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## Smoking to be banned in buildings

### Governor's order includes University's campus

By Brian Bennett  
Senior Staff Writer

Campus buildings will soon be made smoke-free except in designated areas when UK complies with a new state regulation.

Officials have determined that the no smoking policy issued recently by Gov. Brereton Jones applies to every campus building, from White Hall Classroom Building to residence halls, said T. Lynn Williamson, administrator for personnel policy and procedure.

"It applies to every building on this campus, without a doubt," he said. "The question we have is concerning buildings like Rupp Arena, where we are leasing."

The policy, released by Jones on

Jan. 25, bans smoking in all state-owned offices except in designated areas. Those areas cannot be a work station, elevator, hallway, stairwell or rest room except in "special circumstances."

Air-cleaning devices must be installed in all designated smoking areas to avoid the dangers of second-hand smoke.

Jones issued the policy after reports concluded that second-hand smoke is as dangerous as actual smoking.

State agency heads and university presidents — including UK President Charles Wethington — received a letter last week reiterating the policy and requiring the agencies to begin implementation.

The letter set no specific deadline

to have the policy in place, saying only that agencies "should allow a reasonable implementation period to insure your plan fully complies with the regulation and to minimize work disruption." It did say, however, that "implementation should not be delayed without justification."

Williamson has begun working on UK's implementation procedure but said he doesn't have a timetable set.

"I think a reasonable time period for an institution of 60,000 students, 20,000 employees and thousands and thousands of buildings ... well, that's not going to happen overnight," he said.

Williamson said the first step is to study whether buildings which

currently have smoking policies are in compliance with the governor's regulation. That process will take about a week, he said.

Devising how to implement the policy in other buildings will take about "a month or a couple of months," he said.

One problem with the implementation is deciding where to put designated smoking areas and how to pay for air-cleaning devices in those areas. Williamson said UK is "not planning on making substantial expenditures for totally revamping heating and cooling systems."

Williamson said University officials haven't determined whether the regulation applies to individual rooms in residence halls because



English senior Kathy Kiefer smokes yesterday in White Hall Classroom Building. The policy prohibits smoking in hallways.

VICTORIA MOYER/Kernel Staff

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## Few attend SGA forum on possible tuition hike

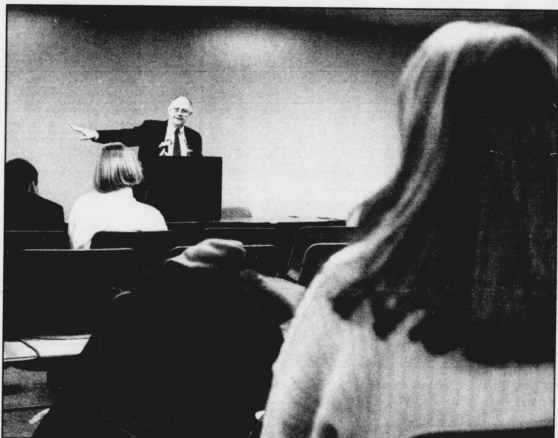
By Nicole Heumpreus  
Staff Writer

Despite expectations of a larger crowd, only twelve students and six reporters posed questions about possible tuition hikes and university restructuring at a Student Government Association forum last night.

Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway, who fielded questions from the audience, explained that with a \$26 million cut in state funding for UK, an increase in tuition may be necessary to maintain the quality of education.

"If we are doing our job right, the quality should improve every year," he said. "What I'm afraid of is that without the increase, there will be an erosion of education."

He explained that the administration works within the budget it is given. If the administration is allocated a large budget, then the



PETER MOORE/Kernel Staff

Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway speaks to the sparse crowd of students at last night's Student Government Association tuition forum in the Student Center.

programs will reflect the amount of money that is available.

However, the Lexington campus will lose \$13 million in next year's budget, and the administration faces the prospect of trim-

ming programs to meet the budget.

"We came up with several absurd ways to raise the money to cover the budget cuts," Dean of Students David Stockham said.

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## Poet, activist Bakara performing tonight

By Ernest A. Jasmin  
Staff Writer

People who go to Memorial Hall at 8 tonight for noted poet, writer and activist Amiri Baraka's free poetry reading should expect an animated show, said Walker Reinhardt, Student Activities Board's multicultural committee chairman.

Using the stage, the podium and his voice, Baraka has "combined music and poetry into one," Reinhardt said. "It's not poetry, it's experience."

Kellie Ellis, who teaches a course on major black writers, said Baraka's writing and delivery styles have influenced the development of rap groups like Public Enemy.

"He won't sugarcoat anything" with his "in-your-face" style, Ellis said.

The event, which is co-sponsored by the committee and the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, will feature some of Baraka's rap contemporaries as opening performers.

UK students Brad Sherman, Don Robinson, Clay Fishback, Delon "Pharaoh" Oliver, Robert "Sphinx" Steed and "Native One" will display their hip hop abilities at the poetry reading.

Richard Gray, a member of the

## BLACK history MONTH



BARAKA

Christine Weaver, the assistant chair of the committee, collaborated to organize the event. Gerald Coleman, king of Simba Elimika, and Frank Walker, program coordinator for the cultural center, also will read poetry as opening performers.

Reinhardt said the SAB multicultural committee is planning to sponsor a rap show similar to the opening performance for homecoming next fall.

Baraka was born LeRoi Jones in Newark, N.J., on Oct. 7, 1934. He

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## Expert: Russian security depends on cooperation

By Onur Ozgen  
Contributing Writer

National security for the new Russia will depend on a smooth economic transition, cooperation from former Soviet republics and stable relations with the West, a Russian political expert said in a conference Monday.

Alexander Pikaev, director of the newly formed Moscow-based Center for Geopolitical and Military Forecast which is a non-profit independent research organization, outlined for a group of students and faculty the new formulation of Russia's national security concept.

In the conference, sponsored by the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, Pikaev stressed that poverty and ethnic variation are the main causes of the painful transition from communism to democracy.

He underlined the significance of the peacefulness of the Russian revolution, in contrast to the disintegration of former Yugoslavia.

Pikaev described how Russia chose an entirely different role in the disintegration process of the former Soviet Union than the one that Serbia chose in the disintegration of the former Yugoslavia. He stressed that Russia did everything possible to accelerate a peaceful disintegration which led to the undermining of the central government by June 1990 on 70 percent of the Soviet

territory. "After the victory of the democratic revolution, government gave (the ethnic groups) the right to speak their own languages, to receive education in their native languages, to receive their own parliaments, their own flags, their own anthems and elect their own presidents," he said. "So probably now Russia is a champion of presidents per capita."

Pikaev put the worries of the Russian Ministry for Defense in three categories. He defined the first one as the problem with ethnic minorities.

He explained that recognition of the new borders within the former Soviet Union led to the creation of a number of separate states, in which 25 million Russians ended up in foreign territories.

On the other hand, a considerable number of other ethnic peoples found themselves under Russian rule. Pikaev said the goal of the Russian Federation is to remain unified and to resist breaking into smaller states.

He emphasized that no ethnic group would be allowed to divorce in an "illegal" way, nor would any of them be allowed to attack another state.

The second defense problem that Russia faces involves conflicts in the surrounding republics, Pikaev said. He explained that in cases such as the desire of the Karabag territory for separation from Azer-



JEFF BURLEW/Kernel Staff

Russian political expert Alexander Pikaev reads Monday before giving a speech at UK.

baijan, Russia made it clear that these ethnic minorities would not be recognized as separate states without the permission of the capital of the state in which the problem was taking place.

However, Pikaev said that Russia also made clear to the republics that they should not threaten the minorities, or Russia would apply economic and/or military sanctions. It would be faulty judgment to consider this ultimatum as some new Russian imperialism, he said.

Pikaev introduced the third di-

vision of the defense policy of the Russian government as the relations with foreign states.

He said that there was a consensus in the Russian parliament to move towards the West and to proceed in the application of democracy.

Pikaev explained that Russia has interests in the international arena, just as the United States does. He said that it is normal that different interests exist and that it is not a matter of "members of the same club" competing with one another.

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**WEATHER:** Mostly sunny and milder today; high between 45 and 50. Clear tonight; low between 25 and 30. Mostly sunny and mild tomorrow; high around 50.

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## New reports show growth in economy

By Dave Skidmore  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government's chief economic forecasting gauge jumped sharply in December, flashing its most positive signal for future growth in nearly a decade. Sales of new homes surged during the month.

The reports, both issued by the Commerce Department yesterday, are the clearest signs yet of continued economic growth past midyear. "Even if the numbers are somewhat overstated, there's no question they show we have economic growth ahead of us," said economist David Berson of the Federal National Mortgage Association. The Department's Index of Leading Indicators leapt 1.9 percent, the third consecutive monthly gain and the biggest increase since April 1983, when the nation was emerging from the last recession.

Meanwhile, new home sales shot up 6.3 percent in December to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 656,000, contributing to a 19.4 percent rise for all of 1992.

The latest economic data came as the Clinton administration put the final touches on an economic stimulus package that many analysts

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## DIVERSIONS



PHOTO COURTESY OF CREATIVE MANAGEMENT

California-based Seventy-Seven's is coming to the Grand Ballroom in the Student Center tonight at 8. Tickets are \$5 with a student ID. Curious Fools is the opening act.

# Seventy-Seven's take stage tonight at Grand Ballroom

Seventy-Seven's  
Seventy-Seven's  
B&I Records

By Nathan Sweet  
Contributing Writer

The Seventy-Seven's fifth album is revealing in a frightening, yet restorative kind of way. The self-titled release, originally titled "Pray Naked," shows off the talent of experienced musicians: lead vocalist and guitarist Mike Roe, bassist Mark Harmon, guitarist David Leonhardt and drummer Aaron Smith.

These artists know how to express themselves, creating a sound that bleeds with crunching blues-



influenced licks, as in "Nuts for You." They radiate a lovely ballad aroma on "Holy Hold." And enable the hard of hearing to once again jam with "Woody."

The Seventy-Seven's is a Christian rock group that formed in 1983 with an alternatively-driven sound and a strong message. Guitarist Roe is a long-time blues lover, as heard on Seventy-Seven's four previous releases and his involvement with other groups such as Lost Dogs. His searing lead work is for the most part unang, except to a few informed listeners.

The lyrics, as with previous projects, offer no clichés, only new expressions of age-old experiences. The thoughts Roe reveals reflect how similar we humans are. In fact, listening becomes somewhat frightening and immediately releasing.

Roe and his band are professed Christians, who formed to minister to the youth of California. This al-

bum removes the idea that followers of Christ live a perfect, happy life without pain or fears. The album's message is clear: It says to live is to sometimes hurt, but to live after Christ is to always hope. Frighteningly familiar feelings of failed resistance to demoralizing habits fill the album.

In "Woody," "I wanted bliss/ ended up like this/ betrayed myself with my own Judas kiss."

In "Self-Made Trap" it shows the horror of self-inflicted imprisonment. "I'm a natural born inmate/ could be free if I choose/ born to win, dyin' to lose."

However, Roe realizes where his freedom lies, as in "Nuts for You," which goes, "It's a lost highway where you carry your load/ at the end of the day/ but if I take your trail/ I can lose that weight."

The Seventy-Seven's have an explosive live show that warrants attention. It runs the course from original Christian-based songs to Roe's blues covers.

The Seventy-Seven's are performing in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Center tonight at 7. Tickets are \$5 with a student ID. Opening act is Curious Fools.

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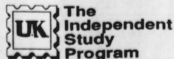
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# SPORTS

## Cats focused on Mississippi State, not getting revenge on Vanderbilt



CHRIS BRUCE/Kentucky State

UK's Dale Brown goes for the charge while he and Rodrick Rhodes trap Florida's Brian Thompson. The second-ranked Wildcats take on Mississippi State tonight at Rupp Arena.

By John Kelly  
Sports Editor

Rodrick Rhodes just doesn't care. Vanderbilt. Mississippi State. Duke. Whoever.

"They'll all bring about 12 or so players, and the same regulation-sized orange sphere to identical playing surfaces."

"That's what happened with us before," Rhodes said. "We got caught up thinking about the big teams, and here we are about to get beat by a team that doesn't have the marquee players or a top program."

Mississippi State is as big a threat as anyone else, Rhodes said. "Everybody wants to beat Kentucky," Rhodes said. Does he like that?

"Yeah, I enjoy it," Rhodes said. "Then, they play harder. I'm a competitor. I like it when teams play hard."

So, no, UK isn't looking past its game with Mississippi State tonight because Vanderbilt, the only team that's managed to beat the Wildcats this season, is just days away.

"When you catch ESPN, you catch the Indians, the North Carolinas and big schools like that," Rhodes said. "You don't catch schools like this. That's why I don't know anything about this team."

Neither do too many of Rhodes' classmates. While the campus buzzes about getting revenge against the team that repossessed UK's shiny No. 1 ranking after only a few days in Wildcat ownership, second-ranked UK is studying the moves of one Chuck Evans.

Mississippi State's Evans is only the Southeastern Conference's top passer with 7.7 assists per game. His backcourt partner, Orient Watson, is shooting better (48.1 percent) this season than every Wildcat but Jamal Mashburn.

Dale Brown and Travis Ford will have their hands full with these guys tonight.

"They've beaten Arkansas this year," Ford said. "Anytime you can beat Arkansas, you've got a good team."

While students are chatting about Vanderbilt's Billy McCaffrey, the Duke transfer who's ripping the conference's nets this season, UK will be working on perimeter basketball fundamentals.

While those snazzy "Slam the 'Dores" T-shirts are selling like mad, UK isn't screaming remember "La Ville de Nash." Actually, Pittsburgh is more appropriate.

"These Wildcats aren't interested in what's going on around them," Pitino said last year when he arrived for a team meeting, guys like John Pelphey and Sean Woods would be tuned into some remote basketball game or "SportsCenter."

But this year?

"MTV," Pitino said. "Usually, it's cartoons," Ford said. "He'll come in there and we'll be watching cartoons."

Seriously, the reason is a sharp focus in practice upon only the next opponent, Ford said. "Vanderbilt" was not uttered during the last two days' practice sessions. The Wildcats are studying Mississippi State game film, especially Ford, who admits he's a game-film junkie.

"We never look ahead," Ford said. "No matter who the opponent is, we're out to win that one game and worry about the next one, the next time."

That's why the Cats seem to be on such a roll, in a zone of sorts, he said.

No Wildcat had a solid answer to the questions of the day: Just what are the Cats doing to seemingly improve with each game? Why are the records falling like dominoes? What does a team have to do to beat UK?

"I don't know and I don't wanna know," Ford said. "I hope nobody finds out."

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## Trustees' closed briefing needlessly sends campus dose of really bad vibes

### EDITORIAL

Pst. Nine of UK's trustees met last week — but don't tell anyone.

Last Thursday the trustees were briefed by President Charles Wethington and given the opportunity to ask questions about the University's proposed five-year strategic plan. Although nothing happened, the meeting was closed to the public.

The meeting could be closed, according to the state open meetings law, because there were not 11 members of the 20-trustee board present. However, the law — revised last year — requires briefings or any combination of briefings where a quorum would be present to be opened.

All briefings intended for the entire board, regardless of the number of trustees that attend, should be open to the public. No matter what officials say, questions asked by trustees can cause changes in University plans. And you can be sure if former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson were a trustee, he wouldn't sit through a briefing for the entire board and keep his opinions to himself.

Issues discussed at these meetings involve University affairs, and UK's business is students' business. Open meetings only promote understanding across campus.

At a time when UK should be unified to help shield off any further budget cuts and a possible tuition hike, secret meetings only weaken us and our faith in our leaders.

## Gays must realize civil rights in military are quite different

Staff Writer Chris McDavid's column on Jan. 26 claimed to be presenting a "larger point" on the debate of allowing gays in the military. Thinking perhaps that I would have the opportunity to read something fresh, I dove into McDavid's little essay merely to find my eyes quickly swimming in the stale sea of liberal generalities and naive moralisms.

All missed words and misquoted statistics aside, I expected more from a young man whose byline proclaimed him to be a journalism major.

He argued not against any true position, but against a straw-man fallacy of his own construction, all the while stereotyping those who would disagree with his stance on the subject as "any number of ignorant rednecks and educated bigots." Well, I am neither of these, yet I disagree with you on this issue vehemently. Your righteous indignation leaves me cold, for your argument collapses in the face of your overwhelming ignorance of military affairs.

No one seriously believes, as you claim, that if the ban on homosexuals in the military is lifted, it will lead to "a pack of flaming queens, wearing pink tutus and singing Broadway showtunes, frolicking up and down the halls of the Pentagon." You insult both sides of the issue when you present such a proposition.

What most people opposed to this idea do realize, however, is the importance of morale, unit cohesion and esprit de corps among military personnel. I don't suppose that McDavid understands the significance of these concepts though, because I hardly expect him, as a self-proclaimed liberal, to ever be a member of the armed forces. In fact, I would hazard to guess from his little more than a testing ground for social issues. I'm sorry but that is not its function nor should it be in any country.

Perhaps the most glaring problem in McDavid's column was his repeated assertion that this entire issue was a civil rights matter. Wrong! The elderly and the handicapped are two groups of people who are protected against job discrimination under federal civil law, but neither is allowed to serve in the military. Why? Because mili-

**William Gill**  
Guest Opinion

tary service in today's volunteer force is not a civil right! The issue of job discrimination in the civilian workplace is quite separate from the military. Indeed, many issues of civil law are irrelevant when applied to the military.

As anyone who has ever done so can tell you, from the moment you take the oath of military service, you agree to forsake a good many of your precious civil rights; hence, you cease to be called a civilian. That's because military and civilian law are in many cases two different things. This legal separation is necessary and is provided for by the Constitution.

Historian Barbara Tuchman defines folly as any policy undertaken by a nation that is knowingly against that nation's best interest. The policy of allowing homosexuals in the military fits that definition like a glove. Unfortunately, this policy is being actively pushed by a vocal minority of people who for the most part have no idea about the realities of military life. They see themselves as being superior to the military and through their liberal ideology feel enlightened to the extent that they owe it no obligation of allegiance.

At the same time, they mandate that it must change to accommodate their superior liberal ideals. Their ideology is not based on active experience or a desire for improvement, but rather on passive naive fantasies that have never been exposed to the crucible of life.

The forced intimacy of military life is unique. McDavid and others go forth blindly forward in the "esteemed company" of a president who is pursuing this change so forcefully and is himself ignorant to military life.

President Clinton would do very well to listen to the advice of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and McDavid would do well to temper his sanctimonious attitude and restrict his writing to issues for which his experience and training have prepared him.

William Gill is a undeclared sophomore.



## Ex-president Reagan like Rubik's cube

Government can be compared to puzzles, games

**Meredith Nelson**  
Kernel Columnist

Have you done your Kentucky Kernel crossword puzzle yet?

Good for you. I think, if you have, I've just recently developed an addiction to them. Gives me something to do in my biology class.

Actually I was doing a crossword puzzle (Translation: starting at it in futile frustration) the other day when I began to wonder what the fascination is with puzzles for humans. We sit down with a puzzle, thinking that in our superior knowledge it shouldn't be anything for us to solve it. We fight with it for at least half an hour if it's a good puzzle, regardless of whatever may be going on around us. We become mad, frustrated and generally unpleasant to be around. Haven't you ever taken the stickers off a Rubik's Cube while no one was looking so that people would think you solved it? But that's life, huh?

Yes, there's a point here. We are fascinated with government, one of the largest puzzles ever created. It makes us mad, frustrated and, you guessed it, unpleasant to be around. And yet we keep it up. Complete anarchy hasn't developed yet, has it?

Ex-President Jimmy Carter could be compared to a seek-a-word puzzle. The kind you do on an airplane after you finish reading the in-

flight radio schedule in the plane's complementary magazine. You sit there looking for a word, and then end up looking at every letter row by row to try to find a word that can't possibly be there since you can't find it. Carter always had the right words somewhere inside him but could never quite find them.

Ex-President Richard Nixon is a crossword puzzle. Everything is hunky-dory in a crossword puzzle until you become fixated on one corner and can't get the one word that you need to complete it.

Everything was great with Nixon until the "words started falling into place" so to speak, and he inadvertently set reporters Woodward and Bernstein up for lives on the lecture circuit.

Ex-President Ronald Reagan is a Rubik's Cube. He was easy to figure out at first, but once we started turning him this way and that to try to figure out more than we were supposed to, it was messed up forever. Nancy Reagan, then Vice President George Bush, and all the rest of the cabinet were forced to try to take off the stickers of his administration and put them back before anyone could see that they were missing.

Since I'm not from Kentucky I can make an outside observation that the state is a 5,000-piece jig-

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saw puzzle. None of it really seems to go together when all the pieces are lying there on the table. Some little clumps have been put together like Appalachia and Northern Kentucky (which doesn't really fit with the rest of the puzzle), but the rest are just scattered. And some of the pieces seem like maybe they've fallen on the floor and are lost, like Lexington, and specifically the piece with the UK campus on it. The puzzle has been unsolvable for every governor the state has ever had and will continue to be unsolvable.

President Clinton is the Nintendo game "Mission Impossible." This is not a comment on what he's going to do in the future, but a comparison based on what he's done so far.

You sit down at the game expecting to solve the maze and leave feeling like the almighty Nintendo god. But then you only begin to realize that there are trap doors and rooms where you get electrocuted and evil robots watching you.

After you go through it a couple of times and lose a few men you

learn where everything is. You go through without stepping on any trap doors (cabinet nominees), land mines (changes in military policy) or getting electrocuted (backing down on campaign promises). Eventually the end appears.

But humans are not patient. They make the game harder than it is, and when you get far down with one little speck of life on each man, you can't just accidentally bump the reset button and proclaim "oops" to those who are watching you.

Puzzles keep us on our toes, even the Kentucky Kernel crossword puzzle.

Think about that the next time you see a book of puzzles and invest.

Meredith Nelson is a telecommunications sophomore and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

## Give Clinton a chance, then see him fail

**Quinton Dickerson**  
Guest Opinion

In response to Meredith Nelson's Jan. 21 column, "A prayer for Clinton, the Democratic party," I would like to offer a prayer and response from the Republicans.

Forgive the Democrats in Congress, the branch that spends the money (see Constitution, article I, sections 8-9), "for handing President Bill Clinton the mess they've created."

Thank you that former President George Bush resisted sending troops into Baghdad to get Saddam Hussein, which would have broken the international coalition by turning the Arab community against us and creating anarchy in Iraq.

Please help the new president to deal with Iraq even though his only foreign policy experience is having breakfast at the "International House of Pancakes."

I won't even mention abortion because I think we all know how the God that gave us life (see De-

claration of Independence: paragraph 2, sentence 1) feels on that subject.

Please be kind to "those people who are wandering around mindlessly, hoarding money," and give them some reason to invest it (see supply-side economics).

Don't worry, Vice President Al Gore won't "fall prey to the media" because he's liberal (see National Taxpayer's Union Biggest Spender Award for 1989 and 1990) and so is the media. Let his wife talk sometimes, she seems to be the more sensible of the four.

Don't worry about Phil Hartman of "Saturday Night Live," he's already publicly apologized to Clinton for anything he does in the next four years in case Clinton

gets "offended" (it's true).

Forgive Clinton for breaking more promises before being inaugurated than Bush did while in office.

As far as calling Rush Limbaugh a "schmuck," you've obviously gotten confused. I don't think a "schmuck" would be No. 1 on The New York Times Bestseller List and soon to become the author with the most hardback copies sold in history (read his book — it's the truth). Not to mention having 14 million listeners daily to his three-hour radio show and a television program with sky-high ratings everywhere it is shown.

Ditto the request "for the people of Kentucky" that Sen. Wendell Ford (D-Kentucky) "might do something that gains him recognition in the next six years he is in office." That would really be change!

Finally, we hope Clinton will do some positive things as he has men-

tioned: reducing the deficit, investment tax credit, and a capital gains tax reduction (see last 12 years of Republican administration trying to pass the same things in a Democratic-controlled Congress).

If these same Republican principles pass now, 12 years later, then there is a good argument to be made that the Democrats in Congress have intentionally resisted the economy in order to take control of the White House (see gridlock).

Ditto the part about giving "Clinton a chance," but the "Don't Blame Me, I Voted For Bush" bumper stickers will be available and abundant.

Quinton Dickerson is the President of the UK College Republicans.

### LETTER

#### Abortion usurps Almighty's right to create life

To the editor:  
On Jan. 21, 1993, a column in the Kentucky Kernel was published as a prayer for President Clinton.

I realize this person is entitled to her opinion, but there were a few comments that totally offended me to the point where I felt I have to

respond.

First of all there was request made to God that Clinton protect the right of a woman to choose. This is insane! God is the only one who determines when a person should die. Abortion takes away God's right because the woman is deciding if the child should be born.

You pray to God to forgive sin, not bring more sin upon yourself. If you're pro-choice fine, but that is your prerogative and don't make

it appear as if God agrees.

Also, a comment was made about Rush Limbaugh being a schmuck. You can insult my intelligence but not my hero. Why is it this person thinks Rush is a schmuck? Maybe it's because he's honest and exposes liberals for what they really are and not what they appear to be.

Additional comments were made about how wonderful and caring Vice President Al Gore seems to be. Well, Rush Limbaugh was more

integrity, intelligence, class and wit in his little finger than Gore could ever dream of having in a million years.

All I can say to this person is enjoy this while it lasts because come 1996 Bill and Al will be packing their bags.

Tara Bates  
Undeclared freshman  
Jan. 23, 1993



## Baraka

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graduated from high school at age 15. Later he attended Rutgers University and got his bachelor's degree at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

As a weather-gunner in the Air Force he went to such places as Puerto Rico, Europe, the Middle East and Africa before returning to New York in 1957. There he was married, and his literary career started to take off.

He attended the New School for Social Research and received his master's degree at Columbia University before starting to teach. He

has taught at the New School of Social Research, the University of Buffalo and San Francisco State University.

He currently teaches African studies at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a course in Afro-American literature at Columbia.

Baraka had poetry published in several magazines and anthologies before his first volumes of poetry, "Preface to a 20 Volume Suicide Note" and "The Dead Lecturer" were published in 1961 and 1964 respectively.

In the mid-1960s his poetry started to move away from American and European conventions. His break with the mainstream culminated in 1968 when Baraka (then Jones) assumed the name Imamu Amiri Baraka and became a minister of the Kawaida faith.

Ellis said his poetry was more

radical after this change. "His consciousness took over in a good way," she said.

Poetry he wrote during this period and later can be found in volumes including "Black Magic Poetry," "Spirit Reach" and, more recently, in "Reggae or Not" and "In the Tradition."

In addition to verse, Baraka has written several volumes of prose. His fiction can be found in "The System of Dante's Hell" and "Tales."

Baraka was chairman of the Congress of African People from 1970 to 1975 and co-governor of the National Black Political Convention.

He is currently a member of the National Black United Front, the Black Writer's Union, the League of Revolutionary Struggle and the Newark Arts Collective.

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Student Government Association President Pete November said when the Council on Higher Education meets on Monday, there will be three proposals for the council to consider.

The first proposal suggests waiting to raise tuition until the 1994-95 academic year.

The second suggests a small increase in tuition over the next two academic years and that the tuition setting policy be reviewed every year instead of every other year.

"But everytime there is a budget cut, I don't want the council to turn to the students for (the money)," November said.

There were questions about how

the cuts would affect financial aid and course availability.

"There will be a natural increase in financial aid as tuition increases," Hemenway said. "There will be a shifting in need base financial aid. Students who now receive a small amount of need aid may lose it."

Hemenway explained that there are the same number of seats this spring semester as spring semester 1992, but courses are not offered at as many times during the day.

"There is a lot less flexibility in the curriculum," he said. "We combined classes that had low enrollment."

Hemenway also discussed the new Advisory Center. He said that the center is in response to the demands for better advising. Twelve full time advisors will be available for any student who needs assistance but particularly the 3000 undecided students.

## Economy

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argue is no longer needed.

A Democratic official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said yesterday that the package will consist of \$16 billion in job-creating spending for the current fiscal year plus \$15 billion in tax breaks to encourage businesses to invest in more equipment.

At the White House, Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said President Clinton was encouraged by the rise in the leading index "but feels very, very concerned about a recovery without a recovery in job growth."

Despite the strongest economic growth in four years during the October-December quarter, the nation's unemployment rate in December was 7.3 percent, less than half a percentage point below the eight-year high of 7.7 percent in June.

## Smoking

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they are leased by students. However, he said smoking will probably be banned in hallways and lobbies.

The policy application was hailed by Anne Marie Williams, who has lobbied the Student Government Association to stop smoking in classroom buildings.

"I'm very happy to see that UK is finally dealing with the issue of smoking in campus buildings by following Gov. Jones policy," said Williams, an English and Italian instructor.

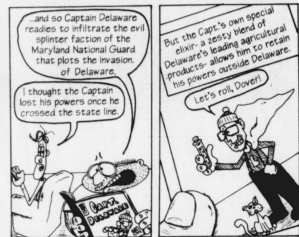
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