

Attorney general: Police must release victims' names

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK Police Department has no legal basis for blacking out crime victims' information on its incident reports and must stop the practice, the state attorney general's office ruled Friday.

At the beginning of the school year, UK Police adopted a policy that gave crime victims the chance to check a box on police reports, telling police to withhold their personal information from the

public. The Kernel challenged that this new policy violated Kentucky open records laws.

The UK Police Department based its argument on a state statute that says public records can be withheld when they contain "information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

The department also used another state law that enables institutions to deny open records requests if the re-

lease of the information would hinder ongoing police investigations or proceedings.

But the state attorney general's office found that UK failed to meet its burden of proof.

"UKPD has not described in any harm to it or its investigation that would result from disclosure of the incident report," said the opinion, signed by Assistant Attorney General Amye Bensenhaver. "Not even a bare claim is made in this regard. Nor has UKPD attempt-

ed to justify with specificity the refusal of inspection of these records."

Barbara Jones, UK's general legal counsel and the author of UK's opinion to the attorney general, did not return phone calls to her office. When reached at home yesterday night, Jones said she hadn't seen the ruling and declined to comment.

UK Police Chief Fred Otto also hadn't seen the ruling as of last night.

"I'll make that the first order of business in the morn-

ing," Otto said. "But Barbara Jones is probably the one to go to first before coming to me."

Jon Fleischaker, the Kernel's attorney and general counsel to the Kentucky Press Association, said he is pleased with the ruling for two reasons.

"No. 1, it is exactly the right decision, and it's in line with a number of other decisions throughout the years," he said. "UK counsel's efforts were to change the law, not implement the law."

"And No. 2, if in fact the decision had been otherwise, it would have been a major unwarranted change in what the law is," he said. "I trust that UK will go back to appropriate policy."

The attorney general ruled that the UK Police Department must, by law, release all of the information on its reports in this case because it failed to show a "heightened privacy interest" that overrides the public's "le-

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THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

At dusk Friday, a horse in a farm near the Keeneland Race Course grazes. Keeneland is open Wednesday through Sunday through Oct. 30.

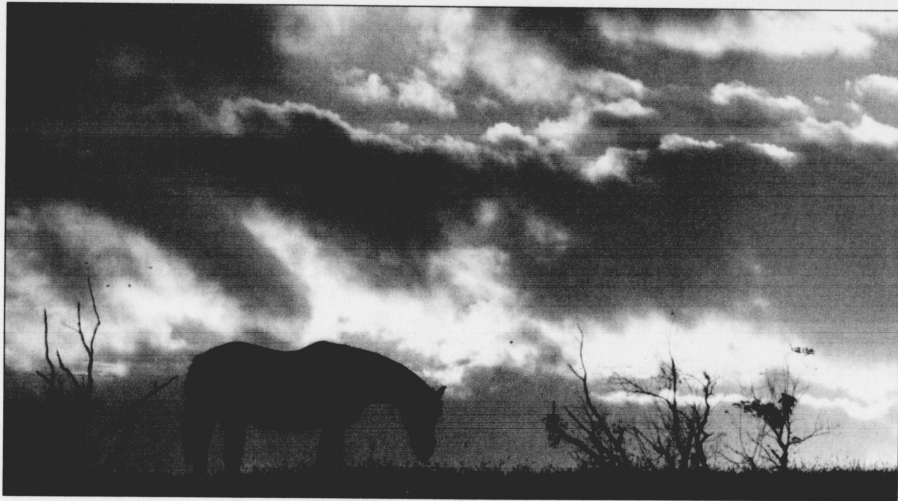
Special events for this weekend include:

• Thursday - Charity of the Day: McConnell Springs. McConnell Springs is a natural area and historic site, where, according to regional lore, Lexington was founded and named. Following the races, the Friends of McConnell Springs will have a Bluegrass barbecue buffet and silent auction in the Keeneland Entertainment Center. For ticket information, contact Betty Barton at 255-1757.

• Sunday - Keeneland Wall Calendar Giveaway.

The first 5,000 patrons to Keeneland get a voucher for a Keeneland Wall Calendar. Vouchers may be redeemed between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the calendar redemption table located trackside on the first floor of the grandstand behind Elevator C. For more information, contact marketing@keeneland.com. (Source: www.keeneland.com)

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Afghan election still undecided a week later

By Paul Watson
LOS ANGELES TIMES

KABUL, Afghanistan — Interim President Hamid Karzai held a strong lead in the ballot count Monday as allegations of fraud continued more than a week after the Afghan election.

With an estimated 21 percent of ballots counted, Karzai had 61 percent of the vote, according to the U.N.-Afghan group that organized the Oct. 9 election.

His main rival, Yunis Qanooni, had almost 19 percent. Abdul Rashid Dostum, an ethnic Uzbek warlord, was running third in a field of 16 presidential candidates with a little more than 8 percent.

After briefing a U.N. official Monday about a long list of alleged irregularities, Qanooni said there were more problems with the balloting than he had first thought.

"Unfortunately, our friends working in the government are trying to make these big problems seem very small," Qanooni said in an interview.

"But in reality the fraud is preplanned."

The election was largely peaceful despite threats from Taliban militants and their allies to kill voters and attack polling stations.

But in the days since the polls closed and a massive security operation ended, violence has mounted again.

On Monday, an election worker and four other Afghans were killed when a blast struck the truck in which they were riding in Paktika province.

U.S.-led forces have been battling insurgents in that southeastern region, which borders Pakistan.

The explosion occurred around 8 a.m. on a road southwest of Sharan, the provincial capital, said Sultan Baheen, spokesman for the Joint Electoral Management Body.

Based on initial reports, U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said it was not clear whether the election vehicle had been targeted.

"The area where this incident happened is known for mines and improvised explosive devices," he said.

"And we don't know which explosive device hit the vehicle."

The list of 38 complaints that Qanooni presented to the United Nations included claims of multiple voting and ballot stuffing, as well as charges that voter identity cards were handed out in some areas on election day, underage Afghans were allowed to cast ballots, and monitors were beaten and jailed.

Qanooni said his campaign's monitors saw at least seven ballot boxes set aside in the Kabul counting station because of "technical problems," such as broken seals.

But when monitors re-

turned later, the boxes had disappeared, he told the United Nations.

On election day, a poll worker in Kabul handed a voter a ballot and told him to check the box beside Karzai's picture, Qanooni reported, adding that the voter replied: "Look up. I am Mr. Said Abdul Hadi Dabir, one of the candidates."

"They should not have called this a real election," Qanooni told the U.N. official.

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"Foreign countries just should have announced, 'We want President Karzai.' I would have respected that."

Baheen told reporters that anyone who would have respected that.

He is leading in half the country's 34 provinces, while Qanooni and Dostum are each leading in five provinces that form their Tajik and Uzbek ethnic bases.

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Old-guard warlords such as Dostum and Mohaqiq may use a strong showing in their home regions to press for a share of power as members of the Cabinet, something Karzai has said he wants to avoid as he tries to build a government based on merit rather than political horse-trading.

Several thousand people are believed to have registered more than once.

To prevent multiple voting, election officials were supposed to mark voters' thumbs with indelible ink.

But many voters were able to rub off the mark, prompting all 15 candidates running against

Karzai to announce a boycott before the polls closed.

When U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad intervened, Qanooni and other major candidates agreed to accept an investigation by a three-member panel of U.N. election experts to resolve the disputes.

But foreign experts are investigating complaints of election-day irregularities only, Qanooni said Monday, adding that many serious problems had occurred since then as ballot boxes were moved to the eight counting centers, often without monitors, and as the ballots were being tabulated.

Karzai would need more than 50 percent of the votes to avoid a runoff.

He also wants a strong mandate so that he can counter the power of warlords and disarm their militias.

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A hundred gather for 'Fahrenheit 9/11'

Film shown free yesterday at Cats' Den

By Dariusz Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

When Cats Den Coordinator Leslie Hollerman made arrangements to bring "Fahrenheit 9/11" in to be shown on the projection screen, he only expected about 60 people or so to come.

Last night, more than 150 people turned out for the showing of the controversial documentary.

"I really didn't expect this many to tell you the truth," said Hollerman, an integrated strategic communication senior. "This is overwhelming. I'm happy about it."

He said he brought the film, the highest-grossing documentary ever because he felt it was an important piece of information for this election season.

"I'm not trying to create any bias. I'm just trying to get the information out there," he said.

Hollerman said that he didn't believe that the film would encourage people to vote either way to a large degree.

"I don't necessarily think it's going to skew the vote one way or another," he said. "I just think more people are going to get out and vote because of it."

Though the film has been touted for its political leanings, some students said that they weren't there specifically for the politics of it.

"The reason (I came) is that this film is very famous," said Asel Naskeyeva, an international relations scholar from Kyrgyzstan.

Other students said that they believed the film would carry a significant amount of weight politically.

"I've heard that anyone who watches this tends not to like Bush no matter what political party they belong to," said psychology sophomore Allison Sepp.

Political science professor Stephen Voss said that the film was significant because of the widespread release and reaction to the film.

"It's a record breaking documentary which has fired up the left and angered the right so it seems like a good film to see," he said. "Part of a good education is knowing what all the hype is about."

While Voss said that the film would likely not have a significant effect on voters, he did say that it could be a factor in who wins the election.

"I think it will whip up (the Kerry voters) and motivate them," he said. "But in a close election, that can make the difference."

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"Fahrenheit 9/11"

■ Opened in 900 million theaters across the nation, making it the largest documentary release ever.

■ Set record earnings with over \$100 million in first weekend — more than \$200 million worldwide.

Smith's album gloomy but insightful



Musician Elliott Smith shares the darkness of his last days in his post-humously released album, *Basement on the Hill*.

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By Jeff Patterson
KERNEL MUSIC CRITIC

We all thought he was clean.

But Elliott Smith knew how it would end: Strung out again.

In the singer-songwriter's final days, everything seemed normal.

He was sober, off drugs, and working on his next album in Los Angeles.

Then, unexpectedly, he died Oct. 21, 2003.

A self-inflicted stab wound to the heart.

Coroner can't rule if it was self-inflicted or not.

He was 34.

Now, with the release of Smith's final album, *From a*

Basement on the Hill, he reveals how dark his final days were.

Smith's final 15 tracks are full of self-deprecation — much more so than his last two albums, *Figure 8* and *XO*.

"I can't prepare for death any more than I already have," Smith sang in "King's Crossing."

Smith toured using several of the songs on his post-humous album, but they weren't as depressing live.

This album gave the warning signs that very few saw.

The final line of "King's Crossing" may have foreshadowed his end: "Don't

let me be carried away."

But Smith has always been dark in his lyrics.

On 1997's *Either/Or*, he associated himself with street trash.

Wes Anderson figured "Needle in the Hay" would be the perfect song to go with Richie Tenenbaum's attempted suicide in Anderson's 2001 film *The Royal Tenenbaums*.

That was the thing with his music. That was why he had such a following.

It was so beautiful, yet so gloomy.

Smith could write harmonies like the Beatles, have the lyrical skills of Bob Dylan and have the pain of The Smiths.

The first time you heard his voice and understand the depth of his songs, he had infected you.

Basement on the Hill follows Smith's style in his other five albums.

There are the upbeat, melodic songs like "Pretty (Ugly Before)" and "Shooting Star."

They have pop's catchiness, while maintaining his punk honesty.

Then there's "A Distorted Reality is a Necessity to be Free," Smith's final track.

He preaches about people corrupting the world behind a tuned-down acoustic guitar.

For the chorus, he lets the music drown out his final message:

"Shine on me baby 'cause it's rainin' in my heart."

But we knew that all along.

Grade: A

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Voting begins in Florida amidst problems

THE WASHINGTON POST

MIAMI — Bongo drums, rapping preachers and a smattering of all-too-familiar technical difficulties greeted Florida voters Monday as the state's first attempt at early voting in a presidential election opened the 16-day voting season in this critical battleground state.

Thousands of people, many motivated by anger over the botched 2000 presidential election, lined up to cast ballots in Miami, Palm Beach County and other parts of the state roiled by the chaos of the last presidential race. Voters wedged into Miami's cavernous downtown government center and took numbers similar to those used at grocery store deli counters. City officials tried to offer a modicum of privacy by shooting away photographers who jumped rope lines and pushed their lenses within inches of the first voters to cast ballots.

"The circus is already getting started," said Bruce Detorres, 46, a legal aide to the poor, whose slip of paper identified him as Miami-Dade County voter number 18.

The state was thick with poll watchers attuned to every step of the process and they were spotting flaws throughout the day. Laptops used to verify registrations malfunctioned in Broward County, and computers froze in Orange County, briefly delaying voter verification.

"All I know is that we're

not going to let anything slip by us," said state Rep. Shelley Vana (D), who complained after noticing missing pages on an absentee ballot she requested at a Palm Beach County polling place.

Florida's early-voting process, like almost everything about the state's election machinery, has been assailed by complaints this fall. It took an NAACP lawsuit to get additional early-voting sites in Volusia County, where voter advocates complained that the county's single location was too far from high concentrations of African American voters in Daytona Beach.

Similar efforts by voter advocates failed in Jacksonville, where Duval County Elections Supervisor John Stafford resigned Monday, citing health problems. Demonstrators gathered Monday outside the elections supervisor's office to protest a decision to limit sprawling Duval County, with its large numbers of African American voters, to a single early-voting location. The Democrats' disappointment in Jacksonville was matched in Tallahassee, where the state Supreme Court ruled against labor unions that wanted to allow voters, including those displaced by hurricanes, to cast provisional ballots outside their designated precincts.

Florida — which was joined in early-voting Monday by Colorado, Texas and Arkansas — is not the first

state to conduct early balloting this year. Voters in Michigan, Missouri and Iowa have been able to cast presidential ballots since last month. But the passionate buildup to early voting here is virtually unrivaled.

Chants echoed off the tile in the Miami government center as the 11 a.m. start of early voting approached: "Let's go vote. No more Bush."

The overwhelmingly Democratic partisan crowds, with large numbers of black voters, voiced an almost universal outrage about the 2000 election.

"It was a rip-off," said Sonia Bethel, a nursing home assistant who proudly displayed the ticket that labeled her as early voter number 1.

The signs around Bethel guided voters in English, Spanish and Kreyol: "Early voting. Votacion anticipada. Vote Pre Eleccion. Outside, a lanky man pounded a bongo, and young women lingering under shade trees swiveled their hips.

The Rev. Lemox Yearwood, beads of perspiration on his forehead, called out a steady rap: "All souls to the polls. We gonna bang that ballot box."

At least this time the dead will be able to vote legally. Miami-Dade election officials said Monday that anyone who dies between the time they cast an early ballot and Nov. 2 can be assured their vote will still be counted.

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legitimate interest" in the information.

"The media and people in general can't effectively be a check on the police without having those names," said Emily Hagedorn, editor in chief of the Kernel.

"It allows us to talk to those victims to see how the police handled the crime.

"This ruling allows us to do our jobs to their full capacity, which is to provide useful

information to our readers in the best way that we can," she said.

Fleishaker said the entire public is served by the decision.

"The public ought to know — the information that the university was blocking out," he said. "In terms of having some transparency on how law enforcement agency works, the public is well-served by the ruling."

The only real implication of the ruling is that it permits journalists to continue doing their jobs, Fleishaker said.

"The benefit from the decision is that in 2004, we have

had an attorney general again take a look at it and say that's the law," he said.

"We'll continue to get the police reports with information about victims that the university was trying to hide."

If UK chooses to appeal the decision, it must do so within 30 days, Fleishaker said.

In an interview with the Student Press Law Center, Jones said she would not appeal the decision if the attorney general ruled in the Kernel's favor.

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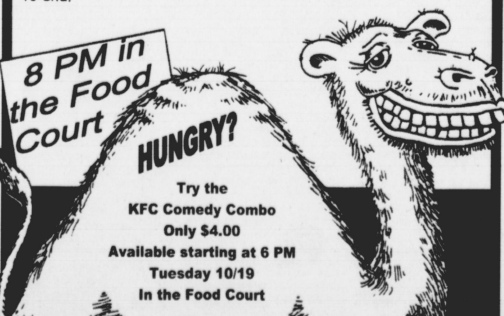
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Most up-to-date camcorders can almost fit in the palm of your hand. Some don't require tapes, though most do. They can also connect to most computers.

New camcorders take the clunk out of taping

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series on cameras and camcorders.

Tired of making movies that look like they were filmed 20 years ago? Editing options nonexistent? Never owned a camcorder and want something easy to use? Where do you start? Never fear — it's your friendly neighborhood tech guy to the rescue with this handy overview.

First, ask, "What am I really going to do with this camcorder?" (For those paying attention, this is the same question you asked yourself last week when we discussed digital cameras.)

A variety of options are available when it comes to camcorder selection. The two main formats are analog and digital. The analog category includes VHS, VHS-C, 8MM and Hi8 (typically the only analog format still available). In the digital category you'll find Mini-DV (not very popular), Mini-DV (the standard) and DVD (supposedly where things are going).

But what's the difference? You can pretty much assume that "analog" is synonymous with "old." Analog camcorders are the precursors to digital and offer very little in the department of options and editing. Typically these cameras were lower resolution, and larger in size.

The resolution of a camcorder is measured by the number of horizontal lines that make up the picture, or lines of resolution. The more lines your picture has, the better the quality.

Paul's top three camcorders under \$500

- Sony HC-30
- Canon ZR-70
- JVC GR-D800u



Paul Ross
TECH COLUMNIST

Analog has anywhere from around 240 to 400 (400 being the Hi-8 format; a typical VHS cassette has about 240).

Digital camcorders produce images that run from about 500 to 540 and can be in excess of over 1,000 if you shoot with a high-definition camcorder.

If you go digital, your picture looks better, but don't just assume that the latest thing on the market will produce the best picture. The newer DVD camcorders only produce 500 lines of resolution, where most Mini-DV models produce about 540.

Just because a camcorder is digital doesn't mean there is no tape — most camcorders still use tapes. The device is "digital" because information is encoded on the tape in a way that allows the camcorder to interface with your computer and its digital hooks.

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Camcorder zoom is a little tricky.

There are two types of zoom. Similar to a digital camera, you have optical and digital zoom.

Optical is the good kind — it doesn't hurt the quality of your picture, so the more, the better. Digital zoom, on the other hand, isn't so nice: It crops your image, which cuts the number of lines of resolution considerably.

The more you digitally zoom your camcorder, the lower your resolution becomes. With a digital camera, you usually digitally zoom by a factor of two to four times (not good). With a camcorder, it can be up to 990 times (definitely not good).

Any picture taken with such a substantial cut in resolution will be virtually useless, so turn your digital zoom down. Even better, turn it off.

A camcorder's picture quality is also affected by its CCD chip — the light-sensitive chip that turns visible light waves into a digital image. Most cameras have one chip, but some of the better models will have three (one chip for each of the primary colors of the light spectrum: red, green and blue). They're pricey, but if you can afford one, the difference in picture quality is quite dramatic.

Most digital camcorders also have a built-in digital camera function.

The bad news? It's not typically a high-quality picture.

The measure for a still picture's resolution is the megapixel, and the more megapixels a camera has, the better picture you can get. Many camcorders have price points based on still picture quality, so this is an important thing to know: the more megapixels, the more you're going to pay.

But don't think buying a camcorder will retire your digital camera — most models feature one megapixel at best.

Most either have none or 0.88 — the few that have more usually will run over \$1,000, and even they won't top two megapixels. Meanwhile, most digital cameras begin with three megapixels.

The last thing: Buy accessories to make your camcorder work for you. Out of the box, most models will have a one-hour battery, cables, software and a neck strap. Plan to purchase tapes as well — you won't have everything needed to start filming just out of the box.

A fresh tape for each new project is a good idea as well — the more you reuse a tape, the more it wears, leading to poor sound and picture quality.

Picking up a case for your camera is always a good idea.

You'll probably spend over \$500 just for the camera, so spend that extra \$20 to protect your investment — manufacturer warranties do not cover incidental damage.

Also budget for an extra battery. The battery that typically comes with camcorders lasts one hour with the LCD screen closed and about 45 minutes open.

A single Mini-DV tape is an hour, and most major events that people videotape will take two to three tapes.

Can you imagine filming a wedding and running out of power right before the bride and groom kiss?

When it comes to transferring your video to a computer, the two most common hook-ups are universal serial bus port and Firewire (also called a DV port, or IEEE1394).

Typically people are more familiar with USB — it's the small rectangular plug that printers, mice and keyboards use. Because of this familiarity, it's a popular primary means of transfer.

My advice: Don't. USB can cause many problems, and that's if you can get a connection to work — it's slow, as USB has to compress the footage to transfer.

Expect a four- to six-hour wait for an hour of video and a loss of quality to boot.

Additionally, some camcorders or software are incapable of transferring through USB at all.

I think the best means of moving digital video to a computer is via Firewire. The transfer is in real time, and there is no loss in quality.

If you don't have a Firewire port on your computer, don't stress — you can install a Firewire card for about \$40.

So there you have it: Camcorders 101. Class dismissed.

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- *Baptist Student Union's English Conversation Class, 6:00pm, 429 Columbia Avenue
 - *Baptist Student Union TNT, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave.
 - *Pre-Physical Therapy Student Association Meeting, 7:30pm, William T. Young Library, Gallery Room
 - *UK Berean Bible Study, 8:00pm-9:00pm, Student Center, Room 113
 - *SPORTS
 - *Shoalin-Do Club Meeting, 5:00-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left, \$90 per semester fee
 - *UK Fencing Club, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Buell Armory on Administration Dr.
 - *UK Water Ski Club, 8:00pm OFF CAMPUS, Call (859)983-4123 for more info.
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- *The Lemon Tree presents "Taste of India", 12:00pm-1:00pm, 205 Erikson Hall
 - *Comedy Caravan presents Pat Dixon, 8:00pm, Student Center, Cat's Den

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- *MCL French Division's Table Francaise, French Conversation Group, 3:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Room 206
 - *Lavender Society Mtg., 7:00pm, Student Center, Room 228
 - *Cafe for Christ Mtg., 7:00pm, Student Center, Room 230
 - *UK Fellowship of Christian Athletes Mtg., 8:00pm, Upstairs of the Commons Market, South Campus
 - *Baptist Student Union "The Rock", 8:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave., Greeks building a solid spiritual foundation: one step at a time
 - *National Student Exchange Meeting, 3:30pm, Miller Hall, Room 102
 - *Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry's Worship and Dinner, 7:00pm, St. Augustine's Chapel on Rose St.
 - *College Republican Mtg., 8:00pm, Commons Market, Room 308

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 - *Creative Writing Corner, 8:00pm-8:00pm, W.T. Young Library, Writing Center, 8th floor Westside, for more information call the Writing Center at 257-1395

- MEETINGS**
- *Weezy Foundation Focus Worship, 7:30pm, Student Center, Center Theater
 - *Christian Student Fellowship presents "Synergy", 8:00pm, CBF Building on the corner of Woodland and Columbia
 - *Filipino American Organization Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Room 119
 - *UK Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Mtg., 9:00pm, Student Center, Room 205

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IN OUR OPINION

Safety should be council's top priority

Of all the responsibilities and duties endowed to our elected officials, none is more paramount than their obligation to ensure public safety.

Lexington public safety officers take gambles with their own personal safety on a daily basis to ensure the well-being of local residents. Yet the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council is dealing them a bad hand.

The Lexington Police Department has an ongoing shortage of funds that have kept them from being where they need to be quantitatively and qualitatively.

Earlier this year, the department announced that non-threatening calls would receive response as time permitted.

The force currently consists of 516 officers. Of those, about 90 are not on duty because they are recruits, on military leave, pending retirement, etc. Police chief Anthony Beatty said Lexington currently needs about

196 more police officers to achieve the level of service demanded by the community.

Since Beatty became chief a little more than three years ago, over 200 new police officers have been hired. But those hires have been mere replacements as the department struggles to keep hiring on pace with the exodus of officers headed for greener pastures.

So far this year 54 officers have departed, many of them for other law enforcement agencies that simply pay better.

Local police have one of the best training programs in the country. We have the highest-caliber departments in the state and serve Kentucky's second-largest

city. Yet the pay for Lexington police ranks a tepid 35th. Other agencies of similar quality pay \$8,000-\$10,000 more a year in salary.

Other agencies, by paying a higher salary, are able to attract Lexington police officers and defer the costs of training — \$40,000 and 10 months' time — to local taxpayers.

Another disheartening trend is the loss of the city's most experienced law enforcement employees — not to retirement but to other agencies as well.

It takes no vigorous exercise of the imagination to realize the advantages of having an experienced force, especially in tragic situations where only veteran offi-

cers have been tested.

Combined with funding needs for technology, equipment and the expanding role of law enforcement officials in preventing terrorist attacks, the challenges facing law enforcement agencies across the country are staggering.

The council has taken a baby step in the right direction by approving a pay progression scale for police officers. But there exists a series of bigger steps crucial to the department's development into an organization that can provide the level of protection local residents deserve.

Funding is the main obstacle. And its effects aren't limited to the police department. The fire department has similar problems.

Voting in the council race in just over two weeks is the best chance for voters to tell officials it's time to give public safety a re-deal.

Funding for local police is an issue voters can ill afford to let city councilmembers ignore any longer.

Q&A with Bob Wiseman

UK Vice President for Facilities Management

Opinions editor Andrew Martin sat down with UK Vice President for Facilities Management Bob Wiseman to discuss campus construction and facilities management.

Q. When will construction for the Main Building (formerly the Administration Building) be complete?

A. We've actually moved in folks, the last one to move in will be the president in a week or so. (Editor's note: At the time of the interview, President Lee Todd had a week until move-in. Todd moved into the building yesterday and finishes moving in today.) The grounds work is going on now.

So I would think within the next two weeks you'll see the whole area actually cleaned up and restored to what it should be. It's been a long project. I know the campus looks forward to getting that area open again.

Q. What has taken the Main Building so long to come to completion?

A. It's a very involved project. The design took a while. The original building had three floors. The reconstructed building has four floors. And you're putting it into an existing old shell.

It took a long time to do the planning and the construction. We had a lot of central utilities to move to the building that didn't exist prior to this reconstruction. We're glad to see it finally come to a conclusion.

Q. What will be done with the space at the Gillis building once Todd and everyone else moves out?

A. The current plan is to move the graduate school to the building. We'll do a limited kind of general cleanup, paint and some new carpet in places where it's worn. That will be going on in the next few months after everybody vacates the building.

Q. If you could, give me a brief rundown of construction projects currently going on at UK.

A. The largest one still going on is the Biomedical/Biological Sciences Research Building up on the corner of Limestone and Virginia Avenue, and that's set to complete here in the next few weeks as well.

The other active project we have going on is setting up a pharmaceutical science technology building out at Coldstream Research Park. That ought to take a while to complete. It's just getting underway.

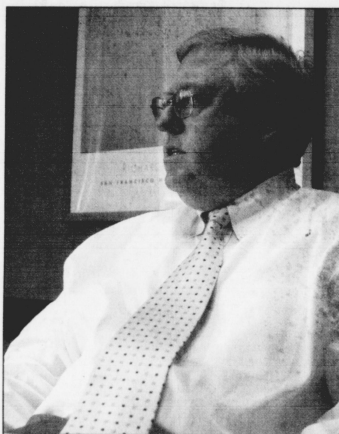
We've got two new parking structures that are shortly going to be started. One on Virginia Avenue the other on Complex Drive right outside the new student housing.

What other folks have seen here on campus when driving particularly is a steam and utility tunnel project here on Limestone which is moving well. And then we've got a similar underground infrastructure project behind the hospital that is impacting one of the roads over by the hospital.

And then probably our largest effort underway now in terms of planning is the hospital bed tower project and other

activities around the medical center. And that will be very significant construction project over the next number of years. So you'll be seeing that start sometime probably next year.

We have the dormitory project on the North Campus, one building and then three buildings on South Campus under construction now which are set to complete in early summer of next year.



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Q. How good are contractors about meeting construction deadlines?

A. Good. I think so. We have a construction management division called CPMD that oversee our major construction projects. And I think that they've got a good group of professionals that monitor the construction, keep track of all the quality of the construction, inspection, work with the applicants, etc. And I think they do a good job of keeping contractors on schedule.

Construction can vary depending on weather. You've got to be fair to contractors. You have certain weather situations that create extensions. And there are things that we decide about the project that we may want to change and add something or change something that was originally scheduled.

We have to give certain time extensions as well. And particularly the ones that work on campus right now are good.

Q. What facilities do we currently need on campus?

A. The university has a process that we go through the state with, which is a six-year planning model. And we assemble data on all the desired projects of the university be it from the provost side, the Med Center side or the business side.

Each of those projects are estimated for cost and then there's a six-year plan put together that's taken to the Board of Trustees and then the state. But within the plan the senior officers of the university, the president, the provost, executive vice presidents set a priority of what would get built in any given year.

There's a fairly expensive list of needs. I suspect if you talked to those people you'd get a larger list of needs.

The university has a master plan for growth. And it's a document that envi-

sions where we would put buildings over the next 50 years given what we have in needs.

Where would a new law school go, for example? Where would a new student health services go? It's a very detailed master plan that can be found on our Web site.

(Editor's note: The Web site is www.uky.edu/EVPPA/Facilities/FacilitiesPlanning/Unit_2050map/index.htm.)

And people can see what's going to go where in all likelihood over the next 50 years. Now there will be changes to it. But we generally know what's likely to be built.

We think we have the available land to accommodate that over the next 50 years. It's more detailed, and the thought process has been thought through for years ahead.

Q. Does UK currently own all of the land that it plans to construct buildings on in the next 50 years?

A. Not 100 percent. The university has been in the early 1990s, worked with the existing neighborhoods that surround the university and generally agreed upon what they call an acquisition boundary. That within that boundary if properties came on sale the university was in fact going to try to acquire those. So we're operating within that acquisition boundary.

Over the next 50 years, you'll see some property acquisition, but it is pretty set with the neighborhoods so that they know what we're going to be doing, and we also have some limited room for growth. But generally, the existing campus is going to accommodate the needs.

Q. What is the annual budget for facilities?

A. The Facilities Group encompasses a variety of functions and duties from normal building maintenance to building repairs and renovations as well as day-to-day utility services, grounds maintenance, garbage collection, recycling and other business operations.

Buildings vary from dormitories to apartments to classrooms to laboratories to hospital and clinical areas.

The budget is composed of general funds received from the university, fee for services charged back to other university departments and operations, project management fees, housing income and other revenue sources.

About 1,000 employees work daily in the facility operations of Housing, Campus Physical Plant, Med Center, Physical Plant and Capital Project Management. In broad terms the budget overall, from all sources, runs close to \$100 million annually.

Over a quarter of that overall amount is associated with utility services for campus and Med Center (water, wastewater, electric, steam, coal, chilled water and gas) while slightly under another quarter is associated with housing operations.

The remainder is involved in building maintenance, grounds, supplies, and shop services. We regularly track our expenses on a per square footage basis and believe the operations compare favorably with our benchmark institutions. Our employees work hard to be both cost efficient and effective.

Mary Cheney remark reflects insensitivity toward homosexuals

Hey did you know that Dick Cheney's daughter is a lesbian?

Maybe not, but the John Kerry campaign wants you to. I didn't think Kerry's mention of Mary Cheney in the final presidential debate was necessarily inappropriate in itself — but it certainly struck me as odd.

In response to a question on whether homosexuality is a choice, Kerry said, "We're all God's children, Bob."

And I think if you were to talk to Dick Cheney's daughter, who is a lesbian, she would tell you that she's being who she was; she's being who she was born as.

Some have said this comment dug too deeply into the Cheneys' personal lives. But Mary Cheney is a public figure. She worked as a gay community liaison for Coors and was a member of the Republican Unity Coalition, which deals with issues of homosexuality.

There are, however, numerous other openly gay figures in public life.

Why would John Kerry choose to discuss Cheney, who is generally lesser known than Rosie O'Donnell and Ellen DeGeneres, for example?

In fact, why didn't Kerry mention Chrissy Gephardt, the openly gay daughter of Dick Gephardt, a Democratic Congressman who was on the shortlist of potential Kerry running mates?

Kerry's point would have been just as poignant had he used any of these women instead of the vice president's daughter as an example.

So there must have been some specific reason for Kerry to mention Mary Cheney — and I fear that reason was cynical political calculation.

Mentioning the homosexuality of someone who is openly gay shouldn't be considered an insult or a slanderous revelation, but in reality it is.

That's an unfortunate fact of our culture — and John Kerry is undoubtedly aware of it.

And so it makes sense why he would mention an opposing candidate's child to make his point: By associating "Dick Cheney" with "lesbian daughter," Kerry hopes to alienate anti-gay rights voters from the Bush ticket.

Such a cynical political trick should be below someone who aligns him or herself with the forces of positive social change — but clearly it's not below John Kerry.

(And before you say it's unfair for me to assume the intolerance of the American public, ask yourself: Could a person who is gay, regardless of his or her policy positions, even potentially win a presidential race today? If not, how can we say we are tolerant?)

Kerry's campaign bills him as "a powerful voice in the ongoing fight for civil rights," according to JohnKerry.com. It was indeed courageous for him to vote against the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996. But now Kerry makes it clear that he opposes gay marriage.

Defenders of Kerry have said he intended his comment about Mary Cheney to expose the hypocrisy of the Bush administration, which pursues policies that would bar the vice president's daughter from marrying the person she loves.

Kerry, however, has said he would pursue such policies as well, if somewhat less vigorously.

If he truly has empathy for Mary Cheney and the gay community, why does he also favor policies that discriminate against homosexuals (even if less so than Bush's policies)?

Maybe he's just pandering, pretending to support gay marriage less than he actually does because it's an unpopular position.

But maybe he's just not really so empathetic.

Either way, it sounds like his voice is more powerful in trying to get him elected than in fighting for civil rights.

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ONLINE POLL QUESTION

What national issue is most important during this presidential election?

- The economy
- Foreign policy
- Judicial appointments
- Health care
- Social security

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Woodson may get first start

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK head coach Rich Brooks expects his football players to get an education. Seriously. Brooks said at least five players, including junior linebacker Chad Anderson, were held out of UK's 12-7 loss Saturday to South Carolina for "academic reasons."

"They are all students first," Brooks said. But with Anderson, who led UK with 125 tackles last season, there was more to his benching than playing hooky.

He has also missed his assignments on the field. Defensive coordinator Mike Archer demoted him after UK's loss to Ohio Oct. 9. In that game, breakdowns by Anderson led to two Bobcat touchdowns — including the 89-yard slant pass.

Since then, Brooks and his staff have told Anderson what they expect from him in order to return to the first string. That includes academics.

"That's all on Chad's shoulders," Brooks said. "It's all within his ability to control. He needs to do what he's supposed to do off the field academically."

"The other issue is he has to play better when he's given the opportunity to play, than he has this year."

As he stood on the sidelines Saturday, Anderson

said he knew he was going to have limited or no playing time.

So instead of complaining, he helped out his replacement, freshman Wesley Woodyard.

"I just basically tried to take care of him," Anderson said.

Woodyard made four tackles in his first career start.

But after the loss of playing time, Brooks may have Anderson's attention.

"Playing football isn't just playing football," Anderson said. "You've got to play the game of life, too."

Parker dislocated thumb

Senior receiver Gerard Parker, who dislocated his left thumb in practice last week, managed to catch three passes for 23 yards Saturday.

Parker injured the thumb during the Oct. 12 practice in the rain when he fell on it with his shoulder pads trying to make a catch.

The thumb "popped" out of place, Parker said.

This is just the latest in a series of freak injuries for Parker. Last month, he ran into a hydraulic lift making a catch, which severely cut up his leg.

Parker didn't have to catch any passes later in the week.

"A little rest helped," Parker said. "And I wore a little thing over it to keep it from dislocating again."

Boyd banged up, Woodson may start

After taking a hit that reinjured his left shoulder in the third quarter Saturday, UK senior quarterback Shane Boyd told his coach he was hurt.

Boyd rushed six times for 15 yards in UK's 12-7 loss to South Carolina. It was the second fewest attempts for Boyd all season.

On UK's 23-play, 94-yard scoring drive, Boyd rushed only twice — on a busted keeper and a QB sneak.

"I just knew I had banged it up a little bit," Boyd said. "I didn't want to take another hard shot like I did."

"It's just football. You got to keep playing. There ain't anybody at 100 percent in this league."

Brooks said he may have to start redshirt freshman quarterback Andre Woodson Saturday at Auburn. If Boyd's non-throwing shoulder hasn't healed.

An X-ray revealed no serious damage to Boyd's shoulder, Brooks said.

Boyd participated in running drills with the team yesterday, and he will have the shoulder treated this morning before returning to practice.

If Woodson does start, UK will be inexperienced on its depth chart. Freshman Joe Joe Brown and senior Trey Barclay would back Woodson up if Boyd isn't available.



UK backup quarterback Andre Woodson, a redshirt freshman, tries to elude South Carolina junior linebacker Lance Lary during the second half of the Gamecocks' 12-7 loss to the Gamecocks on Saturday. Woodson may get his first start this weekend against Auburn.

But Brooks doesn't want to think about having to go that deep.

"If disaster strikes, who knows?" Brooks said. "We just have to make a decision

on that if that happens."

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Tuberville's survival through NCAA dark days should encourage Brooks

Timmy Tuberville feels Rich Brooks' pain. The Auburn head coach has seen the dark side of NCAA sanctions and lived to tell about it.



Tim Wiseman
SPORTS EDITOR

As UK head coach, Brooks faces the same obstacles, and Tuberville can relate.

"The toughest situation I have ever been in," Tuberville said of his days as Ole Miss head coach while

the school was under NCAA sanctions.

"I understand what Rich Brooks is going through — it's something we embraced."

To fight through the scholarship limitations, Tuberville cultivated the walk-on program at Ole Miss and emphasized hard work.

"We probably worked about as hard as I've ever worked a group," he said.

Above all, Tuberville said it takes time and patience to get through the dark days.

"You have to be positive; the fans have to be positive," he said. "It can take five to six years before you'll realize

you're making any headway."

In Oxford, Miss., however, it did not take that long. In his first three years, Tuberville and Co. compiled a record of 19-14, capped by a bowl win and a No. 22 ranking in both the Associated Press and coaches' polls.

Tuberville's talking points sounded just like those Brooks has been saying all season.

Patience. Hard work. Slow progress.

"It often appears darkest before the dawn," Brooks said of his program.

But he sees encouraging things from his team, like the way his Cats "played

their hearts out" against South Carolina or the way young players such as freshman linebacker Wesley Woodyard have progressed.

He is right. Those are encouraging facts. But are they enough?

So far, the answer would have to be no. UK simply has not shown enough consistency this season (or last for that matter) for fans to buy into all that Brooks is saying.

The effort was there on Saturday against South Carolina, but the results were not.

Brooks has all the excuses, and Tuberville is right about sanctions, too.

It does take time to get out of the hole, and fans (and media) should understand the nature of NCAA sanctions. Still, close cannot be good enough forever.

Brooks found a way to motivate his team last weekend, and this weekend will test that ability to the limit when the Cats face a juggernaut in Auburn.

If things are starting to turn around (and we all have our doubts about that), the Cats have to keep showing up.

NCAA sanctions can be overcome — Tuberville has proved that. But it's a hard job, one fans and the rest may not have the stomach for:

Last season, disappointed Auburn fans and officials (an 8-5 record is disappointing? Brooks would be governor if he pulled that off here) openly sought Louisville head coach Bobby Petrino to replace Tuberville.

This season, Auburn is 7-0 and looking for a national title.

"He goes from being fired to maybe being national champion — that's a pretty good deal," Brooks said.

Things can change fast. That's something Brooks and fans can take heart in, at least for now.

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