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ROE V. WADE RETURNS

Attorney revisits case that made her famous

Abortion: At only 25, she made history with landmark Supreme Court decision

By Andrea Uhdé
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A medley of expressions creep onto faces when Sarah Weddington's name comes up: Some people look like they're being pinched, while others show a golden glow of satisfaction and pride.

The reason? The name Sarah Weddington goes hand-in-hand with legalized abortion, a topic that commonly boils in political and moral debates.

This Thursday, Weddington will be at Memorial Hall to speak about Roe v. Wade, the abortion case she worked with, and answer any questions from audience members, who will likely be a mixture of supporters and protesters of the case.



Weddington

It was during 1973 when Weddington, at age 25, went before the Supreme Court to defend a woman's right to abortion. Roe v. Wade is hailed as one of the most important Supreme Court decisions of all time.

Weddington gained her fame by representing Norma McCorvey (who went by the pseudonym Jane Roe during the case), a single pregnant woman fighting the constitutionality of the Texas criminal abortion laws.

"It was scary," Weddington said of the case during a phone interview yesterday. "It was my first contested

See ROE on 2

Graphic abortion display brings pro-life message

Atrocities: Genocide Awareness Project compares aborted fetuses to Holocaust

By Ashley York
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Twenty-five murals showing images of aborted fetuses and embryos will appear at one of UK's most traveled areas next week.

Several campus ministries invited the Genocide Awareness Project to set up its display, which compares abortion to historically recognized forms of genocide. It will be displayed Monday and Tuesday outside the Class-

room Building.

Gregg Cunningham, director for the Center for Bioethical Reform, which supports GAP, said the display, which strives to make abortion difficult to trivialize, has been set up at more than 35 campuses.

"We are using horrifying pictures to dramatize injustice — to make injustice real to people," Cunningham said.

Cunningham said a typical sign shows three pictures: a lynched black man, a Jew-

ish person who has been exposed to the gas chamber and a dismembered fetus.

"Our point is that every one of these is an act of genocide," he said.

Rob McDowell said the Christian Student Fellowship and Cats for Christ invited GAP to UK.

"We are creating awareness about the statistics on abortion as well as comparing it to the genocide that happened during the times of slavery and the Holocaust," said the campus minister of the CSF.

McDowell said GAP reportedly refrains from using

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JESSE LEBUS | KERNEL STAFF

Relaxing

Evan Belf, art administration junior, enjoys the spring weather Monday. He said the weather enticed him to temporarily forego homework.

COMMUNICATION

Free speech expands on campus

Progress: While official area remains unchanged, students erode policy by using entire campus as forum for expression of ideas

By Steve Ivey
STAFF WRITER

Events such as the Student Government election campaigns last week and an exhibition planned this week by the Genocide Awareness Project, a group comparing abortion to genocide, are providing signs that the free speech policy at UK is slowly expanding.

Victor Hazard, dean of students, said while no official changes have been made in the Student Rights and Responsibilities code, operational changes are apparent.

"The entire campus is becoming a free speech area, in

essence, as long as certain guidelines are met," he said. "Things are becoming more open by students wishing it to be so."

Hazard said there are two criteria for speech to be limited. If the speech is either disruptive to academic work or prevents traffic flow, he said his office would step in and find a solution.

"If people show up with megaphones or sound amplification equipment around what we consider the academic core of campus, around the Classroom Building, we would have to do something to stop it," he said. "But if groups are engag-

ing students in normal discourse and inviting conversation, I see no reason it wouldn't be allowed."

David Hutchinson, newly elected senator-at-large, said that during this year's SC elections, he noticed a significant drop in candidates handing out handbills and information, and an increase in them talking directly with students.

"If UK is going to reach its Top 20 institution goal, increased free speech is certainly an important part of that," he said.

Organizations are allowed to hold exhibitions on campus, as long as they are sponsored

by a registered student organization.

"There is a dangerous aspect to the free market mentality," he said. "We have to consider if a member of the general public has as much right to speak freely on campus as a tax-paying student. That's why we have a stipulation that demonstrators must go through a student organization."

The Genocide Awareness Project brought to UK by Cats for Christ, Christian Student Fellowship, and the UK Wesley Foundation.

"If opposition shows up unannounced and creates what I consider a disruption, that can't be tolerated. But if they've reserved space and do it by the codes, there's no problem with it," he said.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Kernel picks new editors, ad manager

Leadership: Board chooses editor-in-chief, summer co-editors and student ad manager

By Sara Cunningham
STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Kernel Board of Directors met last night and chose leaders for next year's newspaper and advertising staff.

SportsDaily Editor Travis Hubbard and copy Editor and staff writer Joe Anderson will be the summer co-editors of the Kernel and Account Executive Meghan Blocher will be the 2002-03 Student Advertising Representative. Managing Editor Tracy Kershaw will head the Kernel's staff as editor in chief next year.

"There are things I think the Kernel does well, and there are things I think we can do better," Kershaw said. "I'll work to improve them."

Among other goals, Kershaw wants the Kernel to do more investigative reporting and diversify the staff. Kershaw is a journalism and English junior and has worked for the Kernel for three years. Kershaw said the most difficult assignment she ever had to undertake was deciding how to cover Sept. 11.

After graduation, Kershaw hopes to work for a newspaper or go to graduate school.

"I know I'm going to work at a newspaper, but I'll be happy as long as I'm reading, writing and learning," Kershaw said.

Hubbard and Anderson said they look forward to the summer because it gives the Kernel staff a great opportunity to grow.

"The summer is a good time to develop skills," said Anderson, a journalism and English senior. "I want to work with writers and improve my own skills as well."

Hubbard, a journalism senior, said the summer Kernel is like an internship. "It's the next best thing to an internship," Hubbard said. "It will give me a chance to explore a lot more diverse parts of the paper."

Blocher, an integrated strategic communication senior, decided to stay another year to be the Student Ad Representative. Blocher would like to continue in advertising after she graduates. "There are good people in every department of the Kernel," Blocher said. "This is the first job that I wake up and actually like to go to."

Call 257-1915 for information about interviews for other staff positions.



Kershaw



Blocher



Hubbard



Anderson

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CAMPUS NEWS

Honor society hosts Speak-out Day

The Communication Honor Society is hosting the 2nd semi-annual Speak-out Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, in the Patterson Office Tower courtyard area. Speak-out Day gives students and other UK members an opportunity to speak their opinions on issues occurring within campus, the community and the world. Those who plan on attending should send their name, e-mail address, phone number, and possible topics to ukpeakout2002@yahoo.com to reserve a spot.

Leadership conference run by SG

The student organizations center and UK SG are hosting a leadership conference at 6 p.m. tonight in Room 106 of the Student Center. About 36 student organizations have pre-registered for the conference. Groups planning to attend are advised to arrive a couple of minutes early.

Gandhi's grandson to speak April 11

Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, will speak at 7 p.m. April 11 at Memorial Hall. Arun is a co-founder of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, which is dedicated to "promote and apply the principles of nonviolence locally, nationally and globally, to prevent violence and resolve personal and public conflicts through research, education and programming." The event is sponsored by UK's Student Activities Board, and is free and open to the public.

NATIONAL NEWS

Israel offensive intensified

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israeli troops backed by armor intensified an offensive across the West Bank on Monday, pounding a Ramallah building with anti-aircraft guns, briefly pushing into Bethlehem and sending the echo of tank shells through Palestinian streets. Spurred by suicide attacks that claimed more than 40 lives in five days, Israeli leaders said the military drive was meant to smash a Palestinian terrorist infrastructure. Palestinians, for their part, said Israel's tactics amounted to a campaign of state terror against the civilian population. Troops searching for Palestinian militants and weapons caches carried out house-to-house searches and engaged in running battles with gunmen. Soldiers used vehicle-mounted anti-aircraft guns to pulverize the facade of the building where Palestinian gunmen were holed up, scattering debris.



SLICK WILLIE: Will Smith may not have come up a winner at the Academy Awards, but the actor/rapper can revel in a victory elsewhere in Hollywood. He and his production company, Overbrook Entertainment, have just secured the rights to produce the remakes of the '70s films "Uptown Saturday Night," "Let's Do It Again" and "A Piece of the Action," according to a spokesperson for the company. All three motion pictures starred Bill Cosby and Sidney Poitier, who was honored at the Oscars on Sunday. The Overbrook spokesperson said it's too early to tell when the films will come out or if Smith will be starring in them. Smith does, however, have his eyes set on going in front of the camera for another movie — he is in negotiations to reprise his role as quip-busting fly-guy cop Mike Lowrey in a sequel to "Bad Boys" that would also star Martin Lawrence. You'll definitely see Smith in a sequel to "Men in Black," which opens this summer. There is practically no information on the former Fresh Prince's next solo LP, however, though a spokesperson for Columbia Records did say it is currently slated for a June release.

Iran, Iraq, Syria cited in Israel terror

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration accused Iran, Iraq and Syria of fomenting terror while it urged Yasser Arafat on Monday to ban suicide attacks and Israel to "carefully consider the consequences" of its military thrust into Ramallah. The multifaceted message emerged after President Bush met at the White House with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of State Colin Powell, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and, by video linkup, Vice President Dick Cheney. Bush and his spokesman, Ari Fleischer, focused on Arafat, demanding the Palestinian leader denounce terror. The State Department delivered a more evenhanded lecture to Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. At the Pentagon, Rumsfeld offered a searing indictment of Iran, Iraq and Syria as supporters of a terrorist "war on civilization."

Capture thwarts al-Qaida rebuilding

WASHINGTON — The capture of Abu Zubaydah, al-Qaida's top surviving operational commander, is one of the most significant accomplishments in the U.S. war on terrorism, officials and experts said Monday. In Zubaydah's head, U.S. officials believe, are the names, faces and locations of numerous al-Qaida operatives the world over. He may also know the hiding place of Osama bin Laden. Pakistani authorities, in concert with the CIA and FBI, captured Zubaydah in a raid last Thursday at a compound in Faisalabad, far from the Afghan border. U.S. officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity, Zubaydah was shot three times trying to escape but was expected to survive, said one official. He is in U.S. custody, but it's unclear if he remains in Pakistan.

Court considers 'Three-strikes' laws

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday it will review whether some three-strikes-and-out sentencing laws result in unconstitutionally harsh prison terms, such as up to life behind bars for shoplifting videotapes from Kmart. The court agreed to hear appeals involving two California thieves sentenced to terms ranging from 25 years to life for small-time crimes that might otherwise have meant just a few months in jail. The Supreme Court will consider whether long sentences were unconstitutionally cruel or unusual punishment for a heroin addict who shoplifted videotapes worth \$153 and an AIDS patient who shoved three golf clubs down his pants leg and tried to walk out of a pro shop. The court's eventual ruling could be limited to the way the law is applied in California, or it could make a more general statement about how far states may go in using similar laws to win very long prison terms for relatively minor crimes.

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ROE

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case, and it was very contro- versial. I wanted very much to win."

It's been 29 years since the Supreme Court decided in favor of McCorvey, but Wed- dington, who is now an ad- junct professor at the Uni- versity of Texas-Austin, keeps the case alive with nationwide tours.

"She said she thinks it's important for college students to be familiar with the case."

"While students are really smart about things, they have not read the case and there- fore don't understand what's going on now," she said.

Weddington said she plans to discuss the history leading to the case, how the decision has changed, and what political decisions could

weaken the precedent.

The last time Weddington came to UK was in 1986.

Weddington said she wants to spend more time with students when she comes this week.

"She'll have time to meet them during a reception after the speech, she said. Roberta Hartling, a law professor, said it will be an interesting speech because Roe v. Wade "can provide a gate- way to students' introduction to other privacy issues."

If you go

Sarah Weddington will dis- cuss her part in Roe v. Wade and answer question from the audience.

The lecture is at 7 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Hall. It is free and open to the public.

GAP

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amplified sound or harassing those who visit the display.

Amly Olive said the Feminist Alliance will respectfully object to GAP's appearance on campus because of its fear the displays will traumatize women who have had abortions on campus.

"We think it is a disgusting display that has no place on UK's campus," said Olive, the president of the Feminist Alliance.

Though opposed to GAP's message, Olive said the Feminist Alliance does not plan to condone any activity obstructing or preventing its message.

"I support free speech and their right to demonstrate but I don't think this is right," Olive said. "They are going to hurt a lot of people."

Representatives from Planned Parenthood also plan

to be on campus the days the displays are set up.

A statement was released to the Kernel on behalf of a coalition of concerned stu- dents, staff and faculty who plan to peacefully object to GAP's appearance at UK.

"Regardless of one's per- sonal beliefs regarding abor- tion, the exploitation of vic- tims of genocide and racial violence to garner support for this cause is disgraceful and offensive to the families and descendants of these crime victims," the statement read.

Are you interested?

The Genocide Awareness Project will be at UK April 8 and 9. Displays will be between the two walkways which connect the POT plaza to the old King Library and toward Pence Hall. The dis- plays will be set up from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The UK Counseling and Testing Center offer counsel- ing if needed, 257-8701.

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GIVING

Let your glamour out, increase AIDS charity

Runway of donations: Ball to raise money for a good cause through fashion and fun

By Sarah Zopf Assistant Scene Editor

The lights are dim. The disco balls are spinning. Human bodies are decorated from head to toe with feathers, paint and glitter. The band starts to play, the bar opens and the Beaux Arts Ball party begins.

Every year a group of UK architecture students come together to create the Beaux Arts Ball, which established itself in the early 19th century as the Ecole Des Beaux Arts where attendees appeared in outlandish homemade costumes or black-tie dress.

While it is always a wild party, this year's ball has a slightly different focus, said Director Haans Mott, an architecture senior.

"Traditionally the ball has been held to raise money for the arts communities and for self-expression, but this year I

wanted to focus on raising money for the AIDS epidemic," Mott said. The Beaux Arts Ball currently give around 25 percent of their proceeds to AVOL, a group that raises money for local AIDS patients. Mott wants to increase that number.

"I want to change the attitude of the people attending and the people involved in the community," he said. "I want it to become a serious benefit through which the community can begin to give a substantial contribution to AIDS charities."

One company in the community has already responded to Mott's idea. MAC cosmetics will sell its Vivaglam lipstick at a special booth in Fayette Mall Friday. Proceeds will be donated to local AIDS charities.

"I think MAC is an example of an important model to follow because AIDS is prevalent

among people our age," Mott said. "As a youth culture, we need to except AIDS and help confront it."

Another addition to this year's ball is a runway fashion show featuring the designs of Paul Carey, a student at the elite Atelier Chardon Sevard School of Fashion in Paris.

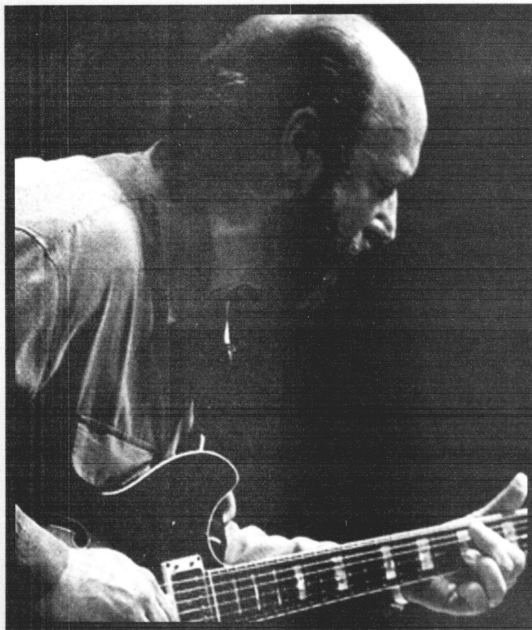
"Paul Carey has committed to come and do this show for the ball and present a regional couture. Now we can add a higher fashion element to the show," Mott said.

Paul Carey indirectly let his career path take him to the Beaux Arts Ball. "I found myself in a moment of liberty," Carey said. "I wanted to leave Paris for a bit and come here to an environment that is less saturated with fashion and I felt I could take a breath and present my art in a traditional form."

Many students attend the ball each year, and this year will be no exception. "I would say that the Beaux Arts Ball is one of Lexington's finest festive events,"

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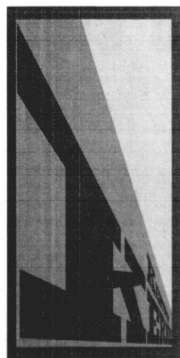
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Campus

Tacky

I think we have a wonderful campus, and the grounds crew does an awesome job maintaining it and keeping it clean, but every year we have Student Government elections where thousands of signs are stuck in every corner of the campus. I don't see a problem with campaigning and trying to get your name out there. I do, however, have a huge problem with the manner in which this campaigning takes place on campus.

I do not see how any self-respecting candidate could allow their signs to be haphazardly duct taped around campus. I can't think of anything that would be tackier than the use of duct tape. For the week or two that those signs were up, UK looked more like the backside of a flea market than a respectable college campus. The signs might as well have read, "Washer for Sale," or "Pit Bull Pups to a Good Home."

The signs were stuck to walls, ceilings, statues, and anything else that happened to be in plain sight. In political campaigning, there are certain spoken and unspoken rules about sign placement. You don't put signs within a certain distance of polling locations. You don't put signs on memorials or statues. You don't hang signs without asking permission, and you always strive to make a good impression by hanging signs in a respectable way.

I think that the election committee should review the rules regarding sign placement on campus. Here are some suggestions for new policies.

Outlaw Duct Tape: At the very least, outlaw the visible use of duct tape.

Outlaw Defacement: Anyone found placing signs on statues should be removed from the ballot.

Limit the number of places where signs can be hung. (Just try to keep it neat and orderly.)

Outlaw campaigning within so many hundred yards of polling places on election day.

Student Government elections should be classy. They should reflect the pride we have for UK and our desire to be one of the best. It should not be represented by thousands of poorly photocopied flyers and miles of duct tape.

-Jared Whalen
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IN OUR OPINION

No good option for humanities

The recent proposal to split the College of Arts and Sciences into three new colleges should leave you weeping for humanity. For the humanities, that is. Last week it was reported that more than 94 percent of faculty members surveyed in departments that would be shuffled to the new College of Arts and Letters — history, philosophy, foreign language, literature, etc. — strongly oppose the recommended split.

Their reasons: such a move would nix interdisciplinary collaboration, devalue the liberal arts experience and lead to even poorer (fiscally, not academically) humanistic departments. Let's face it. We have an engineer-cum-businessman as a president and a futures committee co-chaired by a research biochemist and a governmental policy-maker. Deconstructing discourses or studying Tudor poetry is highly unlikely to be on their priority list — a prejudice that would effectively ghettoize the College of Arts and Letters.

Scientists who have long enjoyed the fruits of Top-20 quest research spending are evenly split in their opinion regarding the proposed divisions, which would group them into one college. It's well understood that, in the process of federal grant winning, the sciences earn a lot of money for the university, yet half still oppose the division.

One reason given for this opposition is interesting indeed. It might impoverish the sciences because they currently get much of their funding from vacant faculty lines in the humanities.

A "vacant faculty line" is a bunch of money that would normally be used to support a professor — pay salary, support research, etc. — and isn't being used since the faculty position it was marked to support is vacant. Many vacant spots are in the humanities.

So the sciences are worried that they will no longer be able to take advantage of skeleton humanities departments. This hardly seems altruistic, and it hardly seems to be in the best interests of the humanities.

As it stands, it's a "screwed if you do, screwed if you don't" situation for the belles lettres. Either they allow themselves to be preyed upon, or they get relegated to an under-funded, emasculated college. There has to be another way.

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Jim Harper
GUEST COLUMNIST

Campaign finance bill a good sign

Amid little pomp and circumstance this weekend, President Bush promised to sign what is, in my view, the most important piece of legislation to come out of Congress in recent years. The legislation Bush gave his endorsement to is the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.

Campaign finance reform has long been a hot topic of discussion in Washington, and Congress should continue to make our election system as fair and clean as possible. But at least for now, the American people can claim themselves as winners when reformers overcome the powerful special interests to pass the reform act.

The bill does not take all the money out of politics; rather, it intends to limit the previously unlimited contributions national and state parties can receive from wealthy donors and organizations. Because this money is the life blood of many prominent

legislators (the two parties raised more than \$160 million of it in 2001 according to a Common Cause analysis), the bill did not receive an easy passage. While similar versions of the bill were first introduced in 1995, it did not see a full and fair debate in the Senate until last year.

Finally, with the highly publicized presidential candidacy of the bill's co-author Sen. John McCain, the bill was able to receive a fair vote in the Senate last year. After much wrangling and political maneuvering over the last year (and an Enron scandal that showed just how corrupting money can be), campaign finance reform is where it deserves to be: the President's desk.

Money has a staggering effect on politics. In the House, important committee posts are often rewarded on the basis of how much money a member has raised for the

party. What's more, big donors have an unprecedented level of access with the power brokers in Washington (Do you really think a legislator is going to listen to John Doe who can only donate \$100 when a corporation or union has donated \$100,000?).

In this chummy-chummy system that is our government, it is time for change. Campaign finance reform is that change. No longer will corporations and unions be able to give unlimited amounts of money to national parties. While this new system isn't perfect, it certainly is an improvement over the status quo. A system where the average American's voice is lost in a chorus of million-dollar donors is one thing; un-American. Anyone denying this is being naive about the pervasive effect that money has on politics.

Reform opponents claim, among other things, that the bill doesn't completely solve

the problem of money in politics; they are correct. Many Democrats claim that Bush might have less than ideal (think political) reasons for signing the bill; they might be correct, as well.

But government is not ideal; legislation never becomes law in its pure form. What these critics can't deny (as much as they may try to take the luster out of this reform) is that the American people scored a clear victory last week.

Opponents clawed and scratched to stop this bill, and they failed. In the end, they were unable to deny that it was time for reform. This is one case where Washington has made the right decision. It's about time.

Jim Harper writes for the Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.) His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

James Orton
GUEST COLUMNIST

Terrorist causes represented well at Arab summit

Most of us enjoy living in the comforts of the belief that our own society is, if not perfect, about as close as it can come. Therefore, it is totally reasonable to believe that other citizens feel the same way about their own society.

Well, prepare yourself. I am about to shed some truthful light. I want to discuss a recent incident involving an American reporter and the Arab summit. The only reason I took notice was because the man being interviewed asked the journalist point blank, "Are you a Jew?"

The man was a Hamas representative, the journalist Gerardo Rivera. The situation was a question about the "Passover Massacre," the place (and this is the kicker) the Arab summit.

Touted as a summit for "Arab Leaders" to discuss regional and world events, a Hamas representative was invited to attend. Does anyone else see a problem with a terrorist organization being included by Arab nations as a leader in the region when Ariel Sharon was not invited, although he asked to attend? This speaks volumes about the true intentions of many Arab governments.

You cannot discuss peace with Israel while at the same time denying an Israeli appearance and promoting the inclusion of a terrorist organization. I will admit to having been duped into the belief that some Arab nations actually want to recognize Israel as a state and actually want peace in the region, but no more will I remain the sucker.

Egypt did not attend the summit, and while I would like to believe that it because of Hamas' invitation, I know better. They declined the invitation because Saudi Arabia's Prince Abdullah would be placed at the forefront of Arab leadership with his proposed "Peace Plan," a position that Egypt has always reserved for itself.

I urge President Bush to support our ally Israel in doing what desperately needs to be done. Hamas and Islamic Jihad are not headquartered in Palestinian-controlled lands, but rather Lebanon and Syria. I ask our government to support strikes against these organizations in both of these countries and any other nation in which they reside. Our president made a pledge to wipe out terrorism wherever it exists. Mr. President, it resides in the countries stated above, but more importantly, in the hearts of any government that would invite Hamas to a leadership summit.

This threat to our only true ally in the Middle East should take precedence even over the obliteration of an Iraqi regime that sponsors terrorism. If we alienate Arab nations, so be it. They alienated themselves by recognizing an evil terrorist organization as a legitimate power in their region and discussing policy with their representative.

This representative is a man who smiled when asked about the massacre of innocent women and children at a Passover feast. A man who, since he didn't like the tone of the journalist interviewing him asked, "Are you a Jew?"

How reminiscent is that to the report that slain Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was forced to say he was a Jew before slicing his neck?

I realize that the vast majority of Arab people do not live in democracies, therefore their government doesn't necessarily speak for them. But the United States should support Israel in their attempts to dismantle terrorist regimes in the region. This includes the organization that was invited to the Arab summit: Hamas.

Two years ago, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was offered a sovereign state that included more land than any nation in the world ever expected Israel to part with (including a large segment of Jerusalem). Arafat turned that offer down. He did so because Hamas had threatened his life if he signed and his signature would have increased, rather than decreased the violence in the region. Israel cannot end the violence by attacking the Palestinian Liberation Organization, which is a mere limb of the massive body of a problem.

Only through strikes in neighboring countries can Israel be effective in ending the terror. This can only be accomplished if our government lifts the boot from the back of Israel and stands firmly beside our greatest ally in the world. Israel is an ally that has voted with us in U.N. policy more than England, France, Canada, Germany or any other nation. It's an ally that did what we as a nation could never do — stand back as SCUD missiles were launched into their territory — all at the request of our government because we didn't want to escalate the war.

The time has come to escalate the war. Since its statehood in 1948, Israel has fought four wars. In every war they were on the defensive (with the debatable exception of 1956 in which they attacked Egypt for amassing large numbers of troops on the Israeli border). It is time we not only recognize our true friends, but also support them. For that, I am willing to pay more at the gas pump.

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DOWN ON THE FARM

Grandfather springboarded All-American's diving career

Moss nets three top-six finishes at NAAs

By Travis Hubbard
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On a farm in southwest Georgia, of all places, a UK diver unearthed a reputation as an internationally recognized diver. And he learned from "Moose."

Clayton Moss, a junior, comes from a lineage of talented divers. But none accomplished what the three-time All-American has in three years in Lexington.

"I'd have given anything in the world to have continued in the sport, and I'm glad to see him continue his quest," said Jeffery Moss, Clayton's older brother and former University of Georgia diver. Jeffery's career was cut short after his sophomore year because of a back injury.

"But he has well surpassed what I was able to accomplish," Jeffery said.

Clayton's diving career began at age 7 with guidance from his father, Rick — a former North Carolina State University diver — and more so with tutelage from his grandfather Robert "Moose" Moss.

"Moose" acquired his nickname during his World War II stint as pilot. After he returned to his family's farm in Doerun, Ga., he had a vision to provide a diving institution that provided world-class diving opportunities for children.

"Mother wanted to put a pool in the back yard," Rick Moss said of his childhood home where Clayton's grandmother, Janie still lives at today.

"So dad said, 'Well, let's put in a couple diving boards and teach these kids to dive.' Then we cleared a pasture and put in a couple pools."

Moss Farms Diving was born in 1964 and in more than 35 years the school has produced numerous junior international divers. Clayton's accomplishments are at the top of the list, even though his late grandfather did not live to see them.

Clayton claimed second in the one-meter and fifth on the three-meter springboard, and placed sixth on the platform at the Men's NCAA Diving Championships last weekend.

"It was a really emotional and intense meet," Clayton said. "You have to relax and stay calm, and just have fun. That's my motto."

Clayton earned All-American honors in all three events

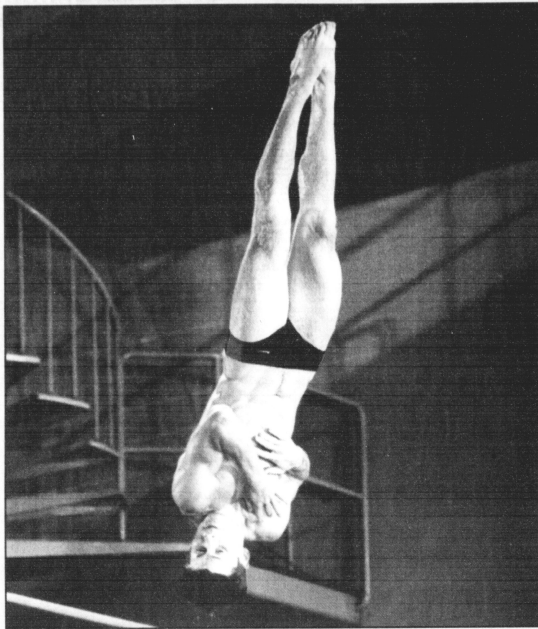


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Family tradition

Junior All-American diver Clayton Moss practices his form at UK's Lancaster Aquatic Center. Moss finished second in the one-meter springboard at the NCAA Diving Championships last weekend.

and won the one-meter Southeastern Conference Championship Feb. 21-24. He also earned All-American honors in the one-meter his freshman and sophomore seasons.

"He's up there smiling," Jeffery said of his grandfather. "There is nothing else he could ask for."

Except maybe a National Championship.

UK Diving Coach Mike Lyden said Clayton has an excellent chance to win multiple championships next year. He has known the Moss family since Clayton was an 8-year-old prodigy.

"Clayton showed a little more talent than his older brother, and he has improved every year," Lyden said.

"(The NCAA Championships) were a senior-laden

event. He will be the favorite in both springboard events, and he's consistent enough on the platform tower that he could be in the hunt."

But Clayton does not even think a year ahead from now, let alone the Athens 2004 Summer Olympics. He is too focused on classes and preparing for the GMAT and LSAT. Clayton wants to pursue an MBA in graduate school and possibly a law degree after he graduates in December 2003.

"I juggle between the two," Clayton said of class and diving. "I have not thought about diving past this year."

He said the Olympics are, "something to think about," but it's too far down the board for him to ponder.

The Moss family is in full support of Clayton's athletics

and academics. No matter what path Clayton takes, Rick Moss knows his son will succeed. And it would be a dream to see the last of "Moose" Moss' grandchildren reach the sport's highest level.

"He has a very bright future," Rick said. "He will have a wonderful education from UK, and his long-range goal has always been to compete on an international level."

You will not hear the family talk about diving amongst each other though.

"It's an unwritten code that we don't talk about diving away from the pool," Clayton said.

But that will not stop other divers from talking about Moss Farms Diving, and the "All-American produced by "Moose" in a pasture turned diving oasis in Doerun, Ga.

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