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Wethington criticizes Patton's comments

By James Ritchie
Senior Staff Writer

UK President Charles Wethington yesterday criticized the governor's comments at last week's Board of Trustees meeting as a "public, personal attack" on the president and the board.

He also reaffirmed his commitment to combat Paul Patton's efforts to remove the state's community colleges from UK's control.

"Political interference in the operation of the University of Kentucky cannot be tolerated," Wethington said at a special meeting of the University Senate, referring to Patton's statements that he had lost confidence in Wethington.

Patton also said his change of opinion may also affect the governor's future board appointments.

Patton's plan, Wethington said, would transfer governance of the community colleges from academic administrators to business and industry leaders.

The community colleges and Kentucky Tech would be directed together under a newly created board, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Though he said he understands the need for job training, Wethington said this type of leadership would send the community colleges on a "downward spiral."

"There is a huge difference between workforce development and education," Wethington said.

Part of UK's responsibility is to offer a college education to any high school graduate in the state,

Wethington said, and that's why he isn't surprised at the lack of support for Patton's plan that the community college students have shown.

And, he said, he disagrees with his detractors' assumption that retaining the community colleges hurts UK's research mission. Wethington said he and Patton agree that the University's goal should be to become a top-20 research institution.

Philosophy professor Joan Callahan asked Wethington how retaining the community colleges would help UK achieve its goal.

"It seems to me to be just the opposite," she said.

Wethington responded, saying that while a successful research university doesn't have to have community colleges, neither is a school that does have community colleges hindered from reaching high research objectives.

Other respected research schools have comparable arms throughout their states, he said, though they may not call them community colleges.

Former Gov. Edward T. Breathitt, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said the board agrees with Wethington on the community college issue, a fact it made apparent at last week's meeting by giving the president a standing ovation.

"Right now we think he's doing an outstanding job and we're behind him unanimously," he said.

Breathitt's remarks met with applause from the crowd of 200 senate members and visitors.



RALLYING THE TROOPS President Charles T. Wethington discussed his views on Gov. Paul Patton's plans for higher education to the University Senate Council.

Business leaders line up to endorse Patton's plan

By Mark R. Chelgren
Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton picked up key support Monday that should allow him to wage an even more aggressive public relations campaign in the debate over the future of higher education in Kentucky.

Several important business leaders, including a political opponent, lined up behind Patton's plan to overhaul the state's post-secondary educational system.

The group, which has adopted the name JobQuest, plans a public relations and advertising campaign to promote Patton's package. About two dozen business leaders were gathered on the front portico of the Governor's Mansion for the announcement.

Bill Stone, the chairman of the Jefferson County Republican Party and president of Louisville Plate Glass, made perhaps the most ringing endorsement of all, comparing Patton's leadership on the issue to that of President Ronald Reagan.

"You're doing something that is special," Stone said. "It's beyond partisanship. It is beyond political advantage."

Stone pledged he would dedicate his "heart, mind and body" to the cause.

Earl Fischer, the president of Western Kentucky Gas in Owensboro, said the public relations campaign will "allow the people of Kentucky to hear the facts" about the current higher education system and the plan for change.

The comment apparently was directed at UK, which Patton has accused of spreading misinformation in an effort to retain control of its community college system. One piece of Patton's plan would remove the community colleges from UK and place them in a new, closer arrangement with the state's vocational schools, Kentucky TECH.

Fischer said the effort would include speeches

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HISTORIC? Residents in Aylesford Neighborhood Association may as the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to classify the district as historic.

Association wants to be named historic district

By Kathy Reding
News Editor

They have not filed the formal request yet, but members of the Aylesford Place Neighborhood Association plan to ask the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to approve their 1,200-home area as an historic district.

Mike Meuser, neighborhood association vice president, said his group wants the historic zone overlay to stop demolition of old homes and to assure that new construction follows existing building styles.

"We've had about seven demolitions in the last year," Meuser said. "It's changing the character of the neighborhood."

He said about two-thirds of the association members who attended last week's meeting voted in favor of applying for the historic district status.

The area in question is bordered by Ashland Avenue, Columbia Avenue, Rose Street, Maxwell Street, Lexington Avenue and High Street.

Betty Kerr, director of the city's historic preservation office, said when the association makes the request, it will take about six to nine months before final passage or rejection is given.

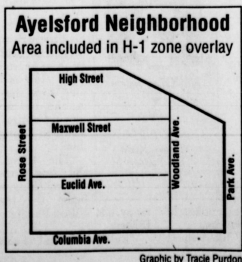
Once an area is granted historic status, Kerr said exterior property changes must

be submitted to the Historic Preservation Office. Proposals are either submitted for approval by Architectural Review Board staff or for hearings before the full five-member board, depending on the whether the change is as simple as adding a fence or as large as construction of a new building.

"It's exterior only," Kerr said. "It has nothing to do with the interior."

Kerr said the H-1 zone overlay does not

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Study explores contraceptives

By Molly Mize
Staff Writer

Central Kentucky Research is currently taking part in a nation wide study that may allow more women to use one of the most effective contraceptives on the market: the birth control pill.

When used properly, the pill is 99 percent effective in preventing pregnancy.

However, current pills are not perfect because they may cause side effects.

Many women do not currently use this drug due to the side effects. According to G.D. Searle & Co. some include: "raised blood pressure, nausea, nervousness, depression, dizziness, rash, and weight gain."

These problems do not occur if a woman takes a pill that her body agrees with, but finding the proper pill can be tedious.

Most women gain about five pounds every time they start a new type of birth control pill. For this reason many women do not use this type of contraceptive.

Central Kentucky Research is taking part in a study on birth control pills that contain low amounts of estrogen, one of the hormones that causes the undesirable side effects.

According to Jackie Smith, owner of Central Kentucky Research, researchers there are "trying to design the perfect pill."

Judy Edwards, a nurse and research coordinator at Central Kentucky Research, said the new low estrogen pills have advantages over the birth control pills currently on the market.

"Women must be on these pills only 14 days before they prevent pregnancy, vs. the pills on the market now, where she must be on them 28 days," Edwards said.

Other advantages include

decreased nausea, little if any weight gain.

"We are hoping that with decreased estrogen, mood swings will decrease," Smith said.

The study will involve the comparison of three different birth control pills.

Participants will be required to keep a diary recording information such as whether or not they took their pill on time and whether nausea, vomiting or other side effects occur.

Participants must be females between ages 18 and 45. If the participant is over 35 she many not smoke.

They are expected to be in over all good health, meaning average weight and average height. They also must be sexually active.

The study will last 13 months.

"Women who participate in this study are compensated, and receive free gynecological exams and free lab work, as well as provided with free pills," Smith said.

She went on to say that Central Kentucky Research has always been pleased with the UK students who have participated in their studies.

Smith encouraged all females taking oral contraceptives to take their pills at the same time every day.

This is the only way that the pills are 99 percent effective.

Eric Atwell, a doctoral pharmacy student said antibiotics such as Tetracycline, Penicillin, and Amoxicillin change the amounts of estrogen in a woman's body, and thus decrease the effectiveness of birth control pills.

If a sexually active woman is on one of these medications, she should use an additional form of birth control.

Applicants are still being accepted for this study. For more information call 275-1966 or 1-800-898-1966.

NEWSbytes

CAMPUS UK Panhellenic Council wins awards

The UK Panhellenic Council won four first-place awards and several honorable mentions during the weekend at its national convention in Atlanta.

UK won the Gamma Phi Beta Award for excellence in programming for its alcohol awareness week sponsored last semester, said Holly Harris, president-elect of UK Panhellenic.

UK was also honored for leadership in alcohol risk management, internal operations, scholarship and educational programs, and overall excellence.

"We really swept the conference," Harris said. "(Panhellenic) includes every sorority so this is something everyone has all done together."

Cheerleaders win stunt competition

Two UK cheerleaders earned personal national championships this weekend at the National Cheerleading Association's championships in Daytona, Fla.

Cheerleaders Brian Elza and Brooke Davis won the partner stunt competition, in which couples performed stunts for about 45 seconds.

UK's Wildcat Danzers placed fourth in the Dance Division IA of the NCA competition. The Danzers' and Elza and Davis' performance will air with excerpts from other NCA championship routines at 3 p.m. on April 20 on CBS.

NATION Clinton wants to renew talks

WASHINGTON — With Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at his side, President Clinton declared yesterday that he would explore "any reasonable opportunity" to get Mideast peace talks back on track.

But he refused to endorse Netanyahu's call for a Camp David-style summit. At the outset of a two-hour White House meeting, Clinton said he agreed with Netanyahu that Israel should not have to make concessions to the Palestinians to end terrorist attacks on Israeli civilians.

NAMEdropping

Musician revisits 'yellow brick road'

LONDON — It was an entrance only Elton John could make: For his 50th birthday bash, he wore a 3 1/2-foot high silver wig, silver brocade coat and breeches and 15-foot feather train.

The Sunday night costume party drew 600 show business and sports stars — and a male stalker who raced down the road from a nearby pub, but failed to get in. John turned 50 on March 25.

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'Smilla' a top notch mystery thriller

By Dan O'Neill
Arts Editor

Good mysteries have been hard to come by in Hollywood since Alfred Hitchcock kicked it over 30 years ago. In the truly international mystery, suspense thriller *Smilla's Sense of Snow*, however, his spirit was revived... only with a more poetic flavor.

The film tells the story of Smilla Jaspersen (Julia Ormond), half-Greenlandic Inuit and half-American, brought to Copenhagen at the young age of six. Now all grown up, she lives alone in a sort of cocoon, not letting anyone into her life. One day she comes home to find the one person close to her (a young boy, Isiah) lying dead with his face in snow.

Perplexed by a series of footprints left in the snow which suggest suicide, Smilla becomes obsessively involved with figuring out the true story behind his death. Later, when asked why she risks her life to find out the truth, Smilla, with a noble gaze, replies, "When you kill someone you offend their soul. I'm doing this to bring peace to his."

During her quest, Smilla meets up with the stuttering, oddball guy downstairs known only as "the mechanic" (Gabriel Byrne). She consistently turns down his favors and in one instance says to him, "I don't know what it is about you that makes me want to keep insulting you."

But she eventually gives into his awkward seductiveness, seemingly for the advancement of her cause rather than for romantic reasons. Together, the two meet a number of interesting and per-



SUSPENSE OF SNOW Gabriel Byrne and Julia Ormond star as the enigmatic couple in the excellent mystery thriller 'Smilla's Sense of Snow.' The film plays at Sony Fayette Mall.

plexing characters along the way, with each adding to the story's layers of complexity. All the while Smilla remains diligent and focused toward her quest, never compromising her feelings.

In one sequence, Smilla shows her annoyance with her father's bimbo girlfriend by grabbing the girlfriend's crotch and then her throat, throwing her against the wall and telling her to stay out of the way. Ormond captures

this cold, hard-nosed part of her complex character with great depth. Her performance required a palette of emotions ranging from stand-offish to warm and caring to coarse. She accomplishes all of these with a certain charm that makes you root for her in the end.

From a filmmaking perspective, Danish director Bille August does a stand-up job creating the intensely mysterious atmosphere. Aesthetically, he fills his picture with picturesque, lush, white landscapes and blends everything with a host of cool editing techniques.

The film's only drawback is Byrne's enigmatic, always-cloaked-in-back boyfriend role.

Although his character is meant to be mysterious, he comes off so mysterious that his character is never really developed enough. When things finally work themselves out, you're left wondering more about his history.

But that can be overlooked with a story as rapturous and involving as the one presented.

Smilla explains the film's title in an exchange with Vanessa Redgrave's ultra-holy character: "Just as you have a sense of God, I have a sense of snow."

And just as she has a sense of snow, I'd like to think I have a sense of good filmmaking. Here the scent is very strong.

Cave offers quality version of the blues

By Tom Owens
Senior Staff Critic

Nick Cave has finally done up and caught a case of the blues. The ghoulish Aussie's latest recording is loaded with songs concerning heartbreak, empty redemption, and deep-rooted cynicism — subjects that aren't included in most people's idea of

fun. Regardless, *The Boatman's Call* stands as the best Bad Seeds album since the creepy, violent *Henry's Dream*. The punk nihilism developed with the *Bridesmaids* has gone from the pounding howl of songs like "From Her to Eternity" to a much quieter, even defeated sound. No song rises to extreme vol-

ume. A decided absence of the demonic scream worries me. Acoustic instruments, gentle pianos, and obsidian lyrics dominate most tunes, making the atmosphere as black-and-white as the cover photo.

It's as if Cave's soul has been washed to slate. The album reeks of a fatalistic hope, a sound trying to climb out of the grave by grabbing onto the tombstone. Listen to the dark depression on "Idiot Prayer": "My time is at hand, my dove / They're gonna pass me to that house above."

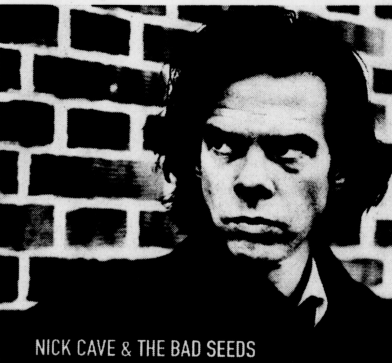
The album's title, a reference to Charon, mythological ferry man to the land of the dead, makes it seem as though this is just a farewell not to his abandoned love but to the world in general. He has song titles like "People Ain't No Good," which only serves to point out that "It ain't that in their hearts they're bad / They'd stick by you if they could / But that's just bullshit / People just ain't no good."

There are bright points to the album, musically speaking. "Brompton Oratory" speaks a profound quasi-religious belief in love, while "There Is a Kingdom" adds a gospel air underscored by the same feeling of irony found in Lou Reed's "Perfect Day." Some sonic experimentation at the end also adds intrigue, where each verse is both sung and spoken at different tempos.

The true high point of the record is Cave's return to good lyric writing, a wailing quality on the last two albums, *Let Love In* and *Murder Ballads*. The first track, "Into My Arms," is one of the more sincere love songs I've heard in some time, saying Cave doesn't believe in an interventionist God, but if he did he might ask him to direct this forlorn love toward his embrace.

A more dark, visceral instance is in "Where Do We Go Now but Nowhere?," with these lyrics: "Across clinical beaches with nothing to talk / Breathing tea and biscuits and the Serenity Prayer / While the bones of our child crumble like chalk / O where do we go now but nowhere?"

Sometimes the record falls down. The phrasing on the vocals tend to turn into a prolonged gasp as the lyrics get stretched over a bar by Cave's raspy voice, but that's forgivable in light of the dark, generally excellent execution. *The Boatman's Call* isn't likely to make a fan out of someone who's never heard Cave before, but it is an excellent realization of a theme and is full of emotion. It might work well for a cathartic post-break-up session or even a general validation of the bad blues. The album's mental state makes me fret, but I'm also glad Cave's art is back to high quality.



NICK CAVE & THE BAD SEEDS

Boo's come closer to a smattering of applause

By O. Jason Stapleton
Assistant Sports Editor

It's been drilled into my head on more than one occasion that less is more, and that if you just sell the hell down you might enjoy life a little more.

The Boo Radleys could probably take this to heart and it would greatly improve their music.

Their latest CD, *C'mon Kids*, is a mishmash of varying styles of songs from high-strung, guitar-distorting jams to melodic ballads. In my opinion, the Radleys are much better suited to more low-key performances.

The new album starts off with two very chunky songs and attempts to set a precedent for the album. Fortunately they don't go through the whole CD like that.

The title track, "C'mon Kids," is a very heavily distorted kind of song, which I liked when I first heard it.

I thought the same thing about "Melton's Worm," the second song on the CD. The song was a little goofier than the first, being about a tapeworm's escapades inside a young boy's digestive tract.

Radleys' guitarist/songwriter, Martin Carr, takes a lesson in angst from Henry Rollins with "Get on the Bus." This track was a direct descendant of Rollins' book *Get in the Van*. As I said, I really liked these

two songs when I first heard them, but when I heard the Radleys' mastery on "Ride the Tiger," I was absolutely blown away.

Why Carr waxes his time writing loud, ear-jarring stuff when he is so masterful on fuzzy stuff is beyond me. "Ride the Tiger" is one of the most moving songs I have heard in a long damn time.

The thing about this song is that it is very touching, without being the least bit sappy, à la Wilson Phillips or Boyz II Men. "Bullfrog Green" is almost on

par with "Ride the Tiger," but lacks a bit of the intensity. These two songs are so far ahead of anything else on *C'mon Kids* that they make the rest of the album seem almost trivial.

Overall, though, the album is a winner. I can't really find anything wrong with any of the songs per se, but the Radleys showed just how truly powerful they could be with "Ride the Tiger" and the rest of the album really pales by comparison.

Their last album, *Wake Up!*, entered the British charts at #1, but didn't have quite the same impact here in the States. I suppose there is a chance that the Radleys will finally get noticed by the American audience, but I'm not going to hold my breath.



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'C'mon Kids'

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SPORTS

Backs still needed in passing offense

By Chris Easterling
Sports Editor

When Hal Mumme brought his new offense to UK, many of his detractors said that it would be the end of the running back as an offensive threat.

But as the Wildcats move into the second week of spring workouts, Mumme is showing that it's not an end for the running back as much as it is a new beginning.

"If (the running back) has any potential, it's a good offense to train for because they learn to do all the things you have to do in the NFL," said Mumme of the running back's role in his offense.

"You have to be able to run, obviously, or you wouldn't be a running back."

"But you also have to learn to pick up blitzes, pass protect and you have to learn a lot of (pass) routes. We run a lot of intricate routes for with them."

Mumme denies that his offense will follow the Steve Spurrier philosophy of all pass and no run.

"In the conference championship last year (at Valdosta State), our back carried it about 25 times for 230 yards," he said.

"We've almost always had a 1,000-yard rusher there and when we didn't, we usually had two backs playing in the same spot and they combined for 1,000 yards."

In Mumme's offense, it will be the fullback who gets a majority of the carries, while the halfback is almost like another receiver.

Mumme said that, as of today, Anthony White is the starting halfback. White impressed the

coaches with an outstanding performance both catching and running the ball in Saturday's scrimmage. He ran for 34 yards on nine carries.

Last year White carried the ball 17 times for 36 yards in four games, including a start at Alabama, before being dismissed from the team in October. He was one of four different players to start at tailback last year before Derrick Logan — whom Mumme dismissed for a violation of team rules — earned the starting job for good.

"The situation that happened seemed to escalate from the beginning of the season," White said of last year's problems. "I was just happy to be able to start off with a clean slate."

"I believe I got more confidence during the offseason; the new coach came in and gave me more confidence than I had last year."

Michael Daries is another returnee from last year who got a start, as he started against Indiana and Florida, the only two games he was able to play.

He was sidelined due to what was determined to be a hamstring injury, and the injury is still nagging him to this day. Doctors have since discovered that it is a tendon that is connected to his hamstring that is the source of his problems.

With Daries still nursing the injury, Wendell Childs has stepped into the foreground as the likely candidate to start at fullback. Childs was redshirted last year, but gained 24 yards on nine carries in Saturday's scrimmage.



THE MAN Anthony White has been impressive in practice so far under new coach Hal Mumme.

Fluitt gives UK terrific tennis trio

By Dave Gorman
Staff Writer

Junior Marcus Fluitt has been one of the key players among a very talented group of players who have catapulted the UK men's tennis team from the No. 17 to the No. 5 spot in the nation.

"To make things even better for tennis coach Dennis Emery and the Cats, more than a few players have been stepping up their games on the team's quest for a Southeastern Conference Championship and an NCAA Championship."

Fluitt is currently 13-3 and is ranked No. 95 in the country.

Fluitt's improvement has helped take some of the pressure off the Cats' top two players, Cedric Kauffmann and Ludde Sundin, both ranked in the top fifteen in the country, no longer have to pull the entire load.

"Marcus has improved a lot," Emery said. "He is playing with a lot of poise and a lot of composure, and I think that is really important for him."

"He's been playing a lot better and has gotten plenty more experience."

Tomorrow UK plays at Vanderbilt, but possibly the two biggest matches of the season are when they take on No. 2 Georgia away on Friday and No. 6 Ole Miss at home Sunday.

"If we win these, they'll be big ones because we'll have a chance

of winning the SEC title," Fluitt said. "It would give us a big boost because Georgia is the No. 1 team in the SEC."

"We set goals at the beginning of the season, and then when we beat Stanford and Pepperdine we really got some momentum and our rankings went up," he said.

UK has not defeated Georgia in the past three years. This season the scenario is different as UK is not as much an underdog — especially with Fluitt taking some of the pressure off Kauffmann's and Sundin's shoulders.

Fluitt credits his improved success to the mental part of his game.

"I just try to go out there and play hard every match and get a point in both singles and doubles, you know, whatever it takes."

"A lot of it is mental basically, like preparing," he said. "When I prepare well I play much better."

Emery said gets excited about how Fluitt went there when the team really needed him in big matches down the stretch.

"It always helps when we are playing well that Marcus plays well at his position," Emery said. "He won the clinching point against Stanford and at the time they were ranked No. 1 in the country."

"So when he's winning he really gives us a threat to go with Kauffmann, Sundin and (Carlos) Drada," he said. "And you know, we think that the strength of our team is in the top four."

Women's team falls

The UK women's tennis team lost to No. 27 South Carolina 5-1 yesterday in Columbia. The Wildcats' (11-9 overall, 3-6 in the SEC) lone singles win came from Caroline Kirk. The doubles play was suspended.

Richardson's time highlights weekend

By Price Atkinson
Staff Writer

When Passion Richardson's classmates and friends asked how her weekend was, she didn't have to give them a generic answer.

On Saturday at the Texas Relays in Austin, Richardson ran a time of 11.31 seconds in the finals of the 100-meter dash to finish third overall.

The time is Richardson's fastest ever in the outdoor 100 meters, but more importantly, the time automatically qualifies her for the NCAA Outdoor Championship in Bloomington, Ind., June 4-7.

Mizuno Track Club's Melinda Sargent won the event in a time of 11.17 seconds.

With the UK outdoor season still young and the NCAA Championship two months away, Richardson did not necessarily have high expectations going into the meet.

"It's only the second meet so I wasn't really expecting to run that well this soon," the senior said.

Assistant coach Edrick Floreal, who trains the UK sprinters, said Richardson's training regimen and mindset contributed to her success.

"Her training has been basically gearing for outdoors, and I think she was a little disappointed

indoors about not making it (to NCAA)," Floreal said.

"But I knew that was going to be the result."

In UK's indoor track season this year, Richardson qualified provisionally but did not make the cut.

She qualified and competed in the outdoor NCAAAs during her freshman and junior seasons, but this was her first automatic time.

Richardson said her best races are the ones when she does not think about them too much.

"I guess a lot of times when I don't think about it, I guess that's when it comes," she said.

Floreal agreed with Richardson's analysis.

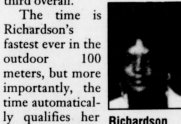
"I think she just got caught in a race with some very fast people and stopped thinking about what can be done and just started competing," Floreal said.

"I wasn't worried about the race," Richardson said. "I guess it just came."

Her coach said the training is still the key and that more work lies ahead until the NCAAAs arrive.

"If the race was perfect, I would be kind of worried," Floreal said. "I think we're a little bit ahead and if we can fix that then we'll be in business."

Next up for Richardson and the UK track team will be the Sea Ray Relays April 11-12 in Knoxville, Tenn.



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The University of Kentucky Graduate Programs in Communication and Library Science and The UK Office of Minority Affairs Invite All Members of the University Community and the General Public to a Presentation by Dr. Oscar H. Gandy, Jr. Professor of Communication Annenberg School of Communication University of Pennsylvania on Friday, April 11, 1997 2:00 p.m. "Different Quotes for Different Folks: Reporting Race and Risk" 250 New Student Center Oscar H. Gandy, Jr. is Professor of Communication at the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Gandy is the author of The Penicillin Sor (Westview, 1993), a book that examines bureaucratic uses of personal information, and Beyond Agenda Setting (Ablex, 1982) that examines the use of information subsidies in the formation of public policy. He is currently preparing a textbook on communication and race for Edward Arnold. His other books and articles explore the relationship between information and the production of social influence. He recently completed a fellowship at the Freedom Forum Media Studies Center at Columbia University where he began a project which explores the ways in which the press covers racial differences in exposure to social risks. Before joining the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Gandy served as the Director of the Center for Communications Research at Howard University, after a brief stint as coordinator of the broadcast production sequence. He received his doctorate in public affairs communication from Stanford University. Before entering the academic stream, he was a writer/producer for WCAU-TV in Philadelphia.

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Students at this university often fall victim to the idle evils of apathy. They don't take a stand on anything. Basketball tickets taken away? Not a word from the student body. Tuition increase? Nary a peep, virtually no protest.

But there's hope.

The UK Alumni Association proved last week that apathy eventually wears off; former students actually care about what transpires at UK. Trying to rally support for UK's effort to maintain governance over the University's community colleges.

The alumni letter was of course biased toward UK's view; regardless, it encouraged alumni to call or write their elected representatives to voice their support for or against UK.

The Legislative Research Committee in Frankfort called the alumni association to tell it to pass along to alumni an additional toll-free number for calling representatives.

Apparently legislators' phones were ringing

off hook.

"I don't know exact numbers, but if you read the commentary, the legislators say they are being bombarded with calls, faxes and e-mails..." said Hank Thompson, association president, last Thursday.

We say "bravo, alumni" for taking a stand one way or another on this issue. It's comforting to know former students don't allow apathy to run their lives.

In about a month, legislators will convene a special session to take up the higher education debate.

The community college battle is shaping up to be one of the most hotly debated issues in the history of the commonwealth.

And given the gravity of the issue, it is important for everyone — students, faculty, staff, alumni and other Kentuckians — to put their two cents in. The legislators should have all the facts, all the opinions and all the information available before they cast their votes.

All voices throughout Kentucky should and must be heard. After all, that's what democracy is about — it's nice finally to see the concept in action.

UK incapable of keeping community colleges at needed scholastic level

In recent weeks, the focus of all politically attuned Kentuckians has been on the raging battle between Gov. Paul Patton and UK's president, Charles Wethington, regarding the fate of the community colleges.

As if you needed reminding, Patton wants to remove control of the community colleges from UK and merge them with Kentucky Tech.

The presidents of the regional universities as well as the presidents of all 19 private colleges across the commonwealth endorse Patton's plan.

Wethington's opposition was nothing short of vociferous.

As a personal matter, I tend to oppose combining community colleges with vocational schools.

Rather than try to combine the missions of the two institutions, why not transfer to the technical schools those functions most closely related to industry that the community colleges now try to serve?

There are many individuals out there who want to pursue a baccalaureate degree.

However, they either are not adequately prepared for college-level work or they do not have the financial resources to afford four years at a traditional college.

Having community colleges dedicated to providing them with college classes, as opposed to vocational training, gives these people an opportunity to reach their goal.



Todd Baggary
Kernel Columnist

I am not from a part of the state that has a public, four-year college or university.

Additionally, when I graduated from high school, I do not think that I was particularly prepared to do college-level work.

Because there was a community college where I used to live, I had access to an institution that was able to get me ready to go to college.

I would not characterize my time in a community college as really college.

Rather, I like to think of it as one step above high school and one step below college. Nonetheless, while I was there, the instructors were able to introduce me to the world of higher education.

They were able to show me the intrinsic value of learning. The Socratic ethos — that the unexamined life is not worth living — was made real to me in that setting.

In considering the fate of the community colleges, it is important to recall that what I have just described is not related in any manner to the mission of technical schools.

They exist to train one to be able to move into industry and practice a trade.

Technical schools are intended to make high school graduates into better employees, and that is all.

Were the community colleges and the vocational schools to be merged, I believe that the mission of the community colleges would be dropped in favor of the mission of the vocational schools.

I do realize that not everyone needs to go to college.

In other nations, especially western Europe and Japan, the rate at which high school graduates go on to college is much lower than what it is in the United States.

According to some measures, in this country up to one-third of all pizza delivery drivers in some major cities have a bachelor's degree, while many technical positions go unfilled for want of

qualified applicants.

It is not to say that community colleges in the current structure are up to the task of providing college courses that are sufficiently rigorous to allow a community college justifiably to call itself a "real college."

In reality, with exceptions to be sure, most professors are currently pressured into passing students regardless of their ability.

UK has proved that it is incapable of providing the administrative supervision that is necessary to ensure that community colleges serve up rigorous course work. Something new must be tried.

What I would propose is a system in which the community colleges get their own board of governors.

This board would have the power to hire and fire the community college presidents and, if their students fail to measure up in terms of collegiate success after they go on to a four-year school, they should do just that.

However, there is one more structural change that needs to be made.

Currently community college budgets are, in part, a function of the number of students enrolled.

This provides the incentive to admit students and keep them enrolled no matter how poorly they perform.

This must change if community colleges are ever to deserve being called "colleges." There should be a funding calculus which penalizes the colleges when its students who are assigned passing marks are unable to complete successfully a degree at a four-year institution.

If an institution is called a college, a reasonable person would think of it as an institution which provides or at least starts one on the road to a baccalaureate degree. Students who attend such an institution have a right to expect that their time there will lead to just that.

READERS' forum

If people are going to be sleazy let them be

To the editor:

On Saturday night, men sit in a sleazy, smoke-filled bar, drinking overpriced drinks and watching nearly nude women they do not know pretend to have a sexual interest in them.

On Sunday morning, grim-faced, self-satisfied people, including many of the men who were in that bar the night before, waste a lovely spring morning sitting in an unattractive building on uncomfortable pews listening to a sweating, overfed fanatic in a polyester suit scream hell and damnation down on anyone daring to think or live differently from his narrow beliefs.

Neither of these scenarios sounds like much fun to me.

You'd think that in a city the size of Lexington, folks could find better things to do with their free time and discretionary income!

We have museums and libraries. We have Raven Run Nature Sanctuary. We have the Kentucky Horse Park. Many worthwhile volunteer organizations and needy neighbors could use that time and money. We even have tasteful nightclubs and open-minded churches!

Still, you can't legislate good taste. Sleazy bars and fanatical churches are a small price to pay for life in a free society.

Rev. Patrick L. Buck
Spanish instructor
Toilet story poor decision
To the editor:

After reading Christopher Emmick's Friday piece, I refolded my copy of the Kernel and laid it on my dresser. One word came to mind: icky.

Normally I refrain from expectations of finding anything of real substance in the Kernel. However, I usually look forward to, and do quite often, read articles of some merit. So you can imagine my disappointment in Emmick's "etiquette" column.

Having cohabited with a male sibling for my years preceding college, I can relate to the author's plight of the occasional slips and drips. True, bathroom behavior is a subject dorm residents are made aware of every day. We all know who is on the "Bad List." We talk about the "stinky girls down the hall" behind closed doors.

Christopher, much props to clarifying other qualities of a "Bad List" person, babe, but did you ever talk to these residents to let them know that these actions are annoying, disgusting, and, dare I overuse this word...icky?

Granted, to bring this to their attention you'd have to catch them in the act, really.

While it is clearly stated that "his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel," he is still a representative of it. If the Kernel is truly a "family-oriented newspaper" as Mr. Emmick claims it to be, it might be suggested that the editor show a little more discretion in what is published in the future. That would be true etiquette.

Carrie Grugin
undeclared freshman

TALK back!

Address your comments to "Letters to the Editor," Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor: 055 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building, UK, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042.

Israeli policy discriminates against Palestinians

Picture a beautiful city which has a small neighborhood with little pubs and restaurants only five minutes' walking distance from the downtown district. Imagine sitting in a chic bistro in that neighborhood, sipping coffee, while soft music plays in the background. You are with friends, talking about work, sports or politics.

Continue with the image, and assume that less than 100 yards from the restaurant is a detention center. It is a warm April evening, and while you enjoy dessert, only the thick, soundproof walls of the cells keep you from hearing the screams of a political prisoner who is being tortured there.

Tragically, this is not an imaginary city but a real one: Jerusalem.

On April 25, 1995, Abd al-Samad Harizat, a Palestinian computer scientist, was "shaken" to death in the detention center known as the Russian Compound.

Jerusalem, one might also recall, differs from the other "mixed cities" because of its religious importance. This frightening convergence between the spiritual ethos and injustice is a direct consequence of Israel's 30-year-old imperative: the holiest city for the Jews must be dominated by the Jewish state.

Of course, this policy ignores the fact that Jerusalem has major religious significance to the world's 1.2 billion Muslims and 2 billion Christians and is home to almost 200,000 Palestinians. Furthermore, no nation in the world recognizes Israel's occupation and annexation of East Jerusalem.

Despite all of this, the objective of every Israeli government — backed by the religious parties — has been to gain full control of Jerusalem. This drive for mastery and domination of Jerusalem is at the root of Israel's effort to subjugate its Palestinian residents, and the many violations committed against them are a natural result of this objective.

The decision to build a 6,500-apartment "neighborhood" on Jabal Abu Ghaneim (called Har Homa by Israel) is only the most recent indication of this strategy. B'Tselem, an Israeli information center for human rights, points out that in the past 30 years some 38,500 housing units were built on lands expropriated from Arabs, and taken over by Jews.

Instead of easing the housing shortages for the overcrowded Palestinians, the municipal planning authorities have drastically restricted development and limited the area designated for Palestinian neighborhoods. As a result

thousands have lost the right to live in their own city.

At the same time, construction of Jewish settlements throughout East Jerusalem continues to flourish and Jews are encouraged to settle in them. The Jewish population of East Jerusalem, which stood at zero in 1967, will be a decisive majority by the year 2,000.

The idea is simple: Encircle East Jerusalem with Jewish neighborhoods, and in this manner foreclose any possibility of its evolving into the capital of a Palestinian state.

Adding insult to injury, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu lied when he proclaimed that the government approved the designation of 3,015 apartments for Palestinians. No government decision has ever been made to that effect.

Netanyahu's deceit is not a new phenomenon. Barton Gellman from the Washington Post reported that the "last time Israel expropriated a large chunk of East Jerusalem for Jewish construction, in March 1980, it pledged to authorize 18,000 Arab apartments

in Beit Hanina neighborhood alongside a new Jewish neighborhood, Pisgat Ze'ev. The municipal planning board stalled the plan for years, cutting it to 16,000 units, then 11,000, then 7,500, but still leaving it unapproved. Seventeen years later not one apartment has resulted. Pisgat Ze'ev, by contrast, is today a suburb of 35,200 Jews."

Israel's policy of systematic and deliberate discrimination against the Palestinian population of occupied East Jerusalem in all matters is one manifestation of its will to dominate. This will has been translated into policies ranging from torture to bureaucratic restrictions.

Since spirituality and widespread injustice cannot coexist, Jerusalem's timeless spirituality is being destroyed. Israel's decision not to relinquish control over any part of what it considers its eternal and indivisible capital has altered Jerusalem and is ruining any chance of true peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

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Contributing Columnist
Wael Ahmed

CAMPUS

Organization exemplifies Gospel teachings

By **Mal Herron**
Features Editor

When Jim Rayburn started Young Life in Dallas in 1940, he probably never fathomed the organization's future prevalence in the United States.

Or the world.
Young Life, made up of mostly adults and college students, now operates in all 50 states and in 34 foreign countries, with national headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo., said Tom Pruden, the club's area director for Lexington.

The organization, which registered with UK in August 1994, promotes the message of Jesus Christ, but does as much interacting with high school students as preaching God's word.

Pruden said students are invited to weekly meetings with leaders, usually college students, play music and act out skits.

"The leaders will make fools of themselves," he said. "Humor can break down barriers."

About 30 UK students are in Young Life's first-year fellowship, a two-semester Bible study and training program that prepares them for leading the 300-350 students who attend the weekly meetings.

Each summer, leaders take the kids to one of Young Life's 12 resorts around the country for a week-long summer camp.

"We promise kids the best week of their lives," said Pruden, who will bring 60 kids from area high schools to Castaway, Minn., this summer.

Tates Creek, Paul Dunbar and Henry Clay high schools participate, and Pruden said he hopes to include Lexington Lafayette next fall.

"(The club offers) a chance to meet regularly with others of like beliefs and (have) learning and fellowship together," said Charles Hamrin, a chemical engineering professor whom Pruden asked to advise the group after he came to UK from Jackson, Miss., in 1994.

Hamrin, who also advised the group before Pruden's arrival, found John Evans, the former Lexington area director under whom Pruden worked while in Mississippi.

Student leaders praise the program. "Young Life is not about what we're gonna get out of," said Jaci Kerns, a resident adviser at Blanding Tower.

"It's about what we're putting into it." Kerns, a psychology junior, hooked up with the first-year fellowship program through Jay Mink, an RA in Haggin Hall. She said the opportunity to join Young Life came at the right time.

"It was a transition," said Kerns, who became a Christian in the seventh grade. "I was feeling really down, so it (the Bible study) showed me about God's love and how constant it is."



Business

Patton acknowledges importance of support

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at civic clubs, editorial pieces in newspapers and perhaps a commercial advertising campaign.

Patton said the endorsements by the business leaders are significant because they are in a position to judge the current system and the proposal in an objective manner.

The ultimate battle over the proposal will take place in the General Assembly, which Patton plans to call into special session on May 5. And Stone's support could be significant in terms of persuading some Jefferson County Republican legislators to give serious consideration to Patton.

Senate Republican Floor Leader Dan Kelly of Springfield promised last week the GOP would not attempt to make partisan hay out of the debate. But actually lining up GOP votes is another matter. Stone could be influential with Republican Sens. Julie Rose and Lindy Casebier, who both live in Louisville, and Ernie Harris of Prospect, whose district includes a slice of Jefferson County.

Aylesford

Residents divided over classification

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change the present residential or business zoning for the area, but adds to it.

"It's a method by which to ensure the character of these neighborhoods is enhanced," Kerr said.

Some property developers and home owners in the area, however, don't view the proposed historic district as an "enhancement."

Kige Kiger of Wassmer Properties owns about 30 buildings in the area. He voted against the request to the council.

"I'm opposed because I don't want to deal with the regulations," Kiger said. "People such as myself have torn down some old houses, and they want to stop that."

Kiger said he doesn't want to have to get city approval to "replace your windows or cut down a tree."

Kerr said many people falsely think the historic zoning regulations detract from property rights.

"It's a much broader brush than people think," she said.

If an area is granted historic district status, a design review is done for all building exteriors. Upon satisfactory review, the property owner is granted a certificate of appropriateness.

Kerr said if changes such as a room, garage, deck or driveway addition are made, they have to come before the review board, which grants a permit for the actions. Any building in the district must be done in accordance with that already on the street.

Kiger said this would prohibit building of student apartments.

"It will raise rents because there won't be any more apartments going in," he said.

"They're trying to get rid of student housing. Let's face facts, a lot of these people don't like the students."

Meuser disagreed, saying the historic zone overlay would actually benefit students who rent in the area.

"The only impact would be positive," Meuser said. "It would cause the landlords to have to maintain the integrity of their property."

He said the approval process for changes that comes with the historic districting would help keep rental houses available for future students so they don't have to resort to small apart-

ments.
Meuser said the majority of the approximate 1,200 residences in the Aylesford boundaries are owned by people who live there. The number that are rented increases in the parts that are closest to the UK campus.

"We have no problem with renters, but we don't want (the area) to become a place where people just rent," Meuser said.

He cited the demolition of some Victorian-style cottages on Arlington Avenue that have been replaced by two apartment buildings as a recent example.

"It's completely disrupted the character of the street," he said of the new apartments.

Meuser also said the Bluegrass Trust had in a bid to purchase and restore a fire-damaged house on the corner of Linden Walk and Maxwell Street. He said Wassmer Properties bought the property to build apartments on, even though the restoration trust offered more money.

"We lose residential character through the loss of historic buildings," he said.

Some of the houses in the area are more than 100 years old. Meuser acknowledged some will eventually have to come down, and can under the H-1 zone, but the zone will ensure replacements maintain the look of the street.

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