

Debate director awarded

J. W. Patterson, Communication, UK's director of debate, was designated "Coach of the Year of 1981" at an annual awards ceremony at Emory University, Atlanta. The award is presented "to a coach who makes unique contributions to the national debate community, including both the accomplishments of his teams at debate tournaments, as well as his contributions in all areas of the collegiate debate activities."

Marion E. McKenna, Nursing, will serve as acting dean of the University of Louisville School of Nursing until a new full-time dean is hired. She will continue in the deanship at UK, allowing approximately 40 percent of her time to Louisville. . . . David M. Goldenberg, Pathology, elected an editor of the Journal of Cancer Research and Clinical Oncology.

Mark Jacques, Agriculture, will lead a delegation of Kentucky agricultural leaders on a 15-day tour of the People's Republic of China next spring. An extension seed specialist, he will head the People-to-People missions for the purpose of promoting understanding and good will between the U. S. and China.

Robert D. Warth, History, was elected president of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies for 1982-83 at its recent annual meeting at UK. . . . Anwar Hussain, Pharmacy, was among eight members of the APhA Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences recognized as Academy Fellows during the APS meeting in Orlando, Fla. . . . Joseph L. Fink III, Pharmacy, presented two lectures recently: "Legal Aspects of a Pharmacy Computer System," at a meeting in Orlando, and "Liability of

the Pharmacist in Modern Practice," at a meeting in Denver.

Notes from the department of chemistry:

Carol Brock presented research papers at professional meetings in Texas and Alabama. . . . Ellis Brown presented talks on his research at meetings in Virginia and Louisiana. . . . Audrey Companion re-elected alternate councilor in the COMP division of ACS. . . . Robert Guthrie presented a talk on "Electron Transfer Reactions of Carbanions," at a regional meeting of the ACS. . . . Bob Kiser was invited by ACS to be a tour speaker that took him to seven states. . . . Kurt Niedenzu is on sabbatical at the University of Munich, West Germany. . . . Merle Pattengill presented a paper at the Symposium on Molecular Theory of Gases and Liquids

at Madison, Wisconsin.

Richard Walker, Center on Aging, presented a paper titled "Innovations in Teaching Aging: Integrative and Interventive Approaches," at the American Physiological Society meeting in Cincinnati; at the same meeting, Carl Thomas, Anatomy, presented a paper titled "Effects of Continuous Infusion of Porcine Follicular Fluid on Gonadotropin Levels in Ovariectomized Rats."

Edward P. Todd, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, accepted the chairmanship of Research Review Committee, American Heart Association, Kentucky Affiliate, Inc. for 1981-82; also, he presented a paper titled "Management of Aortic Dissection Complicating Carcination of the Aorta," at the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association meeting in Palm Beach, Fla.

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Patterson leads high-schoolers to new ideas, clearer thinking

By JAMES GRIFFIN
Contributing Columnist

Dr. J. W. Patterson addressed his students the way a professor of law might confront a group of new arrivals. He did not answer any questions during this lecture; he never even expressed his opinion as to whether or not their answers were right. He simply raised question after question, each query followed by a bevy of hands thrust into the air, an expression of the young students' eagerness to offer just the right answer and, by so doing, catch the eye of the professor.

But Patterson was not interested in what the previous day's seven hours of mandatory library study had imparted on their young minds — he wanted to know what they thought about freedom of speech, one of his favorite topics.

"Not too many years ago," he began, "the University of Kentucky Student Center Board invited an avowed communist to give a speech on campus." The students wondered where his train of thought was leading, hoping it was not directed towards a long, two-hour tunnel that would obscure the light of day and bore them to tears. Patterson's reputation had preceded him, a legacy that recounts hours of lectures, socratic dialogues and required readings.

He explained that the University community was alarmed at the prospect of a living, breathing Stalinist advocating an end of the American way of life. They sought court orders and exercised every means they knew to bar the speech, which eventually was presented in spite of the protests.

Patterson wanted to know what the class thought of this debate over first amendment rights. He asked the students to raise their hands to distinguish between those who would censor the speech and those who would not.

The majority, not surprisingly, defended the communist's right to speak, no matter how unsettling or disturbing his remarks. Others, of course, were appalled at the prospect of naive young minds exposed to "anti-American" propoganda.

Tim Allison of Scott County, one of the students, said that no one who advocates abolition of the right to free speech ought to be allowed to exercise that right, arguing that it is too fundamental to society.

Doug Wilkie of Fort Knox responded that we should hear the communist out. "I may not agree with what he says," said Wilkie "but I'll defend to my death his right to say it."

And so the discussion went.

None of this is so unusual, really, except that the students were high school students, most of them sophomores and juniors (some younger than high school age), studying debate on the UK campus for three weeks as part of a program administered by the University of Kentucky Forensics Union. Dr. Patterson, the head of the institute, is UK's debate coach.

The students come from across the country and all over Kentucky, from the "hollers" of Elkhorn City to Pittsburgh or Chicago or Iowa, to attend the nationally recognized institute.

They have fun, too, but then what high school student wouldn't enjoy several weeks away from home, living in a college dormitory? Their days are crammed with

work, from the 9:00 a.m. general assembly to the 11:00 p.m. bed check administered by the experienced instructors, yet they manage to extract every minute from each day, and then some.



It is a great thing to see, these high school students working concertedly on deciding the great issues of the day. This year they are researching education, for it is the national high school debate topic. When they leave, though, they will have learned about more than just the debate topic, more than how to argue, research and organize their thoughts.

They will leave with a bit of Dr. Patterson and the staff, and if Patterson has his way, I think, the part they'll remember the

best will be the lecture on free speech. There is something ironic about Patterson, a man as set in his unique ways as the communist invited to speak at UK, addressing "naive young minds" on a subject as "controversial" as free speech.

Before the free speech discussion began, Patterson appeared burdened with the three weeks of responsibility that lay before him. But when he started to discuss free speech, the wrinkles above his eyes took on a certain twinkle, the shining that represents a man thoroughly committed to the argument he has come to advance and defend.

Patterson did not need to tell the students how he felt about the issue — that much was clear. They could have no better teacher for this topic; and free speech could have no better advocate.



Debate team nearing national championship

By BOB COCHRANE

Staff Writer

There is a UK varsity squad ranked among the top three in the nation headed for the national championship tournament in March, and it's not the basketball team.

UK's top varsity debate team — composed of Steve Mancuso, a business and economics sophomore from Cincinnati and Jeff Jones, a B & E junior from Toledo — has just completed the first half of its season. Mancuso and Jones ended it with a second-place finish at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Of five major tournaments, UK won two and narrowly missed victories in three others. The National Debate Championship will be held in March at Arizona University, in Tuscon.

There is no formal ranking procedure for debate teams like the *Associated Press* or *United Press International* basketball polls, but if one were taken UK would be among the top three, according to J. W. Patterson, UK director of debate.

"If you contacted all the coaches around the country, you would probably find Kentucky, Dartmouth and Redlands (Calif) mentioned most, in some order," Patterson said.

In addition to having one of the nation's best teams, UK also sponsors one of the most important tournaments of the first half of the season, the Henry Clay College Debate Tournament.

"Our tournament is the first major one of the season, and it drew most of the major teams," Jones said. As the host school, UK did not participate in the tournament which drew 80 teams from around the country.

This semester, Kentucky won the competition held at Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro and followed with another victory at the Tarheel Invitational at Chapel Hill, N.C. Forty schools competed in that tournament, including Harvard, Dartmouth and Bates College — which fell to UK in the finals, 3-0.

In other major competitions UK lost to powerful Dartmouth at Emory, to Redlands in a mild upset at Wake Forest where UK had the number one seed and then lost in the first

"The philosophy of this squad is to go up against the best teams," Patterson said. "It's no fun to win a tournament over weaker competition."

In order to survive in that caliber of play, it is necessary for the debaters to practice at least 20 hours a week, in addition to devoting virtually the entire weekend of a tournament to debate, Patterson said.

Why would anyone put that much work into a project that receives so little attention?

"Mainly because it supplements the learning experience. I also enjoy the travel and meeting people," Jones said. "Most of the teams are very friendly."

Although competition is very serious, an individual round is not so crucial that it determines success or failure during an entire season and competing teams often offer each other helpful criticism.

While it is the top varsity team that receives most of the attention, there are a total of five UK debate teams. Arts and Sciences freshman Condon McGlothlen, a top novice from Hoover, Ill., is a member of one team and trying to adjust to differences between high school and collegiate debates this year.

"Debate is more sophisticated in college," McGlothlen said. "The issues are much more real life."

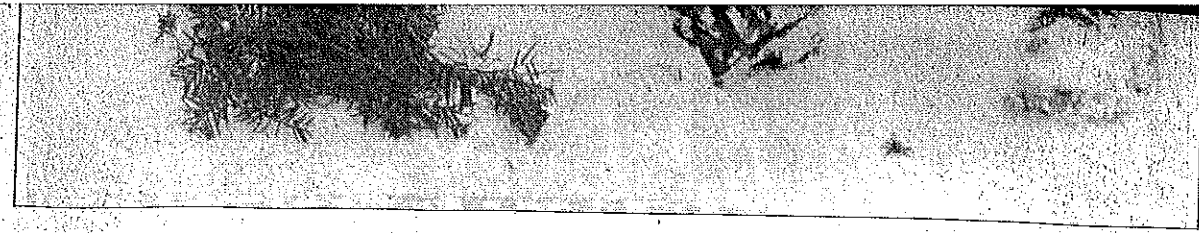
The debate issue is determined every year by a national committee, and the topic remains in effect for all tournaments during the year. This year's topic involves federal regulation of broadcasting rights.

While a debater may hold personal opinions on the topic, rules of procedure force them to take both advocacy and opposition stands.

When the debate topic was abortion a few years ago, one team member was so opposed to abortion he couldn't really argue for it, Patterson said.

"He would begin his advocacy by saying that he personally agreed with the opposition. He would say, 'If I were an advocate of abortion, this is how I would argue it.' He very often won with that tactic," Patterson said.

This type of charisma is a valuable attribute for a debater, according to Patterson. "I look for a student with self-discipline, who can reason and



CASSANDRA LEHMAN/Kernel Staff

That's snow business

Vic Chaney, theater arts graduate student, teaches a section of Theater Arts 101. Chaney took advantage of Tuesday's snowfall to put his lectures in a more three-dimensional form, having his students make snow sculptures of William Shakespeare. He fixes an idea here, while Liza Binford, a friend of Chaney's from Hunter College in New York, looks on.

Debate team wins, goes to Georgia

By ANGELO B. HENDERSON
Senior Staff Writer

UK team was celebrating its first tournament victory this year.

The UK debate team captured first place honors last week at the Miami University Invitational Tour-

While the Wildcat basketball team was busy losing to Auburn, another

nament in Ohio. Thirty-five teams from six states participated in the tournament.

"Although the team has placed before and made it past the preliminaries, this is the first time we've taken the big prize this year," J.W. Patterson, director of debate for the team, said.

Yesterday the team left on its way to West Georgia College in Carolton, Ga., where they will go against "approximately 30 of the best teams in the nation," Patterson said.

Patterson said that although the team members are prepared for the Georgia contest, they are not the "ultimate contenders."

"They are a good solid team, and no one will take them for granted," he said.

Victories in tournaments are definite accomplishments, but Patterson said that is not where he places emphasis.

"As long as they are learning and

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COUNTERPOINT

Counterpoint, a new weekly feature of the *Kentucky Kernel*, makes its debut in today's edition. Appearing each Friday, Counterpoint will feature articles of editorial interest, pro and con debates, columns and letters to the editor. **Viewpoint**, the *Kernel's* regular editorial page, will be featured Monday through Thursday. See page 4.

each two workshops

their last letters, and the Sister asked Ai to read hers. Ai said, "That woke me up to the fact that I liked poetry.

"I have been writing ever since. I would not have known that I had talent if the Sister hadn't had us write (the last letter)."

She is now revising the poems to her third book, tentatively titled *Sin*. Her other two books were well received and have sold approximately 18,000 copies, and Ai said she never thought her works would be published and thought that she would just write in "obscurity."

A friend took Ai's copy of her graduate school thesis and sent it to her current publisher, Houghton Mifflin Company. In about six months she heard from the publishing firm asking for a new manuscript to which she did not reply for eight months.

"After the first book, I couldn't write for about two years," Ai said. "I didn't want to rewrite about the same thing and I decided to change

but not drastically. I wanted to expand on my past work."

She has received the Guggenheim, Radcliffe and National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships. "The (John Simon) Guggenheim Fellowship is the most prestigious prize that a writer can receive," Hemenway said.

Ai grew up in Tucson, Ariz. She received her bachelor of arts degree in Oriental studies from the University of Arizona and her master of fine arts in English at the University of California.

The poet said the master of fine arts is "a writer's equivalent to a doctorate" and is a two-year degree in intensive writing in combination with literature courses.

Ai said the popularity of poetry increased during "the social and cultural upheaval of the 60s."

"Poetry is a lot more popular than when I was an undergraduate," Ai said. "Women and minorities have turned to writing as a form of self-expression."

INSIDE

Writing and dining is how many students will be spending this weekend. For a listing of bars, bands, movies and other activities of the night see **PASTIMES**, page 3.

Students for a Better UK are planning foot patrols across the campus. For details, see page 2.

WEATHER

Cold and frigid days are ahead. Today it will be partly cloudy with a high of 5-10 degrees. Tonight it will be partly cloudy with a low of 5-10 degrees below zero. Tomorrow the frigid temperatures will continue with a high of 5-10 degrees.