the senior vice presidential contenders, Keith Clary and Susan Bridges, revealed the sharp differentiation in the interpretations they hold of the senior vice president's role.

Clary, a member of Arington's ticket, expressed the desire to be



MARK ZEROF/Kentucky Staff  
SGA executive vice presidential candidate Brad Dixon cross-examines his opponent Karl Crase at the debate last night.



come involved with other facets of SGA and help enforce programs, in addition to chairing the SGA Senate.

"I want to do more than just chair the senate," he said.

However, Bridges, a member of Weaver's ticket, said she viewed the role of SGA senior vice president solely as one of moderating senate action and helping to foster good feelings between fellow senators.

"Although the senior vice president needs to be informed on the issues," she said, "it's not the job of the senior vice president to get involved in the senate."

The candidates spoke more on the issues, but their answers to precise questions lacked specifics.

Both candidates agreed that the Student Center needs to become more appealing to the students but saw different ways in which improvements need to be made.

Clary said if limited commercialization was permitted and fast-food and other small businesses were brought in, more students from south campus would be attracted to the Student Center.

"It would create an environment that will be suitable to students and make them feel like they belong here," he said.

But Bridges pointed out that if any structural changes were made in the Student Center, it would cost about \$2.8 million to bring the structure up to fire codes. She said that money could be put to better use.

The candidates also agreed that SGA needs to reach "Joe Student."

## Means for furthering women's cause topic of Steinem lecture

By WILL RENSHAW  
Staff Writer

A sold-out crowd listened to the revelations of feminist Gloria Steinem last night in the Concert Hall of the Center for the Arts.  
Steinem began her discussion by defining the way in which feminists are viewed and the expectations the world has of this group.

"If we come together today and there's no trouble, we haven't done our jobs."

Steinem moved from this point to address the state of the nation as having, for the first time in history, the majority in support of women's rights. She said further that because of this majority favor, a "backlash" of prejudice has been created that stems from the White House.

"We have a president that has more prejudice against equality

than any president this nation has ever seen," Steinem said, "and nowhere is it written that just because there is a majority, it will win," she said.

Steinem defined two major waves that the feminist movement has to move through. The first wave, which continued up until the time of the Equal Rights Amendment, gained women a legal identity.

The second wave, which Steinem said has only existed for the past 20 years, is a movement to gain women "full legal and social equality."

"We are not putting on a feminist view but taking off the mask and seeing reality," she said.

From this point, Steinem turned her emphasis to female writers by defining three basic ways women



GLORIA STEINEM

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## Work is key to success for Arington in election

By BRAD COOPER  
Assistant News Editor

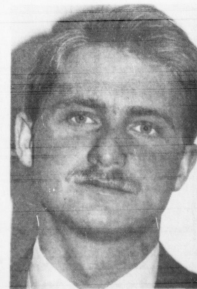
When Kenny Arington was a senior in high school, he made a list of what he wanted to achieve in college and sealed it in an envelope.

Just recently the list, which was tucked safely under Arington's bed more than more than four years ago, reappeared when his mom found the envelope and called Arington and reminded him of his goals.

A glance at the list reveals that Arington could be a little more than a week from fulfilling a dream he has worked for since being elected as a Student Government Association freshman senator in 1983.

With an 11-0 record in elections dating back to his days as a student at Shelby County High School, Arington will be looking for No. 12 when the voters go to the polls on April 8-9 to elect their next SGA president.

If elected, Arington said his happiness will be twofold. He will have accomplished a goal he began work-



KENNY ARINGTON

ing toward last Thanksgiving, and he will have made his parents proud.

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### INSIDE

The Baseball Wildcats destroyed Eastern yesterday with a 20-hit, 19-run assault. For the story, see SPORTS, Page 3.

Actors' Guild of Lexington will perform three new works by Kentucky playwrights in the second annual New Theater Festival. For a preview, see DIVERSIONS, Page 6.

### WEATHER

Today will be cloudy with rain or snow. High in the 30s. Tonight will be cloudy with flurries and lows in the 20s. Tomorrow will be sunny with highs in the upper 30s.

## Father, past play role in shaping Weaver's life

By JAY BLANTON  
News Editor

A picture of Cyndi Weaver's parents sits on the bookcase in her apartment. The photograph is of Weaver's father, a colonel in the army, and mother on the way to the military ball.

But what the picture symbolizes is far more important than what it depicts because it is representative of a primary influence in Cyndi Weaver's life.

It is the influence that constantly switching schools, being an "army brat" and always having to start over has on someone's life.

"I really did a lot of traveling in Europe and got used to people who think differently than I do about things," Weaver said. "It's just an acceptance of values and cultures that's different than yours."

In a large way, it has led Weaver to be the type of person she is — assertive, straightforward and concerned.

And it is these qualities she believes make her the best candidate for Student Government Association president.

However, Weaver, a political science junior from Elizabethtown, Ky., took a rather circuitous route to get the point where she is now.

After spending most of her grade school years in England and finishing high school at North Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, Weaver started college at Western Kentucky University.

Western wasn't particularly her first choice in colleges, but it was a chance to be close to her father, who in a year was going to Korea.

In the interim, Weaver's father, John, was serving as ROTC director at Western. The time spent there gave her the chance to eat a lot of lunches and dinners with her father and in the process grow even closer to him.

Of her father, Weaver said he "has standards by which he lives and he really does . . . My father



CYNDI WEAVER

lives by example and he really does that with the men that he commands and with his children.

"He's always listened to us and encouraged us that you can do whatever you want to do."

Now what she wants to do is become SGA president. Weaver readily acknowledges that her race against Kenny Arington, SGA senior

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## •Father

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vice president, is going to be an uphill battle.

It is a challenge, though, that she looks forward to. "I've been a builder," Weaver said referring to her leadership and involvement in Young Democrats and the Student Organizations Assembly. "I think being an initiator and a builder is very important."

The people that Weaver has worked with agree. Wilbur Frye, senate council chairman, said Weaver "has been one of the best" student representatives on the council, "in recent years."

John Menkhaus, senate council representative, said although Weaver is involved in a lot of activities, she has time for everyone.

"Even though she has a highly encompassing role... she really cares about the individual student," Menkhaus said. "She has been by far this year, the most vocal advocate students have had at this University."

But to be a true student leader, Weaver believes taking the time to be there — to help, to care — is what is most important.

"It's easy when you're in a leadership position to say I'm important and I'm busy," Weaver said.

"But I do have time... I think the phrase people say, 'Well you just don't have time for everything,' is a cop out, because if you don't have time for things like that you're not really what you should be."

## •Work

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"I enjoy the feeling of accomplishment of getting a project finished... or working on something that I know will benefit somebody," said the political science and Russian area studies senior who believes hard work is the key to success.

Before coming to UK, Arington spent the better part of his 22 years working on his family's 120-acre farm in Shelbyville, Ky.

While growing up, SGA's senior vice president said he discovered the fruits of labor while watching his parents, neither of whom graduated from high school, work on the farm.

"From that farm background I learned you don't get anything free," Arington said. "Anything you get in life you have to earn it."

"I really admire my parents. I feel like they've accomplished a lot," he said. "My father has instilled in me as I grew up that the

way you get anything is through hard work.

"It means a lot to me to know that my parents are proud of me and... if I don't do the best I can, I'm not only letting myself down, but I'm letting them down too."

Last semester Arington tried upholding his commitments to SGA, Radio Free Lexington, where he serves as chairman of the board, and his family.

Every day after handling his responsibilities on campus, Arington would make the hour-long trip home to help his 62-year-old father and 51-year-old mother to help with work on the farm — sometimes spending the night without even seeing them before returning to UK.

Arington, the youngest of three sons, was the only one who was able to assist with the family farm when his father and brother were hurt

while attaching a hay baler to a tractor.

On March 4, Arington had to put his good will on hold as he was hospitalized overnight for exhaustion.

Arington's colleagues as well as the administrators and staff members he has worked with say they like Arington's perseverance. "He works longer hours than the average person because he's able to handle it because he cares so much," said SGA president Donna Greenwell.

Students Publications Adviser and RFL board member Paula Anderson, who has seen Arington's efforts in helping to raise \$100,000 for the campus radio station, said he usual-

ly accomplishes what he wants to achieve.

"Kenny is pretty sure of himself," Anderson said. "He is effective and when he sets out to get something done, he usually accomplishes it."

In some ways, Arington's approach with administrators is the same way he is approaching his campaign—low-key.

"(Arington) is quiet, but effective," said Jack Blanton, vice chancellor for student affairs. "He doesn't come off with a great deal of bravado and he's not flashy... The people I know like the way he gets things done."

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Andy Dumstorf  
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# Sports

## Wildcats' 20-hit attack lift them past Colonels

By SUSAN HAZZARD  
Contributing writer

RICHMOND, Ky. — Although the winds were cold, the Kentucky bats were not as the Wildcats connected for 20 hits en route to 19-9 win at Eastern Kentucky yesterday.

A home run over the center field fence by Mitch Knox and consecutive blasts by Mark Blythe and Chris Estep in the top of the eighth led Kentucky to its 17th win against only five losses.

"This is a really good win for us," Estep said. "Eastern was on roll, winning 15 of their last 16 games. This is a big confidence builder for our team."

The Kentucky rally began in the fifth when Blythe, Estep and Knox reached safely with consecutive singles.

Designated hitter David Ray then drove in Blythe from third on a grounder to Eastern shortstop Mark Siemer to close the Eastern margin to two, 6-4. On the same play, Estep scored from second on a throwing error by ECU second baseman Frank Kremblas to cut the lead to one.

Then Kentucky's Bobby Olinick

grounded to third, where Tim Redmon fielded the ball and threw wild over first base to move Ray to third. Olinick advanced to second on the error.

Robbie Buchanan doubled to left field to score both base runners. Dan Rieman doubled to close out the scoring for the Wildcats, who led 7-6 after the dust settled.

EKU scored two runs off two hits in the bottom of the fifth to go back on top 8-7.

Kentucky then sent 10 batters to the plate in the sixth, racking up five runs off five hits. After EKU scored once in the bottom of the inning, Kentucky lead 12-9.

"We started out slow," Buchanan said. "But we came on strong in the end. Today's win meant a lot to us. It's a real boost of confidence before we take on Florida this weekend."

Kentucky added two runs in the seventh and blasted EKU for five more in the eighth for the final margin.

The Wildcats travel to Frankfort today for a 3 p.m. game with Kentucky State.

KENTUCKY				
Player	AB	R	H	RR
Terry Shampert 2B	5	2	3	1
John Hampton 2B	1	0	0	0
Mark Blythe LF	6	2	3	1
Chris Estep CF	5	3	3	1
Mitch Knox 1B	4	2	3	1
David Ray DH	3	2	0	0
Scott Pruitt DH	1	1	0	0
Bobby Olinick RF	6	2	0	0
Robbie Buchanan C	3	2	4	0
Darin Rieman 3B	6	0	2	2
Bills White SS	5	1	2	0
John Marshall 3B	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>

Eastern Kentucky				
Player	AB	R	H	RR
Robert Moore CF	6	1	0	0
Scott Uley LF	1	1	0	0
Ron Plankett 2B	2	0	0	0
Scott Provera RF	5	1	2	2
Tom Woychik 1B	3	2	2	2
Frank Kremblas 2B	4	1	1	0
Tim Redmon 3B	5	0	0	0
Bob Scamell DH	5	2	3	1
Mark Siemer SS	5	0	1	1
Steve Smith C	4	1	3	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>

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Eastern Kentucky 110 085 250 - 19 20 2

E — Shampert, Rieman, Uley, Smith, Redmon (2), Kremblas (1). Double play — Eastern Kentucky 10, 2B — Olinick, Rieman, Provera, Scamell, Buchanan (2), 3B — Provera, Hays — Blythe, Estep, Knox, Woychik, Smith, SB — Shampert, Moore, Uley, Kremblas, SP — Blythe, GWRH — Buchanan (2).

KENTUCKY				
Player	IP	H	RR	BBS
Culbar	12.0	4	1	11
Hudson	12.0	3	4	22
Coleman	12.0	3	3	01
Sumers (B 3-1)	2	2	1	00
Deiter	2	0	0	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>52</b>
Wachsmuth	2.0	6	6	20
Frakes (L 0-1)	2	4	2	12
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## Gooden to undergo treatment over suspension by Ueberroth

By FRED GOODALL  
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Dwight Gooden, the talented but troubled New York Mets pitcher, agreed yesterday to undergo treatment for a "drug use problem" rather than be suspended by Commissioner Peter Ueberroth.

The 1985 National League Cy Young award winner probably would have started on Tuesday when the World Series champions opened the season against Pittsburgh.

Mets General Manager Frank Cashen said Gooden voluntarily took

a drug test earlier this week and it gave "some indication of past usage, but the extent is uncertain."

Edwin Durso, baseball's secretary-treasurer and executive vice president, said Cashen called Ueberroth on Monday and told him "there was a clear indication of a drug problem."

"The commissioner made it perfectly clear to the Mets that, consistent with past policy, he was prepared to take severe disciplinary action against Dwight Gooden if the player did not seek an appropriate remedy," Durso said.

Ueberroth, in a statement from Chandler, Ariz., said: "Our policy is simple. If a player is willing to help himself, he gets one chance. If he is unwilling to cooperate or a problem occurs a second time, then we will take the penalty route."

Ueberroth conditionally suspended 11 players, among them Keith Hernandez of the Mets, in March 1986 following testimony during drug trials in Pittsburgh. All 11 were allowed to keep playing if they donated part of their salary to drug programs, performed community service and agreed to undergo drug testing.

## Tennis team takes on No. 15 Texas

Staff reports

The Kentucky women's tennis team, which has been out of competition since March 24, will take on 15th-ranked Texas today at the Dr. H. H. Downing outdoor tennis courts next to the Seaton Center.

Match time is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. In its last outing, Kentucky defeated North Carolina 8-1 at Chapel Hill, N.C.

Kentucky, ranked 16th in the nation, is now 14-5 on the season.

The match will feature the No. 2 and No. 3 players in the country.

Sonia Hahn, currently ranked second, will take on Anne Grousebeck, who is the No. 3 player in the country.

Kentucky also features three other players in the nation's top 50 — Caroline Knudten 32nd, Tamaka Takagi 36th and Chris Karges 43rd.

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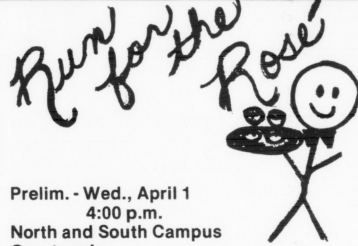
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## 'Baby M' decision deserves to be made by Supreme Court

After nearly three months, "Baby M" — now Melissa — is legally going home — to her natural father and adopted mother, William and Elizabeth Stern.

New Jersey's Bergen County Superior Court Judge Harvey Sorokow handed down his decision Tuesday, stripping the surrogate mother, Mary Beth Whitehead, of the child's custody. In doing so, Sorokow established a precedent for New Jersey which may spread across the country — a contract for surrogate childbearing is legally binding.

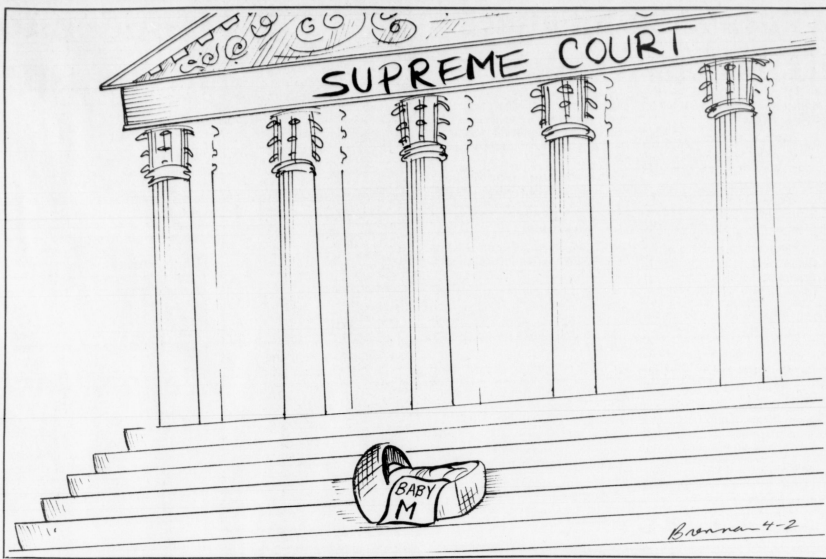
His decision was fair. By signing the contract, Whitehead agreed to have Stern's child for a fee. Her distress at losing the child is understandable, but Stern has the legal right to the child.

But perhaps more important than who actually received custody of the 1-year-old child is the impact this decision has on the future of surrogate childbearing.

Whitehead has said she will appeal the decision and that means more time in court. This is the only logical move, regardless of the decision, but the worst drawback is the time an appeal process will take.

By the time this case reaches the U.S. Supreme Court, it is likely more cases will be in the courts with the same issue in question, and more families will be torn by resentment and anger.

This issue has been cast in a controversial light since it was first successful some five years ago. Whether a woman who has contractually agreed to have a child for a fee has a right to renege on that agreement and keep the child for herself raises questions that deserve Supreme Court acknowledgment.



It is important that this issue receive a precedent-setting decision, which only the Supreme Court can make. The rules, as well as the future, of surrogate motherhood need to be defined as explicitly as possible. Only

the Supreme Court can do this. The sooner this case reaches the Supreme Court the better off future surrogate mothers, natural fathers and families of both, not to mention Melissa, will be.

## Library incident forces columnist to defend political position

I was in the library the other day sitting at one of the infotrac computers when I was approached by an average-looking guy about 6 feet tall and wearing glasses.

To my surprise he slammed his physics book on the desk and immediately demanded, "Just who in the hell do you think you are?"

I paused for a second, thinking it was a trick question, then replied, "Bill Fugate?"

"Don't get smart, I know who you are. You're the guy who writes that radical, left-wing, pro-Marxist column in the Kernel, aren't you?"

"Well I do write for the Kernel, but I've never thought of my column as radical, left-wing or pro-Marxist. You are entitled to your opinion though. Anything else I can do for you?"

"As a matter of fact there is, Buster. I'd appreciate it if you would stop trying to push your left-wing, pro-Communist propaganda on ev-

### BILL FUGATE

everyone. No one likes to be lied to, ya know."

"I couldn't agree more. I don't like to be lied to either. But what makes you think that I've been lying about anything?" I asked.

"Because everything you write contradicts what President Reagan tells us," he exclaimed.

"Well in case you haven't noticed, President Reagan and his administration have been lying about a lot of things lately."

"OK, so the president made a couple minor mistakes. Whoop de doo! Must I remind you that President Reagan has come back like the great leader he is and admitted his

mistakes. Besides, I personally didn't see anything wrong with trying to assist the freedom fighters in their ongoing struggle to bring peace and justice back to Nicaragua. And you had the nerve to call them terrorists!"

"That's a bunch of baloney if you ask me. It's nothing but Soviet propaganda. This is why it is our responsibility as a superpower and as the leader of the free world to stem the tide of Soviet expansionism whenever possible," he said.

"So what you're saying is that our government can decide the destiny of another country whenever it pleases?"

"Hey, like I said, as a superpower we have certain global responsibilities."

"You're absolutely correct, we do have certain responsibilities, like abiding by international law and obeying the World Court decision that told us to stop trying to overthrow the Sandinistas."

America is by all means a great country, but it could be even greater if our government would direct its efforts toward real problems instead of imagined ones.

Raising his voice he exclaimed, "The Sandinista government is an oppressive, totalitarian, communist regime, and it is up to the United States to protect the individual liberties of the Nicaraguan people, using whatever military or economic means that it takes."  
"All right, then am I safe in assuming that you support economic sanctions against South Africa?"  
"Give me a break! Sanctions won't work in South Africa. Why don't you just admit it, you support the Marxist-Leninist Sandinistas."  
"Why are you so paranoid of the Sandinistas?"

"Because Nicaragua is only a two-day drive from Texas, and if we aren't careful we could have another Cuba in our hemisphere."  
"You're right, Nicaragua is only a two-day drive from Texas, but isn't that more of a threat to Nicaragua?"  
"You're impossible! It's people like you and your twisted logic who are screwing this country up. Don't you see, if people like you don't stand behind President Reagan 100 percent then you'll only be helping the spread of Soviet imperialism!"  
"Well what about American imperialism?"

"Hey bud, America is the greatest country on earth, and if you don't like it you can just get the hell out!"

"I agree. America is by all means a great country, but it could be even greater if our government would direct its efforts toward real problems instead of imagined ones."

"Oh joy, Bill. One minute you had mouth the president of the United States, and the next minute you try and tell me what patriotism means. It's hopeless, you've completely closed yourself off. You're completely one-sided and your blind to the threat. You've been duped!"

With those last words my new "friend" turned and stomped away, leaving me with unfinished homework and confusing memories of our conversation.

I thought about it and came to the conclusion that maybe he was right. I have been duped! I'm so ashamed.

Bill Fugate is a journalism and political science junior and a Kernel columnist.

## Student leaders misanalyze tuition freeze

The student government presidents from four state universities who recently spoke out against a tuition freeze obviously share some unexamined assumptions. If these assumptions are wrong, their conclusions will be wrong.

The first assumption is the tuition level must be linked to increases in the University's costs or else it won't be able "to grow and develop." This one isn't even logical for several reasons.

Costs arise from many factors, including proliferating administrators with high salaries and massive building programs we may or may not need. Yet students are not consulted when these priorities which affect us are determined.

Income arises from various sources as well, including the state for financial aid and the federal government. If our state politicians put their money where their campaign promises are, Kentucky's public universities could readily grow and develop without higher tuitions.

If the Secretary of Education, William Bennett, wasn't so hostile to higher education, financial aid could take some of the pressure off lower- and middle-income students, thus lessening the urgent need for a tuition freeze.

If enrollment were to grow at the same rate as the University's budget, students could continue to pay their historic "share" of the costs without changing the tuition level.

With an annual budget of half a billion dollars and an unspent fund balance of \$26 million, UK could easily cover the \$3 million in the latest

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round of tuition hikes, if it had the will to do so. Rather than finding more ways to improve efficiency, the University has simply been passing on its higher costs to the consumers, much like a monopolistic corporation.

The next unexamined assumption of these "student representatives" is if we freeze tuition now, it will only rise faster after the freeze ends.

This contradicts the experience of Michigan, where a two-year tuition freeze was followed by pegging future increases to the approximate rate of inflation.

Nowhere is it written in stone that tuition must be \$800 a semester in 1990, \$900 in 1991, and so on — at least nowhere we are aware of.

The final assumption, which seems to be shared by the editors of the Kernel, is a tuition freeze will somehow harm students in the long run.

This would only be true if the funds are not covered by the state, or by the federal government, or by Kentucky industries, who benefit from a well-educated labor force, or by the reallocation of priorities within the University, or by a portion of

the accumulated fund balance or by some combination of the above.

A lot of possibilities — none of which seem to have occurred to the four student government presidents.

The fact they swallowed all of these unexamined assumptions indicates an astonishing lack of imagination.

Officers who claim to represent students should be aware of the problems quarantary students are facing — rising tuition, cuts in financial aid, a minimum wage frozen since 1981 and the new tax provisions that may decrease charitable contributions to colleges.

A society's priorities are revealed by its budget and its investments. A tiny fraction of this country's \$300 billion military budget could easily allow all the qualified lower- and middle-income students who could benefit from a higher education to do so. They would then return these benefits to all of society, as most other industrialized countries seem to realize. Throughout much of Western Europe, college tuition is free.

Proponents of ever-increasing tuitions are ignoring the long-run lack of competitiveness in Kentucky, and the nation as a whole, which will result from skipping on higher education now.

Geoffrey M. Young and Chris Bush are members of the Committee to Freeze Tuition.

by Berke Breathed

## Disaster results in need for support

Several of John F. Kennedy's dreams have succeeded him in an unassuming, but enduring manner.

Many of them have taken form under the Alliance for Progress initiative begun in the early 1960s. One such vision, designed to promote hemispheric cooperation, involves Kentucky and Ecuador, a South American country that is our partner in the Partners of the Americas Program and that, now more than ever, needs our assistance.

Many exchanges between these two diverse cultures have taken place since Kennedy introduced the program, but a grave situation has emerged during the past few weeks that summons the good will not only of the volunteers involved in the Partners of the Americas Program, but of all Kentuckians concerned about the immediate welfare of tens of thousands of citizens in our partner country.

On Thursday evening, March 5, Northeastern Ecuador was rattled by a series of earthquakes, the strongest measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale. Large sections of water-laden earth were shaken

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loose from the Andean foothills, burying villages and causing severe flooding.

The most recent reports coming from Ecuador indicate at least a 1,000 people have died and tens of thousands more have been displaced, many escaping with only their lives.

Economic losses are still being calculated but have already run into the hundreds of millions of dollars. Many roads and bridges that link the affected region with the capital have been washed out or completely destroyed, but perhaps the most devastating loss was caused by the destruction of large sections of the trans-Ecuadorian oil pipeline — Ecuador's economic sustenance and chief source of export earnings.

Rebuilding will be a long, painful process. Supplies and materials may be months in reaching

some of the more remote areas; the near total suspension of export earnings as a result of the loss in petroleum income (oil provided 60 percent of government revenues) will mean only a minimal amount of government support can be expected.

In response to these recent events, the Kentucky-Ecuador Partners Program has set up an emergency relief fund that will allow Kentuckians to make tax deductible contributions to our partner country. Money will be used to assist in the enormous task of recovery that lies ahead for many Ecuadorians.

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Frank Hutchins is the Kentucky representative of Kentucky-Ecuador Partners Program.

## LETTERS

### Action questioned

I do not need to remind anyone about the balmy, spring-like weather we enjoyed Tuesday, March 31. As a commuting student, weather plays an important role in determining my daily time schedule.

Knowing buses stop at the stadium lot every 15 to 20 minutes, I try to arrive at an appropriate time. On Tuesday morning I arrived at 11:35. One bus was just leaving the shelter area as I got out of my car, and another was just approaching. A few other

students and I hurried to catch this second north campus bus.

The driver stopped momentarily at the shelter, but as we approached he moved forward about 20 feet and stopped again. By this time we were in front of the shelter and expected the bus to wait a few seconds for us to enter. However, for some unknown reason, the driver sped on, carrying his load of no more than six students and leaving us behind.

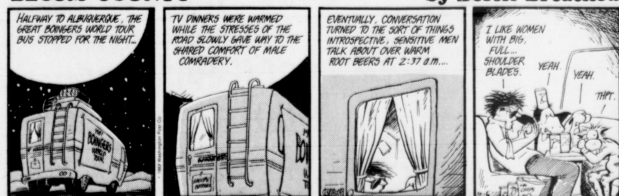
Due to the impatience of this driver, my fellow commuters and I waited an additional 20 minutes

before another bus arrived. I realize the drivers are on a schedule, but when they refuse to wait 20 seconds for a group of students something is wrong!

Whether drivers are too concerned about staying exactly on schedule, or if they get some kind of cheap thrill watching students stand in the cold, I think some serious thought needs to be given to the UK Transit System and its employees.

Michael Campbell,  
Education freshman

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Staff and AP reports

Senate upholds Reagan veto

WASHINGTON — The Senate tentatively sustained President Reagan's veto of an \$88 billion highway bill on a 65-35 vote yesterday, handing him a tenuous victory in a high-stakes political showdown with the Democratic majorities of Congress.

But in a long day of maneuvering on and off the Senate floor, Democrats sounded confident they would succeed in overriding the veto on a repeat roll call scheduled for today.

Senate GOP Leader Bob Dole conceded as much, saying, "there's still some effort being made" to persuade Republican defectors to line up behind the president.

Democratic hopes for victory hinged on Democratic first-term Terry Sanford of North Carolina, who initially supported the veto, but then said, "I would vote to override" on a second ballot.

U.S., Japanese to negotiate on sanctions

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration, while standing fast to its plans for sanctions on Japanese electronics imports, has agreed to a Japanese request for "emergency consultations" in the intensifying dispute over computer chips, U.S. officials said yesterday.

A team of Japanese trade specialists will arrive in Washington on Friday for negotiations with their counterparts in the departments of State, Commerce and office of U.S. trade representative, the officials said.

The semiconductor talks, to get under way in earnest on Monday, will be followed later in the week with meetings in Washington among higher-level trade officials of both nations, government spokesmen said.

However, U.S. officials held little hope the dispute over semiconductor pricing practices could be resolved in time to avert the proposed duties on \$300 million in Japanese products from taking effect on April 17.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, who has said there would be "no last-minute reprieve," will propose the sanctions be slapped on for a three-month "trial period," said Baldrige spokesman B. Jay Cooper.

Commander says base was infiltrated

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Guerrillas enlisted in the army and infiltrated the El Paraiso infantry base before the big attack that killed 69 Salvadoran soldiers and a U.S. military adviser, the base commander said yesterday.

The Green Beret U.S. army sergeant killed was the first American serviceman to die in battle in El Salvador's 7-year-old civil war.

"There had to be someone who infiltrated," Col. Gilberto Rubio, commander of the base, told reporters.

He said the army had concrete leads and was investigating the infiltration of the 4th Infantry Brigade garrison, which was attacked before dawn Tuesday by guerrillas using mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons.

"I won't say the number or names" of the infiltrators, Rubio said.

Another officer at the base on Tuesday identified one of the dead guerrillas as an infiltrator.

Presidential hopefuls square off tonight

By C.A. DUANE BONIFER Staff Writer

It has been billed by some as the most important Student Government year.

With the advent of a new University president and vice chancellor for student affairs, several students believe it is vital that the new SGA president establish a good rapport with the incoming administrators.

Tonight at 7 in 230 Student Center, SGA presidential hopefuls Kenny Arington and Cyndi Weaver will tell the students how they plan to establish that rapport and how they stand on other campus-related issues in a debate.

Steinem

should move in their writing in order to gain ground in equality.

This can be done, Steinem said, by changing the set language, addressing forms of writing not influenced by women and addressing topics in which women have not made prominent opinions.

"If we make changes in these ways," she said, "I will make ripples wherever it goes."

John Menckus, SGA fine arts senator and a member of Weaver's campaign, said this year's election is "crucial for the Student Government Association" and tonight's debate is the best way for students to decide who they want in office.

Aside from the new administration, Weaver said she also expects the issues of commercialization of the Student Center and how SGA will be structured under new leadership to be discussed during the debate.

About a week ago, Arington expressed some concern going into the debate because of his lack of debate experience in comparison to Weaver's.

But now, after reading every re-

port and piece of information he could acquire, Arington said he feels "a lot better and is very confident."

"I really know the issues," he said. "I feel very at ease about every issue to be discussed."

Menckus said Weaver has also familiarized herself very well with the issues and sees the "big picture" on each issue.

"She has a very good grasp on not just the major issues," he said, "but the complexities of them."

The last time debates were held between SGA presidential candidates was in 1984 when a poor student attendance caused sponsors to

become hesitant about holding future debates.

But through the work of Omicron Delta Kappa and the Kentucky Kernel, the debates were brought back this spring.

Weaver said she hopes the revival of the debates will spark much interest in SGA and demonstrate the importance of the organization to students.

"So many students don't realize that students have an impact (on the issues)," she said, "but hopefully they will see that in the debates."

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## 'Noises' to open at the Guignol

By ROB SENG  
Contributing Writer

Michael Frayn thought it was a great idea for a play. While watching the performance of one of his plays backstage, he noticed "it was funnier from behind than in front and (he) thought, 'One day, I must write a farce from behind.'"

The result is "Noises Off," a slapstick, three-act comedy that opens tonight at the Guignol Theater. The play shows the hectic activities that occur backstage at a performance of an outrageously bad British sex farce titled, "Nothing On."

"This is a play within a play," said James Rodgers, director of "Noises Off." The first act shows the troupe in the final dress rehearsal of a typical British sex farce — all talk and sly innuendo but no graphic action.

"I think that Frayn is satirizing these types of plays (British sex farces), although he was not attempting to make a social comment," said Rodgers.

The second act takes place one month into the play's run. The stage has been turned around so the audience can see what is going on in the play and also backstage.

"In the third act, the set has been turned back around," said Rodgers, "so that now when the audience hears certain noises backstage, they know what is going on there."



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A lost contact lens is one of several prop gags in "Noises Off," which premieres tonight at the Guignol Theater.

"The play is not an in-joke," said Rodgers, "which means that you don't have to know a lot about theater to enjoy it. The play is British, but the comedy works because it doesn't restrict its humor to the British mentality."

Although the play is a farce, Rodgers sees it as having a more basic and universal theme — survival.

"The play shows how desperate we are to keep going in life, even against incredible odds," said Rodgers.

"We may feel rotten but we strive to get through those times. In dress rehearsal, the actors don't know it's a bad play because they're struggling to learn their cues.

By the third act, though, they realize that it's a terribly awful play, but their tremendous enthusiasm carries them through," he said.

Due to the frantic pacing of the

play's action, "Noises Off," was an extremely difficult play for Rodgers to stage.

"Timing is all in this play," said Rodgers, "especially in the hectic second act when most of the action is going on backstage."

These actions are timed to a word, not a line, in the sex farce. Consequently, the actors have to know each other's lines as well or the timing will be off, resulting in a missed gag.

Like the majority of the cast, Wren Picasso plays a dual role.

"This was a real challenge for me, coming in and out of two characters," said Picasso. "These are two different people with different traits, so I was constantly trying to adjust to their individual characteristics."

Tickets are \$4 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for regular admission. The play runs from today through Saturday, and April 9-11 at 8 p.m. and April 12 at 3 p.m.

## AGL's New Theater Festival offers original plays by native Kentuckians

By KEITH ASHLEY  
Staff Writer

Three new plays by Kentucky playwrights are being performed by the Actor's Guild of Lexington during the next two weeks.

These pieces, never before performed on stage, are part of AGL's second annual New Theater Festival.

The shows opened last Thursday and are being performed in rotating repertory.

"Everything went very well with the first weekend of the festival," said festival coordinator Martha Bernier. "Although it seemed at first almost impossible to do all these plays at once it wasn't."

AGL presented five performances from Thursday to Sunday. Bernier, AGL's associate director, said the plays were presented both to large and small audiences.

Both state and regional playwrights were allowed to submit scripts to their search for the three festival plays, with entries coming from as far away as Arizona and New England.

"Of the three playwrights chosen, two are living in Kentucky currently, and one is a former Lexingtonian living in Florida," said Bernier.

The Bank of Lexington is sponsoring this year's festival by underwriting production costs.

This year's plays are "A Measure of Respect," "Skipped Generations" and "Grandma's Flower Garden."

### A Measure of Respect

Written by Lexington attorney Walter W. May, AGL describes "A Measure of Respect" as "a witty look at sophisticated modern relationships."

A situational romance, this is May's first play. May is a former attorney for the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington D.C.

Making her directing debut with this play is UK theater arts senior Mary Mondelli.

### Skipped Generations

A native of Letcher County, author of "Skipped Generations," Carla Scott-Mason said in an AGL press release that she has experienced "a life-long, love-hate relationship with Eastern Kentucky."

This play, which is her second, takes a look at several generations of Kentucky Appalachian women. The play centers on a grandmother, a mother in the last stages of pregnancy and her teen-age daughter.

Mason's first play, "Telling Lies" was produced at UK in 1984.

AGL Producing Director Carol Spence is directing this play as well as acting the lead in "Grandma's Flower Garden." Spence is a television producer and director with UKTV.

### Grandma's Flower Garden

Written by North Carolina native Barbara Presnell, "Grandma's

Flower Garden" is the story of a woman coming to terms with life and death. The play brings the woman's memories to life on the stage, examining the tragic death of her father and the destruction and re-birth of her family.

Presnell received a 1987 Writing Support Grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women Inc., and is finishing her masters in English at UK this summer. This is her third play.

Carolyn Smith, who appears in "Grandma's Flower Garden" described the work as a "very emotional play."

UK theatre graduate student Patti Heying is making her directing debut with this production. Heying has performed for AGL on several occasions and recently appeared in the UK production of "Artichoke."


"A Measure of Respect" will be performed by AGL at 8 p.m. on Friday and Sunday. The performance will be repeated April 11 at the same time.

"Skipped Generations" will be performed at 8 p.m. Saturday and again on April 9. It will be performed again at 2:30 p.m. on April 12.

"Grandma's Flower Garden" is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Thursday, and again on April 10 and 12. It will be performed again at 2:30 p.m. on April 5.

Tickets for each performance are \$6, but only \$14 for advance orders on all three shows. All performances are at the AGL Theater at 337 E. Main St.

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