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Board extends Todd's contract through 2008

With a unanimous vote, trustees also raise salary

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's Board of Trustees unanimously approved a new contract for President Lee Todd yesterday, extending his presidency through 2008.

Todd, who has served as UK's president since 2001, will end his present contract on June 30, 2006. At that point his new contract will take over in entirety, with two years of compensation that could reach up to \$461,000 annually and one retroactive year offering such incentives as a \$100,000 retention

bonus.

Chairman James Hardymon said the new contract was devised to reward the president for his performance up to this point, as well as encourage him to take bolder steps in the future, such as being more aggressive in his leadership role in UK achieving top-20 public research university status.

"We're trying to offer incentives to this man to move him forward," he said, pointing out that in his opinion "(Todd) likes the challenge."

Hardymon said Todd's new contract was designed to make his compensation competitive with UK's benchmarks.

Significant changes within the new contract include an increase in salary

of \$10,670 annually, an increased bonus incentive of \$25,000 (2007) and \$50,000 (2008), \$25,000 annual pay for chairing the UK Research Foundation, and another \$25,000 for chairing the UK Athletics Association Board.

Todd said "he feels honored to have served this institution" and appreciates the confidence and support the trustees displayed in offering the new contract, but reiterated "there's still a lot of work to be done."

"We've made significant progress toward our goal of becoming a top-20 research institution," he said. "But at the same time, we have a long way to go in achieving this goal."

Todd said the next few years will be

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State's higher education council asks UK to improve diversity

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The board approved a waiver yesterday requesting permission from the state's higher education council to continue to add new graduate and undergraduate programs in the coming year.

The request was made because UK failed to meet six of eight council standards, thus requiring UK to submit a

plan of action to the council before adding any new programs.

Some of the ideas submitted include adding academic enhancement programs and creating a UK 101 class designed to help new students adjust to college life.

UK did make progress in areas such as student enrollment from blacks in the state

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UK group seeks sexuality center

Students meet with vice president of student affairs to discuss options

By Elizabeth Troutman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Ross Ewing thought he had an STD after his first kiss.

The now 23-year-old law student, who announced his homosexuality when he was 16, was in his second semester as an undergrad at UK when it happened. He said he didn't know what kissing another man would do to him.

"There is so much I didn't know," he said of being gay.

Ewing, a first-year law student, said he still has questions about homosexuality. He was one of about 15 students who met with UK faculty yesterday to discuss the development of a gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender resource center on campus.

Last year Ewing wrote an e-mail to UK President Lee Todd asking for an initiative to educate students on homosexuality. Todd responded to the letter by referring Ewing to Pat Terrell, vice president of student affairs, and Bill Turner, the acting chair of the Committee on Diversity.

Ewing was promoted to write the letter after a fellow gay student, who had questions about homosexuality, committed suicide.

"It was a sudden outrage that no one cared," Ewing said of his friend's death. "He had no place to go."

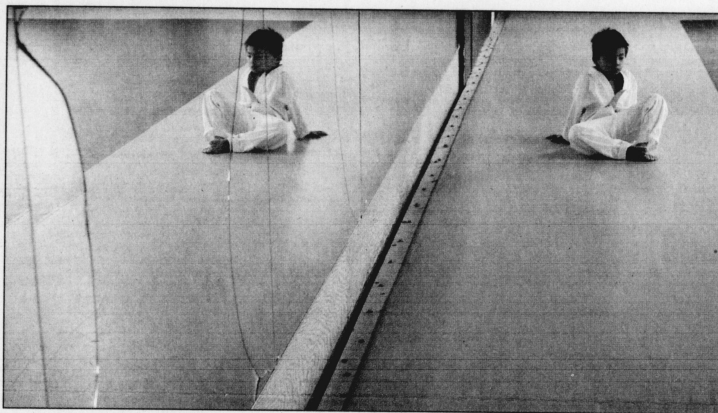
At the meeting Ewing discussed ways the university can prevent the disenfranchisement of students who are openly gay or struggling with the idea of homosexuality.

"I hate when people talk about the issue of homosexuality," he said. "Because I really don't think I am an issue."

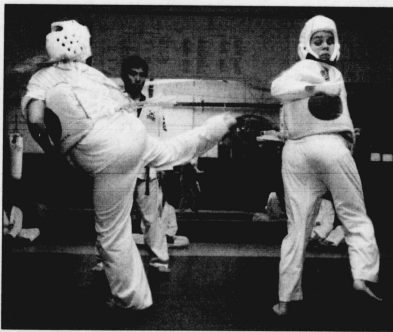
Mary Lesh, an English senior, shares Ewing's concern for the gay community at UK. Lesh, who announced her homosexuality two years ago, said UK's campus didn't have any resources or information about being gay.

"I had to go out in the community to find (resources)," she said. "I had to go above and be-

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Chunjo Ko, 7 years old, rests during a meeting of the UK Tae Kwon Do Club at Alumni Gym yesterday. The club offers classes every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:30 to 8 and on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The classes are taught by Song Kim, a political science professor at UK and a Tae Kwon Do master. All UK students, faculty, staff and their families are welcome at the classes.



History sophomore Ashley Warner, left, and Mary Jennings, an East Jessamine High School student, spar during a meeting of the Tae Kwon Do Club at Alumni Gym yesterday.

Kickin' it UK Style

Law professors debate Roberts' nomination

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In the midst of the recent Senate grilling of Supreme Court Chief Justice nominee John Roberts, students at UK were able to give their own opinion yesterday as the UK College of Law hosted a panel discussion of Roberts' confirmation hearings.

Four of the college's professors sat on the panel, each giving their thoughts on President Bush's candidate to chief justice and how his ideals will impact American liberties throughout his life-long term.

"We wanted to give students an opportunity to ask questions," Victoria Holmes, a second-year law student,

vice president of the American Constitution Society and organizer of the panel, said. "It gave them a chance to understand the process and procedures of the whole thing."

There was an array of feelings between both the members of the panel and students in the audience.

"I think (Roberts) is a very smart guy," professor Carolyn Bratt said during her talk, which included a Powerpoint presentation. "But the first image that comes to my mind of him is (the Grinch)."

A picture of the popular holiday cartoon character popped up on a projection screen behind her.

"His heart is two sizes too small," she said.

Bratt was speaking in response to a past decision Roberts made supporting the fact that a female child was handcuffed and locked up by a Washington D.C. security guard for eating French fries on a subway that enforced a no-food policy for all riders.

"The Supreme Court does reflect the people's opinion of the day," professor Robert Schwemm, another panelist, said referring to the fact that President Bush seeks to select someone the U.S. people are interested in.

"I think we'll see a wave of conservatism from (Roberts)," professor Lori Ringhand said.

"We need someone who's

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Bush ponders replacement for next opening on the Supreme Court

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON — President Bush, facing high political stakes and growing pressure from all sides over replacing Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, is considering a number of women and minority judges to fill her seat, say activists and political strategists.

Replacing O'Connor, the court's first woman and a pivotal vote on key issues, is expected to provoke a more contentious fight than Bush's pick of Judge John G. Roberts to be the next chief justice. Congressional leaders are to meet with Bush on Wednesday to discuss filling the second Supreme Court vacancy Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, who

announced his opposition to Roberts on Tuesday, promised fierce opposition to at least two of the judges Bush is said to be considering: appellate judges Janice Rogers Brown and Priscilla Owen. Both were blocked by Democrats before being confirmed earlier this year as part of a deal to avert a parliamentary meltdown.

With liberals frustrated over Roberts' refusal to testify more openly about his views at last week's hearings, some White House aides and Republican lawmakers believe O'Connor's replacement will face more withering scrutiny from Democrats, given the significance of the seat that is being filled.

Bush's low poll numbers and his political problems in the wake of Hurricane Katri-

na have conspired to steer speculation about his next pick toward judges who would fulfill the president's stated intention to consider "people from all walks of life" for the court, while potentially ruling out more hard-line jurists who might alienate moderate senators in both parties.

Brown and Owen are said to be under serious consideration, as are other strong conservatives such as J. Michael Luttig and J. Harvie Wilkinson III, both of the Richmond-based 4th Circuit Court of Appeals. But some strategists and analysts say Bush may decide to pick a more obscure jurist, who might be seen as less divisive and a more appropriate replacement for the retiring O'Connor, a moderate.

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young."

Lesh is working with Terrell to gain campus-wide support for the resource center. Terrell said there is space in the Student Center that could be renovated and used as a center.

The center, which will provide educational books and videos, will be a place where straight and gay students can go to discuss homosexuality.

Students at yesterday's meeting talked about applying for various national and local grants to fund the center. The group expressed the need for community and campus organizations to support the initiative.

Terrell said the group is in the "forming stage" of the project. She thinks that the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender population should have a space allocated

to support them. "I see this as another unique population whose needs are not currently being met," Terrell said.

The cost of renovation and date of construction for the project will be discussed at a later meeting. Terrell said the project must be approved by Todd before construction can begin.

For now, the group is asking students, faculty and staff to voice support for this project.

"I support it, but I am not a student," said Terrell. "For the center to be successful, it needs student support."

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Be Heard

If you would like to voice your opinion on a possible gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender resource center, send letters to Pat Terrell's Office in Frazee Hall.

There has still not been a candidate selection for the spot that Justice Sandra Day O'Connor left.

Jason Lunderman, a first-year law student, agrees with Ams.

"The second spot will cause more debate," Ams said. "Everyone seemed to have their own opinion."

"We had a good turnout, and some great questions were asked," Holmes said of the panel. "We just wanted to give students a chance to participate and expose them to this issue."

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more moderate," Faud Pierre, a first-year law student said. "(The Supreme Court justices) have more power than the president. The issues they face truly impact us."

Jason Ams, a second-year law student, thinks the Roberts hearings are only a taste of things to come.

"His appointment will be overshadowed when Bush selects a candidate to take the spot of the other vacant justice spot."

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Selected Reports from the UK Police crime log

Sept. 14-Sept. 20

Sept. 14: Smoking much investigated at 125 Avenue of Champions at 11:52 a.m.

Sept. 14: Theft from building reported at Medical Center at 12:00 p.m.

Sept. 14: Harassing communication reported at Whitehall Classroom Building at 8:53 p.m.

Sept. 15: Possible bike theft in progress reported at intersection of Ross Street and South Limestone Street at 12:21 a.m.

Sept. 15: Suspicious car investigated at Administrative Drive at 3:52 a.m.

Sept. 15: Male subject with handgun reported walking around in front of Blanding Tower complex at 10:57 p.m.

Sept. 15: Suspicious circumstances reported at 767 Woodland Ave., after an individual was found with white powder substance on his student identification card at 11:22 p.m.

Sept. 16: Theft of a laptop reported from a locked office in Patterson Office Tower at 7:25 a.m.

Sept. 16: Suspicious circumstances involving removed elevator padding and body fluids on the floor reported at Funkhouser Building at 8:53 a.m.

Sept. 16: Suspicious suitcase left behind a red Ford Windstar reported at Kentucky Clinic Drive at 9:53 a.m.

Sept. 16: Theft of a license plate from a black Toyota Camry reported on third level of South Limestone parking structure at 1:28 p.m.

Sept. 16: Theft of a laptop reported at Medical Center at 1:48 p.m.

Sept. 16: Suspicious person reported scaring the public at a bus stop at the intersection of South Limestone Street and Washington Avenue at 5:27 p.m.

Sept. 17: Marijuana usage cited at 300 Alumni Drive at 11:42 p.m.

Sept. 18: Theft reported at Baldwin Hall at 3:03 a.m. Sept. 18: Theft of a laptop reported at Patterson Office Tower at 10:43 a.m.

Sept. 18: Marijuana usage cited at 300 Alumni Drive at 9:39 p.m.

Sept. 18: Marijuana usage cited at 300 Alumni Drive at 11:42 p.m.

Sept. 19: Theft of automobile, subject admittedly parked illegally, reported at 460 Cooper Drive at 3:31 p.m.

Sept. 19: Four suspicious individuals reported harassing a patron at W.T. Young Library at 4:12 p.m.

Reports taken from www.uky.edu/police.

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Todd

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critical to the future of UK.

"We must significantly accelerate our progress if we hope to reach the important goals we have for this institution and for this state," he said in a press release.

One of the notable differences between the new and old contracts is their length.

When asked why the contract wasn't for a more extended period of time, Hardyman said he looked at UK's 19 benchmarks to see what length and style of renewal contracts they offered.

"We benchmarked and found out that in most cases new contracts are for three to four years," he said. "It's also in keeping with the times of most of today's corporate structures."

Hardyman said the board is currently putting together a list of strategic objectives for Todd. Those include making significant progress toward the goals in UK's three-year strategic plan, managing costs, increasing endowment dollars, improving communications with the board, faculty, staff and students, and completing a realistic and achievable top-20 business plan.

Though few board members expressed their personal thoughts on Todd, trustee Myra Tobin seemed to express the overall opinion of the board.

"We're very fortunate to have a Kentuckian who's passionate about this institution as our president," she said.

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and hiring black faculty, as well as retention of undergraduate students from Kentucky.

But it failed to progress with regard to its six-year graduation rate for black students from Kentucky, hiring blacks in executive and administrative positions and hiring blacks for other professional positions such as staff members.

Chairman James Hardyman said the board will continue to address this issue because of the global nature of today's college and business worlds.

"It's getting to be a global situation in the world today," he said. "That's why it's important UK have a well-rounded and diverse campus."

He said he would like to return to the issue in the next board meeting set for Oct. 25.

President Lee Todd said "he was disappointed by the shortfall of African-Americans in this year's freshman class," but added that he and the administration are already addressing the problem.

"We're looking into our re-

cruiting methods," he said. "We're also looking into interviewing those students who chose not to come to UK to find out their reasons why."

Todd said UK also needs to look into its hiring practices in executive, administrative and professional positions.

"We need to improve human resources' function to make sure every pool of candidates we consider for employment is diverse," he said.

Trustee Russ Williams, staff representative to the board, said, "As a board we want to help out the president and other administration as much as we can."

"Overall, these are issues we really need to have an eye out for," he said. "We need to make sure the campus is open and comfortable as it can possible be for anyone who comes here to work or as a student."

Other business of the day for the board included electing chair and committee positions and swearing in three new board members - Student Government President Becky Ellingsworth, UK graduate and retired Pittsburgh Steeler football player Dermontti Dawson of Nicholasville and UK graduate and real estate developer Penny Brown of Corbin.

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Breakdown of Todd's Contracts

Salary*	Old	New	Difference
Annual Salary	\$275,330	\$286,000	\$10,670
Annual Bonus	\$100,000	\$125,000 (2006) \$150,000 (2007) \$150,000 (2008)	\$25,000 \$50,000 \$ 50,000
Retirement Fund	\$41,300	\$41,300	\$0
Research Foundation Chair	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
Athletic Association Board Chair	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000

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SEC NOTEBOOK

LSU returns to practice

After being displaced by Hurricane Katrina, the No. 3 Louisiana State Tigers returned to their Baton Rouge, La., practice field yesterday. LSU's home opener against North Texas was nixed when Katrina hit. LSU will play 10th-ranked Tennessee Saturday in its first home game since last season.

Top heavy

For the second straight week, four Southeastern Conference teams were ranked in this week's Associated Press Top 10: LSU (3), Florida (5), Georgia (7) and Tennessee (10).

Rounding out the Top 25, Alabama was ranked 20th. Both Auburn (89 votes) and Vanderbilt (6 votes) received recognition from poll voters, but did not crack the Top 25.

It was the ninth time

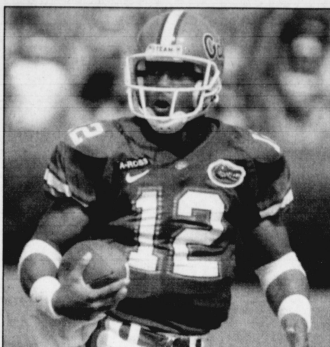
since SEC expansion in 1992 that four conference teams were in the Top 10.

Surging Commodores

Perennial bottom-dweller Vanderbilt is off to its best start since 1984. The 'Dores (3-0, 2-0 SEC) won their season opener against Wake Forest 24-20. Vandy then beat Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark., 28-24 and beat Ole Miss at home 31-23.

The Commodores are led by quarterback Jay Cutler's 888 passing yards and three touchdowns, and senior linebacker Moses Osemwegie was named the SEC's defensive player of the week.

Osemwegie recorded 11 tackles, an interception, a sack and a forced fumble in Vandy's win over the Rebels Saturday.



Florida junior quarterback Chris Leak led the No. 5 Gators to a 16-7 win over Tennessee Sept. 17. UK hosts Florida at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's golf starts strong

The UK women's golf team started off the season on a high note yesterday by finishing second in the Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup in Simpsonville, Ky.

With a 43-over-par score of 907, the Cats finished 13 strokes behind first-place Georgia State. Louisville finished eight strokes behind the Cats to take third place.

Senior Erin Faulkner led the Cats with a second-place individual finish. She carded a 2-over-par 218 over the three-round tournament.

Sophomore Elizabeth Dotson shot a 1-under-par 71 in the final round to finish tied for sixth, while senior Ali Kicklighter finished tied for 10th place.

Sophomore Beth Felts finished tied for 25th place, and

junior Emily Culbertson finished tied for 37th place. Competing as an individual, junior Katie Johnson was 48th.

UK hosts the Wildcat Fall Invitational at the University Club's Big Blue Course in Lexington.

Men's golf rallies for sixth

Jumping three spots in the final round, the UK men's golf team finished sixth yesterday at the Inverness Intercollegiate Invitational in Toledo, Ohio.

In the final round, the Wildcats posted their best round of the two-day event with a total of 296 to finish at 896, 16 strokes behind first-place Florida.

Southern California finished second at 883, followed by Texas with a score of 888. Kent State fired a team score

of 882, while Coastal Carolina rounded out the top five with a tally of 883.

Playing in his first collegiate tournament, freshman Andy Winings led the Wildcats with seventh-place individual finish. A Brownsburg, Ind., native, Winings fired a third-round 73 to finish at 219.

Sophomore Brad Doster finished 25th with a score of 225, while freshman Dan Woltman and junior Tyler Wilson tied for 41st with scores of 229.

Freshman Jordan Blann landed in 45th place with his three-round total of 230.

The Wildcats return to action Sept. 26-28 when they travel to Sunriver, Ore., for The Preview, which will be played at Crosswater Golf Course.

Anonymous donor gives \$3 million for practice facility

The UK Board of Trustees accepted \$3,380,745 in gifts and pledges yesterday, including an anonymous \$3 million gift toward the design and construction of the new basketball practice facility.

The \$30 million basketball facility is to be built behind UK's Memorial Coliseum, and in addition to practice courts it will contain training rooms, weight rooms and administrative offices for both men's and women's Wildcat basketball teams.

Approximately half of the gifts and pledges accepted by the board are being submitted for matching funds from Kentucky's Endowment Match Programs.

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FRAME X FRAME | In theaters and on shelves

THE CORPSE BRIDE

A new Tim Burton movie starring (surprise!) Johnny Depp as the voice of Victor and Helena Bonham Carter as the voice of the Corpse Bride. If you were a fan of "The Nightmare Before Christmas," then you will recognize the stop-motion animation technique used in this movie. The film is about Victor, the son of a rich family, who is set to marry Victoria, the daughter of a recently bankrupt pair of aristocrats. At the wedding rehearsal, Victor bumbles his vows and runs into the forest so he can practice them in solitude. He then notices a hand sticking out of the ground with a wedding band on it. He puts the ring on his hand, which causes the Corpse Bride to jump from the ground and claim Victor as her own, and then she takes him to the Land of the Dead. The suspense revolves around whether or not Victor will run back to his arranged marriage or stay with the Corpse Bride. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.



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Johnny Depp stars as Victor, who finds himself "married" to the Corpse Bride in Tim Burton's newest flick. "The Corpse Bride" opens Friday at Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

JUNEBUG

Living in Chicago, George (Alessandro Nivola) meets Madeline (Embeth Davidtz) at an art auction, and they fall in love and get married. Later Madeline travels to rural North Carolina to find a new artist that is an outsider of the Chicago art scene. Since George is originally from Plattsford, N.C., he goes with her. It has been years since he last visited, but Madeline insists on meeting his family. His parents don't understand Madeline's English accent and her elite lifestyle. His brother Johnny (Benjamin McKenzie) is a high school dropout living at home with his pregnant girlfriend. This is a film that shows the clash that is so often mentioned by Rush Limbaugh — that of red-state vs. blue-state values. At the Kentucky Theatre.

FLIGHTPLAN

In her first starring role since "Panic Room," Jodie Foster plays a mother who manages to lose her 6-year-old daughter on a flight from Berlin to New York. Not a single passenger notices that she has a child in the first place. Since she is still shaken up

by the death of her husband, many on the flight feel she is simply suffering from paranoia. Federal Air Marshal Gene Carson (Peter Sarsgaard) doesn't believe that her daughter was ever on the plane in the first place, or that she even has a daughter. She must find her daughter by herself and prove her own sanity. At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

ROLL BOUNCE

This movie stars Nick Cannon and Lil Bow Wow. Do not go see this movie; it is "You Got Served" set in a roller rink in the 1970s. But if you must, it's at Regal and Woodhill.

ON DVD

ROBOTS

Rodney Copperbottom (Ewan McGregor) is an inventor that hopes to strike it rich by moving to the big city to work for Big Weld (Mel Brooks). There, he discovers that his company is being run by a robot named Phineas Ratchet (Greg Kinnear), who wants to rid the world of old and

obsolete robots. Rodney then teams up with Fender (Robin Williams) to take down the evil company. This is from the makers of "Ice Age," so if you liked that you will probably enjoy this.

THE OUTSIDERS

Starring C Thomas Howell as Ponyboy, Matt Dillon as Dally, Patrick Swayze as Darrel, Ralph Macchio as Johnny, Rob Lowe as Sodapop, Emilio Estevez as Two-Bit, Tom Cruise as Steve, and of course Diane Lane as Cherry Valance, this is the special edition of the 1983 classic. Everyone knows the story: the Greasers and the Socs have a rumble and Johnny stabs a Soc to keep them from killing Ponyboy. They have to run away to make sure they are not arrested, and run into hurdles along the way. A classic struggle between the haves and the have-nots. Everyone should run out and buy this DVD as soon as they are finished reading this.

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TheaterReview | 'Crowns'



By Melissa Smith Mallory
KERNEL THEATER CRITIC

Musicals are made on the quality of the singing. Other details contribute, but success mainly depends on the voices. At the Actors' Guild of Lexington's production of "Crowns," they do not need to worry about the power of their voices, individually or combined.

"Crowns" is a musical of monologues that are used to give Yolanda, a newcomer from Brooklyn played by Tiffney Kavanaugh, a perspective of the importance of hats to the Southern black community. Five women each share different stories from their lives about their hats, as well as give some very useful advice to Yolanda about proper hat etiquette.

The five women all work together excellently and help to keep the show driven, although, at times, it seemed as though the speeches didn't have much direction toward an ending. The women may interact nicely, but their harmonies, most notably during "Marching to Zion," can send shivers down the spine.

To anchor the show so dominant in females is a lone

man, a preacher played by Van Berry. His voice and demeanor contrast well with the six women. Even his position on the stage, out of the way, gives his character the ability to observe and intercede when necessary. He leads a rousing gospel by Sam Cooke about the first woman to touch the hem of Jesus' garment.

Each of the six women has amazing solos. In particular, Sylvia Howard as Velma overpowers the others with her portrayal of the woman no one really asked to sing, but would sing her heart out before or after Sunday service anyway. In the song, she begins controlled and soft, gradually reaching such a frenzy that the other women have to help her back to the pew.

Via monologues, the women discuss hats, the way they are worn, the rules regarding their sanctity and how to wear them properly. Collectively, this is deemed "attitude." Each woman puts her own spin on the style, but Yolanda, in resentment of her situation, puts a different type of attitude into her hat. Through the course of the musical, that attitude slowly

changes into not only acceptance of her relocation to the South, but also acceptance of her heritage and her God.

The show touches on each of the important events in the characters' lives, including those outside the church. Mother Shaw, played by Leatha K. Lightsey, describes her experience of buying her first hat at a previously "whites-only" department store. The meaning behind the hats then takes on a very personal connotation.

For a show of monologues and gospels, the set at times swallows the person talking, and at other times it amplifies the drama of the scene. But the design impedes the blocking to the point that entrances and exits are awkward.

Accompaniment by a piano and drums serve to provide the musical background for the singing and do very well to let the voices take over the music. It makes sense that a cast of almost all long-time gospel singers would sound so great. So bring a sweater, you'll have the shivers all night.

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The Actors' Guild of Lexington's production of "Crowns" by Regina Taylor, a gospel-based musical about black women and their church hats, is now showing at the Downtown Arts Center. The show runs through Oct. 9.

KATIE DUNCAN | STAFF

Louisville shines in 'Distance'

By Steve Lopez
KERNEL FILM CRITIC

There's life outside of Los Angeles, Chicago and New York — and apparently it's in Louisville, Kentucky native Stu Pollard's new film, "Keep Your Distance," brings the world of cinema to an unlikely venue for films with a metropolitan setting.

The result is something new and refreshing; movie audiences are treated to a city they haven't seen countless times before on the screen.

"Keep Your Distance" looks into the lives of those who appear to have it all, but live a less than perfect existence. David Dailey (Gil Bel-lows), a Louisville radio talk show host known as "Mr. Louisville," prided himself on having a loving wife, great job and a beautiful home.

He, too, believed his life was perfect, until a strange note is left on his windshield while he's reporting at historic Churchill Downs. The

note, saying only "love" and the scent of his wife's perfume was attached to a hotel key. While reading the note at the racetrack, he witnesses a minor hit-and-run car accident and helps victim Melody Carpenter (Jenniffer Westfeldt). Dailey and Carpenter exchange contact information.

Dailey's life now begins to unravel. With a failed marriage and criminal record under his belt, Dailey calls upon Carpenter, the only person he can trust, but whom he barely knows. Carpenter, also living a less than perfect life, seeks comfort in Dailey. Together, they navigate their way through the dramatic twists and turns of Pollard's plot.

While Louisville is the true star of the film, the rest of the cast holds the story together. Dailey's wife, Susan (Kim Raver), his co-worker Whit Harrington (Jamie Harold) and Carpenter's jealous boyfriend Sean Voight

(Christian Kane), all play their parts of unlikable characters exceptionally well, as they try to trip-up Dailey and Carpenter along the way.

Set in any other city, "Keep Your Distance" may have been just any other film. Combined with Pollard's Kentucky charm, it creates a unique, metropolitan atmosphere, thanks to the film industry's untapped resource: Louisville.

Pollard doesn't stray from his roots even once. The film is firmly planted in the city, right down to the film's soundtrack, which features only Louisville artists.

"Keep Your Distance" shows that even a "little big city" can compete with Los Angeles and the Chicago and New Yorks of the film industry in bringing a film to life both on the screen and in the eyes of the audience.

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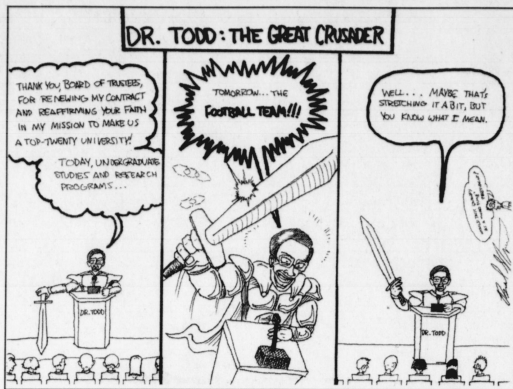
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BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

IN OUR OPINION

Todd's ongoing challenge

Please allow President Lee Todd to reintroduce himself.

The UK Board of Trustees yesterday unanimously extended his contract until 2008, citing Todd's dedication to UK and his achievements as president.

"We're very fortunate to have a Kentuckian who's passionate about this institution as our president," trustee Myra Leigh Tobin said.

Now that the board has selected him to continue, the trustees should embrace Todd, while at the same time, continue to hold him to a very high standard for this university.

The board should be open and honest in Todd's evaluation, as they were when requesting the UK president do more to communicate with students, faculty and staff.

Embracing Todd also means not shirking his authority and status to help fund the Memorial Coliseum basketball practice facility expansion, seemingly going behind his back to get it done.

Todd should also be the one voice for UK. Especially when dealing with the state legislature, should represent UK's well being and should be allowed to fully defend the university against further budget cuts. It's in the university's best interest for Todd to battle against budgetary constraints coming from the outside and reworking the fiscal process from the inside.

With his contract extended, Todd must now become the authentic face of this university.

Rehiring Todd was a wise decision. Since taking office, Todd has more clearly defined UK's goals for becoming a top-20 university. While a top-20 outlook may at times seem too unrealistic, Todd hasn't allowed tough routes to progress deter him. He's continued to be a strong voice for UK's best interests.

He's overseen the construction of new dorms, parking structures and renovations in the campus's best interests.

There are 13 departments ranked in the top 20 nationally. More than \$300 million has been raised in UK's lofty \$1 billion capital campaign. Enrollment levels have

increased, passing 26,000 students last year. Todd has also pushed for better academic standards for incoming students.

Todd also recognizes the extreme need for higher education in Kentucky and has genuinely advocated UK as a bastion of the state's future.

There are serious challenges ahead. Todd and the board must focus on finding a permanent provost. Budget problems won't go away, and UK must once again attempt to control costs on one hand, and ensure progress on the other.

Now that Todd has been rehired, the board should allow him to be the real face of the university, and let the real President Todd stand up — for UK.

UK's bureaucracy true to form

It would be of little consolation, but UK should award every student who manages to graduate with a bachelor's degree in bureaucracy.



Andrew Martin
KERNEL COLUMNIST

While not part of the curriculum, navigating UK's labyrinthine bureaucracy is certainly a large part of the learning process. Pledging to make whatever accommodations necessary to facilitate a positive or successful student experience, UK offers an array of services nearly endless in scope. In addition to teaching, research and public service, UK has dining services, housing, an Internet provider, athletics, parking, financial aid, student billing, the registrar, residence life, maintenance, bus-ing, a hospital, etc.

Put another way, no other institution besides local, state and federal governments engage in such a vast range of enterprise — and such a bloated apparatus is bound to be oozing with inefficiency and unresponsive to its customers.

Consider two of the latest and more prominent episodes that have caused student distress — the new dining plan and an insidious software program known as Blackboard.

Many students have complained about the dining plan's perverse incentives to engage in gluttony since a small snack and a hearty buffet are both a "meal" for all intents and purposes. Concurrently, many other students rightly opine that Blackboard is too irksome and unreliable.

Campus officials responded that

both may be tweaked, but also point out that many other universities have the same dining plans and suggest that students are partly to blame for the Blackboard backlog.

Perhaps if Blackboard weren't managed by multiple agencies it would be a less chaotic undertaking. Even with the tech support process at the approximate velocity of blood through cholesterol, I realized the tech support employee was merely running me through endless protocol rather than helping me find a solution analytically. Despite telling the person that I, being fairly computer literate, knew what the problem wasn't, I was still treated as if I had volunteered no information and needed to be guided from square one as a helpless child.

As economist Thomas Sowell once observed, "You will never understand bureaucracies until you understand that for bureaucrats, procedure is everything and outcomes are nothing." Since I've started at UK, I've fallen onto all of the following hangups: a dispute between my high school counselors and the registrar over whose fault it was that there was no copy of my transcript in the registrar office; several inaccurate tuition bills (due to the vagaries of financial aid); misunderstandings with financial aid about my aid package; running the semi-annual gauntlet with registration on

WebUK; shoddy maintenance in my UK housing; a long wait in line for a parking pass; and housing assignments shuffled like a deck of cards until I finally had the correct roommates in the right unit.

I've always managed to correct the problem, but not always before much time and effort was expended. And I've not always been met with kindness, either.

In the joys of encountering bureaucracy. Fortunately, there's a lesson to take away from it — that any institution, public or private, can overextend its ability to perform certain tasks efficiently and drown itself in arcane regulations.

In the case of a public institution like UK, the situation is augmented because a university is insulated from marketplace competition. The result, too often, is that instead of outsourcing certain services — such as food services — to private entities that could provide them in a more efficient manner, bureaucracies are enlarged to "fix" the problem or provide better service when end result is just additional red tape.

Students here can't completely slay the Hydra, but they can find housing off campus, park on side streets and eat at establishments near campus — all of which can be done at a cheaper price. That college ends and begins with a paper form is an understatement. Most UK students know this, and have their share of stories to tell about dealing with UK's bureaucracy.

I invite anyone reminded of such a story to send an e-mail to the address below — unless you're a bureaucrat. Then I request you go to kykernel.com and fill out a Web site submission form. Andrew Martin is a journalism and political science senior. Email: amartin@kykernel.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist misinterprets Constitution

Doug Scott's Friday, Sept. 16 perspective on the Pledge of Allegiance was certainly enlightening, though not uncommon. Instead of arguing from history or even constitutional law, Scott rebutted government-acknowledged religious elements he disliked merely with his own neo-religious viewpoints — a more admirable approach, I think, because attempts to make the case against the pledge logically or morally are flawed from the start.

Re-read the actual First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..."

Note it says "establishment of religion," nowhere near Scott's perversion of "endorsement" of religion; and necessarily so, for there can be no such thing as government-sponsored religious "neutrality." Attempting so can only lead to an established religion of anti-religion!

Rather, American schools and governments have been unavoidably "endorsing" all manners of religious elements since the nation's inception. Ten Commandments or Pledge of Allegiance? Both religious elements. Judeo-Christian, Courthouse crèche? Christian. "Happy Hanukkah"? Jewish. Karma, reincarnation, being altogether nice to your neighbors? Buddhism. Evolution: humanism.

A government-enforced absence of any of these, because a minority of atheistic observers are prone to whine about their "rights" not to see them, constitutes an actual establishment — not merely "endorsement" — of the religion of humanism, or faith in man.

Like most religion-inspired emotional appeals, Scott's arguments will likely only work for those already committed to this doctrine of absolute "separation of church and state": a doctrine that necessitates God-fearing people acting one way publicly in certain areas and days of the week, then going to church or whatever on Sundays and acting all religious.

Furthermore, strict division between actions motivated by faith and bureaucracy is an interesting approach to take during a time in which floundering government disaster relief could use all the help it can get from those annoying religious organizations. But then, government's involvement with them would be "endorsing" religion, according to Scott's viewpoints.

Only Scott's described worldview, which in opposition to the real First Amendment seeks to get itself officially established with court rulings, can see these endorsements of competing religious elements as a sin worthy of in-print damnation.

STEPHEN BURNETT
former Kernel columnist
UK alumnus, 2005

Court's decision about pledge correct

Realizing his daughter was required by her school to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and by doing so, affirming faith in a God she does not believe in, California resident and atheist Mike Newdow has taken a gross violation of our constitution to court.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recognized this travesty and ruled that children in public schools are no longer permitted to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. In a nation where nearly 20 percent of the population is non-religious, it seems this was an obvious ruling.

The original draft of the pledge, written in 1892 by Minister Francis Bellamy, made nary a reference to religion. It was not until 1954 that it was so gloriously amended to propagandize the nation's majority against the "God-hating communists," thus transforming the pledge into a public prayer and impressing a theocratic state on those who knew better.

The First Amendment of the Constitution was created for the explicit reason of not endorsing or promoting one religion and consequently excluding all others. Including God in a pledge and requiring children to recite it is a blatant avocation of one specific religion.

The protection of religious rights was written into the Constitution by the Founding Fathers because the persecution and suffering incited by state religions was as obvious then as it is now.

For those who argue the pledge is simply a patriotic affirmation and is rightly placed in the setting of public schools, why not return to the original, secular version? It is inoffensive and does not favor any religion; it is neither marked a victory or defeat for any party except for those who wish to influence others with their own theological views.

Incorporating religion of any sort in the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional, unnecessary, problematic and exclusionary. It is not patriotic and most assuredly not representative of our country as a whole.

EMILY HUNKLER
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Anti-war crowd averse to truth

In response to two letters to the editor by Brandon Absber and Geoffrey Young in the Sept. 16 Kernel — get off the soap box!

To say that the war is over or is completely off-base and absurd. Sure, we took Saddam Hussein off of power. Excuse us for removing a mass-murdering maniac who would justify killing his own people by saying they were opposed to his reign (or his military uniform — you can never be sure).

As for the U.S. military presence in Iraq, the Iraqi president has asked on multiple occasions for the United States to stay over there until a steady and stable government can take foot.

I happen to know four people that have served in Iraq, and some of them are still serving over there today. All of them (Marine, Army or Navy) say that they believe they are fighting for the freedom of the country, and that the vast majority of Iraqi citizens support them and welcome their help.

Some people, on the other hand, think that whatever they see on liberal-biased television must be true.

I'm all for the Constitution and the First Amendment, supporting freedom of speech and freedom of the press, but I do not support freedom of stupidity. Use your brains instead of constantly opening your mouths to a majority of the nation who voted in President Bush. If you stop and think about the ridiculousness of some of the stuff you say, you might actually realize the truth.

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ROOMMATE WANTED to share a house on Corn Terrace. \$250/mo. Contact Mark @ 533-4008.

LOST & FOUND

ROOMMATE WANTED. Two roommates needed (male, female, couple) to help finish a house that expires December 31st in a house on a quiet street at the end of Boston Road, outside Man-o-war with 3BR, 2BA, 1400 square feet, sunroom, and a fenced-in backyard. Call 277-5850.
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