



Light show

Mary Blakeman, Student Activities Board cinema chairwoman and Sam Hughes, special activities committee chairman, prepare the lights for the Student Center Christmas tree.

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Equine center receives \$150,000 for research

By LINDA HENDRICKS
Senior Staff Writer

Lloyds of London yesterday gave UK and the Maxwell E. Gluck Equine Research Center economic insurance for its special research. At a press conference at Spindletop Hall, Lloyds Underwriters and Lloyds Brokers in London and Kentucky agents announced the formation of an equine research and education fund with a pledge of \$150,000 to the University over three years.

"Let me say, this is a very clear and substantial movement and we're grateful for it," said UK President Otis A. Singletary. "This is a significant addition to UK and to the equine research program."

Speaking to representatives from the company, Singletary said, "Without reservations, the people in-

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**Roger Barklum,
Lloyds representative**

involved in the University's equine research will fulfill your expectations."

In 1987, Lloyds, one of the largest insurance companies in the world, will celebrate its 300th year in business.

"In the past, we have had a good relationship with Kentucky because of the bloodstock industry," said Roger Barklum, a Lloyds represent-

ative. "We wanted to make a positive step and show appreciation for the research done by the University and to support future research in the field of related equine diseases."

The contribution will be used for special research into foal-related diseases. The three parties have guaranteed to provide in equal con-

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Man arrested in holiday theft

Police recover equipment stolen from humanities center

Staff reports

Equipment stolen from the Gaines Center during the Thanksgiving weekend was recovered Wednesday and Lexington police have arrested a suspect in the case.

A man was apprehended and charged with the burglary of the Center, according to Sgt. Jerry Wright of the Lexington/Fayette County Urban Police. The Kentucky Kernel last night was unable to ob-

tain a police report or the name of the man charged.

Raymond Betts, director of the Gaines Center and the Honors Program, said the suspect must have entered the Center through one of the back doors.

"No equipment was visible from the street or the (back) porch. It is a wooden door. Nothing else in the building was harmed," Betts said.

The Gaines Center, which was built with private donations to the University, opened last April as an undergraduate center for the humanities.

Betts said an outside door that led to the upstairs conference room, where the equipment was stored, had evidently been pried open. A video recorder, turntable and cassette deck were taken from the room where the Center's electronic equipment is stored.

Philippine opposition claims unity

By DAVID BRISCOE
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The long-divided political opposition appeared yesterday to be uniting behind the presidential candidacy of Corason Aquino, the widow of assassinated opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court agreed to hear nine separate petitions appealing for cancellation of the Feb. 7 special election called by President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

Marcos indicated he might agree to participate in a nationally tele-

vised debate requested by Mrs. Aquino. "My conversations with ladies have always been pleasant and I presume I will survive this encounter," he said in a news release.

Aquino blames Marcos for the Aug. 21, 1983, assassination of her husband and for the acquittal Monday of 26 men accused of complicity in the killing.

Until Aquino was gunned down at Manila airport when he returned from three years of self-exile in the United States, many thought he might be able to defeat Marcos in an election.

Most observers said if more than one opposition candidate split the anti-Marcos vote in the election scheduled for February, Marcos' victory would be assured.

Presidential aspirant Salvador H. Laurel said he and Aquino will jointly announce the name of the single opposition candidate Sunday.

"We will make a very important announcement as to who will be the official candidate of the united opposition to topple this unwanted and repugnant regime," Laurel said.

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Sex in cartoons increasing, speaker says

By MELISSA BELL
Staff Writer

Sexual and violent child cartoons are increasing, said a communications scholar last night, and she wants to educate the public about this situation.

Judith Reisman, a research professor at the American University, spoke and showed slides to packed Seay Auditorium, reporting on a two-year study she conducted.

Reisman, along with a team of trained coders, analyzed 983 Playboy, Penthouse and Hustler magazines beginning with Playboy's

first issue in 1953. These magazines reach millions of readers and often children who find them in their homes, she said.

Coders were trained to look at child age, sexual implications, and whether children initiated or were recipients of sexual conduct. Analysis revealed cartoons showing children in sexual contact with parental figures, doctors and governmental figures in parks, homes and beaches — places considered the child's world.

Studies found 6,004 child-linked images, an average of 8.2 images in each Playboy issue, 6.2 in Penthouse, 14.1 in Hustler, she said. Chil-

dren 3-11 years old made up 51 percent of the cartoons and 46 percent of photographs. Boys were predominant in cartoons and girls in photographs.

Many cartoons and photographs implied acceptance by children of incest, bestiality and molestation. Many child abusers believe they are giving children what they want, Reisman said.

Hustler has a virtue of at least showing children with fearful expressions, Reisman said; Playboy and Penthouse do not do this.

Hustler did a series of cartoons and photos of Dorothy of "The Wizard of Oz." It begins in a cartoon

with a caption of Dorothy saying, "Do you want to know what I really want?" The final version in 1981 had a photo showing Dorothy seeking bestiality and sex with the Tin Man, Lion and Scarecrow.

Cartoons often used Santa Claus. One showed him just finishing eating a child and killing one. The study revealed 513 instances of killing — 209 in cartoons and 304 in photos.

Some argue that pornography is educational, she said. She quoted a young boy saying, "These magazines gave me something to go by."

Reisman said she wanted to investigate what they really do learn.



JUDITH REISMAN

Culture crossing

Iranian student sensitive to the differences between homeland, United States

By JULIE FREEDMAN
Contributing Writer

Editor's note: R. Rahman is not the student's real name.

Back home in Teheran, 15-year-old R. Rahman gathered his belongings, said farewell to his family and left his homeland to come to the United States to pursue a good education.

He arrived in New York Aug. 5, 1978.

Seven years ago he was scared and naive. His country was in a state of chaos, with daily demonstrations in every city of Iran. The situation intensified so much that after Rahman's first year in the United States, his parents did not want him to return home.

Rahman, now 22 and a computer science senior at UK, cannot go home until he finishes his education.

Within six months of his arrival in America, Rahman learned the English language, started school and gained insight into U.S. culture — a culture he had never been exposed to in Iran.

At the time of Rahman's move, his countrymen were protesting the Shah of Iran's government and wanted the shah out.

"The shah had a yearning for power," Rahman said. "He had some good ideas and bad ideas, but he wasn't using them in the right way."

Rahman described the shah as an authoritarian and a smart businessman working for the interest of the United States.

During the demonstrations, many Iranians were killed by their own armies, who were under orders from the government. "My cousin was shot right through his eyes during a demonstration," Rahman said.

The demonstrations led to greater violence, and oil production, Iran's main economy, fell to an all-time low.

The shah left Iran Jan. 16, 1979, and the Ayatollah Khomeini arrived soon after.

"The turning point of everyone's life was when the country fell and

Khomeini came into power," Rahman said.

He said the shah's attempt at Westernizing Iran did not affect the middle class as much as it did the lower class. And after Khomeini overthrew the shah, the country was forced to go "one century back."

"Women used to be Westernized with discos, makeup, high heels, blue jeans, low-cut shirts and miniskirts," Rahman said.

Yet despite Khomeini's restrictions, women are still the same. They wear the clothes and makeup under their traditional covering, he said.

Rahman has noticed another change in his country — the lack of respect Iranians have for other Iranians living in America. He said people feel resentment for the ones who are not fighting against Iraq.

Rahman said he was accepted into the United States and felt free to do as he pleased. But during the hostage crisis in November 1979, Americans displayed feelings of hatred and vengeance. Rahman remem-

bered the feelings of alienation pulling from both ends.

"It was dangerous to tell people I was an Iranian," Rahman said. "Just being an Iranian was enough to start a fight," Rahman recalls the threats, phone calls and the hecklers telling him to go home.

"None of us care," Rahman said. "It is not that important to be bothered by something like that."

Rahman said Americans do not want to know what's going on. "All they know is what they are told. In Iran, people know when the government is lying. That is the reason for opposition groups. In America there is lack of involvement and lack of concern."

Since Khomeini came to power, Rahman's parents have been unable to send him money because of governmental restrictions.

"Khomeini has put us in a situation where we have to work here to survive," Rahman said.

One characteristic Rahman noticed when he came to the United States was that Americans do not

INSIDE

Wine Coolers have become increasingly popular over the last few years and the Kentucky Kernel Board of Experts has chosen its favorite. For the results of a taste test, see PAST-TIMES, page 3.

The Wildcats will take on Bobby Knight's Hoosiers tomorrow and Coach Eddie Sutton says it will be a classic game. For a preview, see SPORTS, page 5.

Business & Economics students are holding a phone-a-thon this week to raise money for scholarships. For the story, see page 7.

WEATHER

Today will be partly sunny, but cold with the high in the mid 30s. Tonight will be mostly clear and cold with the low 20 to 25. Tomorrow will be sunny and a bit warmer with the high in the lower 40s.

Center gets brassy for Christmas

By ANNE GALLOWAY
Staff Writer

Brass sounds will welcome in the holiday season for UK and the community.

The Glorious Sounds of Brass at Christmas concert will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the UK Center for the Arts Concert Hall, followed by a tree-lighting ceremony at 4:30.

A piano recital featuring the students of Patricia Montgomery from the School of Music faculty also will be at 3 p.m.

"This is a special effort to acknowledge the holiday season," said Nancy Unger, director of the center's public arts programs. "The Lexington campus will provide its own ceremony to bring together elements of the campus and the community. It is a gesture of good will."

The concert will feature a three-part performance by the UK Faculty Brass Quintet which includes The Brass Quintet accompanied by the Moller organ and a brass choir of students from the School of Music.

"Everyone's favorite carol will be in this concert," said Skip Gray, director of the concert. "If you love the holiday season and good music, this is the concert to hear."

The concert is a production of the Center Series, which was created in 1984.

The series presents various concerts, lectures and recitals when "little or no free, live entertainment is available," Unger said.

The tree lighting festivity in front of the center will top off the afternoon's events. Center Sundays coupons will be distributed after the ceremony.

Other weekend events include the

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Equine

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tributions \$80,000 per annum for a minimum of three years.

The University will receive \$50,000 for the special research, which will be under the direction of David G. Powell, an equine epidemiologist assistant extension professor.

"With this contribution we will have a good baseline to work from," Powell said. "Now we have a platform to examine and understand what causes equine diseases and once we understand these diseases, it will have a significant impact on the Thoroughbred industry and Kentucky economics."

Additionally, \$10,000 per annum will be made available in bursary form that will be awarded to deserving equine veterinary students at other American universities that have not yet been revealed.

Singletery said the center will be the main focus of the gift.

"I will add by way of progress that the Gluck Center will be the focus of the gift," he said. "Everything involving the center is going well so far."

Ted Bassett, Keeneland presi-



LINDA HENDRICKS/KERNEL STAFF

dent and director of the center, said, "This gift will have a very positive and effective effect on those who are interested in the thoroughbred industry."

According to Bassett, funding for the \$30 million complex has reached the half way mark with the about \$14 to \$15 million received.

Palestinian requesting asylum

By BILL CORMIER
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A Palestinian stowaway who twice jumped ship, the second time wearing handcuffs as he dived into swirling river waters yesterday morning, has told immigration authorities that he is seeking political asylum.

Mohamad Marie, 20, a Palestinian born in Syria who had sneaked aboard the ship in the Dutch port of Rotterdam, was brought to New Orleans later in the day for an immigration hearing.

The double escape recalled the in-

cident of Miroslav Medvid, a 29-year-old Ukrainian sailor who jumped off a Soviet freighter here in October. Medvid twice tried to escape, but later said that he chose to return home and the ship sailed with him aboard despite strong protests in Congress.

Marie, however, had claimed he wanted to go to Canada after getting off the ship Monday and did not raise the asylum issue until yesterday, said Darrell Goff, a Border Patrol agent in Baton Rouge.

Agents said Marie dived off the Liberian-registered ship Enard Hope

about 3:15 a.m. yesterday and was rescued from the river near Baton Rouge.

In Cleveland, meanwhile, a Polish sailor who has asked for asylum was assured of support by Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio.

"There is a strong feeling, I think, throughout the country that if a young man wants to remain in the United States under these circumstances and wants political asylum, that we ought to make every effort to see that it's possible," Metzenbaum said Wednesday.

New cancer treatment brings calls

By SANDY JOHNSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — News of a promising new cancer treatment at the National Cancer Institute prompted a flood of calls to the federal center yesterday from people desperate for a cure.

"What they're saying is, our mother, our brother, our sister is dying at this very moment. We have nothing to lose. We want to be a candidate," said Carol Case, the institute's chief of public inquiries.

"Our 800 (telephone) numbers are jammed this morning," said Paul Van Nevel, the institute's associate director for communications.

The callers want information about a new treatment, called adoptive immunotherapy, that turns ordinary white blood cells into "killer cells" that attack malignant tumors.

Officials cautioned that the treatment is still highly experimental, carries toxic side effects and is also very expensive. It is available only

at the cancer institute in Bethesda, Md., a Washington suburb.

"This is really the first step," said Dr. Steven Rosenberg, director of the research project. "But it demonstrates that it is possible to manipulate the immune system and make a variety of changes in a variety of locations disappear."

The institute's Cancer Information Service has been swamped with calls to its toll-free number, 1-800-4-CANCER, about Rosenberg's therapy.

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Bottom Line — 361 W. Short St. Tonight and tomorrow. Velvet Elvis (popular rock). 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cover is \$3. \$5 for couples both nights.

Brass A Saloon 2909 Richmond Road. Tonight and tomorrow. Strait Away (Top 40 dance). 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$3 cover after 8 p.m. Happy hour from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Breeding's — 1505 New Circle Road. Tonight and tomorrow. Doug Breeding and the Boys (country rock). 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$2 cover.

Cafe LINDOP — 337 E. Main St. Tonight. The Service (original dance). 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tomorrow. L.S. (original rock) 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$2 cover both nights.

Crystal's — Hyatt Regency Hotel. Formerly Pim's Pub. The lounge is now remodeled and features Top 40 dance music on a sound system, in addition to your favorite videos on a large screen TV. Open every night until 1 a.m. No cover.

Great Scott's Depot — 68 S. Broadway. Tonight and tomorrow. Radio Cafe (original rock). 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$2 cover.

Jefferson Davis Inn — 102 W. High St. Tonight and tomorrow. The Shakers (original rock). 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$2 cover.

L. A. Oliver's — Holiday Inn on I-75 and Newlawn Pike. DJ Mike Morris spins the hits. Tonight. Bottomless Beer Mug Night, where \$5 buys all the beer you can drink from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., and you keep the glass mug. No cover.

Library — 380 Woodland Ave. Tonight and tomorrow. Johnny White and the Elite Band (Top 40 dance). 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour tomorrow from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with dollar drinks and free Godfather's Pizza. \$3.50 cover after 9 p.m.

Spice — Radisson Hotel Plaza. Tonight and tomorrow. The Bobby Lantz Band (Top 40 rock). 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover.

Two Keys — 333 S. Limestone St. Tonight and tomorrow. Top 40/popular dance music on a sound system until 1 a.m. No cover.

2001-VIP Club — 5539 Athens-Bonessboro Road. Tonight and tomorrow. Usual Suspects (Top 40 rock). 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tonight, \$3 cover, tomorrow \$4 cover.

WEEKEND CINEMA

Back to the Future — Smokin' along for its 23rd straight week, this red-hot summer smash is on funny the 10th time as it was the first. Rated PG. (Northpark: 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:45, 9:50. Friday and Saturday at 11:55.)

Jagged Edge — Glenn Close ("Maxie") plays a lawyer defending a newspaper publisher (Jeff Bridges of "Starman") accused of murdering his wife. Rated R. (Foyette Mall: 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45. Also Northpark: 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:35, 9:50. Friday and Saturday at midnight.)

Jewel of the Nile — Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner and Danny DeVito reprise their roles in the sequel to the popular 1982 adventure-comedy "Romancing the Stone." In this outing, Douglas and Turner team up again to find a valuable gem hidden in the dark depths of Egypt. Rated PG. (Starts Wednesday at Turfland Mall: 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10.)

Key Exchange — Brooke Adams ("The Dead Zone") stars in this romance-drama opposite male lead Ben Masters. Rated R. (Crossroads: 8, 10, 12.)

King Solomon's Mines — Richard Chamberlain stars as an Indiana Jones clone who fights several thousand bad guys single-handedly while serving as love interest for many noble young women. Rated PG. (Northpark: 1:20, 3:40, 5:40, 7:55, 9:55. Friday and Saturday at 11:55. Also Southpark: 1:40, 3:40, 5:35, 7:35, 9:35. Friday and Saturday at 11:30.)

Krush Groove — The Fat Boys and Run-D.M.C. head up the all-star rap lineup in this exploitative movie that must have been made only for those who like to make guttural sounds in the base of their throat. Rated R. (Northpark: 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:45, 9:45. Friday and Saturday at 11:45.)

Once Bitten — Lauren Holly adds more cleavage than humor to her role as a female vampire who preys on the blood (not to mention the crotches) of young male virgins. Will leave a bad taste in your mouth. Rated PG-13. (Chevy Chase: 4:15 Saturday and Sunday only, 6:15, 8:15, 10. Friday and Saturday at 11:45.)

One Magic Christmas — Harry Dean Stanton is Father Christmas and Mary Steenburgen a woman who is sadly lacking in the Christmas spirit in this warm little holiday feature. Rated G. (Northpark and Southpark: 1, 3, 5, 7.)

Ordeal by Innocence — Andrew Sachs' Donald Sutherland investigates the murder of wealthy socialite Faye Dunaway in this unspectacular Agatha Christie mystery. Rated PG. (Foyette Mall: 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 10.)

Plenty — Meryl Streep tries to put her life back together after the finish of World War II, but finds her hopes slowly shattered as the horrors of war settle upon her. Also stars Tracy Ullman and Sting. Rated R. (Foyette Mall: 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.)

Rainbow Bright — The cute little creatures in this animated feature are about as interesting as their original counterparts that appear on Hallmark cards. Rated G. (Crossroads and Northpark: 1, 15, 3, 4:35, 6:15.)

Rocky IV — He's back again, twice as ugly and looking like he's ready to retire. Good boxing scenes, but where's the rest of the movie? Hokey, manipulative ending is like a kidney punch. Rated PG. (Northpark and Southpark: 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45. Friday and Saturday at 11:45.)

Santa Claus — The Movie — Dudley Moore is pretty good as a wisecracking little elf in this pretty lame holiday flick. Watch the TV special "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" instead. Rated R. (Crossroads and Northpark: 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50. Friday and Saturday at 11:50.)

Spies Like Us — Dan Aykroyd and Chevy Chase team up for the first time since their "Saturday Night Live" days in this silly adventure directed by John Landis ("American Werewolf in London"). Rated PG. (Northpark: 1:15, 3:15, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35. Friday and Saturday at 11:40. Also Southpark: 1:20, 3:20, 5:25, 7:40, 9:50. Friday and Saturday at 11:50.)

Stephen King's Silver Bullet — A cosmetically inferior werewolf hounds a boy in a super souped-up wheelchair/bicycle and his easygoing uncle (Gary Busey). Rated R. (Chevy Chase: 4 Saturday and Sunday only, 6, 8, 10. Friday and Saturday at 11:45.)

That Was Then, This is Now — Emilio Estevez ("St. Elmo's Fire") stars in and wrote the screenplay for this adaptation of an S.E. Hinton novel about two friends who grow up together in the Midwest. Rated R. (Ending Tuesday at Turfand Mall: 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 10.)

To Live and Die in LA — Newcomer William L. Peterson is a California cop after a master counterfeiter (William Dafoe of "Streets of Fire") responsible for the death of his partner. Rated R. (Lexington Mall: 2:10, 4:30, 7:40, 9:45. Friday and Saturday at 11:55.)

White Nights — Gregory Hines and Mikhail Baryshnikov heat up the dance floor in this interesting drama about two dancers trying to escape from the Iron Curtain. Rated PG-13. (Lexington Mall: 2, 4:40, 7:30, 10. Also Turfand Mall: 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40.)

Young Sherlock Holmes — Nicholas Rowe and Alan Cox play Holmes and Watson as teenagers in this extravagantly wrapped but ultimately empty package about the famous duo's first murder case. Rated PG. (Northpark and Southpark: 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40. Friday and Saturday at 11:50.)

Tom coolery

Board of experts offers guidance through wine cooler maze

By SCOTT WARD
Special Projects Editor

So who needs another reason to hate California? The concept was simple: take a highbrow drink like wine, cut the alcohol content by mixing it with citrus juice, market it like a beer and sell it to a health-conscious, alcohol-aware generation of social drinkers and climbers. It did work. It did work. Wine coolers were born.

One of the first of the current 125 brands on the market, became the fifth-largest wine shipper in the United States, netting what Marketing & Media Decisions called an "astounding" 4 percent of the \$50 million gallon U.S. wine market. While California Coolers are doing well for themselves, the market as a whole is enjoying its time in the sun also. According to the magazine, wine cooler sales hit 15 million cases in 1984, up from a paltry 4,200 cases in 1981, when California Cooler hit the market.

Cooler industry sales are expected to rise to 32 million cases this year, and the market for them is predicted to reach \$500 million. With that in mind, the Kentucky Kernel went to great lengths and no expense to gather from the far corners of the newsroom a board of experts, who recently conducted a taste test of some of the more — and less — popular cooler brands.

They were chosen by board members Gary Pierce, Kernal arts editor, and Scott Ward, special projects editor. With a limited amount of funds and a vague idea of what they were looking for, the two headed to a local liquor store to collect what they hoped would be a representative sample.

Dedicated servers Jay Blanton and Julia Pfeifer — both non-cooler drinkers — saw to it that board members did not know which one of the eight coolers they were drinking. In a matter with such sweeping implications as wine coolers, the board members felt objectivity was crucial. After the board members had tasted the coolers — and before getting down to the serious business of drinking — they ranked them according to preference. The rankings were then translated into a point system a la The Associated Press Top 20 College Basketball Poll, with the top-ranked cooler receiving eight points and the bottom receiving one.

The hands-down results: The best — and loser of the test was Manischewitz lemonade flavor cooler (5 percent alcohol by volume) — a thoroughly unappealing drink from the cooleries of New York City. The consensus of the board was that this cooler had a decidedly medical quality to it. Editor-in-Chief Elizabeth Caras asked whether Manischewitz could be used without a prescription and Ward described it as "carbonated Vick's vapor rub."

Manischewitz was tasted midway through the often distasteful evening, so when News Editor Fran Stewart began gaging on the menthol-like drink, her brief hush with death couldn't have come at a



Three wine coolers are left standing after the expert analysis of the Kentucky Kernel's wine tasters. The results of the taste test yielded some surprises, not the least of which was the near-suffocation of one intrepid taster.

The Board of Experts

Board member	Position	Favorite
Elizabeth Caras	Editor-in-Chief	Sun Country
Sacha DeVroomen	Managing Editor	Sun Country
Fran Stewart	News Editor	Sun Country
Gary Pierce	Arts Editor	Sun Country
Scott Ward	Special Projects Editor	Seagram's
Erik Reece	Staff Writer	Sun Country
John Voskuhl	Contributing Writer	Sun Country

better time. Fortunately, the Phil Collins/Marilyn Martin "Separate Lives" video was playing; attention was gratefully diverted from the pressure-cooker intensity of judging wines to Mikhail Baryshnikov, his ability as a dancer and his pelvis. Seventh place was a product from California's sunny San Joaquin Valley, Quinn's Cooler (6 percent alcohol) — "the original country wine cooler," according to the label. But being the first, in this case, was a poor substitute for being the best. The board was split about evenly over whether the bouquet resembled that of state ginger ale or wallpaper paste, but most agreed with Stewart's assessment that it had a diet-soda after taste that "stays and stays and stays."

The surprising and disappointing sixth-place finisher was the ubiquitous California Cooler (6 percent alcohol) — the drink with the ad campaign that's annoying the nation. Board members were overpowered by California's apple scent and tasted, in Caras's estimation, "too watery. . . flat and boring." Managing Editor Sacha DeVroomen commented that the cooler left a taste in her mouth reminiscent of the one left over after a dentist's appointment. Furthermore, Pierce and Ward found the cooler to be a little on the dry side — "a veritable sand dune of alcohol," Pierce quipped.

Another fairly underwhelming cooler — and one that was expected to fare well in competition — was Bartles & Jaymes' "Premium" wine cooler (5 percent alcohol), which placed fifth. The board's over-riding sensation about Bartles & Jaymes, a light and dry cooler with a rough

acidic bite to it, was a sort of nebulous feeling that it lacked something in the way of taste and sparkle, along with a displeasing aftertaste. Slick ads and pretty bottles are nice, but can't help an overall mediocre product.

A surprising fourth-place finisher was Diamond Cooler (6 percent alcohol), one of the more distinctive coolers in that it had a markedly different flavor from most other brands. The taste was very fruity and leaned more toward the tropical blend than what has become the standard West Coast mix, which covered up the taste of the wine — too much by some accounts. Diamond's heaviness was also a problem as the board was annoyed with its tendency to cling to the inside of the mouth like super-sweetened Kool-Aid.

Another dark horse was Calvin Cooler (7 percent alcohol), which edged out Diamond by two points to come in third. Calvin had a taste very similar to Diamond and met with similar criticism, but overall Calvin was judged the superior product on the basis of what the majority of the board felt was a less overpowering taste. Contributing Writer John Voskuhl disagreed, however, and, describing it as a "crandy-coated sledgehammer," gave it a low mark.

Number two was Seagram's cooler (4 percent alcohol), which achieved what the other brands weren't even able to approach — an almost perfect balance of ingredients. Seagram's tastes like the kind of thing a good bartender would mix — white wine, Sprite and a dash of citrus. Also noteworthy was its conspicuous lack of the aftertaste that had been so prevalent in the previous brands. Seagram's provided, in the words of DeVroomen, "a clear smooth taste that goes down easy." Although not the best in the opinion of the board, Seagram's is an excellent cooler.

And then there was one. It came as a true surprise when Pfeifer and Blanton revealed the name of the top cooler, but all but one board member agreed that this cooler was far superior to any of the others in the lot.

The almost unanimous choice: Sun Country Cooler (6 percent alcohol), from Canandaigua, N.Y. Board members heralded it as a simple but effective combination of just the right amount of wine, citrus and carbonation. Sun Country is a light and sparkling beverage that can be enjoyed any time as a refreshment or a cocktail and one that, according to Staff Writer Eric Reece, "transcends the overpowering aspects of many coolers."

And while Pierce — the generally skeptical type — was willing to admit that anything might have tasted good by the time his pallet had been bombarded by seven other brands, Stewart insisted that it was, simply, "the champagne of coolers."

So as the end of another semester draws fruitfully near and thoughts of the proper drink for holiday rejoicing start working their way to the forefront of people's minds, the Kernel Board of experts respectfully recommends that cooler veterans and neophytes alike invest their alcohol dollar in Sun Country.

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Freshmen serving up success for UK tennis team

By LISA CROUCHER
Contributing Writer

The future of the UK women's tennis team looks nothing but promising considering this year's four talented freshmen.

This wave of new talent — Sonya Hahn, Chris Karges, Caroline Knudten and Holly Parrish — helped UK build a 4-0 record in dual matches and a 19th-place national ranking in its fall season.

"Recruiting went really well last year," said UK women's tennis coach Mike Patrick. "We were lucky to get these four. They've all worked hard. I've pushed them pretty hard, and they've done an excellent job — all four."

And the four freshmen agree that the main reason they chose UK over other colleges was because of the coach.

"He's a really good coach," Hahn said. "His credentials are high, and he has a lot of experience."

Hahn, a native of Carrollton, Ga., says she knew her game would improve if she played at UK. Having played tennis for 11 years, she was voted most valuable player on her high school team four years in a row.

She has learned, though, that there is a big difference between high school and college tennis.

"There is so much more competition," she said. "In high school, you just played for the school. In college, you play for your scholarship, for the University and for yourself."

If her freshmen year accomplish-

ments are any indication, she's had no problem adjusting to college life. She and her partner, Tamaka Takagi, are undefeated in doubles competition with an 11-0 record.

Hahn also plays in the No. 2 singles position behind Takagi and has a 10-4 singles record.

Karges, from Joliet, Ill., agrees that playing tennis in college is nothing like playing in high school.

"We travel a lot more, and it takes up a lot more time," she said.

The women's tennis team, which played three tournaments and four dual matches this fall, practices two to three hours a day.

But Karges, who was a four-time state champion in high school, knows that the hard work will pay off. Her 11-3 singles record and 6-1 record in No. 2 doubles with her partner, Knudten, makes her an important part in the building process.

"This is really an upcoming program," Karges said. "There are a lot of freshmen and sophomores on the team, and they're just now really starting to build a team."

Like Karges, Knudten was a state champion in high school, bringing home the trophy three times. As the only freshman member of her high school team, Karges practically started the tennis program at her high school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The official team was formed the next year.

Even though she was a star in high school, she said she gets a lot more support in college.

"In junior tennis you're all by yourself and nobody really cares



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The play of freshmen Caroline Knudten, Chris Karges, Sonya Hahn and Holly Parrish is one of the reasons why the UK women's tennis team is ranked 19th in the nation.

how you do," said Karges, who, despite spraining her wrist early in the fall, has a 3-2 record in singles competition. "Here, there's a lot more spirit, and everyone is always cheering for you."

Parrish, a graduate of Lexington's Sayre High School, also enjoys the team spirit. "Here you're playing on

a team, not just individually," she said. "You're doing it for the school. It's kind of like a job."

Although Parrish may have been overshadowed by her nationally ranked high school teammate, Susan Sloane, she has done very well establishing a name for herself here.

She has a 4-1 record in singles and

a 5-1 record in doubles with partner Beckwith Archer.

"I want to improve as much as I can while I'm at UK," Parrish said. "I just want our team to do well."

The women's tennis team has until May to reach its goal of winning the SEC and remain ranked among the top women's tennis teams in the country.

Evert Lloyd, Martina meet for 67th time

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — The longest-running show in tennis history is taking its act back to the \$1.5 million Australian Open.

Top-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd and No. 2 seed Martina Navratilova will battle for the women's title tomorrow, the 67th time the two have met on a tennis court.

Both Evert Lloyd, the defending champion, and Navratilova, who won here in 1983, struggled through semifinal matches yesterday to earn a meeting that will also decide which of them is ranked No. 1 for the year.

Evert Lloyd had to survive a set point against her in the second set of her 6-1, 7-6 triumph over fifth-seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany, while Navratilova edged home 6-7, 6-1, 6-4 in a thriller against third-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia.

On the men's side, Sweden's Mats Wilander, who has won this Grand Slam tournament the last two years, faces giant-killer Slobodan Zivojnovich of Yugoslavia, and top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia takes on Sweden's Stefan Edberg in the men's semifinals today. The men's title match will be held on Sunday.

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Sutton, Knight face first coaching duel

By JOHN JURY
Assistant Sports Editor

Believe it or not, after more than 35 years of collegiate coaching together, Eddie Sutton and Bobby Knight have never butted heads on the sidelines.

But in the UK-Indiana game tomorrow night, the two basketball titans will clash in one of the great college rivalries in the country. Tip-off is scheduled for 8:05 p.m. in Rupp Arena.

"There is no rivalry that will match Indiana University and the University of Kentucky," Sutton said. "I'm an outsider coming in, and I've always felt that was one of the great matchups you would see each season in college basketball."

Sutton remembers Knight coming down to Arkansas soon after he had accepted the position as Razorback coach in 1974. Sutton said his old friend told him that the Arkansas job was meant for him.

"He said, 'Whatever I do in Indiana, it's been done before. But you can build something here in Arkansas. One day I'll come down and they'll build a statue of you,'" Sutton said.

While the people of Fayetteville, Ark., never did carve a statue of their coach, Knight is carving a



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niche of his own in Bloomington, Ind.

Entering his 15th season as Hoosier coach, Knight is looking for his 10th career win over the Wildcats.

"They're a very well-coached team," said UK forward Kenny Walker, who leads the Wildcats in scoring with a 23.5 point average.

So far this season, the 24 Hoosiers have proved they can play. They're coming off an impressive win over Notre Dame 82-67 Tuesday night. IU guard Steve Alford led in scoring with a career-high 32 points.

Averaging 28 points a game, the 6-foot-2 junior is shooting 56 percent from the floor. That's enough for Sutton.

"In Steve Alford, you've got one of the best guards in college basketball," he said.



J.D. VANHOOSE/Kentel Staff

UK forward Winston Bennett, despite a bone chip in his ankle, will start against Indiana tomorrow night.

But the key to winning, Sutton added, isn't just stopping Alford.

"He's a very unselfish player," said the UK coach. "There's no way to stop him. The best thing to do is keep the ball out of his hands."

"I feel he has to have a good game in order for them to be successful," said Wildcat guard and Valparaiso, Ind., native Roger Harden.

But the Cats better be careful not

to ignore the other players on the Hoosier roster. All five starters are averaging in double digits. Alford's partner in the backcourt, 6-7 Ricky Calloway, has a 20.3 scoring average, and he's only a freshman.

The UK-IU matchup tomorrow night will no doubt be a classic, at least as far as Sutton is concerned.

"In a game like this," he said, "I'd pay admission to see it."

Gymnasts' 'Excite Nite' not just a floor routine

By WILLIE HIATT
Sports Editor

Gymnastics coach Leah Little is hardly secretive about wanting her squad to be UK's No. 1 spectator sport for women.

So after years trying to promote the program, she came up with what she hopes is the perfect plan to spread the word about Wildcat gymnastics.

In an evening of "family fun and entertainment," the public will get its first glimpse of 1985-86 gymnastics team in the first annual "Excite Nite" tonight at 7:30 at Memorial Coliseum.

Besides performances by the UK gymnasts, the event's drawing cards include an appearance by the Wildcat cheerleaders, modeling by members of Begley's Beauty Board, breakdancers, live broadcasts by WFMI disc jockeys and routines by five- and six-year-old gymnasts.

Plus, more than 200 prizes including a waterbed, clothes, weekend trips, a diamond ring and free dinners at Lexington restaurants will be given away during the event.

To cap off the night, WFMI will sponsor a dance at the Coliseum for those who attended the event.

"We're advertising it as family fun and entertainment," said Little, who hopes for a crowd of several

thousand. "We want to have a night for the family, for the kids, for mom and dad. And we are trying to bring every aspect of entertainment into it."

However, the highlight of the evening will be the UK gymnasts, who will kick off the bash with a routine and will perform between acts throughout the evening.

"Everybody is excited and we are trying to get people involved," senior Sally Long said. "When we go to the other SEC schools, they have at least a thousand people in the stands and we barely have a hundred."

Ranked as high as 16th nationally last season, the team finished 21st and broke nearly every school record. This year, the team is expecting its best season ever.

"We have tremendous depth and the attitude this year is just tremendous," Little said. "We have always gone through a November slump and this year it just didn't happen."

"We have to come back cold after Christmas break to compete," she said, "and the kids have got to have some incentive to get their routines and skills ready by that time. The kids this week especially have been really psyched up for this and the attitude on the squad is tremendous."

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States was the American people's sense of independence. Everyone strives for individualism, he said.

Even the American government demonstrates the aspect of individualism, he said. There is a government within a government. Every state is subject to its own laws.

Another distinction between the two countries is the sense of integrity for one's family and for one's country. The family ties are extremely strong in Iran. Rahman holds his family above everything.

"Here kids pay rent while still living at home," Rahman said. "An Iranian family would never make their kids pay rent."

Rahman's parents currently are adding another floor to their 15-year-old house. He said they will have a room waiting for him when he returns home.

The basic attitudes of Americans and underlying psychology of motivation is different, Rahman said. The reasoning behind Iranians' behavior is different than that of the Americans.

Most Iranians feel they would die for the right reasons, Rahman said. "When there is an emergency, our people fight together. Friends die for friends."

"Here kids pay rent while still living at home. An Iranian family would never make their kids pay rent."

R. Rahman

But Rahman notices the selfishness of Americans. "People look out for No. 1." It has to do with their culture.

His pride for his country, his bond with his family and the transition from one culture to another have contributed to Rahman's feelings of helplessness.

His concern for his parents' safety is prevalent. "I feel like I should be there. We have lost a half a million of people younger than me. There will be a generation gap."

Despite his feelings of helplessness, Rahman says he has no other choice than to remain in America until he can get home.



Ho, ho

Rebekkah Ratliff, a one-year-old from Beattyville, Ky., tells Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas in Fayette Mall yesterday. Santa dashed into the mall two weeks ago.

•Unity

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"Unity has been achieved," said a source close to the Aquino campaign, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Aquino, expressing surprise at Laurel's statement, declined to say if she would join him. "Let's wait until Sunday," she said.

But Aquino said she would only run for the presidency. She said earlier she had offered the vice presidency to Laurel.

"I have been perceived as the unifier and many have indicated they would only give way to me," she said, referring to other presidential aspirants who now support her. "I don't think it would solve anything in this country for me to run as a candidate for vice president."

Aquino has been endorsed by former presidential candidates Aquilino Pimentel, Jovito Salonga and Ramon Mitra, along with several moderate assemblymen and leftist leader and former Sen. Lorenzo Tanada.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday, Aquino said she did not expect it would be easy to oppose Marcos in an election.

Aquino also said she eventually wants to remove U.S. bases from the Philippines, but she said no other foreign power should be allowed to have bases in the islands.

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UK Guitar Ensemble's formal concert of the semester.

The ensemble will perform classical compositions adapted for classical guitar at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the center's Recital Hall.

It consists of nine UK students, mainly music majors, whose focus is classical guitar performance. The concert will include pieces from Bach, Haydn, Scarlatti and Vivaldi. "Most of the music was arranged for other instruments and is adapted

for guitar," said Michael Fogler, the ensemble faculty coach.

In addition to a formal concert each semester, the ensemble, which Fogler began about five years ago, performs for civil and charity groups.

"Many of these students do not have early classical training," he said. "They've been guitarists of popular fields and varied backgrounds."

Correction

Because of a reporting error, a story in yesterday's Kentucky Kernel contained the incorrect date for the communitywide Martin Luther King Jr. march to be held at UK. The march will be Jan. 19, 1986. The Kernel regrets the error.

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From Staff and AP Reports

Alarm caused by steam pipe, chief says

A fire alarm at 11 p.m. Wednesday brought five units from the Lexington Fire Department to Pence Hall. The alarm was caused by a broken pipe in the mechanical room, said UK Police Chief Paul Harrison. He said steam apparently set the alarm off.

Report finds many below poverty level

Kentucky women and children living in poverty face a difficult task in improving their lives, according to a report released yesterday by the Kentucky Council of Churches. "The very existence of so many women and children living below the poverty level is in and of itself a condemnation of our society and of our value system," the Rev. Tecumseh X. Graham, pastor of the Broadway Temple AMEZ church in Louisville, said at a news conference. "It is also a call to the church to stand with women as they work for justice for their children and for themselves."

The 12-page report stated that 40 percent of all one-parent families in Kentucky live in poverty, and that 56 percent of all the families headed by women with school children live below the poverty level. The Rev. John C. Bush, the council's executive director, said the report will be presented to Gov. Martha Layne Collins and to members of the General Assembly.

Cabinet urges overhaul of antitrust law

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's Cabinet has recommended an overhaul of one of the nation's basic antitrust laws — the Clayton Act — to ease standards on corporate mergers, particularly for import-injected industries, administration officials said yesterday. Under the proposal, firms able to demonstrate heavy losses from overseas competition could apply for an exemption up to five years from merger-restricting provisions of the 71-year-old act, the officials said. The package of proposed amendments, initiated by Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, also would relax standards on mergers in general, as well as sharply scale back penalties for some antitrust violations. Baldrige, outlining details of the package in a breakfast session with reporters, claimed the current law — which bans certain proposed mergers in advance — hinders U.S. firms in foreign competition.

Tear gas broke up vigils, witnesses say

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Police using whips and tear gas broke up candlelight vigils for imprisoned anti-apartheid activists and dispersed thousands of mourners at a black girl's funeral, witnesses said yesterday. National police headquarters in Pretoria reported stonethrowing and gasoline bombings late Wednesday and early yesterday in most of the sprawling mixed-race townships east of Cape Town. A spokesman denied charges that riot patrols broke up the candlelight services Wednesday night without provocation. He said the gatherings were illegal and that police moved in after their warnings were ignored.

B&E phone-a-thon continues in drive for new scholarship

College faculty and members of the business community also have joined the drive to add to the spirit of the evenings. "There has been a positive response from the business community, which has added greatly to the event," said Richard Ford, director of the phone-a-thon. He added that local pizza places have provided pizza for the students after each night's work. "It has been a lot of fun," Ford said. "It's great to see students, faculty and the community all come together." "We have had a team spirit forming," Whiting said. "It has been a positive experience for the students with the College of Business," she said. Ford said the phone-a-thon has already raised \$15,665 for the Carpenters fund; its goal for the week was \$20,000. The college's goal for the scholarship fund is \$500,000. After two



Susan Bridges, an undecided freshman, and Louis Stroube, a business administration senior, work at the B & E phone-a-thon. The phone-a-thon is one of the many projects that students participate in directly.

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TV, other media distorting color of Nicaragua's revolution

In February 1984 Olof Palme, the prime minister of Sweden, gave a speech in Rivas, Nicaragua, at the dedication of a hospital his country had helped build.

Near the beginning of the speech Palme said, "I have now come to deepen the friendship between our two countries, to show Sweden's solidarity with Nicaragua's efforts to preserve its sovereignty and territorial integrity. We have gathered here today to inaugurate this hospital in Rivas, one of the six hospitals to which Sweden has had the joy of contributing.

"This building is a tangible expression of the determined efforts being made in this country to improve the social conditions of its citizens."

I learned of this speech, as well as Sweden's ongoing support of the Sandinista government in Nicaragua, because I spent part of my sabbatical in Sweden. This is not the type of news one finds on network television in the United States or on the wires of American news agencies. It is more likely to be considered "non-news," an event not worth reporting.

On the other hand, when Fidel Castro showed up in the Managua for Daniel Ortega's inauguration in January, 1985, it was a spectacular event, covered by all the networks and carried in newspapers across the country.

Guest OPINION

There was Fidel, hugging Ortega in black and white, or living color, confirming what the Reagan administration has warned us about all these years: the intimate and dangerous connection between Nicaragua and Cuba (and by extension the Soviet Union).

What makes news? I continue to wonder. Or perhaps more appropriately, who decides what shall be news?

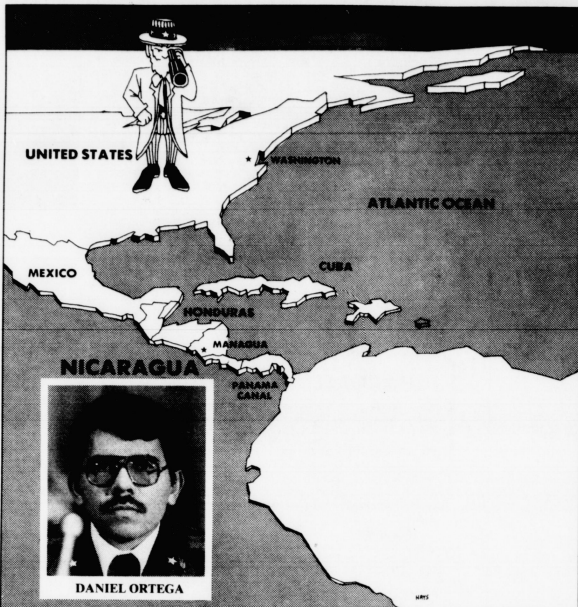
I began to ponder such questions when I visited Nicaragua myself in May, 1983. I had followed the news carefully for months before my trip — had read the *New York Times* daily, for example — to piece together a picture of Nicaragua almost four years after the Sandinista Front had overthrown the ruthless Somoza dictatorship.

But the situation there, as I experienced it, was so radically different from the "reality" I had been able to piece together from the media images and news stories, that I felt compelled to examine the nature of the so-called objective reporting we receive and to consider what implications it has for us as individuals and as a society.

In such a brief article I cannot do justice to the complex issues at hand. At best, I can offer some examples of the kind of disparity that shocked me out of a naive and uncritical attitude toward our policy in Central America in the hope of causing others to reflect more deeply on the situation and take a more active part in serious discussions.

The implications, I believe, reach far beyond Central America — they touch the very nature of our political system as well as our democratic ideals and aspirations.

The Nicaragua I experienced during a three-week stay was not that portrayed in the news. I saw an amazingly vital society where people talked openly about politics, their Revolution, their lives. In talks with members of the government I found a degree of candor and openness uncharacteristic in political life in the United States, in



particular an ability to acknowledge mistakes and a determination to learn from them.

What I found so eye-opening was learning the "other side" of the entire litany of grievances the Reagan administration holds against the Sandinistas: the Marxist-Leninist totalitarian state, human rights violations, the Miskito question, press censorship, religious repression, exported revolution, and so forth.

In each case, there was more information and explanation that brought different light on the situation. In many cases the new light revealed that the allegations were only shadows cast by propaganda and misinformation. In other cases problems could be seen in all their dimensions, not just the one dimension of the media or White House press releases.

I am not an authority on these complex issues, which in any case have changed significantly since my visit. Nor do I suggest the Sandinistas are infallible — they, in fact, are the first to point out where improvements could have been made.

One does not have to be an astute political analyst, however, to see how wrong-headed, counter-productive,

and tragic our policy is with respect to the real issues in Central America, issues that are rarely in the news or dealt with seriously or effectively in our foreign policy.

In his Rivas speech, Palme offered an indirect criticism of U.S. policy in remarking "the Somoza troopers (i.e. the contras) are not protectors of democracy, they are not freedom fighters. They want to turn the clock back. . . Nicaragua's sovereignty and territorial integrity must be respected."

Palme also pointed to the deep-seated origins of the problems: "Fundamentally the conflicts in this region have their roots in decades of economic and social injustice. Attempts to depict the crises in Central America as yet another expression of great-power rivalry only heighten tensions."

Time and again I was moved by the Sandinista's focus on economic and social justice for the people. The gains during the first four years after the overthrow of Somoza were impressive by any standard, the more so

considering the devastation and poverty inherited after Somoza fled (leaving \$1.6 billion in foreign debt and little money in the treasury) and the ever escalating economic and military pressure of the United States.

The gains in education (especially literacy training), health care, public services, housing, agrarian reform, cultural opportunities were impressive and significant in undying generations of inequity. But such achievements, like Palme's recognition of them, are non-news.

We are asked instead to look at Nicaragua and Central America in general through a veil of ideology, where movement toward the type of social change so desperately needed and underway in Nicaragua since 1979 is labeled as communism and resisted at all costs, including common sense and human values.

In Nicaragua they say that the real threat they pose is "the threat of a good example," an example of positive political and social change needed throughout the region.

Our Central American policy has had devastating results in terms of human suffering and blocking meaningful social change. We have, as late as this week, repeatedly focused on military solutions and repeatedly rejected peace initiatives from Nicaragua and the Central American group.

The tragedy of our policy in Nicaragua is so blatant that, at times, it even makes the news: the mining of the harbors, the systematic sabotage, the CIA manual, contra atrocities, our withdrawal from the World Court. The list is long. Unlike Sweden, which helps build hospitals to foster social change, we resist it with a policy of violence that forces Nicaragua — which would have preferred, like Sweden, to remain non-aligned — to depend on Cuba and Soviet help.

We are continually asked to view the Sandinistas as villains. When they recently called a state of emergency and limited certain civil liberties (not uncharacteristic for a country at war), it was taken as proof of these claims. We are not informed of how our policies have ravaged their society and placed them in an impossible situation, nor that there are fears of direct U.S. military invasion because the U.S.-backed contra war is doomed to fail.

These issues cry out for more detailed discussion. We have very few forums where such debate is encouraged and pursued. One such forum is the monthly public meeting of the Lexington Task Force on Latin America, which offers more balanced resources and information (much of which does not make the news) and the opportunity to discuss and to take action.

I was told time and again in Nicaragua, "we don't blame the American people, they don't know; it is the U.S. government that is our enemy." I have come to agree with them. The people here do not know what is happening and how devastating our policies are.

We must begin to actively seek the information and participate in policy decisions. It should not have to take direct military intervention by U.S. troops to inspire such participation. Do we really need another Vietnam? What is news? I continue to wonder. Who decides what shall be news? Who censors the "other side" of the news and constructs our "reality"? And what is our democracy without an informed and actively involved people?

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