

UK scientists rebut EPA spray edict

By JIM MCNAIR
Copy Editor

The UK Tobacco and Health Research Institute announced yesterday that a tobacco plant spray declared a health hazard by the Environmental Protection Agency, is actually less toxic than another spray under EPA approval.

Institute officials and researchers agreed the findings concerning maleic hydrazide would effectively rebut claims made by the EPA that the chemical was harmful and should be banned.

Maleic hydrazide, commonly referred to as MH, is the most efficient chemical agent ever con-

ceived for the control of suckers, according to Dr. D. L. Davis, professor of agronomy at UK. A sucker is a sprout-like growth on tobacco plants which diverts nutrients away from its adjoining leaf.

Last October, MH became the central issue in a conflict between the tobacco industry and the EPA. The agency was given information that MH was harmful to health, and said that unless scientific evidence could be provided proving otherwise, MH would likely be banned.

This caused UK scientists to gather existing research and formulate new data supporting the retention of MH as a sucker retar-

dant. At the conference, four scientists presented arguments which made up the rebuttal of the EPA allegations against MH.

Researcher Dr. P. S. Sabharwal, a UK biology professor, found that inhalation of MH-treated tobacco smoke was not harmful to lung cells. From his experiments, he proved that three forms of MH were actually much less toxic than the plant insecticide carbaryl (commercially known as Sevin), which has been approved by the EPA.

Sabharwal's tests on Type II rat lung cells showed that MH caused no chromosomal damage or cancerous tendencies. Type II lung cells, he said, are the ones which most

noticeably reveal the damaging effects of pollutants.

Davis said that if a sucker control other than MH were used, a six percent decrease in tobacco yield per acre would result.

"The total cost to Kentucky farmers has been estimated at \$40 million if other sucker control chemicals were used or \$75 million if the tobacco were hand-suckered," Davis said.

He pointed out that there is no existing scientific evidence of any adverse effects of MH, which is also used for spraying potatoes and onions, and that MH contains only an inconsequential amount of the

cancer-causing compound, hydroazine.

"Based on current calculations," he said, "a person weighing 150 pounds would have to consume 730 packs of cigarettes, 120 pounds of potatoes and 12 pounds of onions per year for over 400 years to accumulate toxic levels if none were excreted from the body, which is not the case."

Chemistry professors Dr. Walter T. Smith, Jr. and Dr. John M. Patterson, developers of a tobacco-burning apparatus which simulates the cigarette-smoking process in humans, demonstrated that all but one percent of the MH content was

destroyed when run through the machine.

"It appears that most of the gases formed from MH are the same gases that are formed from tobacco itself under similar conditions," said Patterson.

Smith said plans for the device have been requested by tobacco companies in the U.S. and abroad because of its design and price tag — the machine costs \$2,000, compared to \$20,000 for some other machines.

The conference was presided over by Thomas O. Harris, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture and Chairman of the Board, and Dr. John P. Wyatt, director of the institute.



This former home is indicative of the condition of Lexington's South Hill since the LCC called for the destruction of 130 buildings two years ago to clear the area for a 16-acre parking lot to serve the Civic Center.

Urban renewal brings wreckage

By GREGG FIELDS
Copy Editor

Note: This is the second of a three-part series on urban housing in Lexington and other cities.

Across the nation, thousands of low-income people are being displaced as their neighborhoods are destroyed to make room for urban renewal.

In Lexington's South Hill, a low-income neighborhood, displacement has been progressing for over two years. In 1975, as its \$46 million convention center neared completion, the Lexington Center Corporation announced plans to acquire and destroy 130 houses in adjacent South Hill. The destruction, LCC said, was necessary to make room for a 16-acre surface parking lot. The plan caused a slight public outcry, heard loudest on the UK campus. But there was never any real doubt the homes were doomed. Pam Miller, a member of Urban County Council, proposed a parking garage which would have greatly reduced the number of homes that

needed to be destroyed, but UCC defeated the proposal.

In the end, local government approved LCC's plan.

Defenders of the plan argued a strong case. Downtown clearly lacked ability to draw people. The Lexington Center, they predicted, would revitalize downtown.

Probably the most important reason for LCC's action, however, was that Hunt-Landmark, Ltd., developer of the megastore's Hyatt Regency Hotel and 40-store mall, threatened to back out if the homes weren't destroyed. The plan's opponents maintained the proceedings were a ploy by the LCC to rid the area of poor people. "Let's face it, no one makes a 16-acre surface parking lot," Bill Bunting, director of Lexington's Housing Services Department, said recently. "It's obvious they (LCC) wanted to gain control of the land." Bunting blamed the attitude of Lexington's generally affluent citizenry for letting LCC get its way. "This community doesn't give a damn about those on the lower half of the (economic) scale," according to Bunting.

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Waiting doesn't pay Penalty increase brings tuition in faster

By LYNNE FUNK
Kernel Staff Writer

The \$50 reinstatement fee added to unpaid tuition this semester was established to synchronize the fee payment schedule with the academic calendar, said Judy Marshall, ombudswoman for business affairs.

Under the old system, the University was still collecting fees after the 17th day of classes, the deadline for adding classes. Therefore, students were prevented from adding classes that were technically full although some spaces were filled by students who had not returned to school, Marshall said.

Students now have ten working days to pay fees at the beginning of a semester, after which all unpaid registrations are cancelled. Students can be reinstated if they pay their fees plus the \$50 penalty within seven working days following the fee payment deadline, she said.

This procedure replaces a three-day payment period, with a \$5 late fee added to unpaid fees and payable within 30 calendar days of the semester's beginning.

"The old late fee was ineffective," Marshall said. "It was not working and it was a pain to collect."

Class space is reserved for all registered students, so class cards taken by preregistered students who do not return to the University cannot be given to other students, she said.

"We can't tell if students are here until they have paid their fees," she said. Under the new system, professors have the option of dropping students from class rolls if they do not show up the first two days of classes. Positions are then open for students to add to the class, she said. The new system also prevents students from going through the semester without paying fees, then

paying only for the classes they did well in when they are reinstated at the end of the semester. The old reinstatement policy allowed students to pay a \$25 fee, the \$5 late fee, full tuition for the classes whose grades they elected to keep and half tuition for those they chose to reject, Marshall said.

"These were the students whose finances didn't matter," Marshall said. "Anyone could be reinstated at any time. There was no deadline."

Only 458 students were dropped for nonpayment this semester, compared to 719 last fall, said Tony Day, manager of Billing and Collections. "Most would think the results (of the new system) would be the reverse," Day said. "But if the students have fee payment on their minds, they do it. If they know they have time, then a lot of them really forget it."

"I believe the new system is successful in that a great number of students paid by the deadline," Marshall said. For students who missed the deadline and have grievances, there is an Appeal Committee. The committee, made up of Gay Eley, a University attorney; Jack Blanton, vice president for business affairs and a student, heard 66 appeals this semester. Of those, 36 were approved. Those students were reinstated without a fee, Marshall said. Nineteen appeals were denied and 11 promissory notes were issued in cases of financial hardship. Promissory notes included the \$50 reinstatement fee and were due in three weeks. The new fee payment schedule was formulated by a committee of students and administrators last May, Marshall said. The committee also identified the need for a computerized accounts receivable system which would eliminate the fee payment in the ballroom, she said.

State's \$4.8 million helps needy patients

By RICHARD McDONALD
Copy Editor

Although its primary function is to serve as a teaching hospital, University Hospital is the major source of care for poor Eastern and Central Kentuckians. According to Judge T. Calton, hospital director, the state has appropriated the hospital \$4.8 million each of the past six years to provide care to state residents who are unable to pay for treatment themselves. Students, however, are not eligible for this aid.

According to Don Boyanowski, hospital director of finances, everyone entering the hospital without "third party coverage" — health insurance, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Medicaid or some other type of governmental aid — is screened by a "financial counselor" who determines the patient's ability to pay for his or her hospital stay. The counselor does this by comparing the patient's income and assets with the poverty level income as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor. For example, the bureau says the poverty line annual income for a

Southeastern United States family of four is \$6,182. A member of a family with an annual income of \$7,000, no other assets and no third-party coverage, would be expected to pay the difference — \$818 — toward his or her hospital expenses. The hospital would cover any costs above the difference.

However, Boyanowski said,

students are not eligible for this aid since they are "voluntarily unempowered" and the Health Service delivers routine medical care to members of the student body.

Participants in worker's strikes are similarly ineligible because they are also considered to be voluntarily unempowered.

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state

KENTUCKY'S COAL OPERATORS, THOUGH APPREHENSIVE about trouble, would be ready to resume production under a Taft-Hartley back-work order, said industry spokesmen yesterday.

"I'd say that everything would be open by Monday," said Everett Brown, president of Coal Operators & Associates, a Pikeville-based organization. President Carter's moves to reopen the mines have been accompanied by predictions that many miners would disregard the back-to-work order, and that some would picket operating mines.

Gov. Julian Carroll has said he will take any steps needed to protect working miners, but will not put state police on special alert or call up the National Guard unless it proves necessary.

nation

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL GO TO COURT THIS AFTERNOON to seek an immediate back-to-work order against coal miners, an administration official said Wednesday.

The statement came as a presidential fact-finding panel completed a one-day hearing into the 94-day coal strike.

Administration officials said the president needed only to receive the panel's report before directing Justice Department attorneys to ask for the court order.

The government is prepared to seek contempt citations and fines against defendants violating the back-to-work order, the official said, adding, "There's not much point in getting the order if you're not ready to enforce it."

world

TEDDY MORRIS, A YOUNG NORFOLK, VA. MAN ARRESTED as a fugitive from Georgia in connection with the shooting of pornography publisher Larry Flynt, was released yesterday, police announced.

Georgia authorities, who had questioned the 20-year-old Morris in his jail cell, told a news conference that Morris' arrest resulted from an apparent hoax.

weather

ANOTHER DAY OF HIBERNATION FOR THE SUN TODAY. Cloudy skies and possibilities of snow flurries will make for another miserable day. Temperatures in mid-30s for most of the day and night. 20 percent chance of precipitation. Look forward to Friday's sunny skies and temperatures in the low-40s.

Compiled from AP dispatches.



Eyin' the ball
Don Phillips takes some time out from the books to limber up on relaxing before Spring Break in the Billards Room of the Student Center. Phillips is an accounting senior.

arts

History rubbed out

Appalachian legends have long been told in song, ballad and other art forms. But a new style, gravestone rubbings, also carries the message of life and death in the mountains.

Originally a European art, gravestone rubbing is a relatively new interest in the Appalachian area. Begun as a study of the artwork on these ancient stones, gravestone rubbing has grown into an in-depth demographic study of the early settlers in Appalachia.

Fifteen rubbings from early hand-hewn sandstone markers have been on exhibition in King Library South. The exhibition, which ends today, gives an insight to another aspect of the Appalachian culture.

Tonight at 7 p.m. Marguerite Estep Carson will present a slide and sound show, "What Say'd These Stones?" in 110 Classroom Building. With a combination of gravestone rubbings and a program that contains over 300 slides of early gravestones, Carson reveals



a new outlook of life and death in relationship to the Appalachian culture.

Carson was born in a log cabin and reared on the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in Laurel County, Ky. A former UK student, Carson is becoming well recognized for her knowledge and appreciation of Appalachian artifacts and culture.

Carson is working on a book about the heritage of the mountain people. The book, *Plume Blank Like Jerico*, will deal with the material culture. Duguerreotype portraits will

the slide presentation are of mountain people, circa 1860, while contemporary photography links the people whose names are inscribed on the stones with still-standing remnants of their time.

Accompanying the slide show will be the voice of West Virginian Muriel Dressler. Dressler recites her own poetry, which depicts the role that death assigns to life in show are voices of aged mountain men and women celebrating their belief in reunion after death.

Some inherent aspects of the material Appalachian culture can be learned from gravestones. Although hand-carved, many gravestones reveal a story of the Appalachian people through symbolism. Crudely drawn hearts, stars and birds represent a closeness between the deceased and his survivors.

The presentation is being sponsored by the UK Libraries and the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. It is free and opened to the public.

A night of women's music rescheduled by Free Media

Womin (sic) Energy and Amber Moon Productions will present "A Night of Women's Music." With music for women, by women, the concert will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Free Media.

Originally scheduled for Jan. 27, the concert was postponed due to inclement weather. The evening will include two solo acts of guitar and song and a group of five women who play traditional mountain music.

Lexingtonian Marie Farley will play a set of original music reflecting her feminist plights and experiences as a woman.

There will also be other foot stomping music with The Real World String Band—Lexington's own all woman band. Real World uses the guitar and the banjo in their

acts which feature mostly mountain music. Featured at the concert will be Cincinnati recording artist Terese Edell. Edell just released her first album "From Women's Faces" on her own label, Sea Friends Records.

Womin Energy and Amber Moon Productions are co-producing the concert. Womin Energy is a Lexington

woman identified newsletter. Amber Moon Productions, who brought the National Women's Film Circuit to Lexington last Nov., is a local enterprise designed to promote women's cultural events.

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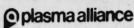
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sports

Lady Kats tip off regional against ECU at Chapel Hill

By BRIAN RICKERD
Kernel Staff Writer

The first round pairing pleases UK coach Debbie Yow.

Had UNC beaten East Carolina in the state tournament, the Lady Kats would be opening against North Carolina on its home court. Kentucky dropped a 73-65 decision to North Carolina in January at Raleigh, N.C.

Bolton has compiled a 112-52 record at ECU in nine seasons and has taken her team to the national tournament twice.

Ironically, Yow attended East Carolina for two years, from 1968-70. She said Bolton was there at that time and that she was on the team for a week before leaving after a conflict with Bolton.

Yow declined to comment on the subject.

Yow left the school in 1970, dropped a year and finished at Elon College in North Carolina four years later.

"I just know that East Carolina has a good fast break and they rebound well," Yow said.

The ECU-UK winner will advance to the regional semifinals Friday night at 9 p.m. against the Tennessee (24-22) North Carolina (16-11) winner.

The Lady Vols are ranked number one in the nation and own two victories over the Lady Kats, 92-90 in Lexington and 99-66 in Knoxville.

Yow, however, feels confident that the Kats can meet the challenge successfully.

"If we get past East Carolina, I think we have a good shot," she said. "I think we will do well."

"We just want to go down there and show them what we can do," Lady Kat forward Debra Oden said.

Center Pam Browning said she'd like to keep the season (and her career at UK) going "as long as possible."

Yow said there are 10 such regionals being played around the country. In the lower bracket, North Carolina State, 26-3, ranked in the nation's top five throughout the season, will meet South Carolina, 22-9, at 3:30 p.m. today.

In the other quarterfinal matchup, Old Dominion, 25-3, led by Olympian Nancy Lieberman and ranked sixth in the nation, will take on Memphis State, a 101-94 early-season victim to UK, at 9 p.m.

The semifinals will be tomorrow at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. with the title game set for 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Should the Lady Kats beat East Carolina and upset Tennessee, they could meet N.C. State in the championship game.

That would set up a battle of the Yow sisters. Debbie's older sister, Kay Yow, is head coach at N.C. State while another sister, Susan Yow, is Kay's assistant.

If UK loses today, it will fall into a consolation bracket and play again tomorrow afternoon.

The winner and runnerup in the region will advance to sectional play next weekend in Cleveland, Miss.

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South Hill

Destruction characterizes urban renewal

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Actually, Lexington was kinder to its displaced persons than most cities. UCC provided up to \$1500 moving expenses per family. Also, the 180 families affected were eligible for \$2400 lump sums for down payments on new housing or \$100 per month rent subsidies for a maximum of 24 months.

In other cities assistance for displaced persons — when it exists — is usually more symbolic than beneficial.

Despite better than average funding, the South Hill Relocation Plan still had problems.

"We had a lot of trouble finding standard housing," said Anna Johnson, an HSD administrator. "The places we referred them to said their income was too low and wouldn't rent to them."

According to Barbara Tutt, an HSD rehabilitation loan program officer, the housing problem was partially overcome by a Housing and Urban Development program known as Section Eight. Under the program, a low-income family pays no more than 25 percent of its income for rent. The difference between this amount and the contract rent is paid with Section Eight funds.

"This way, a landlord knows he's going to get his money," said Tutt. As a result, landlords are more likely to rent to a low-income family.

The biggest problem with Section Eight, said Johnson, was the "fair market rent" limits. "We have to find a three-bedroom house for \$243, including utilities, (to be eligible for Section Eight funds)," said Johnson.

"That's not easy," Johnson said. "South Hill residents generally moved to better housing, according to Bunting. But he maintains that losing the neighborhood negates improvements in housing. "All in all, we lost in South Hill," he said.

U Hospital's needy patients

benefit from \$4.8 million in aid

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Boyanowski said these same standards are used in the Medicaid program.

The present financial assistance policy was instituted in 1973 with approval from the Board of Trustees. It replaced a policy of having absolute income ceilings to determine a family's eligibility for aid.

According to Calton, there have been no serious complaints about the aid policy. "Of course, there are always some people who feel they are eligible for more aid than they receive, but there have been no real challenges to the policy."

Boyanowski said complaints about aid are handled by the hospital's Accounts Receivable Review Committee, which must approve any variation from the stated policy.

The Board of Trustees, according to Boyanowski, was reluctant to adopt the present policy because some members thought it might

transform University Hospital into an indigent care facility.

Boyanowski said, "We're a teaching hospital that requires indigent patients, not an indigent care hospital. But like university hospitals all around the country, we find ourselves pushed more and more into that role."

"We're satisfied with the (aid) policy, though," he continued. "We feel it is a very equitable program." Calton and Boyanowski said there is no law which specifically says the hospital must provide aid to indigent patients. However, since University Hospital was built

with funds provided by the federal Hill-Burton Act, it cannot refuse to serve any patient.

Lexington's three other general hospitals, Central Baptist, Good Samaritan and St. Joseph's, were also constructed with Hill-Burton funds. While spokesmen for the three hospitals said they wouldn't deny a person ad-

mittance, even in non-emergency situations, the hospitals have no written policy concerning financial aid. Instead, the hospitals handle cases on an individual basis.

The institutions handle relatively few indigent cases and do not receive state funds to provide this type of aid. According to Calton, the \$4.8 million in state money represents 18 percent of the hospital's budget. He also said some university hospitals receive as much as 35 percent of their budgets from this type of appropriation.

General Hospital in Louisville receives money from city and county governments to provide indigent care. Although there has been some talk of area governments in this area appropriating money to University Hospital, Calton said it has never been seriously considered.

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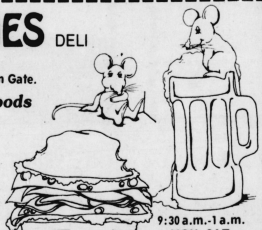
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