

POT's 18th floor will open for classroom space

UK President Lee Todd decided top floor could be partitioned for seminar courses

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The top floor of the Patterson Office Tower may be converted into classrooms next semester.

Patterson's 18th floor is currently used for administrative and departmental meetings by organizations such as the board of trustees. It was during one of those meetings that President Lee Todd envisioned how this floor could be better utilized.

"The need for instructional space remains a priority that con-

tinues to concern me," he said in a recent statement. "That's what led me to this decision."

The 18th floor has a number of individual rooms that could function as small classrooms for first-year seminars, upper division courses and graduate seminars, he said.

These rooms, which have never been used for instructional space, are in excellent condition and are centrally located on campus, he said.

To expedite this conversion process, Todd has asked Provost

Mike Nietzel to work with Don Witt, the associate provost for enrollment management, to develop a process and schedule that will make the 18th floor available for teaching needs.

"I intend for these rooms to be assigned for instruction beginning in the spring semester," he said.

It's a decision that Senate Council Chairman and political science professor Ernest Yanarella said he backs wholeheartedly.

"I was pleased to learn that the president was willing to open this space for students and

faculty," he said. "The need for instructional space remains a priority that continues to concern me."

Lee Todd
UK president

had to sustain a record level of state education cuts, Todd said.

This space went largely unused, and now 10 or more classrooms will be created, providing the students and faculty of UK with much needed class space, Yanarella said.

"It is my understanding that this renovation would only require some minor refurbishing," he said. "Therefore, we hope to have students using these new classrooms by spring."

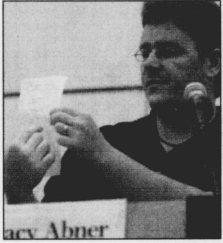
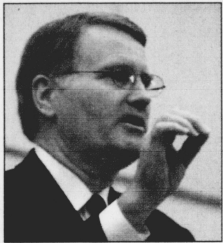
UK has sustained enrollment growth for three straight years, during which the institution has had to sustain a record level of state education cuts, Todd said.

"I continue to be impressed with the dedication and efforts of the university community to respond to the growing number of challenges placed upon them," he said.

"Especially in light of the pressures on our facilities, our faculty, and our staff to serve these students well and maintain the outstanding education for which the university is known.

"That's why I believe this decision to renovate the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower is better efficiency in the university's use of its total resources to address our teaching mission."

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Republican Tom Buford (left), libertarian Mark Gailey (middle) and Constitutional party member Stacy Abner (right) debated at the Radisson downtown last night in their race for Kentucky's 6th District U.S. Congressional seat.

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U.S. House candidates debate

By Obdie Todd
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Three candidates for the 6th Congressional seat addressed rising tuition costs and other issues at a debate at the Radisson Hotel last night.

Republican State Sen. Tom Buford of Nicholasville, Constitutional Party candidate Stacy Abner of Berea and Libertarian Mark Gailey of Berea were present at the debate. Democratic incumbent Ben Chandler did not attend.

Buford, who said tuition was \$145 a semester when he attended UK, said he plans to stabilize tuition rates by improving the local economy.

"The best years are ahead," he said.

Gailey said tuition costs are not the government's responsibility.

"Private and alternative

resources must be utilized," he said.

Universities need to spend their money more wisely, Abner said. He said there was no excuse for athletic coaches to make hundreds of thousands while tuition continues to increase.

"Rather than paying coaches \$300,000 a year, and you all know who I mean, let's give it to those who need it — the students," he said.

Each candidate was given the opportunity to identify his most important issue. Abner said he was concerned about the erosion of Constitutional rights. Buford said the government needs to spend more money on education. Gailey said economic issues were key.

The candidates also expressed differing views on the state of the economy and tax cuts. Buford said he would support cutting taxes

for families making between \$25,000 and \$80,000. He said the tax cuts would stimulate the economy as people would have more money to spend in the local economy.

"Tax cuts work," he said. "It causes problems with the deficit but also creates jobs." Gailey said he was skeptical of "trickle-down" economic policies similar to Buford's.

"Big government is inefficient. It doesn't allow the money to trickle down," he said. "It's intercepted by fat cats."

Abner said he would make sure states kept more tax revenue instead of the federal government.

The three also addressed the growing health care problem. Gailey said providing health care is not the government's responsibility.

"Health care isn't a right, it's a scarce resource," he said.

Abner, an emergency medical technician, said individuals — not the government — need to take responsibility for their own well being.

"People shouldn't go out to McDonald's and eat 15 Big Macs," he said. Buford said frivolous malpractice lawsuits and irresponsible Americans were partly to blame for the waste of health care funds.

"Losing physicians because of malpractice suits costs us money," he said.

However, he said rampant health problems such as obesity and diabetes make health care a vital part of society.

The student-organized debate was sponsored by The Kentucky Kernel and WRFL-FM and was moderated by Steve Ivey, the Kernel's managing editor.

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6 U.S. troops killed as Ramadan anxiety builds in Iraqi cities

By Ashraf Khalil
-LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Six U.S. soldiers were reported killed in attacks here and in the northern city of Mosul as anxiety mounted over a feared wave of insurgent violence during the sacred Muslim month of Ramadan, which begins later this week.

A pair of roadside bombs in Baghdad killed four U.S. soldiers and a car bomb attack on a convoy in Mosul killed two and injured five, the military announced Wednesday. The names of the dead soldiers were withheld pending family notification.

In all, 1,061 U.S. troops have been killed since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003, according to the Department of Defense; 940 of the deaths have occurred since President Bush declared an end to major combat operations.

Fearing an upsurge in violence, U.S. troops and the inter-Iraqi government have boosted efforts to establish control over insurgent strongholds before Ramadan. Last year, the month was marked by a series of bloody attacks.

A combined force of 800 U.S. soldiers and Iraqi security forces launched simultaneous raids Wednesday morning near Baqubah, about 25 miles northeast of the capital.

"We're expecting a bit of an increase in activity in Ramadan. So we're just trying to clean the area out as a preventive measure," said Capt. Marshall Jackson, spokesman for the Army's 1st Infantry Division, responsible for the Baqubah region.

In a speech Wednesday before the Iraqi National Council, interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi issued an ultimatum to the town of Fallujah. He threatened a large-scale military offensive unless residents handed over militant leader Abu Musab Zarqawi, who has claimed responsibility for a series of beheadings and has long been suspected of operating from the town.

"We have asked Fallujah residents to turn over Zarqawi and his group. If they don't do it, we are ready for major operations," Allawi said.

The military and political push for control comes as residents are bracing for another violent Ramadan — which will begin either Friday or Saturday, depending on when the new crescent moon is sighted.

One of the centerpiece of the Muslim calendar, Ramadan is typically marked by public celebration and religious introspection. Observant Muslims abstain from eating, drinking, smoking and sexual relations from dawn until sunset each day of

the month. Many read the entire Quran or attend lengthy evening prayers at mosques.

In Iraq, Ramadan nights are marked by lavish meals among families at home or in restaurants that stay open all night. But this year, fears of insurgent and criminal violence are creating conditions for a de facto curfew that is likely to leave the streets of the capital empty after dark.

"Me and my friends every year would gather at a video-game parlor and spend the whole night there until dawn prayers," said Amir Sabah, a 26-year-old car-parts dealer. "This year, we can't stay away from our homes long, because of the security situation."

In the days leading up to Ramadan, insurgents have shown no signs of letting up. Islamic militants posted a video on the Internet on Wednesday showing the beheading of two Iraqis accused by their captors of being Iraqi government intelligence agents, Associated Press reported.

The two men had identified themselves as Fadhil Ibrahim and Friras Ismail and said they were government intelligence officers kidnapped Sept. 28 on Haifa Street — an insurgent stronghold in Baghdad.

Last year, Ramadan brought a bloody escalation in Iraq's then less-trenched insurgency, as a series of coordinated car bomb attacks rattled Baghdad.

"We are of course aware of the precedent from last year and the intensification of attacks, but we maintain at all times the highest state of alert," a U.S. embassy official speaking on condition of anonymity said.

This year, extra police patrols will be deployed in high-traffic public areas and around police stations and major religious shrines, said Brig. Raad Yas, head of the Baghdad police's major-crimes division.

Members of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia continued to turn over heavy weapons Wednesday as part of a fledgling peace agreement.

"In return we are prepared to carry out our promises by releasing prisoners and stopping military operations in Sadr City," Yas said, "but that does require that the other side keep its promises."

Fallujah remains outside government control, with U.S. troops remaining on its outskirts while launching regular airstrikes on suspected insurgent safe houses. Allawi's ultimatum to the city came as negotiations continued between the government and Fallujah representatives.

Mr. and Miss Black UK crowned at ceremony

By Darriush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Poems, pride, singing and soul all filled Memorial Hall at the 17th Annual Mr. and Miss Black UK Pageant last night.

Four female and four male contestants took the stage, showing off fashions, talents and their ability to think on their feet before a crowd of more than 100 last night.

"The focus of this pageant is to demonstrate to others the importance of black heritage and culture, considering the fact that only 50 years ago blacks were admitted to this campus," said Dominique Wales, a pre-communication freshman and one of the contestants.

The pageant was started in 1983 by Delta Sigma Beta's Mu Epsilon chapter, and the Black Student Union took over the pageant in 1987.

Contestants said that pride was something that drove them to compete.

"It makes me proud to be black and in our pageant," said contestant Keith Nail-ing, an elementary education freshman. "It shows our potential and shows what we have and puts us in a good, positive light for young black people."

Some of the younger competitors said they also felt that taking a part in the pageant was a good way to get involved in the university.

"It has given me a chance to get involved and meet people on campus," Wales said. "I now feel like I'm an active member on campus."

After two hours filled with singing, poems, monologues, questions and answers and trendy clothes, music education senior Albert Shumake IV and architecture



Accounting freshman Chris Tooley and merchandising junior Alexis Taylor receive runner-up awards in last night Mr. and Miss Black UK pageant.

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sophomore Charneise McKenzie were crowned as Mr. and Miss Black UK. Runners-up were accounting freshman Chris Tooley and merchandising junior Alexis Taylor. Best talent winners were Chris Tooley and Wales.

Shumake also said the memories of this pageant

would be in his mind for years to come.

"This is something I have for the rest of my life," Shumake said. "Just representing the black community the best I can."

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Homeless Lawyer Propels Ten Commandments Case

AUSTIN, Texas — The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to hear a challenge to a Ten Commandments monument that sits on the Texas Capitol grounds represents the completion of one man's remarkable odyssey.

Plaintiff Thomas Van Orden is homeless, lives in the woods here, carries all of his possessions in a duffel bag with a broken zipper and typically eats every other day to save money. For the last three years, he has pieced together his case at a borrowed desk in the basement of a public library.

Three years ago, he sued the state in federal court. His suit contends that a monolith inscribed with the Ten Commandments — beginning with "I am the Lord thy God" — violates the First Amendment's ban on "establishment of religion." In 2002, a federal judge ruled that the monument has a "valid secular purpose," and last year the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans agreed. The Supreme Court accepted Van Orden's appeal on Tuesday; it will be heard in February.

"This really shows that the 'system' takes the 'little people' seriously," said Doug Laycock, a University of Texas law professor. Laycock is an expert on the Ten Commandments issue and an acquaintance of Van Orden's.

"That's going to be dwarfed by the strong feelings about the case on both

sides," he said. "But it's important." Attempts to reach Van Orden on Tuesday were unsuccessful. He does not have a telephone, was not at the Texas State Law Library desk that librarians have ceded to his studies and has never revealed where he sleeps. Laycock and other acquaintances, who are in intermittent contact with him, said they also had been unable to reach him. They weren't sure whether he'd been informed that he's headed to the Supreme Court.

Van Orden, 60, has asked Erwin Chemerinsky, a prominent Duke University constitutional scholar, to handle oral arguments before the Supreme Court. But Chemerinsky said Van Orden would be there with him and that it was Van Orden's skilled legal argument that pushed the case to the fore.

"I have tremendous admiration for Thomas Van Orden for caring enough about this issue to bring the lawsuit, and to decide that he wanted to pursue it in front of the Supreme Court," Chemerinsky said.

A native of Tyler and a 1969 graduate of the Southern Methodist University law school, Van Orden was considered a talented municipal and defense lawyer through the 1970s and 1980s.

In 1989, by then living and practicing in Austin, he began to suffer from a psychological condition — a fear of humiliation that forced him to curtail social and

professional interaction. Married to two children, he lost touch with his family and divorced. His career fell apart and by the late 1990s he was homeless.

He began visiting libraries to research his condition, and to teach himself to recover. Each day he would pass the Ten Commandments monument while walking to a cafeteria to get hot water for instant coffee that he carries in his bag. He said he began to feel that the monument, which is in a prominent position near the state Capitol's main entrance, promotes Judaism and Christianity at the exclusion of other religions.

Last year Van Orden prepared for his appearance before the Court of Appeals by delivering arguments in a classroom with University of Texas law students sitting as a mock jury.

"He was really no different from the lawyers who come here to do research," said Tony Estrada, director of the state law library.

"He didn't ask for help," Estrada said. "He was pretty independent. He could do it all himself."

In the interviews last year, Van Orden said he had long had a dream that he would sleep in the bushes the night before appearing before the Supreme Court.

"How about that?" he said. "Only in America."

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Pennsylvania Court Keeps Nader off ballot

By Susannah Rosenblatt
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A Pennsylvania court struck a blow to Ralph Nader's presidential campaign on Wednesday, blocking him from the ballot there due to fraudulent signatures.

The campaign's 51,000 submitted signatures included names such as "Mickey Mouse" and "Fred Flintstone," according to Commonwealth Court President Judge James Gardner Collins' 15-page ruling.

Nader needed 25,697 valid names to qualify for Pennsylvania's ballot. Collins ruled that fewer than 19,000 of the campaign's signatures were legitimate.

"I am compelled to emphasize that this signature-gathering process was the most deceitful and fraudulent exercise ever perpetrated upon this Court," Colin wrote in a ruling produced after at least 11 judges in four courtrooms pored over the signatures for about two weeks.

The Nader campaign, which has sought 21 states in court over ballot access, dismissed the court's decision as "partisan."

"Obviously he doesn't care very much for voter intent," said Nader spokesman Kevin Zeese of Collins. "This is a partisan judge trying to undermine a guy who has a history of credibility."

Zeese complained that the judge discounted more than 7,000 signatures of registered voters who had changed addresses or individuals who registered to vote after they signed the petition, which would have given the campaign enough authorized signatures.

The campaign plans to file an appeal Thursday to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The Bush and Kerry campaigns said the court's decision would have little strategic impact on their battle for Pennsylvania's 21 electoral votes. "Very little will change," said Bush-Cheney '04 spokesman Kevin Madden.

A Nader-less ballot will allow vot-

ers to focus on the major candidates and avoid "any sideshow," said Tony Podesta, Kerry's campaign manager in Pennsylvania.

Though Democrats nationwide have sought to keep Nader off the ballot in other states, fearing he would subtract votes from Kerry, Podesta said he doesn't think Nader "ever had that much traction here in Pennsylvania."

Pennsylvania delayed sending out many absentee ballots to wait for the Nader court ruling, but some ballots include his name.

As a result, the Department of Justice sued the state this week, claiming the state must mail corrected ballots without Nader's name, and extend the voting deadline to Nov. 17 because overseas voters would not have enough time to cast ballots by Nov. 2.

State officials plan to challenge the lawsuit, and contend they will allow voters abroad to fax ballots or mail them overnight.

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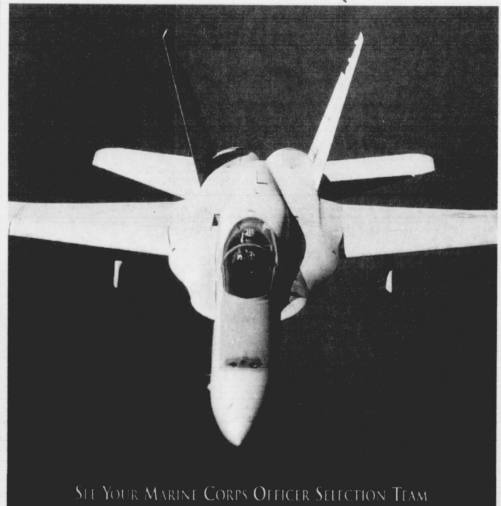
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Sara Cunningham (31-11)

last week: 6-1

South Carolina 45, UK 7
Purdue 35, Wisconsin 14
Virginia 21, Florida St. 14
Southern Miss 34, Alabama 13
Maryland 21, N.C. St. 20
Auburn 42, Arkansas 35
Miami 35, Louisville 21

Leslie Wilhite (31-11)

last week: 4-3

South Carolina 27, UK 7
Purdue 24, Wisconsin 13
Florida St. 21, Virginia 20
Alabama 24, Southern Miss 17
N.C. St. 30, Maryland 14
Auburn 27, Arkansas 24
Miami 34, Louisville 10

Tim Wiseman (30-12)

last week: 5-2

South Carolina 24, UK 14
Purdue 28, Wisconsin 17
Virginia 17, Florida St. 14
Southern Miss 27, Alabama 22
N.C. St. 21, Maryland 18
Auburn 42, Arkansas 24
Miami 35, Louisville 31

Ben Roberts (30-12)

last week: 4-3

South Carolina 33, UK 3
Purdue 27, Wisconsin 17
Virginia 28, Florida St. 22
Southern Miss 17, Alabama 16
Maryland 23, N.C. St. 17
Auburn 30, Arkansas 13
Miami 28, Louisville 24

Jeff Patterson (30-12)

last week: 4-3

Tennessee 31, Ole Miss 13
Purdue 17, Wisconsin 13
Virginia 20, Florida St. 17
Southern Miss 13, Alabama 12
N.C. St. 26, Maryland 23
Auburn 41, Arkansas 13
Louisville 27, Miami 21

Derek Poore (29-13)

last week: 5-2

South Carolina 38, UK 10
Purdue 23 Wisconsin 16
Florida St. 19, Virginia 16
Alabama 28, Southern Miss 24
N.C. St. 20, Maryland 17
Auburn 48, Arkansas 21
Miami 41, Louisville 17

Steve Ivey (29-13)

last week: 4-3

South Carolina 38, UK 10
Purdue 28, Wisconsin 24
Virginia 19, Florida St. 17
Southern Miss 28, Alabama 20
Maryland 21, N.C. St. 14
Auburn 42, Arkansas 21
Miami 24, Louisville 12

Josh Sullivan (29-13)

last week: 4-3

South Carolina 35, UK 27
Purdue 28, Wisconsin 17
Virginia 17, Florida St. 10
Southern Miss 21, Alabama 10
Maryland 27, N.C. St. 14
Auburn 42, Arkansas 0
Miami 63, Louisville 2

Adam Sichko (23-19)

last week: 3-4

UK 31, South Carolina 28
Purdue 38, Wisconsin 31
Virginia 24, Florida St. 21
Southern Miss 28, Alabama 14
N.C. St. 21, Maryland 20
Auburn 35, Arkansas 10
Miami 49, Louisville 17

Lindsey Keith (23-19)

last week: 3-4

South Carolina 14, UK 3
Purdue 28, Wisconsin 24
Florida St. 24, Virginia 18
Alabama 34, Southern Miss 21
N.C. St. 28, Maryland 24
Auburn 21, Arkansas 10
Louisville 14, Miami 10



Freshman
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Michael
D'Agostino
drives
against
Northern Illi-
nois' Jose
Alvarado in
NIU's 1-0 win
Sunday.

SCOTT LUTNER
STAFF

UK ready to strike back

By Chris Fisher
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

After Sunday's loss to Northern Illinois University, UK coach Ian Collins said he felt like his team had been punched in the face.

Collins and his team have a chance to get off the mat this weekend as they host Bowling Green and Alabama A&M at the UK Soccer Complex.

"Sunday I was not a very happy human being," he said. "Nobody enjoyed Sunday. I hated to coach it. I think everybody was really disappointed, players and coaches alike. Guys really understand that we gave away an opportunity to move forward."

As of late, the Cats have been through the wringer emotionally.

Last Wednesday, the Cats battled in a double-overtime draw with No. 2 and defending national champion Indiana, only to follow that with a disappointing loss to NIU that snapped their nine-game Mid-American Conference win streak.

The UK coach said he couldn't see Sunday's performance coming, but he said he's confident his team will bounce back.

"Our guys have trained great," Collins said. "Sometimes when you have a bad week of practice, you can see things coming at you down the pike. I couldn't see it. I thought Sunday we were ready. We just have to get back on the right track. The only way we know how to come back is to fight back. We have to move on, and I think everybody's responded positively."

Sophomore forward Anthony Peters said Sunday's game wasn't a tactical problem and feels like the Cats are ready to move on.

"I think everybody's shaken off the Northern Illinois debacle," Peters said. "Obviously, everybody was disappointed with the way we came out. It wasn't fair to us and the work our coaches put in. It wasn't fair to our fans. But now I think everybody has their head on straight."

Last week, senior forward Jamal Shteivi said he felt like the Cats had turned the corner and were starting to come together as a team. Peters said he agreed with his teammate that Sunday was nothing more than a hiccup.

"I definitely think that in those three games — Michigan, Indiana and Buffalo — we started to take a step in the right direction," he said. "The Northern Illinois game was a veer off the path, but I do think that we're coming together."

After UK played a conservative, defensive style against IU and in Sunday's disappointing loss, Collins said the Cats will key on playing aggressive, attacking soccer this weekend.

"We're going to open it up and play," he said. "We are really focusing on playing attractive soccer this weekend. We want to give the fans good soccer."

Despite the recent setback, Collins said he's satisfied with where his team is at this point in the season.

"I think we're capable of playing with anybody in the country and I think we've proven that," he said. "I feel good about where we're at in practice, and I think we'll rebound well. I feel good that we'll show up on Friday night and have something to yell about."

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*Wesley Foundation Focus Worship, 7:30pm, Student Center, Center Thurs 14
Theater
*Christian Student Fellowship presents "Synergy", 8:00pm, CSF Building on the corner of Woodland and Columbia
* National Student Exchange Meeting, 3:30pm, Miller Hall, Room 102

SPORTS

*UK Fencing Club, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Buell Armory on Administration Dr.
*Shaolin-Do Club Meeting, 5:00-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, \$60 per semester fee
*Dressage Team Meeting, 5:00pm, Student Center, Room 115

SPECIAL EVENTS

*Homecoming Patio Parties, 11:00am-1:00pm, POT plaza and across the street from Cham-Phys Building, Dress up in 80's gear and win prizes
* UK Advising Network presents "Answer Day," 10:30am-1:00pm, White Hall Classroom Bldg., 1st. Floor Hall

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SPECIAL EVENTS

*Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally, 7:30pm, Commonwealth Stadium Fri 15
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FLY ON THE WALL



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Manuel Bowling of Lexington plays darts at The Grand last night. Located on Grand Avenue, the bar includes pool tables, foosball tables and a movie-theater experience.

The Grand offers hidden alternative

Every season, Lexington seems to sprout a new bar, but it's a question of time as to whether they last the next.

In that time, the particular bar depends on advertising and word-of-mouth to bring in patrons to generate sales.

Apparently, either no one is talking or people are stuck in going to the same places because the campus/downtown area has a vacant new bar with potential.

The bar in question is The Grand, which opened earlier in the summer, located on Grand Avenue just behind Common Grounds.

The owner of Merrika's also owns The Grand. Although you'll find the same extensive beer menu, jukebox, darts, pool, and arcade games, the décor is livelier than its cousin. Both the location and \$6 rum-and-coke pitcher on Thursdays can make it a great alternative if the line at your usual bar makes it a hassle to get in.

The bar itself, a decent size, stands in a small portion of the right corner in comparison to the rest of the large room. The room is split between an upstairs where sturdy barstools and tables seat patrons, and a downstairs that house the pool and foosball tables.

Meanwhile, a big-screen TV projects a movie — it was Fight Club the night I

was there — but the volume is muted. Movies posters and special movie displays adorn the walls, making for a movie-theater experience. Patrons can also bring in their own DVDs to be shown.

This movie-theater feel is the key to describing the atmosphere. Bars are tailor-made for carousing with new people, but The Grand gives a feeling of a friendly locale that you and your friends can come to have fun. With an assortment of games (Ms. Pac-Man — my new weakness), you can spend hours jumping from one activity to another with your crew. If they were to bring in a ping-pong table, they might even have the makings for a frat house.

The crowd is made up of large groups of laid-back patrons. Looking for a place to hang out with your buddies or girlfriends and be competitive? This might be it.

Cleanliness is no problem and lines to the bathroom are non-existent. The men's bathroom includes three stalls and a large, well-lit mirror for us guys to make sure we're still looking sharp.

Service gets a shining star from me — the bartenders are nice enough to have a chat, but quick with making and getting drinks. Every table is consistently cleared; the moment a drink is consumed, an employee is quick to toss the empty beer bottle away for you or take your glass.

Drink prices depend on your poison. The imported beer from all over the globe is never less than \$3 — a bit steep, in my opinion, but you get to try out

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some brews you might never have heard of before. Pints of domestics go for \$2.50 and the larger "grand" glass goes for \$3.50. Well drinks are typical of everywhere else and priced accordingly.

The Grand does have some nice daily specials: You can get \$1 off any drink on Tuesdays and \$6 margarita pitchers on Thursdays.

The kitchen closed along with Ed and Fred's Desert Moon, which previously occupied the location. But I was addicted to the free salty pretzel-and-baked-chip mix that went so well with a beer.

The music is provided by a small jukebox and lacks a great variety. Modern jukeboxes are electronic and have thousands of songs to choose from and can download new ones if you wish. Such modern conveniences do cost money, though, and I don't foresee The Grand upgrading unless we give it a reason.

Bottom line: The Grand welcomes groups of friends to be competitive and worldly, with its vast selection of international beer. I recommend you try it out and I'm sure you'll hit it up again.

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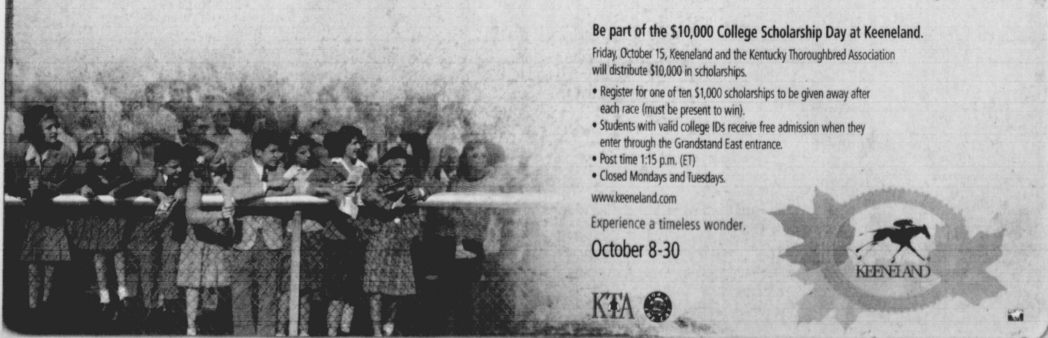
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TV producer accuses O'Reilly, who countersues for extortion

By Pradya Joshi
NEWSMAY

An associate producer for Fox News' "The O'Reilly Factor" filed a sexual harassment suit Wednesday against host Bill O'Reilly, alleging that he called her several times to engage in phone sex and made many other lewd comments over the years.

Earlier in the day, Fox News and O'Reilly filed a lawsuit of their own against Andrea Mackris of Manhattan and her attorney, Benedict Morrelli, alleging that they tried to extort \$80 million in "hush money" to prevent a sexual harassment suit.

O'Reilly denied the harassment claims against him, and in a news conference Wednesday, Morrelli said Fox's claim of extortion was baseless. He and his partner had settlement talks with Fox, Morelli said, adding that "the type of negotiations that occurred between us and the attorneys for Fox and Bill O'Reilly happen every day in civil lawsuits."

Mackris, 33, mostly stared at the conference table during the news conference and did not answer any questions.

Mackris' suit claims that during several dinners, O'Reilly talked about how he had advised another woman how to use a vibrator and suggested Mackris use one, too. O'Reilly also allegedly relayed many stories of his own sexual encounters on

several occasions over the years.

Mackris worked as an associate producer on "The O'Reilly Factor" from April 2000 through January 2004. She left for CNN in early 2004 but returned to Fox in July after her boss at CNN was allegedly fired for sexual harassment.

According to the complaint, O'Reilly's calls were particularly lewd and graphic after she returned to Fox. In one conversation, O'Reilly allegedly discussed his fantasies on a Caribbean vacation. When Mackris reminded O'Reilly that he was her boss, she said he responded "You just have to suspend that."

In other discussions, which the suit referred to as "perverted ravings," he allegedly alluded to having a ménage à trois, according to the complaint, and told her of his trysts with a pair of "really wild" Scandinavian airline stewardesses and a "girl" at a Thai sex show.

In its lawsuit, Fox calls the sexual-harassment claims "baseless" and politically motivated, designed to "extract maximum leverage against Fox and O'Reilly right before the presidential election," adding that the allegations were meant to "embarrass and tarnish the reputations of Fox and O'Reilly."

"As a public figure, I have

received many threats. But enough is enough. ... The threats stop now. I will not give in to extortion," O'Reilly said in a statement.

O'Reilly's and Fox's attorney Ronald Green said that Mackris and O'Reilly have always had a professional relationship and that she asked and that she asked O'Reilly personally for her job back.

According to Fox News' complaint, she makes \$92,300 in her current job. O'Reilly, who lives in Manhattan, N.Y., filed his case in state court in Nassau County, while Mackris filed her suit in state court in Manhattan.

A Fox News spokeswoman said Mackris is still an employee at the network, although Green said she has cleaned out her desk.

Morelli, a Manhattan lawyer, has won several high-figure personal injury cases and was the attorney representing a Morgan Stanley analyst who was allegedly fired after appearing nude in a gay porn magazine.

O'Reilly is a conservative commentator known for his sometimes caustic commentary. Fox's lawsuit accuses Morelli of being politically motivated, pointing out that he has donated large sums to the Democratic Party and candidates.

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CLARIFICATION

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UK scores with broadcast deal

Men's basketball and football have long been synonymous with the UK. That's not likely to change anytime soon.

But thanks to a new broadcast deal struck between UK, Host Communications and Gray Television, other UK sports will have a chance to capture the imagination and attention of Wildcat fans.

The 10-year, \$80.5 million contract will allow Host and Gray to continue broadcasting men's basketball and football games just as they have for the last few decades.

However, the deal also

grants the companies broadcast rights for baseball and women's basketball.

This means viewers throughout the state will have full access to many UK athletic programs that haven't received adequate exposure in the past.

Women's hoops and men's baseball are on the up-swing after exciting new coaching hires, and this deal will help those programs make the transition from mediocrity to championship contention.

The deal also includes \$2.5 million per year for non-athletic broadcasts to promote UK's

academic missions.

The athletics department will also contribute nearly \$1.4 million to UK's Singletary Scholarship fund, which provides full four-year academic scholarships to 20 outstanding students from all over the country each year.

Athletics administrators deserve a lot of credit for looking beyond the interests of UK's biggest cash cows when awarding the new broadcast contract.

Fans will get to see that UK isn't just about men's hoops and football.

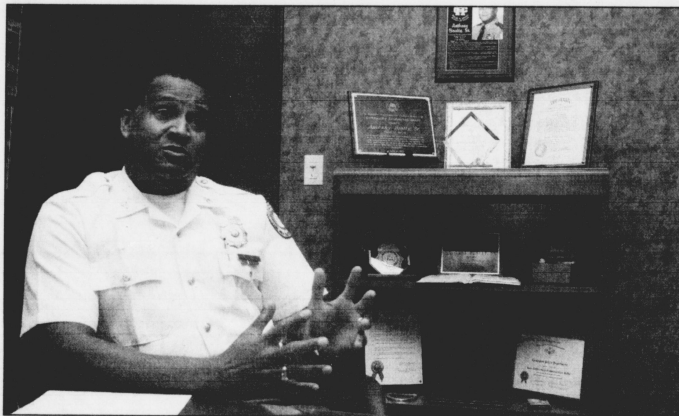
The funding reserved for promotion of academics along with the money pledged for the Singletary Scholarship program will help UK recruit the most gifted students in our state along with the most gifted athletes.

The deal has been labeled by UK President Lee Todd as one of the most lucrative in NCAA history.

Thanks to administrators like Todd and Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart who helped secure the contract, the benefits won't just be financial.

Q&A with Anthony Beatty

Lexington Police Chief



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Opinions editor Andrew Martin sat down with Lexington Police Chief Anthony Beatty to discuss local law enforcement issues.

Q. How is the Lexington Police department working with UK Police to keep students safe?

A. I'm a former UK police officer. So I understand the relationship between the campus as it fits into our part of the community.

We have worked very, very closely with UK Police. We work very closely with them on projects, particularly when there are patterns and trends in crimes in things that we see that are central to what we see out in the community.

We certainly work very closely with them by assigning additional personnel, additional beat cars for the area, and on the investigative end our detectives work hand in hand with detectives on the UK campus to make sure that information is flowing.

We have significant databases about people with crime numbers, analysis information and quite a bit available to us that we can assist and make available to them.

Q. Have you seen any effects on the crime or problems at night with extended bar hours?

A. We're still pretty early into this. We haven't had but about two months that we've had data. We try to look at things on a quarterly, six-month and an annual basis as far as crime analysis is concerned and as far as our response and the types of crimes that we see.

We do see from the early indications that the incidences of alcohol-involved types of situations that we respond to have kind of moved up later in the morning than we used to see them.

We are seeing DUI arrests at six or seven in the morning where we used to rarely see those. It doesn't mean we have more of them it's just moved later in the morning.

Q. What's the current status of the police funding and what has the Urban County Council done about it?

A. We've been a pretty well-funded agency down through the years in terms of our operations. The reason for that is we've gone out and found federal dollars. We get lots of grant dollars and we seek out grants

and ways to make the agencies run.

The problem that we've had down through the years has been the idea of paying police officers salaries that are competitive with agencies we compare ourselves to.

When we compare ourselves against agencies, we have just not done well for the last several years. So the mayor and the council have been working very hard at coming up with some plans and some ways to ensure we pay our public safety employees an adequate and competitive salary.

One thing that did happen is the mayor and the council did work on putting together what we requested was a step plan so that officers and firefighters would have a series of steps they could go through that would allow them to know throughout their careers what their salaries would be.

We still have a long way to go because we were way behind the agencies we compare ourselves to in terms of salary.

And along with that, we've also got work to do to get the number of officers up in terms of the population that we serve here in order to keep delivering services like they do.

Q. Has enforcing the smoking ban stretched forces thinner, or have police had to do much enforcement?

A. Almost none. We assisted the health department on two different occasions when they had some problem locations, by that I mean businesses that would not comply with the ordinance.

On two different occasions we assigned officers to go out with enforcement folks because they were meeting some resistance. They had been threatened in a couple of situations and feared for their safety.

So in terms of the actual enforcement of the smoking ordinance, the health department's doing that.

We have minimal involvement other than to ensure that they're safe and the other patrons of the establishment are safe, and they call us if they need us.

Q. What kind of practical steps can citizens take to keep themselves safe and secure their property?

A. To be safe we have to talk about terrorist threats because that's prominent in everybody's minds now, so what do you do for that? You do the same thing for preventing crimes that occur against you. No. 1 is vigilance.

To be ever-mindful of people and situations that you're in, the environment

around you.

Reduce opportunity. Any criminal activity occurs as a result of an opportunity that we as citizens make available. Think about reducing opportunity.

A common one for us is larceny of autos. That's a big crime for us in terms of volume in terms of numbers. We can prevent larceny from autos simply by putting things in eye shot that would be taken.

So instead of leaving items loose in the vehicle, put them in the trunk. Audio/video equipment needs to be secured. Common sense kinds of things, faceplates removed, no loose items laying around.

If there is no reason for a person to want to enter the vehicle, we have prevented that kind of larceny from occurring.

The same thing for homes for burglary in your home or your business. So we want people to think about what those things are.

Q. What has the police department done locally to prevent terrorism?

A. For us in law enforcement it's one of those drastic changes. It's a drastic change in how we focus. Now we focus more training on reacting to terrorists' issues.

More information about what you see, what you observe. Not just criminal stuff that we've been dealing with all our lives, but now might be a terror site. It might lead to something else; it might harm someone.

Officers are now trained what to observe, how to react, how to key in on people and places and items that they're carrying.

So it's a matter of having a lot more information to deal with threats that are posed to us.

In addition to that we have lots of intelligence that flows in now from other agencies, both state and federal, that we did not have before.

For example, we share lots of intelligence and information with the FBI now that we didn't before, lots of intelligence and information with the Secret Service now that we didn't before, lots of intelligence and information with the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and the Drug Enforcement Agency that we didn't before.

This is all post-9/11 and the idea of how terrorism affects daily living. It's a different environment now in terms of training.

Lots of training now is on being first responders to a terrorist incident that we didn't have before.

Lots of equipment has to be issued to all the personnel for response to a terrorist kind of incident.

Democratic ticket promising more than it can deliver

To coin the phrase, now I've heard it all. Sen. John Kerry, D-Vietnam, and Sen. John "Mr. Ed" Edwards have been making every promise to fix everything wrong about America



Stephen Burnett
COLUMNIST

for several months now, using mostly the same old language from the Gore/Lieberman 2000 platform. For decades, many of these liberal guys have had no politically imaginative ability beyond that of how to spin themselves out of the latest accusation, so naturally their promises are the same every election year.

With the Kerry and Edwards plans, well, surprise again. They're going to regulate big businesses while creating jobs. They're going to "kill the terrorists" but not actually fight anybody. They'll never let another nation veto America's military decisions, but we never should have done anything in Iraq without "allies" like good ol' France. And we're going to inspect every crate on every dock in the country while still keeping people's civil rights intact.

And just when you thought the campaign promises couldn't get any more strange, along comes Mr. Ed to add yet another one.

See, Mr. Ed is a charismatic trial lawyer with psychic powers to channel the spirit of a girl born with cerebral palsy while pleading before a jury, as he did during one of his more famous lawsuits. Now one of his recent speeches proves the gifted freshman senator cannot only channel spirits but also look into the future — in which John Kerry and Mr. Ed will heal the disabled with embryonic stem cells.

"If we do the work that we can do in this country, the work that we will do when John Kerry is president," Mr. Ed revealed before a Newton, Iowa, audience in awe, "people like Christopher Reeve are going get up out of that wheelchair and walk again."

Well, Senator, why stop there? Can you bring my dog back to life while you're at it? Next you could go out on the street and heal the homeless of their afflictions, teleport Osama bin Laden to the International Criminal Court in the Hague or even miraculously restore Michael Jackson's natural nose!

Someone else can write the column about how more research is already being done with adult stem cells or about how the most promising stem cells could be extracted from human fat obtained through liposuction.

But my quarrel is with the very attitude that allows political candidates — on both sides, but more so with Democrats — to make such outlandish promises that no one can keep.

This newest supernatural promise makes it even easier to argue against the Johns' rhetorical routines. Neither Kerry nor Edwards has any way of knowing if any research will have these results. And even if scientists somehow got these breakthroughs, would Kerry or Mr. Ed have the gall to claim direct credit? (Well, at this point, probably.)

And logic problems aside, these political intrusions into all manner of medical, spiritual, social, pharmaceutical, economical, educational and metaphysical areas — they persuade me now more than ever that too many liberals view their beliefs as a religion and their candidates as priests who can cure all of the country's ills.

Furthermore, let's say Mr. Ed, for example, does actually have this power to channel children and see the future of medical research. So put him in the Yellow Pages next to Madame Zorkaborg. Better yet, send him to the nation of Sudan where they especially need a strong dose of supernatural help.

But these talents don't need to be anywhere near the presidency. The president is not supposed to be your health care guru or environmental caretaker, create jobs, give you money, help manage your farm or ensure that a million jillion dollars are hurled in roughly the same direction as education.

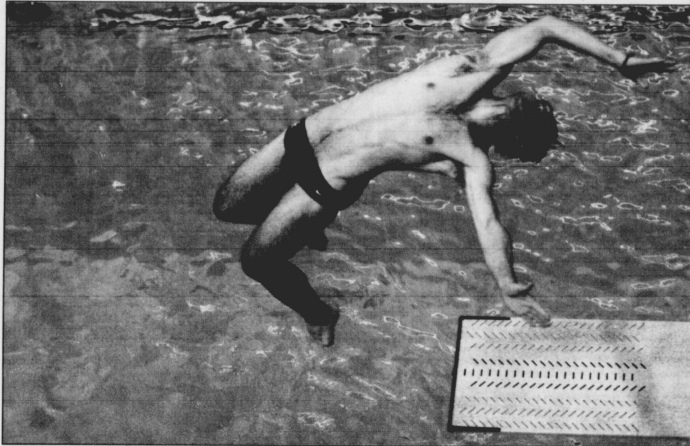
In fact, the commander-in-chief's function is limited to this: nominating judges, giving State of the Union speeches and especially protecting this place by starting wars if necessary. The latter item, of course, is one task the current president has performed very well. Meanwhile, the Kerry-Edwards platform just tosses that whole "security" concern in with the auxiliary issues like ensuring people eternal life and things like that.

Sure, some ridiculous little duties have evolved with the presidency over the years, such as pardoning Thanksgiving turkeys, or having first ladies who are neurotically concerned about literacy.

But worrying about your personal income or job status or whether you can afford prescription drugs shouldn't be another one of those frivolous issues that gets in the way of the president's real job: protecting America.

And we especially should give no credence to absurd promises of healing the lame and giving sight to the blind. Anyway that job has already been taken.

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JOHN FOSTER | STAFF
Junior Mario Rodriguez practices a springboard dive during practice yesterday at the Lancaster Aquatic Center. The UK swimming and diving teams begin their seasons at 5 p.m. Friday in the Kentucky Relay Meet.

Cats dive into season opener

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK swimming and diving team begins its season Friday at the Kentucky Relay Meet at the Lancaster Aquatic Center.

Coming off the annual Blue-White intrasquad meet on Tuesday, head coach Gary Connelly is optimistic.

"We're really looking to start this season off with a bang," he said. "The team is really going to be very good this year; we have a lot of expectations."

With the return of many upperclassmen, the 2004-05 Cats believe they are one of the strongest teams in the nation.

"Our men's team is solid, and they really have a great chance at running the tables this year," Connelly said.

Standouts on the men's side include the Irishman Steven Manley, who over the last year broke six Irish national records in freestyle; Daniel Cruz, who fell just shy of an Olympic berth this summer; key freshman recruits Kristian Outinen from Denmark and Grant Nelson from Tampa, Fla., and Mario Rodriguez, one of the top divers on the team.

"We're looking to be top 10 in the NCAA by the end of the year with our men," Cruz said. "We're pretty confident on it."

On the women's side, top swimmers include Olympian Nikia Deveaux, who is swimming at peak performance after nursing a shoulder injury throughout last season; team leaders Joanna McLean and Jessica Siegiele; the top team swim-

mer in breast stroke Laura Graham; Jennifer and Heather Bradford, twin freshmen; and Jessica Thompson, one of the top team divers.

"The women are not as strong as the men, but we have a lot of young talent and good leadership at the top," Connelly said. "We're looking for them to get top four in the (Southeastern Conference) and at least top 20 in the NCAA this year."

The Cats will face off against rival Indiana and regional powerhouse Tennessee, among others.

"We have a tough schedule this year, but it should only make us stronger," Cruz said.

To knock off the Volunteers, Connelly said UK needs to be at the top of its game.

Kentucky Relay Meet
Place: Lancaster Aquatic Center
Time: 5 p.m. Friday

"The only way to beat them is to swim perfectly," Connelly said.

UK's focus, however, is where it will be at the end of the season.

"It will be a challenge, but we really are an awesome team this year," said sophomore Sunny Gibson. "We're going to have to constantly strive, but in the end, I — all of us — really think we'll come out on top."

This weekend's meet begins at 5 p.m. Friday and features teams from around the state.

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