

Hazing kills pledges, says mother of victim

By JOE BRAUN
Contributing Writer

Recounting the story of how hazing by a fraternity killed her son, Eileen Stevens told an audience of 700 new UK greeks how not to fall into that trap.

Hazing, the forcing of pledges to do abusive mental or physical acts, is a common concern for many members of fraternities and sororities. Greek pledges and members attended Stevens' lecture on hazing last night at Memorial Hall.

Stevens founded the Committee to Halt Useless College Killings, which is named after her son, Chuck. He was killed 13 years ago after consuming an extreme amount of alcohol as part of hazing practices by his fraternity in New York. Since that time, she founded CHUCK and travels to universities across the country with her message about hazing.

"I travel to 35 or 40 campuses a year, and I think that UK has one of the most wonderful support systems for students."

Hazing is a violation of personal honor, she said.

"Being a student at UK is an honor," she said. "No one should be demeaned, degraded, abused or put through any test of loyalty."

During her address, Stevens stressed such violations as alcohol and mental abuse in the hazing process.

"Ninety-nine percent of all hazing incidents involve three things: alcohol, intense peer pressure and secrecy," Stevens said. Many people are told hazing "unifies a pledge class, builds character and — the saddest of all — 'I went through it.' These are all the wrong reasons to haze."

Hazing was an issue at UK last year after Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity was suspended by then-academic Dean of Students David Stockham for three years.

The alcohol-related hazing incident was off campus and involved Phi Tau's pledge officer, about 10 other members and the fraternity's pledges — who were made to do push-ups in the rain.

Although a minority of the fraternity took part in the hazing, the University Appeals Board in upholding Stockham's decision said "all members share a corporate responsibility" for the hazing incident.

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"The Phi Kappa Tau incident sent out a clear message," Stevens said. "The administration's willingness to enforce the laws set the tone for hazing. Students at UK are fortunate to have an administration that cares for its students' safety."

Thirty-five states in the country, including Kentucky, have anti-hazing laws. Kentucky law prohibits any action that "recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health, or that requires the forced consumption of liquor or drugs for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization."

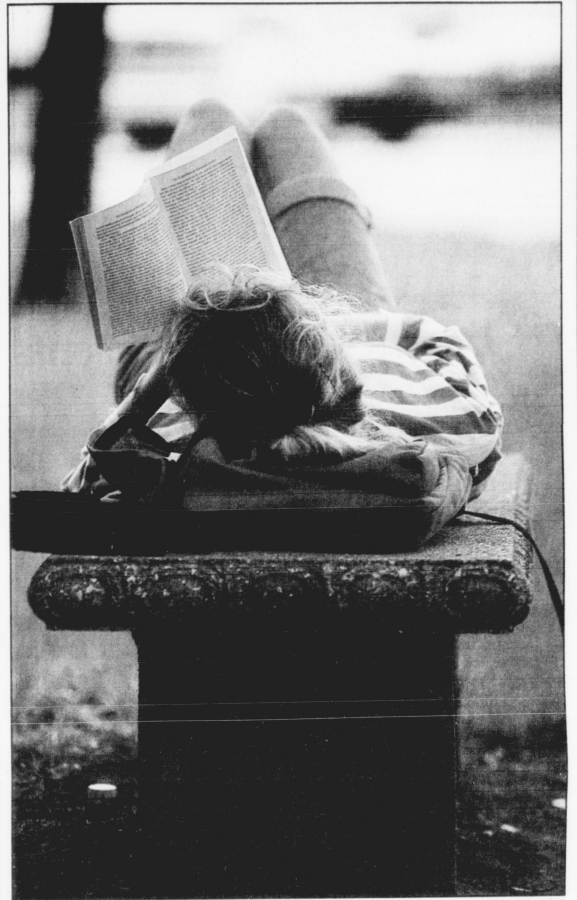
It also is prohibited by the University of Kentucky Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook.

Stevens repeatedly said she was not opposed to fraternities and sororities, only to the idea of hazing.

"One thing students need to remember is that you are legally responsible for your actions," Stevens said.

Pledges and new members of the greek system were told to report all hazing incidents to the Dean of Students Office.

TIME OUT



Cathy Craft, a 21-year-old marketing major from Lexington, relaxed while reading between classes yesterday next to the Business and Economics Building addition off Limestone Street.

University commuters gain office

By JARED PECK
Contributing Writer

In hopes of getting more commuter students involved on campus, the Commuter Student Board is being restructured this semester.

"We want to redesign the group from being a strictly social organization to one that is more involved in programming for commuter students," said Sharon Childs, director of the Commuter Student Office.

The commuter office and the student board have co-existed for 10 years. The board, originally named STRAYCATS (Students That Reside Away Yet Care About Their campus) in 1981, was a social organization for commuter students, which helped them keep in contact with each other and also informed them of campus events.

"We are hoping the (new) board will serve in an advisory capacity to the office, helping us to know what we need to do to help (commuters)," Childs said.

The previous organization only served its members, but board president Lynn Atchison said she hopes the new advisory board will serve the general needs of all commuter students.

"We want to do more things to

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Country singer and songwriter Gary Morris visited Melissa King at the Markey Cancer Center.

Grammy-winning singer tours UK's cancer center

By KELLEY POPHAM
Contributing Writer

Six years ago, Grammy Award winner Gary Morris made a commitment.

A commitment that brought him from his Tennessee home to UK's Lucille Markey Cancer Center yesterday.

"My real involvement with cancer began in a Children's Hospital in Denver in the Leukemia Wing," Morris said. "To see these poor kids who were struck down with leukemia, I guess we are all vulnerable ... it attacked me. I just made a commitment to do some things with my time that could help put an end to that."

In an effort to do just that, Morris toured the Center and met cancer patients, hoping to gain a better understanding of the developments the University is making in Cancer research.

"This Center is beneficiary to a concert we're doing, and I really wanted to get an up close and personal view of what goes on here," he said. "I decided that this was a very noteworthy facility and worth the effort to come and try and generate some dollars for it."

Although he is not renowned for his involvement with the American Cancer Society, he is well known for his country music.

Morris will perform Sept. 15 at the Red Mile for the Family Charity Picnic Concert. Performers Pam Tillis and Rob Crosby will appear with Morris at the benefit.

"Hopefully, we'll have a big turnout and regardless of the fact that it's a charity concert, people will come out and hear some great music," Morris said. "What we do with our lives is try to make music and try to make people happy."

While touring the Center, Morris spoke to patients currently battling cancer and those who believe they have conquered the disease.

"It's kind of a learning experience for me," Morris said. "Although I have never been directly involved — no one in my personal family has ever had cancer — it's still something that is a terrifying notion

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White House reporter to give lecture

Staff reports

Veteran White House reporter Helen Thomas will present the 1992 Joe Creason Lecture on April 6, Director of the UK School of Journalism David Dick announced yesterday.

Thomas has covered the presidency for United Press International since John F. Kennedy's inauguration in 1961.

A native of Winchester, Ky.,

Thomas is a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.

"It is a special thrill for me to return to my 'Old Kentucky Home' where our family still has cherished roots," Thomas wrote in a letter accepting the invitation.

Thomas and Dick, a former CBS correspondent, worked together covering the presidency during the '60s and '70s.

"She's very aggressive and she's always got her notebook going,"

Dick said.

Thomas noted if there were a major crisis or if the president had to travel overseas, she would have to cancel.

"But, I am hoping that nothing will intervene with my appearance," she wrote.

Thomas would be the first woman to give the lecture, which is endowed by The Courier-Journal and

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Eighth republic declares its independence

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Tadjikistan declared its independence yesterday, the eighth Soviet republic to do so since last month's brief coup against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

"We can't lag behind other republics. Everybody is declaring independence so we are as well," said Aleyev Abdodzhabadi, parliamentary spokesman in the Soviet Central Asian republic of 5.1 million people.

Eleven republics now have opted for independence, including Azerbaijan, where incumbent President Ayaz Mutalibov won 90 percent of the vote on Sunday as sole candidate in an old-style Soviet election. The Kremlin has already granted



the three Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania their freedom.

Yesterday's independence declaration by a special session of Tadjikistan's parliament was largely symbolic, given the decision last week to transform the Soviet Union into a loose confederation of sovereign states.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of Germany said in Moscow on yesterday that his country was prepared to establish relations

with all sovereign republics in the current Soviet Union.

Tadjikistan's sluggish response to change after the Aug. 18-21 coup, and opposition charges of intimidation in the weekend election in Azerbaijan show how the predominantly Muslim republics trail in achieving political reform.

Tadjikistan's parliament also set a presidential election for Oct. 27. Incumbent President Kakhar Makhkamov, elected by the Communist-dominated legislature in December 1990, has kept a tight lid on opposition movements.

A mountainous republic bordering China and Afghanistan, Tadjikistan has the highest birth rate in the Soviet Union and is one of the poorest republics.

Tadjik lawmakers, meeting in

the republic's capital of Dushanbe, also declared Sept. 9 to be a national holiday known as Independence Day. They renamed downtown Lenin Square to Freedom Square.

Only the Russia Federation, Kazakhstan, Armenia and Turkmenia have yet to declare outright independence from the Soviet Union.

Azerbaijan, with 6.9 million people, declared its independence on Aug. 30. Its declaration of sovereignty in August 1989 — meaning that the republic's laws would take precedence over Soviet laws — was met with hostility from the Kremlin.

Mutalibov's ascent to power accelerated in January 1990, when he was named leader of the Communist Party in Azerbaijan following

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SPORTS

Wyche, Bengals won't admit defeat despite 0-2 start

CINCINNATI — Bengals coach Sam Wyche, never one to admit defeat, sure looked like a defeated man Sunday night.

He sat at the podium, media hovering over him like a hawk over a dead possum, in the interview room just outside of the Bengals locker room at Riverfront Stadium trying to figure out how his team went wrong.

The Bengals did not play poorly, but still lost 30-7 to the intradivisional rival Houston Oilers, a team Wyche is not exactly fond of.

"We played pretty darn well," he said, shaking his head in disbelief. "We played pretty darn well. We just didn't get any breaks. And they did."

Cincinnati did just what it wanted to do — get the ball to 12-year veteran James Brooks. The 5-foot-10, 182-pound tailback rushed for 101

yards and four passes for 27 yards. "We moved the ball all night," wide receiver Eddie Brown said. "It was just the mistakes we made that killed."

These mistakes — a fumble on the 2-yard line, a blocked field goal attempt and an interception for a touchdown — sealed the Bengals' fate Sunday night.

"We ran our game plan to perfection," quarterback Boomer Esiason said. "But Sam didn't write fumble out of the end zone or blocked field goal or interception for a touchdown on the game plan. If we don't do that, then it's a game."

The Wyche blues
Just the week before, the Bengals were totally embarrassed 45-14 at Denver. Wyche, at that point, turned the Bengals' practice field into an Army boot camp.

He did his best Vince Lombardi



Barry Reeves

impersonation — he chewed a lot of butt.

"He tore us a new one this week," Esiason said, "and we deserved every bit of it. We didn't do anything right against the Broncos."

"We did a lot of things right tonight, that's what makes this hurt even more."

"But Sam can't catch the football or make the tackles or kick field goals. We have to take care of that. Sam did his job. That's why I feel so bad for him. He did everything he could, but we let him down."

There were the standard 56,463

screaming fans at Riverfront Stadium — a.k.a. "The Jungle" — Sunday night, but the 70-degree temperature and clear skies made a different Cincinnati atmosphere for the Oilers.

The two previous times the Oilers were in Cincinnati, they left town totally embarrassed. The scores were ugly — 40-20 in late December and 41-14 in the first round of the playoffs.

"We don't ever think in our wildest dreams that we'll lose in this place," Blados said. "This is our place. You know, 'The Jungle.'"

"This time around, 'The Jungle' was nothing more than a playpen for the Oilers. "We felt a little bit better coming into Riverfront this time," Oilers wide receiver Haywood Jeffries said. "We were a bit more confident. There was no weather, no

nothing. "Just the Oilers and the Bengals." The Oilers-Bengals usually means that there's a lot of pushing and shoving and finger-pointing and grabbing face masks and punches and illegal blocks. Generally, there's not too much love between these two teams.

The two sides were getting at it so much that usually calm Anthony Munoz, Bengals offensive tackle, was penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"I think I'd be safe in saying that 99 percent of the men in this locker room," Bengals offensive guard Brian Blados said, "honestly really hate those guys in the other locker room."

"Sombodies always trying to start something. It's almost like (former Oilers coach Jerry) Glanville never left."

A quick history lesson will tell us that no team has ever lost its first two games and advanced to the Super Bowl. But the Bengals actually they had, and still have, a chance at football's crowning glory.

"It doesn't matter when you lose two games," Wyche said. "This is just two of 16 games. We could lose the last two or middle two or split it up."

"This team has a real chance to do something special. We're not out of it, not by a long shot. If you guys count us out, then it will be you guys that will be left holding the stick."

A few minutes later, Sam awoke, and asked if he'd been daydreaming.

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Women's soccer team wins 4-3 over Miami

Staff reports

The UK women's soccer team won its final season opener as a club team Sunday afternoon at the Cage Field, defeating Miami (Ohio) 4-3.

The club will become UK's newest varsity team next season.

UK freshman Andrea Brown scored two goals while freshman Melissa Patis and senior Tracey Brown each scored a goal.

UK coach Mike Joy said he was pleased with his team's play. "It was a good win for us," he said.

"We need to work on our defense. We made some mental mistakes. We are real young," Joy said.

The Cats' 1991 roster consists of one senior, one junior, one sophomore and 17 freshmen.

UK took 48 shots-on-goal while

Miami could only muster 18. Miami fell to 0-2.

UK will play Bellarmine College Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Cage field.

Lady Kat Golfers finish sixth

The Lady Kats golf team finished sixth yesterday in the North Carolina Invitational at Chapel Hill, N.C.

UK posted a three-day score of 927, 32 strokes behind tournament winner North Carolina.

UK junior Lisa Weissmuller led the Lady Kats, finishing 10th as an individual. She shot a 3-over-par 76 in yesterday's final round.

Junior Tonya Gill and sophomore Dolores Nava tied for 33rd place as individuals. Junior Laurie Goddlett finished 37th and freshman Tracey Holms finished 53rd.

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DIVERSIONS

Top writers shown in 'A Moveable Feast'

By **DOUGLAS J. ROWE**
Associated Press

"A Moveable Feast: Profiles of Contemporary American Authors" (Atlas Video Inc. \$19.95 for each 30-minute tape. \$159.60 for the eight-volume set)

People who like to read serious literature should like to watch a series that profiles contemporary American authors, offers a sampling of their work and focuses on the environment that most influences them.

Each videotape in the eight-part series titled "A Moveable Feast" succeeds in giving the viewer the sense of place — sights, sounds, sensations and experiences indigenous to an area — that went into creating the writer.

Joyce Carol Oates is interviewed in her suburban Princeton, N.J., home, the setting for "American Appetites," her novel about a married couple living a prestigious but troubled upper middle-class existence.

William S. Merwin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, is seen in his element — the Hawaiian island of Maui. And we also see quite clearly why he concentrates on environment and the Earth's natural treasures.

Series host Tom Vitale, who has been a cultural correspondent for National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition," introduces the sense of place and its effect on a writer.

In the program about Trey Ellis, who writes parodies of what he calls "Afro-baroque glory stories,"

Vitale, who hosts a radio program of literary readings and interviews also called "A Moveable Feast," points out that Ellis' milieu is New York's Upper East Side and says: "It has been said of the writer living in New York, the subject is everywhere."

For his part, Ellis — while being a very funny writer — seriously asserts that the black experience is so broad now that "it's pandering for a lot of urban, upper middle-class blacks to write ... pretending that they were born in a shack."

In the other half-hour videos, T. Coraghessan Boyle offers a vision of the Hudson River Valley; T.R. Pearson explains how his four comic novels give voice to the South; Chicago poet Li-Yung Lee traces a family of Chinese aristocrats turned American clergy in Chicago; and

Sonia Sanchez focuses on race relations in Philadelphia.

Arguably, the most famous, or at least ending, of the writers profiled is Allen Ginsberg, the beat poet, who has written about his mother's insane life and death in New York City.

The series, which aired on PBS, succeeds, too, because the writers read from their work, giving viewers a little of their vision and passion.

Sanchez witnessed the 1985 MOVE conflagration in Philadelphia, where 60 homes were destroyed after police bombed the radical group's fortified row house. Eleven were killed, including five children.

"This is a part of our history," she mutters, and writes: "Hurry on down to Osage Street.

"They're roasting in the fire. Smell the dreadlocks and black skins roasting in the fire."

Oates talks of being not only the sun but also the limit of one's experience as she recounts how three or four men in the Princeton area think they're the protagonist of her latest book.

One even has jokingly threatened to sue, but that's unlikely, she says, explaining:

"I think most novelists are like magpies or crows, taking bits of details and ingredients from real life and weaving them all together into a kind of fanciful nest. And people look in the nest and say, 'Here's an old ribbon. That was mine,' or 'Here's an old pipe cleaner ...' or

something.

"But really it's a complete gestalt, and in a sense doesn't bear any relationship to those same things outside the context."

Ultimately, the series soars because it's not stuffy. It's for people who are not prisoners of public television (you know the other type — "The only television I watch is on ...") should enjoy these videos and be turned on to some exciting literature.

As Boyle, winner of the PEN-Faulkner award for American Fiction, says, literature can be "so hermetic" when it should be fun, it should be entertainment.

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Hemingway's Idaho: The last good country

"If we win here we will win everywhere. The world is a fine place and worth the fighting for and I hate very much to leave it." — Ernest Hemingway, "For Whom the Bell Tolls"

By **RICHARD BENKE**
Associated Press

KETCHUM, Idaho — Back when Ernest Hemingway lived in his well-furnished hillside house overlooking the Big Wood River, there wasn't another building in sight.

Now development encroaches throughout the popular Sun Valley resort area, and Hemingway is part of the reason.

His son, Jack, hopes to be part of the solution. He's on the board of the Nature Conservancy in Idaho, and he believes his father, who died here 30 years ago, would have approved.

"In his day, the word 'environmental' wasn't in common usage, certainly," Hemingway says. "His feeling for the land essentially was that it should be unspoiled. ... In those days when some country you loved was overrun with people, you just moved on and found another place. Idaho was sort of his last stand; he wasn't going to move on. He wanted to keep what we had

here as inviolable as possible. ... I think he was a little depressed to see more people coming, but even in '61 when he died the growth hadn't even begun. ...

"There was no environmental movement. You just had a very strong feeling about what should be done with the land."

"He used to talk about good country, and this was good country. The country around here, the sort of desert country, reminded him a lot of Spain, which was a place he dearly loved. He loved the bird hunting here in particular."

When the resort was being developed in the late 1930s, Hemingway and other celebrities were brought here to promote it.

They stayed in complimentary quarters, and resort officials guided them on hunting, fishing and skiing adventures — and snapped publicity photos.

Some came back periodically. Hemingway most of all. And in 1958, when he could see he might have to leave his Cuban home because of Castro's revolution, he bought the Big Wood River house where he ended his life on July 2, 1961.

The house, a replica of the Sun Valley Lodge, was bequeathed to the Nature Conservancy by Hemingway's widow, Mary, who died in 1986.

Conservancy state director Guy Bonnivier has his office in the upstairs room where Hemingway wrote such works as *A Moveable Feast* and *Garden of Eden*, standing at a window overlooking the valley toward the basalt outcroppings of the Boulder Mountains.

"When Ernest lived here, you couldn't see another building from this house," Bonnivier said as he walked through the imposing two-story, poured-concrete house with its dominating windows.

Most Hemingway furnishings remain, including impala and lesser kudu trophies of his African safaris

over the fireplace and a mountain lion pelt on the sofa.

Hemingway's deep-sea fishing cap is on a shelf in Bonnivier's office.

The house and grounds are closed to the public, a condition of Mary Hemingway's will.

Hemingway especially loved to canoe down Silver Creek 30 miles southeast of here on duck hunts, his son says.

The Conservancy now owns the Silver Creek Preserve, 3,000 acres near the headwaters.

"It would be difficult for you to find a desert spring creek in better condition than Silver Creek," Bonnivier says.

The private, non-profit Conservancy also owns 8,000 acres close to the confluence of the Snake and Salmon rivers in the Hell's Canyon area near the Oregon-Washington border, 120 acres along Soldier Creek, three miles of river frontage in the Thousand Springs Preserve and a half mile of Wood River frontage which Bonnivier calls "the Hemingway Preserve."

"There is all sorts of development encroaching on the (Wood) river," Bonnivier says, a particular problem because of the river's tendency to flood.

Home owners who have built down in the flood plain have ripped their river frontages with protective boulders, altering the course of the river and increasing its speed, he says.

A group called Friends of the Wood River instituted a program to counteract ripraps with "drop structures" designed to slow the flow and return it to its normal flood plain.

The Conservancy, meanwhile, wants to acquire more Wood River frontage. "We want to get hold of the pieces that aren't riprapped," Bonnivier says.

The Nature Conservancy, sometimes called the real estate wing of the environmental movement with more than a half-million members nationwide, acquires ecologically sensitive land, then sets about rehabilitating it. In Idaho, the conservancy has been involved in protecting some 45,000 acres overall.

But the Silver Creek Preserve is something of an anomaly.

"There had been no history in the past of the Conservancy allowing any public hunting on any of their land, but it was really felt that this was a traditional use," Jack Hemingway says.

Bonnivier says hunters are allowed to canoe down Silver Creek three days a week, to shoot from the public access riverbed areas to the high-water line and to walk ashore on Conservancy land to retrieve their birds.

Besides ducks, Silver Creek has long-billed curlews, wintering bald eagles, visiting peregrine falcons, breeding pairs of Swainson's Hawk and several owl species.

And there is the Wood River Sculpin, a 2-inch-long bullhead-like fish found nowhere else in the world.

Hemingway also loved Thousand Springs along the Snake River 100 miles south of Ketchum, where the birds farm the warm spring water and the neighboring cornfields.

"One of the phenomena that attracted Hemingway was the 500,000 to a million mallards wintering there, but it still doesn't rate itself as a primary flyway," Bonnivier says. "And there are at least a dozen other species wintering there. The water is 52 degrees — very warm, especially when (the air) is 25 below zero."

It's pretty far north for wintering birds, he says.

"Those birds just don't go any farther south. They go from the spring water to the corn, the corn to the spring water."

When the time came for Hemingway to consider where he'd live after leaving Cuba, his son says: "I don't think there was any question in his mind about where he'd go. This was it."

He had worked on many of his books during Sun Valley visits, starting with *For Whom the Bell Tolls* in 1939, and he had many friends here.

Sun Valley erected a modest Hemingway monument 25 years ago overlooking Trail Creek. A bust of him sits atop a pillar. On the base is an inscription distilled from Hemingway's eulogy for a friend killed in a Thousand Springs hunting accident:

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UK putting up too many fences against students



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Since classes began this fall, our idyllic campus has been invaded by large machinery and miles of fences that would make the Great Wall of China blush. This has come as quite a shock to upperclassmen who have grown used to maneuvering around campus without the use of a compass, hard hat, or — if one is particularly late for that big test — a pole vault to frustrate the fences.

Freshmen, already forced to learn volumes of arcania to function as full-fledged university students, must figure out how to navigate a barricaded campus which little resembles the campus they visited as a high school senior in search of an institution of higher learning. Even the maps they are issued to facilitate their treks across campus are obsolete since no one can predict where fences will appear or what building one will have to cut through to avoid a large construction pit.

One would think a campus administration that cared about its students would seek to accommodate them in some way other than forcing them into several hours of extra walking every day.

None of the current construction was begun in the summer when few students were here and the inconvenience would have been less. In years past, the University did not barricade the campus while classes were in session. Instead, they sought to coordinate the needs of the students with the needs of a growing, changing physical plant. It is obvious that the campus cannot remain stagnant and that construction is desirable. But it seems that those supervising this latest barrage of construction have a complete disregard of those for whom the campus exists: the students.

The University is not the physical plant and it is not the administration. The University is composed of and exists for the students. It is not fair to the students who are currently here to disregard them in favor of a more modern-looking campus that is wanted chiefly by administrators who wish to point out how much the campus has grown since they have been in charge.

Hopefully, some of the fences will come down and a semblance of the UK campus will reappear, but it seems that more barricades keep appearing. We hope that this is not indicative of the administration's general attitude toward students.



SATs biased against American youth

A few days ago, the omniscient overlords from The Educational Testing Service handed down their annual indictment of America's youth in the form of SAT scores. Whaddya know? The scores of high school seniors on the verbal section of the test hit an all time low and scores on the mathematics section of the test were lower than last year's abysmal numbers.

Across the nation, millions of 17 and 18 year-old young men and women, upon hearing the news, cancelled their plans for weekend beer bashes and broke off hot dates to properly attend to the problem of their poor scores.

Many could be seen at local libraries rereading old algebra text books and memorizing the dictionary starting with the word abacus.

Ad hoc Algonquin roundtables were formed to discuss the problem of our wasted youth and many decided that if they could just help one student do better on next year's test it would all be worth it.

Actually, the only people that care about these scores are the pedantic professors and social commentators who need this discouraging information about our country's youth in order to massage their egos and defend dissertations entitled "Why it's not my fault that kids are getting dumber."

Usually these self-righteous treatises contend that America is not producing Einsteins with assembly-line like efficiency, as the Japanese are, because our schools are dramatically under-funded, subjects are taught in an over-standardized, under-participative manner, culture promotes instantly gratifying behavior and it rewards kids who can shoot jump-shots rather than those who can read or other such nonsense.

Well, it says here that today's youth is brainy, savvy, and smart as ever.

The reason the Japanese kick our



David Ash

American butts on these tests is because the tests are biased. That's right: biased. These tests reward knowledge of the kind of information that is inculcated in nerdy Japanese kids from the time they are born and do not reward knowledge of the kind of information Americans learn during their time at school or when they are skateboarding at the mall or watching MTV.

The following example of the type of question usually found on the verbal section of the SAT illustrates the grotesque bias of the test:

Choose the word or words whose meaning most closely resembles that of the word in bold:

• Degradation

- A. insalubrity
- B. imperfection
- C. improvement
- D. retrogradation

What? Are you serious? If you chose answer D you are an amazing nerd and must go directly to Japan. The two Americans who got this right were last seen at prom trading baseball cards and punching each other on the arm.

It's not that our nation's high schoolers have not learned an impressive lexicon. The reason American kids do not score higher on the verbal section is because the dogmatic book worms at ETS think they know the right way to use the English language and, thus, refuse to test our high schoolers on the way they've learned to communicate.

Concerning the previous example, most 18 year-olds have a general idea about what the word degra-

daion means. It's kinda bad. It's got that bad sound to it. But where are they going to learn what the word retrogradation means? While ETS geeks may say things to each other like, "The retrogradation of the Swedish economy is cause for consternation," it might be a while before one hears a teenager say, "Big Ed's kegger slowly retrograded into a belching contest." The ETS overlords simply choose to test proper use of their own esoteric language. If they would just acknowledge that American youths use the English language differently, verbal SAT scores would soar.

We would really start to make the Japanese look foolish if more questions like the previous example were stated differently such as:

• Degradation

- A. insalubrity
- B. imperfection
- C. improvement
- D. unkiller activity

The mathematics section of the SAT is similarly biased. An illustration of this bias can be seen in the following problem often seen on the SAT:

If two friends drive to a dance and the first lives 10 miles away and drives 40 mph and the second lives 15 miles away and drives 70 mph, how much sooner will the second friend arrive than the first?

Again, the ETS people want you to think their way and the Japanese way: read only the numbers and think entirely analytically.

The kind of thinking American kids are good at is given no appreciation.

Most of our students would recognize the illogicality of the question and see no reason to give it much attention.

For instance, if the two are friends, why doesn't the guy with the faster car pick up his friend

on the way to the dance. The guy with the fastest car always does the driving. ETS people do not want to hear about this kind of logic—only their kind of logic.

If more SAT math and critical reasoning problems were structured like the following, American kids would look like geniuses rather than lazy, self-satisfied know-nothings:

If you paid \$30 to see Guns 'N' Roses and they normally play for 2 hours, but instead only played for 1 hour because Axl Rose caught wind of a bad vibe and left, how much of your money should you get back?

- A. none of it
- B. \$15
- C. \$20
- D. all of it

The answer is, of course, D. You should get all of your money back. Damn straight. You paid for the whole show and you didn't see the whole show.

You should also be able to storm the stage and steal Slash's guitar. The ETS and Japanese people just don't think like this.

America's youth have acquired a knowledge all their own—often unlike that learned by youths from other nations.

Until this knowledge is appreciated, our high schooler's test scores will continue to decline relative to the scores of students from other countries.

So the next time some know-it-all uses SAT scores to sell you some dogma about how our underfunded, antiquated educational system and self-gratifying culture is producing an unlearned populace, tell him that our kids learn plenty but that this knowledge is not tested on the biased SAT.

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Can you believe these people shape campus opinion?

Well faithful readers, sorry I have to disappoint you. I know that you have been waiting for a week to read about vital political issues such as "Dan Quayle: Man, Myh, or Legume?" or "Why 2 out of 3 Americans prefer Republicans in nationwide taste tests."

But on this outing, my column will focus on campus political life, and, in specific, campus political opinion shapers. No campus exists in a political vacuum (after all, it can get crowded inside a Hoover) and ours is no exception.

There are institutions and people that influence and shape each student's political beliefs and opinions without much notice. It is my intention to shed some light on these forces for the elucidation of the students.

The obvious place to begin is with the university itself. UK is ruled by its president, Charles Westington. Westington has the same amount of desire to take the lead on an important political issue as the ordinary person has to arm wrestle a leper. Westington instead



Don Yates

devotes his time to the quality of student life. For example, there is Westington's plan to include in next year's freshman orientation packet a sock puppet named "Pocket Buddy." Whenever a freshman feels lonely or homesick, Pocket Buddy will be there to serve as a confidant.

Westington also takes an active interest in the financial management of this school. For proof of this, just look to Westington's crusade last semester to have gravy declared a vegetable so that he could eliminate more expensive foods such as beans.

Any discussion of the university must include a reference to the faculty. The faculty can exercise a profound influence upon the nascent development of a young mind. It is a tragedy that this influence is

offset by the truism that you can never really believe anyone who dresses as if he or she stole the wardrobe from a taping of the "Brady Bunch."

One group you may not have considered as a political force is the fine arts students of the school. Every year, art students attempt to raise the campus's political conscience by doing something like welding two fenders from a 1975 Mercury onto a stove and calling it "Pollution: The Earth Screams."

These works provoke discussion on important political questions such as "When is someone going to haul that crap away to an environmentally safe junkyard that recycles?"

Our campus is also home to a host of zealous, controversy-charged political groups that take an active interest in public affairs. These groups (which I refuse to name since I do not want to be followed around by zealous, controversy-charged people) encompass the whole gamut of politics from arch-conservatives to radical leftists.

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The conservative students look like normal students on the outside.

On the inside, however, their souls have been possessed by the wandering spirits of 19th Century bankers. Contrary to popular belief, these conservatives are really affectionate, easy-going folks who only dislike people who are not white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant, male, elitist, avaricious Republicans.

The conservative's most cherished dream is to one day prove that massive capital gains tax cuts will provide huge dividends and lucrative jobs for all of the nation's undereducated, undernourished, jobless poor.

The leftists are a serious, (soon to be) committed faction who spend their time thinking up cool protests that will raise all of our political consciences. For example, I understand that one group is concerned about the number of birds which break their necks by flying into the windows of the Student Center.

In memory of the exploited birds, several older students have planned a protest in which they will dash into an engineering class dressed as sparrows and furiously peck the professor until he surrenders the lectern. Once they have a forum and press attention they will link wings and sing "Wind Beneath my

Wings."

Another pet issue of this sect is the legalization of marijuana. These folks claim that marijuana is a harmless drug which has never harmed any user. Of course, these very same advocates also claim to be plagued by tiny, squirrel-like eyes which live in their pants.

Time and space prohibit me from providing a comprehensive list of all the political opinion shapers. But surely this beginning is enough, it is almost too much in a sense.

With all the above bizarre goofs out there running around, it may cause you to wonder if there is actually anyone here on campus you can trust when it comes to politics. However, there is one person you can trust—me. If anyone wants to find out how I came to be known as "Honest Don" you have to do it mail in \$29.95 for a copy of my book, *The Time-Life Guide to Home Repair*.

Don Yates is a second-year law student and a Kernel columnist.

Volunteer organization works to aid city

By TAMMY GAY
Staff Writer

While many students were lying in their beds on Saturday morning, Kim Moman was weeding a flower bed at the Family Care Center.

She was one of about 100 UK students who volunteered their time last Saturday to help five Lexington organizations in conjunction with the UK Student Volunteer Center.

"I enjoy it because I'm helping someone and I think volunteering is very necessary so I feel like I am doing my part," said Moman, an accounting senior. "I think everyone

should volunteer if they have the time to give because there are people who need it."

The UK Student Volunteer Center arranged for volunteers to work at God's Pantry, Eastern State Hospital, the Manchester Center, the Child Development Center of the Bluegrass and the Family Care Center.

"I had such a good response it was unbelievable," said Sally Moore, director of the Volunteer Center.

Saturday's event was a kickoff for the center, which takes volunteers throughout the year to work at

more than 120 local agencies.

Volunteers weeded the flower bed, planted some flowers and cleaned chairs and tables in the cafeteria at the Family Care Center.

"The Family Care Center is a project for at risk families," said Barbara Curry, commissioner of Social Services of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

Parents bring their children to the Family Care Center for developmental day care and then they take classes about parenting skills.

"We decided to do this as a group project because as members of SOA (Student Organization Assembly)

we encourage student organizations to participate in community service," said Sarah Fannin, a history and political science senior and SOA secretary.

"And we figured as officers this would be a good show that we do some on our part too."

"That and just the fact that community service is very important and you get a lot out of community service as well as your sense of helping the community," she added. "It just seemed like a neat way to meet new people and help out the community," said Joanna Boohar, an education sophomore.

Alpha Xi Delta sorority recolonizing at UK

By JENNY NORD
Contributing Writer

Alpha Xi Delta social sorority, which closed last spring after more than 80 years at UK, is starting over from scratch.

The UK chapter is in the process of recolonizing and will be conducting a rush this week to select mem-

bers who will form the new Alpha Xi Delta.

Those new members will decide the sorority's image and goals, as well as select the chapter's officers.

Susan West, assistant dean of students and Panhellenic adviser, said the new sorority will allow upperclassmen to participate in rush.

Alpha Xi Delta's UK chapter

closed last spring because of declining membership. Active members in the sorority were designated alumnae, and plans for the new sorority began.

The new sorority is receiving help with its rush from its national headquarters and sorority members from other chapters at regional universities.

Alpha Xi Delta is also being helped by UK's Panhellenic Council.

Support from the council is necessary for the sorority to succeed, said Laura Rasnick, Panhellenic delegate from Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority.

"The greek system is pulling together to help them" like it did when Sigma Kappa social sorority

recolonized in 1990, Rasnick said. "It is also exciting to the grecks because it adds new diversity and is another choice for those going through rush."

Alpha Xi Delta's first rush will be this week.

Interviews are today from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in 357 Student Center. The first invitation party will be held tomorrow from 6 until 7 p.m.

A preference party will be held Thursday, and bids to join the sorority will be given out Friday.

The sorority, and Phi Gamma Delta, a new fraternity on campus, will be introduced to the grecks Monday at 6:15 p.m. at the sorority circle courtyard off Columbia Avenue.

AIDS activist, Kentuckian Belinda Mason dies at 33

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — AIDS activist Belinda Mason, the only member of President Bush's National Commission on AIDS infected with the virus, died yesterday morning at age 33.

Mason's husband, Stephen Carden, said in a telephone interview from their home in Utica, Ky., that his wife died around 8 a.m. at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. Carden said Mason's mother and father, state Rep. Paul Mason, were with her when she died.

Mason, originally of Whitesburg, Ky., founded Kentuckiana People With AIDS, the first Kentucky-based group dedicated to fighting for a cure. She also was a member of the AIDS Action Council, a national AIDS lobbying group.

Mason was president of the National Association of People With AIDS when Bush appointed her in 1989 to the commission created by his predecessor, Ronald Reagan.

She was critical of the Bush administration, saying it treated the AIDS crisis as a moral issue instead of as a public-service issue. Mason

wrote a letter to Bush on Aug. 2 asking him to use his influence to keep people with AIDS from being stigmatized.

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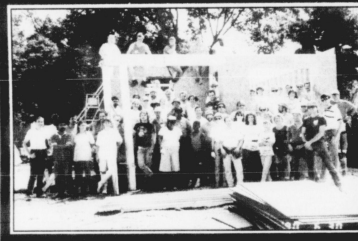
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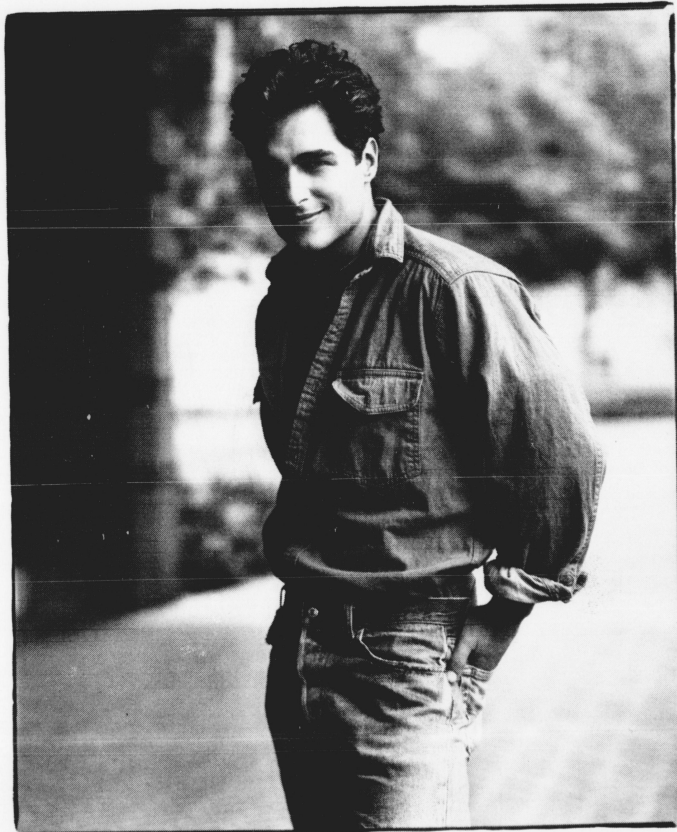
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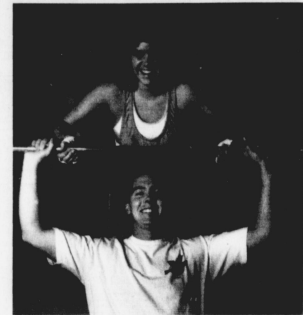
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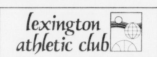
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