

## Faculty voice concerns at CHE public hearing

By SACHA DEVROOMEN  
Managing Editor

FRANKFORT — Faculty members from the state's public universities would like to have more input into the Council on Higher Education's strategic plan, instructors said at a public hearing yesterday.

Many of the 10 faculty representatives at the hearing said they needed more time to discuss the plan with their colleagues before a final draft is completed and taken to the General Assembly for approval.

"This thing (should) not get set in concrete before there is ample opportunity for faculty to talk about the plan," said Klaus Heberle, a

representative from Eastern Kentucky University. "This is not the time for faculty and institutions to digest and talk about the things in the plan."

In addition to faculty considerations, the most recent draft of the "Strategic Plan for Higher Education" calls for the closing of UK's College of Dentistry and placing the community colleges under a separate governing board.

Harry M. Snyder, executive director of the council, assured the instructors that the council was taking into consideration their interests.

Comparing the strategic plan to a road map, he said, "There can be side trips. We have had a lot of side

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trips in Kentucky and we've never had a road map."

Pat Kafogis, one of the two CHE members at the hearing, agreed.

"Your concerns are ours as well," he said. "We think faculty salaries and having equipment you need is a great concern."

The representatives also were concerned with what they see as a declining morale among university professors.

Snyder called the issue "a national problem not directly in our control," but John Taylor of Murray State University, disagreed.

"It is new ground not being plowed across the country," he said. "Maybe we should try and see what we'd come up with."

The establishment of centers of excellence at various campuses to reduce duplication of programs also received some criticism from the faculty representatives.

Martha Grise, of EKU, said having a center of excellence can cause cancellation of programs at other universities and make it more difficult for adult students to get a degree.

She said the centers of excellence "might be very harmful" as they could cause harsh rivalries between

universities and between faculty members within a university.

One UK representative attended the meeting. Paul Oberst, emeritus professor of law, represented Bradley Canon, chairman of the University Senate. Representatives from all state universities except Northern Kentucky University attended the hearing.

The CHE will hold one more hearing with the presidents and the chairmen of the universities Sept. 5 in Frankfort. A strategic plan meeting with student body representatives also is being planned by the council.

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## Bookstores get facelift, add stock

By STEPHANIE WALLNER  
Contributing Writer

Atmosphere is the name of the game in the bookstore business. Stripes around the newly painted facade of Kennedy Bookstore and color-coordinated carpet in University Bookstore are among the many welcome mats to entice students.

Joe Kennedy, president of Kennedy Bookstore Inc., said the changes there included expansion of indoor space, resurfacing of front and side parking lots and a fresh paint job for the exterior. "We're just putting on a new face," Kennedy said. "All of our buildings have the same color scheme now."

That scheme is dominated by blue and white stripes across the front of the building and later will include a canopy across the front and side of the store.

"It's been in our mind to do this," he said. "We wanted to be totally dressed up when everybody arrived."

One of Kennedy's biggest boasts is the addition of floor space in the store, which was gained by renovating an adjacent book storage building.

The new section, which houses art, architecture and engineering supplies, has provided more room for textbook shelving, Kennedy said. "Most everything got a little more room."

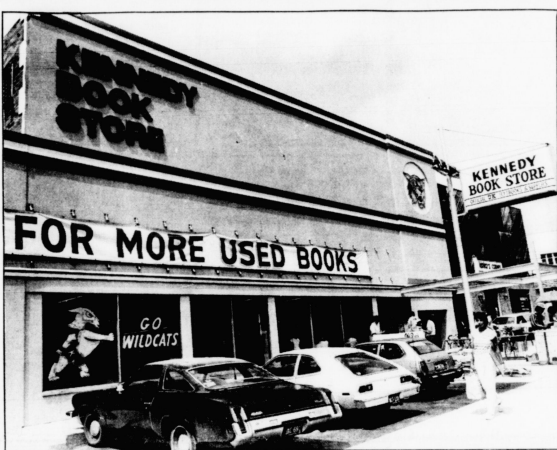
And more room also turned up at the University Bookstore, where the once spacious entrance has been replaced with retail products and wider aisles.

The store moved books for medical classes to a branch store near the intersection of Rose and South Limestone streets. Branch manager Dresden Carpenter said texts and supplies for medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy and allied health courses are no longer carried at the main store.

"What we thought we wanted to do was open it up, lighten it up and brighten it up," said store manager Paul Little. Glass shelving, lighter colored fixtures and color contrasting carpet are the most visible attractions in the store's remodeling, he said.

"We are quite proud of it. It's conducive to browsing," Little said.

All that stress on aesthetics didn't come cheaply for either store. Kennedy estimated his



Both Kennedy and University bookstores have undergone remodeling recently and have in-

creased their inventory in an attempt to make the stores more attractive to students.



costs at a "couple of hundred thousand," while University Bookstore shelled out about \$100,000 to achieve the new look.

"We hope it helps and that they (patrons) want to stay and shop," Little said. Kennedy hopes it will attract more people.

Students shopping at the University Bookstore said the store seemed brighter but the changes didn't affect their choice of store.

## Five deaths occur in attempts to stop South Africa march

Violence erupts as protesters descend on prison where black leader jailed

By JAMES F. SMITH  
Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Police killed five men in a black township yesterday and descended in force on at least 2,000 marchers of all races trying to reach the prison where black leader Nelson Mandela is serving a life term.

Witnesses said hundreds of blacks swarmed into streets of Guguletu township, where the men were shot to death, after police blocked their attempts to participate in the march on Pollsmoor Prison.

Hundreds of riot police, supported by soldiers, sealed off Guguletu and the nearby black township of Nyanga.

Police used clubs, whips and tear gas on the marchers in Cape Town's mixed-race district of Athlone. At least 27 people were arrested and dozens were injured, choked by the gas or beaten by police.

It was from the Athlone stadium that the Rev. Allan Boesak, a clergyman of mixed race and a staunch foe of apartheid, had planned to lead 20,000 people to Pollsmoor. He was arrested Tuesday.

Police using truncheons drove back about 300 protesters who got near the stadium yesterday morning.

Among those arrested were a dozen clergymen of all races who, leading a crowd of about 2,000, locked arms and refused police orders to disperse. They had managed to march only about half a mile from the Hewart teachers' college in Athlone toward Pollsmoor, seven miles away.

It was the largest multiracial outpouring in a year of rage against apartheid.

One protest ended peacefully. About 3,500 students, most of them white, set out from the wealthy white suburb of Rondebosch for the official residence of President P.W. Botha. They stopped near the campus on orders from police.

In Pretoria, the administrative capital, the government announced that it had banned the black Congress of South African Students (COSAS), which has chapters in most high schools.

The student group is a leading organizer of class boycotts and black township demonstrations against

apartheid. Hundreds of its members are among the more than 2,200 people detained without charge since the white government imposed a state of emergency July 21.

Banning means that COSAS is not allowed to operate and its leaders may not be quoted. Members told The Associated Press their leaders were meeting secretly in black townships to decide whether to defy the banning order, and would issue a statement today.

The Reagan administration condemned the banning and the use of repression.

"Banning... is one of the most odious practices of the South African government," State Department spokesman Charles E. Redman said. "It offends the democratic values of free speech and assembly and accentuates the anger and frustration felt by all the opponents of apartheid."

Six journalists were reported arrested, including a three-man television crew filming for CBS. Colleagues in Johannesburg said they were charged with "disobeying the police."

## Attorneys make final arguments

Ky. Supreme Court to decide UK suit

Staff reports

The Supreme Court of Kentucky yesterday heard oral arguments in the case of Clarke Dunlap vs. the UK Student Health Service Clinic.

Dunlap, a 55-year-old doctoral student at the Louisiana State University School of Geoscience, filed a \$1.5 million malpractice suit against the health service in October 1980.

In his suit Dunlap alleged that he contracted Guillain-Barre Syndrome as a result of an inoculation he received from the University Student Health Service Nov. 14, 1979. Guillain-Barre, a nerve disorder characterized by muscle weakness progressing upward in the body from the legs, can result in paralysis or death. Dunlap said he became paralyzed 33 days after paying \$1 for the flu shot.

Dunlap's case was thrown out by the Circuit Court of Fayette County on July 13, 1983. His suit also was later dismissed by the Kentucky Court of Appeals on the grounds of sovereign immunity.

The statute of sovereign immunity protects the state and its subdivisions from lawsuits. UK, as a state institution, qualifies as a subdivision of Kentucky.

The State Supreme Court granted Dunlap's case a writ of discretionary review on Feb. 21, 1985.

Yesterday attorneys for both parties presented 15-minute oral arguments before the court.

"It went pretty much like we anticipated," said Timothy Philpot, Dunlap's attorney. "I don't think there were any big surprises."

Philpot expects the court to make a ruling in about a month for both parties. A lawsuit gives only one side of a legal action.

### INSIDE

Lexington native Gay Brewer will defend his Citizens Union Golf Classic title this weekend at Griffin Gate Golf Course. For a profile of Brewer, see SPORTS, page 3.

Stage and screen star Ruth Gordon died yesterday in her Martha's Vineyard summer home. For a profile of the actress who was told she would never make it, see page 7.

### WEATHER

Morning fog is expected today, but the sun will break through by noon with the high in the mid 80s. Tonight will be mostly clear with the low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow will be partly sunny with the high in the lower to mid 80s.

## New bar codes to speed library checkout lines

By JOHN VOSKRUHL  
Staff Writer

UK libraries are going Krogering. If you open more than 600,000 volumes on the shelves of M.I. King Library, you'll find a bar code — the same type of code you'd find on shampoo bottles, cereal boxes and laundry detergent in a grocery store.

However, the bars on the books represent more than the books' prices, said Paul Willis, director of libraries. They're also the finish line to the paper chase at the University's 15 libraries, he said.

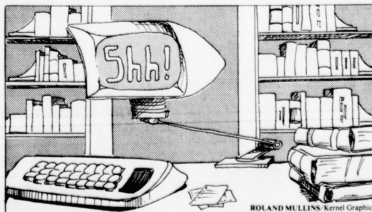
Before this fall, borrowers have had to fill out a card for each book they wanted to borrow. Willis said. The process was time-consuming, and pressing the cards was difficult.

"That's all been eliminated on this system," he said. "Now, borrowers must only present the book they want along with a special library card, Willis said.

The cards, which will have bar codes of their own, are available to students, faculty and staff members. Students can use their student ID, Willis said; a bar code will be stuck on the back. Faculty and staff members will receive special cards with the codes on them.

To check out books, the librarians will simply wave an electronic wand over the book's bar code and the borrower's bar code — and store the information in a computer.

The computer will tell librarians such useful bits of information as who has checked out a certain book, how many books a single person has checked out, where the borrower lives and what the borrower's phone



Library workers have only issued about 18,000 bar codes to students. Willis said workers are staffing a table in the front of M.I. King to issue the codes to students.

Workers will place the codes in books as they are checked out this year, Willis said. The process may take a while, he said, because the UK library system has more than two million volumes. The system should be completely implemented by mid-summer, he said.

The system is designed to guard against any type of abuse, Willis said. Workers will only check the records of delinquent borrowers and individuals who ask them to do so.

## Budget director nominee sets sights on ending postal service monopoly

By TOM RAUM  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — James C. Miller III, awaiting confirmation as President Reagan's budget director, says Congress should revoke the mail monopoly the government postal system has held since Pony Express days.

"Private enterprise will get the mail delivered — just as it did in the Old West," Miller wrote in an article published in the current issue of the Cato Journal, a free-market-oriented periodical.

Miller, now chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, contended that the Postal Service is riddled with inefficiencies and pays its workers "more than is necessary to retain their services."

Miller's proposal goes far beyond

that earlier advocated by Reagan or his former budget chief, David A. Stockman. In his fiscal 1986 budget request, which called for ending dozens of federal programs, the president proposed terminating federal subsidies for certain types of mail, but not for ending the Postal Service's monopoly.

Miller contended that companies such as United Parcel Service, Federal Express and Paracolor Courier frequently do a better job than the Postal Service in carrying parcels and overnight express mail. And he said there is no reason why private business should not be allowed to deliver first-class mail as well.

The Postal Service has been a semi-independent organization since 1970. Since then, Miller noted, the price for a first-class postage stamp has risen seven times. "All the

available evidence suggests that competition in the market for first-class letter delivery would create substantial benefits," he wrote.

Judith Pond, a spokeswoman for Miller at the FTC, said the article "was written before his nomination" in July to be director of the White House Office of Management and Budget. However, it represents a general restating of views he has held for some time, she added.

Shannon Ferguson, an official of OMB Watch, a private "watchdog" organization that follows OMB issues, called Miller's proposal unsettling. Miller is awaiting Senate confirmation for the OMB job. Democratic and Republican aides for the Governmental Affairs Committee said Tuesday they foresaw no problems with his nomination.

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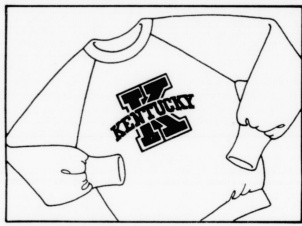
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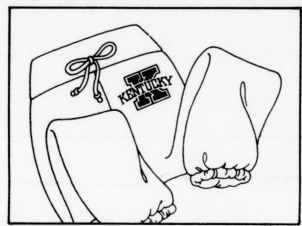
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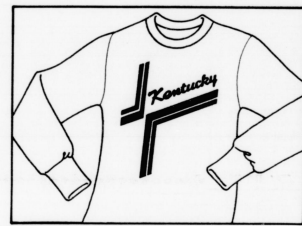
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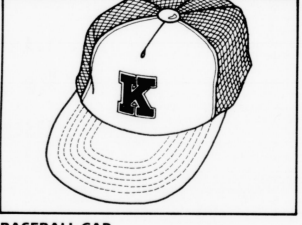
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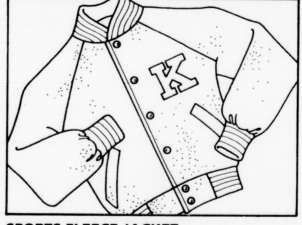
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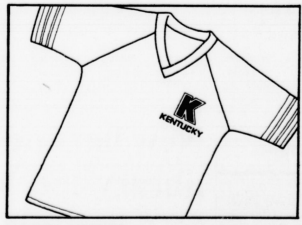
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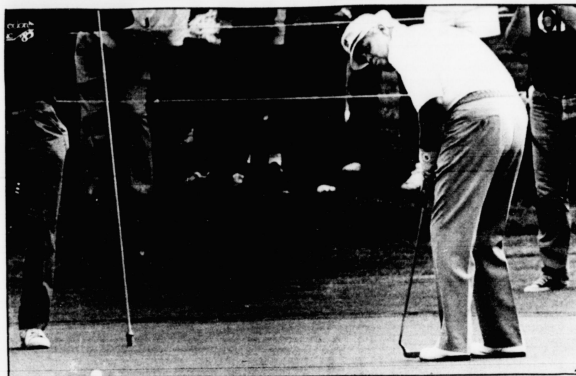
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# SPORTS

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## Brewer still has golfing zeal

By JOHN JURY  
Assistant Sports Editor

Although his hair is getting grayer and there are a few more wrinkles on his sun-tanned face, he can still whip that golf club back and make that ball dance on the green.

And 52-year-old Gay Brewer shows no signs of letting up while playing on the Professional Golfers' Association Seniors Tour. "I love it," he said. "It's like a second life."

A Lexington native who played golf at UK for two years in the early 1950s, Brewer is in town to defend his Citizens Union Golf Classic title at Griffin Gate this weekend.

Home to Brewer is no longer Lexington, where much of his family lives, but he knows where his roots are. "I learned my golf here," he said of Big Elm Country Club off South Broadway. "I don't come in here nearly as much as I want to."

Brewer began playing golf at Big Elm under the supervision of former

club pro Frank Atkins, who remembers Brewer as a determined 10-year-old. "He went to every golf tournament," said Atkins, who was pro at Big Elm for 31 years. "He was always swinging a club and hitting a ball. He was very dedicated."

After graduating from Lafayette High School, Brewer came to UK, where golf was not the primary sport and scholarships didn't exist. But with the help of football Coach Bear Bryant, Brewer received a football scholarship to play golf.

Brewer left UK, and after a two-year stint in the military, he joined the growing PGA Tour in 1956.

For a rookie on the tour, life was difficult because first-year golfers couldn't receive money until they had been playing for six months. And Brewer didn't see himself playing for very long. "We didn't know the tour would expand so much," he said. "We were fortunate that the money has gone up so much. But if he had to do it all over

again, Brewer would pull out another ball and hit that mulligan. "I'd rather give it a shot now and take my chances on winning than waiting six months before you could collect," he said.

Brewer possesses a lifetime exemption to play in the Masters Tournament because he won the Masters in 1967. Since joining the Seniors Tour three years ago, he has won one other event besides the Citizens Union Classic.

He said the PGA Tour is much more different today than it was 30 years ago. "They got so many guys playing. Everybody and their brother is out there playing."

He remembers a budding young golfer in 1967, who asked Brewer's advice on preparing for the tour. "I never met him before. He said, 'I'm Lee Trevino and I'm getting ready to come on the tour.' I said, 'Good luck.' There's nothing else you can say."

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Lexington native Gay Brewer birdies the 18th hole, sending yesterday's \$9,000 Skins Game at Griffin Gate Country Club, into a sudden-death "chip-off," later won by Billy Casper.

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and reading decisions. God, what I wouldn't give to spend a passionate weekend with him/her."

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of life: It's 6 p.m. You're on deadline, wracking your brain for a powerful adjective that will capture the grandeur of that opening scene in the latest Ron Howard movie. You take another slurp of tepid Student Center coffee, curse your editor and the horse he rode in on and pray to God that your review won't wind up buried at the bottom of the page under some Associated Press story about beauty tips of the rich and near-famous.

Split the difference between those two scenarios — weighted toward the latter — and you'll have a general idea of what the day-to-day life of a Kernel arts writer is like.

Some of you are probably wondering why anyone would bother with

this arts writing business. After all, news is what counts in a newspaper, right? And sports, of course, since ballgames and beer are what drew most of us to this bastion of higher learning in the first place.

I mean, do people really decide which movie to see based on the half-cooked opinions of some crazed quasi-journalist who can't tell Spielberg from spinach?

Strangely enough, they sometimes do.

In fact, since most of this paper's readers are students who have to pinch each penny until it presses manslaughter charges, some advice on how to structure their entertainment budgets can be mighty handy as the semester drags on.

But let's face it. Reviewers aren't strictly in the business of handing out advice. Only the most presumptuous critics see themselves as wise and infallible enough to claim that kind of responsibility.

Besides, with a staff as small as ours, reviewers also get a chance to write straight news stories about the arts scene. You get to wear more than one hat around here.

In any case, the most important function of an arts writer is to participate in an ongoing dialogue about the world of arts and entertainment. Art doesn't change the world overnight, but it does reflect it in some thought-provoking ways. Occasionally art can even influence the thoughts and actions of both the in-

fluent and not-so-influent among us.

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## •Brewer

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"But I've seen some good players that couldn't make it, couldn't adjust and some players you didn't think could make it, make it."

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"I'm on the verge of playing well," he said. "I'm hitting the ball alright. It's just a matter of getting my concentration back and getting fired up a little bit. Brewer won the Classic last year with a 9-under-par, 275 score.

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"I don't know. I always wanted to be a golf pro."

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## Stockholders near to finalizing sale of world-famous Spendthrift Farm

By MIKE EMBRY  
Associated Press

The principal stockholders of Spendthrift Farm Inc., Leslie Combs II and his son, Brownell Combs II, have signed a letter of intent to sell all their shares in the world-famous horse farm, it was announced at a news conference yesterday.

Manuel D. Mayerson, a businessman in Ohio and Florida, will purchase 8,901,666 shares of stock for \$6.43 a share for the Combses' 63.7 percent ownership of the company. The proposed transaction, worth

an estimated \$57 million, is subject to the development of a definitive agreement by the parties, according to a news release.

Mayerson, who derived most of his wealth through real estate development and other investments, has been involved with Spendthrift since his MDM Investments Co. purchased 133,333 shares of the company in August 1983.

"This was a friendly-type deal," Mayerson said outside one of the barns yesterday. "There are no adversaries involved."

"This was a great opportunity, and I just happened to be lucky. I never dreamed of owning a horse farm, especially Spendthrift."

Spendthrift's assets include about 2,500 acres of prime grazing and farm land, horses, stallion shares, barns and training facilities.

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## Appointee's biases could be bad news for family planning

There's nothing wrong with fighting tooth and nail for what you believe, but there's nothing wrong with a fair fight either.

Unless, of course, you're the president and are dealing with an issue like family planning — the one that encompasses some of the hottest topics of the time, namely abortion and government-subsidized birth control.

President Reagan's recent appointment of Dr. Gary E. Crum to be director of the Health and Human Services Department's Office of Family Planning reeks of cheating.

Crum, a former member of the advisory panel of the anti-abortion American Life Lobby, is, in fact, the second person with links to the anti-abortion movement to be appointed to a high-level family planning job with HHS.

Although it was a bad idea in the first place to appoint a committed opponent of some forms of family planning to deal with the problems of unwanted pregnancy and try to prevent them, it's still too early to jump to conclusions about the way Crum will handle his job.

He has said, however, that he supports the Reagan administration's view on Title X — a measure which provides, among other things, free contraceptives to low-income women and teen-agers.

The administration's position is that the program should be eliminated and the funds folded into block grants to the states for "primary care."

Family planners are concerned that Crum's appointment is another nail in the coffin of Title X. They're probably right.

The American Life Lobby argues that the program promotes teen-age promiscuity and claims that family planning clinics illegally use Title X funds to provide abortions.

The second claim is unsubstantiated. The first is ludicrous.

To believe that teen-agers see condoms and diaphragms as licenses to have sex is foolish. But it's even more foolish to think that all teen-agers will balk at the threat of pregnancy. Statistics — and a lot of pregnant teen-agers — have demonstrated that.

Family planning groups say more than 800,000 unwanted pregnancies were averted in 1981 through Title X funding. Of those, 425,000 were among teen-agers.

Also, according to Planned Parenthood, 42 percent of the 9.5 million low-income women and 43 percent of the 5 million sexually active teen-agers who needed subsidized family planning services in 1981 did not obtain medically supervised contraceptive care.

That's a lot of potential pregnancies which would be better prevented. A person in Crum's position needs to have an open mind, not one closed by preconceived ideas.

In the clash of the ideological titans, the least anyone can ask for is a fair fight — not an administration using its power to tip the balance.



## Ghosts of an old self haunt high school

So much has changed since I first walked through those doors, entering the forbidding world of senior high school.

Sitting on the front steps of the building now, a little before midnight, the memories floated on the wind, the changes seemed etched in the cracking concrete.

A plaque beside the counselor's office commemorates the long-awaited renovation of the school completed in 1981. I was a sophomore at UK then and only thought of my old high school when reading the sports pages or talking to my little brother.

I was working at the Kentucky Kernel, taking a heavy class load, involved in a number of extracurricular activities — and almost oblivious to how I was even then in the process of "becoming," leaving my high-school self behind.

Walking around the campus now, in the dark, a new moon setting, nature's music lulling me into a quiet melancholy, I recognized neither the new old school nor the new old graduate.

An hour before, I had wound out my motorcycle around the back parking lots, something I would never have considered doing six years ago, an era of more innocence and less obvious rebellion.

After parking my bike, I wandered around for a long time as untold broken bottles crunched underfoot, looking in the windows and doors, testing locks, sitting on the steps I had trod in the years between 1976 and 1979.

With the exception of school hours and extracurricular activities, I never came near the building during those years; it was anathema, a place to escape.

Little wonder I thought that. The black metal doors, covered with a dirty film from countless adolescent hands, feature imposing locks and small steel-mesh windows. Huge lights line the outer walls, casting

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bizarre yellowish shadows, while squad of fluorescent lights harshly shine on the halls, with their polished floors, their hard and smooth permanence.

Reddish-brown brick, laid around gray, precast concrete gave the building an aura similar to the one I've felt at the Fayette Correctional Institute.

Fifteen paces from the gym I could have recognized the place by the smell, even if blindfolded: a peculiar smell, not unpleasant, but obviously a high school gym.

One area was (and likely still is) called the "Breezeaway," somewhat ironically because a few years ago that was the area, outside the English wing where the "heads" gathered to smoke and make some of

their drug deals. They gathered around two sets of doors, in all weather, taking that one long last drag from their Marlboros as the bell rang, throwing their butts over their shoulders as they ran toward class, exhaling as they stopped in front of the door. Teachers would halt in mid-sentence as members of this divergent group swaggered nonchalantly in and slumped noisily into their seats in the back of the room.

Besides the individual smells of the gym and the "Breezeaway," the rest of the building seemed still to carry its same old scent, a bitter-sweet one that will likely be there for generations to come, a unique high school mix of worn Converse, pre-washed Levi's, cheap perfume and after-shave, chalk dust and mediocre food, all catalyzed by pungent ammonia cleaners.

The old football stadium was demolished a few years before I entered Bryson Station Senior. The new one remains essentially the same, a monument to something (who knows what or whom?) enclosed by chain-

link fences (as is virtually all of the school grounds).

The powers that be (or were) decided not to renovate my old junior high next door and built a new one. Progress and high school administrators have an odd sense of humor. I wandered around the half-demolished structure a few years ago as it was being destroyed, throwing bricks from the collapsing walls at the basketball goal.

A bunch of local kids were exploring, and I watched secretly for a while until they began breaking windows. I scared them away by bellowing from a concealed corner. They were blissfully innocent in their elementary school energy, unaware of the spirit I felt dying all around me, the haunting memories of my dispersed friends running up and down the desolate gym floor.

As I left, the kids came back and began joyously breaking what few windows remained.

A little of me died that day, years ago, as I walked home in the dark, the lightest of snow flakes stinging my eyes.

A lot of me has died since then.

I am almost overwhelmingly angry at the memories I am losing — and at times, even angrier and sadder at some of the memories which bubble up from the pit of my stomach.

Perhaps the sweetest memories, and the most symbolic, live on the edge of the campus, between the old senior high and the new junior high and my house, a long row of saintly-sweet and devilishly determined homesuckle has continued to thrive on yet another of the ubiquitous fences.

Ironically, even the sweetness of this memory depends on a man-made barrier for its survival.

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## Christ may not be the only answer to the world's problems

As incoming editorial editor, let me put forward a disturbing scenario. Suppose God had beaten me out for the job?

Certainly the mental image that arises — for a person who's seen "All the President's Men" and lots of "Lau Grant" — would put to shame some conventional pictures of Jesus Christ, a figure so ethereally emaciated that he'd have trouble taking up a two-by-four much less a cross.

Picture instead a paunchy middle-aged balding white man, clenching a cigar, flask of gin in his bottom drawer, clicking out opinions on a computer terminal, while muttering profane libels on national leaders and exchanging delicious obscenities with the features editor. There's nothing more embarrassing than an incarnate god.

Now I believe the everlasting God, the LORD the creator of the ends of the earth has some pretty definite opinions about the arms race, environmental poisoning, abortion, deficit spending and higher education. And I have some definite opinions about those definite opinions. So did Charles M. Sheldon.

This Congressional minister wrote a book around the turn of the

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century. In *His Steps, or What Would Jesus Do?*, describing how various people made that question decisive in their lives. The newspaper editor, Sheldon wrote, would stop running sensational news and distortions, as well as liquor advertisements. Then his product would be a real asset to the community.

The editor of the *Topeka Capital*, a Kansas daily, challenged Sheldon to put his Christian principles to work and succeed for a week. Sheldon took up the gauntlet.

He played down scandal, vice and crime; cut society news to the bone and dropped theater news altogether. Editors, bearing the author's name, ran on Page 1, and all Page 1 stories contained editorial comments in footnotes. The minister gave the most coverage to a famine in India, with follow-up soliciting help. A Saturday night edition ban-

nered with the Sermon on the Mount.

As indicated in his book, Sheldon's policies extended to the ad office. During his week-long management, the paper turned down ads for any kind of tobacco, patent medicines, bargain sales (He didn't have time to verify values.), women's underwear and theatrical and sporting events.

Circulation went up 300 percent, although some people put that down to the novelty of it all.

Sheldon said: "If my paper was dull, or stupid or lacking in what the newspapermen call 'news,' it was at least perfectly 'clean' from Tuesday morning till Saturday night. So far as I could make it, the paper had not one line in it that could not be read aloud in the family circle or in a church prayer meeting."

Since the Evangelists say Jesus was violently thrown out of at least one prayer meeting and accused of drinking and eating to excess, I'm not sure I could follow Sheldon completely in his ideas.

Speaking only for the editorial page, personally think the Lord would like to see prophetic edits at tacking hysterical reliance on weapons for defense, exploitation of the

poor by the rich, divorce, environmental destruction and godlessness in life and thought.

Of course, both Sheldon and I could be wrong, and the ultimate arbiter would be the Gospels, you would think. But turning to those books for an answer to this question reveals profound problems of theology and criticism, most profound of all: Is the God of the New Testament and the Old Testament the same? Does Yahweh's passionate interest in social justice, religious purity and international relations represent Jesus' Father's interest? Orthodox Christians have emphatically said yes, in general terms at least. Weighing what the writers said about the two, I have to admit my misgivings.

What did Jesus really say? Are the Gospels — Synoptics and John together — accurate reporting? Although some have gone all the way in their skepticism, to reject the books as completely the products of their varying authors and decades would leave nothing to talk about. Their Jesus is the only one we have.

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), beginning as it does with the Beatitudes, is certainly one of Jesus' most extensive guides to how

his followers should live. The author probably intended it, misguidedly, as the Law for the last times. But he behavior he recommends would best serve, not a settled, long-term society, but itinerant bands of mystagogues ecstatically proclaiming the end of the ages. Not a bad way for Christians, actually.

Two other passages are so classical and shop-worn as to be almost illegible. In John 19:36 Jesus tells Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world." This passage fits the whole tone of the Gospel, whose author was so rapt by the mystery of godliness that political "reality" was only a passing irritation.

Then, in Luke 20:25, Jesus says "Give Caesar's things (here a coin) to Caesar, and God's things to God." With perhaps deliberate evasion he never specifically describes which are which. The tone of exasperated impatience with which he received the question probably indicates the whole issue wasn't foremost in his mind. In a way this citation does answer the question of what Jesus has to say about things like politics, and the answer is a question mark.

So what earthly use is there in Jesus' teaching? Probably not a lot. So what are hardened but sensi-

tive people like editorial editors to do?

Of all the sayings St. Luke records perhaps the queerest of all, Jesus's conclusion to the Parable of the Unjust Steward (16:9-11): "This is a crooked world, and the unscrupulous know the score better than religious people. . . . Cozy up to unscrupulous wealth, so that when it passes away you may have eternal dwellings."

This sounds like complete opportunism, but I doubt it. Martin Luther thought about this question and came up with something reasonable in his theory of the two kingdoms. The Gospel speaks only to Christians in their life of faith; for others and other things God gave reason. "In temporal things and human relations man is rational enough. . . . So God does not teach us in Scripture how to build houses, make clothing, marry, wage wars. . . . and the like." So Luther.

Editorial editors don't need inspiration, they need to use their heads. That may not sound like a very spectacular conclusion, but it's probably the best answer yet.

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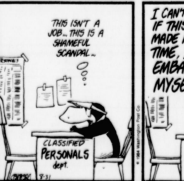
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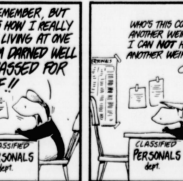
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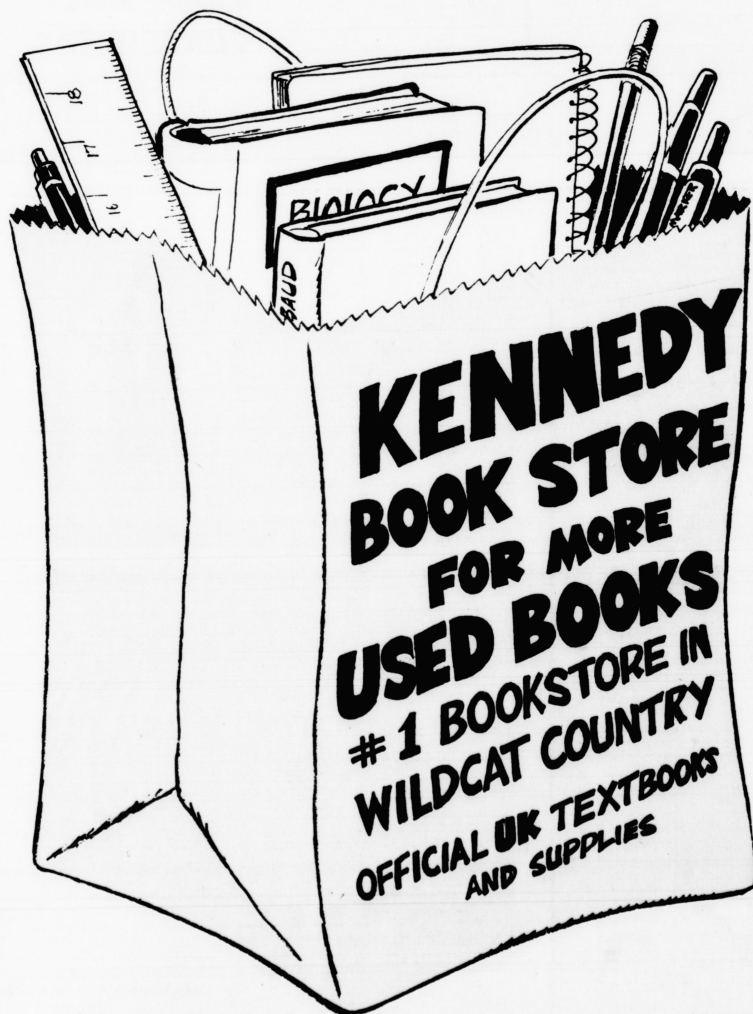








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