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UK: SG not a student organization

Official cancels last night's meeting; university files motion to prevent Ellingsworth from taking office

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The first Student Government meeting of the year was canceled last night as UK announced that it currently "does not recognize Student Government as a registered student organization."

"The university does not recognize Student Government as a registered student organization because university policy requires a

registered student organization to have officers. At this time there is no president and vice president of Student Government," said an e-mail sent to members of SG yesterday by student services director Rhonda Strouse.

The meeting couldn't be conducted because the student constitution requires the one who called the meeting to be present. Because the meeting was called by former Vice President Michelle Bishop,

who was removed from office by Fayette Circuit Court Judge Gary Payne, the meeting was cancelled.

UK filed a "stay" yesterday in Fayette Circuit Court that would prevent Ellingsworth from taking office as the new SG president until UK's appeal on the matter is concluded.

The motion will be heard Sept. 9 under Payne. UK said if the motion is denied it will comply with the court, but until the motion is decided there will be no SG at UK.

"It makes me anxious to begin working on everything," Ellingsworth said. Payne ruled in Ellingsworth's



Ellingsworth

favor on her lawsuit against UK, awarding her the presidency Tuesday afternoon.

UK said they would file appeals to the outcome of the case immediately, and the appeals are still being worked on. UK announced that they were not recognizing SG as a registered organization yesterday along with filing the stay.

UK spokesman Jay Blanton said that UK had the authority to not recognize SG. He said that SG re-

ceives their entire funding from UK, is housed on campus and is guided by UK procedures.

"That sounds to me like an institution that is ultimately governed by the university," Blanton said.

UK continued to maintain that its new legal actions are not about who should be president, but about UK's authority over SG.

"It should be noted that the university's concern is not who is serving as Student Government president, but that the university has the authority to design and implement

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Devastation mounts, along with floods, in hurricane's wake

By Scott Gold, Lianne Hart and Stephen Braun
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW ORLEANS — A mounting humanitarian crisis gripped this city Wednesday, two days after Hurricane Katrina blasted ashore, with police battling to halt looting, rescuers continuing to pluck survivors from rooftops and the mayor predicting hundreds or "most likely thousands" among the uncounted dead.

Floodwaters coursing through the city appeared to crest Wednesday, with 90 percent of the city's homes under water, officials said. Crews began repairs on gaping breaches in the city's lake and river levees, but progress was slow. And bus caravans prepared to carry 25,000 exhausted Louisiana Superdome refugees to shelter in Texas. Federal officials dispatched National Guard convoys and U.S. warships to the ravaged Gulf coast to aid in rescues and stem widespread looting.

The immense scale of the disaster and the pressing burden of new emergencies continued to threaten thousands of the dispossessed in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, where survivors still scavenged for food and shelter and risked dehydration while waiting for rooftop rescues.

The fraying conditions of

life in the flood zones could be measured in the sighs and short tempers of frustrated public officials. New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin found fleeting hope in the decision by Texas officials to house thousands of flood refugees in the Houston Astrodome. But he turned grim as he predicted hundreds and possibly thousands of deaths from the storm and three days of flooding.

"Do the math," Nagin said. "We know there is a significant number of dead bodies in the water." The numbers, he said, were "minimum, hundreds. Most likely thousands."

City officials turned to setting up a temporary morgue and said they would soon begin a methodical search for the dead, presumably drowned in their houses, trapped in bedrooms and attics, and carried by flood currents. A New Orleans television station reported that one woman waded through floodwaters, floating her husband's body downstream to Charity Hospital on a door frame.

Over another long day, rescuers concentrated on the living. Helicopters darted over Chalmette Medical Center in inundated St. Bernard Parish, trying to evacuate more than 300 patients, medical staff and refugees who

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New meal plan unappetizing for some

Students trying to adjust to buying food by the meal, not by the item

By Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students pay with their IDs or cash as they enter Blazer Hall on north campus on a typical evening and head for the buffet style dining that is part of the new dining plan implemented this year. The students sit, eat and converse.

The scene looks similar to any evening from last year, when a pay-as-you-go meal plan operated.

Still, many students are finding the new dining plan hard to swallow.

"I think it sucks," said Eric Chase, an undeclared freshman. "I think 7.7 meals a week for \$800 sucks."

"People aren't supposed to eat one meal a day." Last year everyone living on campus was given a meal plan where they had \$825 to spend on food over the course of the semester. This year, UK Dining Services felt the need for a more flexible meal plan, said executive director Jeff DeMoss. DeMoss and UK dining met with parents, Student Government, the Resident Student Association and two marketing groups throughout last year and the summer to create a more flexible meal plan.

"Is it different?" DeMoss asked. "It's 100 percent different from last year."

What came from the focus groups was the current plan. It's a system of choosing between seven plans for those that live in student housing.

The plans range from 123 meals a semester (7.7 meals a week) for \$883 to 336 meals a semester (21 meals a week) for \$1,873. Commuters can choose between two plans — 60 meals a semester for \$670 or 48 meals

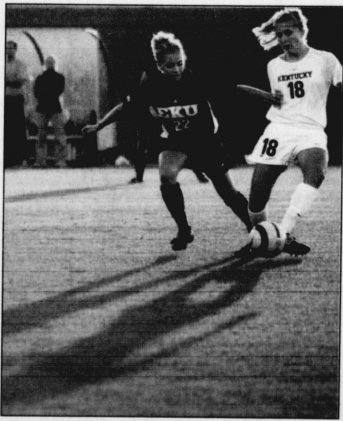
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ROBIN BAKER | STAFF

Undeclared freshman Jessica Job (right) talks to undeclared freshman Kristin Sherrard as she helps herself to mashed potatoes at Blazer Cafe last night. UK switched to a buy-by-the-meal system this school year, a system that a majority of other universities have adopted.

SHADOW BALLIN'



Kelsey Fenix (18) attempts to keep control of the ball against Janine Davie.

Women's soccer beats Eastern Kentucky | SEE PAGE 4

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From wallet to mouth: 2005-06 meal plans

Last school year, UK students purchased food by the item, but that changed this year with a switch to a meal plan system that buys food by the meal. Here's a breakdown of this year's seven meal plan options:

Plan	Meals Per Week	Meals Per Semester	Cost Per Semester
Minimum	7.7	123	\$883
2*	8.9	143	\$1,099
3*	10.1	161	\$1,199
4*	12.8	205	\$1,387
5*	15.3	245	\$1,595
6*	17.5	280	\$1,698
Maximum	21	336	\$1,873

*Includes \$100 in "flex" dollars

Source: www.uky.edu/DiningServices/

Is it different? It's 100 percent different from last year."

— Jeff DeMoss, director of UK Dining Services, about the change to a new meal plan system this school year.

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California student dies after frat football game

By H.G. Reza and David Reyes
LOS ANGELES TIMES

IRVINE, Calif. — Irvine police are investigating whether a college student who died after a weekend football game between pledges and University of California, Irvine, fraternity members was a hazing victim.

Kenny Luong, 19, of Rosemead, died of head injuries about 2 p.m. Tuesday. Luong was among a group of Cal Poly Pomona students pledging Lambda Phi Epsilon, a nationally recognized fraternity.

The students were playing against a team from the fraternity's UC Irvine chapter, said Police Lt. Jeff Love. None wore a

helmet or protective gear, he said. "The game was part of nine weeks of pledging required to have a fraternity at Cal Poly," Love said.

A fellow pledge who participated in the game, however, described it as "a hazing disguised as a football game."

Daniel Dai, 21, of Alhambra, a business major at Cal Poly Pomona, said he and eight other pledges — including Luong — played against 30 to 40 fraternity members in what was supposed to be the culmination of the pledging process. Luong's injury, he said, resulted from a tackle.

It was "as if he had the breath knocked out of him," Dai said, "because

he became limp and knocked to the ground."

Love said police had no information suggesting that Luong's injury resulted from a crime. "But given the fact that it was part of a pledging activity, we wanted to make sure," he said.

Simple hazing is a misdemeanor, Love said, but if someone dies of an injury, those responsible could face felony charges ranging from manslaughter to homicide.

Meanwhile, the UC Irvine chapter has been placed on "interim emergency suspension," said university spokesman Jim Cohen.

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for \$479.

Commons and Blazer have all-you-can-eat meals, while other dining choices like the Student Center and K-Lair have a set amount you can buy for one swipe of an ID, or the price of a set meal.

"I like it because you only pay one price," said dietetics junior Jacquelyn Evans in a previous Kernel interview.

DeMoss said that these changes better accommodate the majority of students, more than last year's plan did, and added that the top 20 universities in the nation have similar plans.

"We can only get better," DeMoss said. "You have to look at your history and you have to try to create from that."

The five mid-range meal plans also include flex accounts of \$100. Flex account holds money that can be used at any dining hall at any time. Also plus accounts, which previously could only be used on campus, have expanded to pay for meals and services at business around Lexington.

Many students are finding the higher

cost of the plans hard to deal with.

"I can't afford to upgrade," said Heather Semelroth, an elementary education junior, who has the cheapest meal plan with 123 meals.

"The fact that they expect us to eat one meal a day or pay \$1,000 (more) to eat three is kind of ludicrous," Chase said.

DeMoss said the price of food has gone up in general because of increased gas, transportation and shipping costs. DeMoss also added that UK dining receives no funds from UK. The primary funds they receive are from meal plans.

"We're trying to do the best we can with the money we get from our dining plans," DeMoss said.

Other students expressed their frustration with how the new buffet styles in Blazer and Commons are organized.

In the past, students could walk into either dining hall and meet other students. Now, the students must pay or use their ID to enter the main cafeteria in either hall.

"Now, I have to plan all my meals beforehand so I can eat with people and not alone," Semelroth said. Students also cannot take any food out of Blazer or the Commons, but they can take four items from the "grab and go" section, designed for small meals on the go.

"It forces you to get more than you

want," said pre-nursing sophomore Shelby Reynolds, who was also upset that unused meals cannot be redeemed for cash at the end of the semester.

DeMoss said he thought upper classmen would have more of a problem with the new plan simply because it was different than last year.

"I like it because I'm a freshman," said business major Adam Mesaros in a previous Kernel interview. "I don't have to go off campus for anything."

DeMoss still believes this new plan serves the majority of students better. He said no major changes would occur about the plan for now.

"I don't think we're ever going to go backwards this year," DeMoss said.

DeMoss also said the soonest major changes that would come to the meal plan would be next year. But the meal plan is always being evaluated, he said.

"Change is good and some change is bad," DeMoss said.

"We just need to get some history on this and figure out how we're running."

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NEWS BRIEFS

UK, Red Cross team up to help hurricane victims

Student athletes and Red Cross volunteers will be on hand at the UK v. Louisville football game this Sunday. The volunteers and athletes will be at Commonwealth Stadium at 1:30 p.m. collecting cash at the entry gates to the stadium. Also, anyone wishing to make a donation with a credit card can do so at www.ukathletics.com and linking to the American Red Cross' donation site.

UK participates in National Campus Fire Safety Month

September has been designated National Campus Fire Safety month and UK will take part by holding several fire safety demonstrations at locations across campus. Campus fire safety officials and Lexington Fire Department officials will lead the exercises and students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the training of how to use extinguishers and fire safety devices. Off-campus housing will be one of the main focuses of the demonstrations.

Congressional Budget Office director to visit UK

The Martin School of Public Policy and Administration is hosting a visit from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, who heads up the Congressional Budget Office. Holtz-Eakin will deliver the Distinguished Scholar Lecture at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9, in the Patterson Office Tower's West End Boardroom on the 18th Floor.

UK professor's novel gets good reviews

UK Professor Kim Edwards' first novel "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" was chosen as a title for the Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers list. The Lexington Herald-Leader also chose the book for their book club selection of the month of July.

The novel was released in June of this year and is now in the third release of its printing.

Edwards is a professor in the Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences and has also published a collection of short stories entitled "The Secrets of a Fire King."

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SG

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its own procedures to provide relief when a student alleges his or her rights have been violated," Strouse said in her e-mail.

In May, a UK Appeals

Board overturned an SG Supreme Court affirmation of the disqualification of presidential candidate Will Nash and running mate Bishop after they violated campaign rules by overspending their budget and using tax forms not available to other students.

The UK Appeals Board decision was based on Nash's

claims that the SG Supreme Court didn't give a fair trial and prompted Ellingsworth to sue UK in Fayette Circuit Court in early June.

If the stay is granted after the hearing on Sept. 9, there will be no SG president until UK's appeals to the ruling on the lawsuit are decided. UK maintains that Ellingsworth was not awarded

the office fairly by the SG Supreme Court or by Payne's decision.

"Ms. Ellingsworth was not elected SGA president and had no right to expect to be appointed SGA president by the supreme court. She was merely the beneficiary of an unauthorized remedial opinion and order," the motion for the stay said.

Ellingsworth said she was anxious about the stay, but depending on the outcome, she would try to not let UK's legal proceedings affect her work.

"I think they're just trying to keep all their bases covered," Ellingsworth said.

Nash said he supported UK's actions because they were based on student's

rights. Even so, he was worried about the toll it would take on SG.

"Undoubtedly the entire situation has caused students to lose faith in the organization and the entire election process," Nash said.

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TWO-A-DAYS

This week, The Kernel ran down two UK football positions a day. Tomorrow: Pigskin Preview looks at TEs, QBs and special teams.

Defensive backfield fits the puzzle

By Laura Nelligan
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Defensive backs coach Steve Brown has extreme confidence in his team's potential this season.

When asked if the Cats would be better this year, he responded with an enthusiastic, "Hell, yes!"

Brown coached in the NFL for six seasons, including a Super Bowl championship.

"I believe we've had a great spring and great fall camp," Brown said. "The players feel really confident. I think it's going to be very interesting."

Senior strong safety Muhammad Abdullah leads

the defensive backfield. Abdullah switched from free safety for the last three games of the 2004 season, giving him a closer spot to the line of scrimmage.

"We're playing at a good tempo," Abdullah said. "The guys are learning what to do. We're really coming together."

Starting at free safety will likely be sophomore Marcus McClinton, who took over for Abdullah after his position switch. McClinton will be sharing playing time with junior Karl Booker, who moved from wide receiver to cornerback during spring of 2004.

Senior Antoine Huffman and junior Bo Smith, who sat out the 2004 season due to in-

jury, will head the cornerback corps.

"We have a lot of good athletes here," Abdullah said. "In the past, we haven't done well against other teams, but now I think we have better athletes and better players and we're on point."

One defensive change that has been getting attention is the switch from a 3-4 to a 4-3. Adding an extra defensive lineman to the front, UK will be able to focus on their opponents' ground game.

Brown said this change mainly clarifies where the players fit when the other team runs the ball.

"It's like pieces of a puzzle," Brown said. "They all understand where they fit. It makes the other team less apt to have an ability to run the ball well."

Abdullah believes that this change benefits him as strong safety.

"It benefits me more because I'm more in the box," Abdullah said. "It puts me in the position where I can make more plays and bigger plays for the team."

Brown optimistic? Hell yes he is.

"We're trying to do everything better," Brown said.

"We make sure our guys are excited and having fun and enthusiastic and playing smart. With that usually comes victory."



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Junior cornerback Karl Booker leads the UK secondary with junior Bo Smith, senior Antoine Huffman and senior safety Muhammad Abdullah.

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Wideouts ready to bolt

KERNEL STAFF REPORT

Keenan Burton is champing at the bit.

"The sophomore wide receiver spent last year in hell.

"It was the worst year of my life," Burton said. Last year, he broke his wrist before the season opener and played in only two games all year. Now, he's got one thing on his mind: Louisville. "It's going to be hard fought by both teams."

But Burton said UK is ready. The regular jokester on the sideline, Burton is all business days before the opening kick off.

"I get into a zone," Burton said. "All the joking has to stop now."

And the rest of the team is following suit. Burton said he's seen the focused attitude from offensive coordinator Joker Phillips on up.

"He's very excited about us," Burton said of Phillips, who also retains his wide-out coaching responsibilities this season.

Burton, seniors Glenn



CHRIS REYNOLDS | STAFF

Senior wideout Glenn Holt catches a touchdown pass at home against Indiana last season. Holt caught 49 passes for 415 yards and three touchdowns last season in 11 starts.

Holt, Tommy Cook and Scott Mitchell, and speedy sophomores Dicky Lyons Jr. and John Logan round out an experienced receiving corps.

To Mitchell, the field is wide open in 2005.

"This year we're looking to open up the offense and spread the ball out," Mitchell said.

"We're going to throw the ball downfield, as well as throw intermediate routes."

Holt started all 11 games for UK last season, catching 49 passes for 415 yards and three touchdowns. He was second in the South-eastern Conference in catches per game.

Cook has seemingly been around forever. Receiving a medical hardship redshirt for last season, Cook en-

ters his sixth year at UK. Cook injured his knee during spring practices in 2004 and wasn't healthy in time for last season.

A fresh Cook is ready for some tosses.

His rookie season, he caught three touchdown passes and had a career-best 298 yards receiving. In his second year, he started all 12 games.

Last year, UK was ranked last or close to last for offensive production.

Mitchell doesn't believe there will be a repeat.

"I don't think that is going to be a problem this year with way the offense is structured," Mitchell said.

"I think everyone is going to get a chance to get their hands on the ball and make plays."

Mitchell started nine times last year, catching 30 passes for 383 yards and a TD.

Sophomore Jacob Tamme's switch to the tight end may also enhance the Wildcat offense.

"When you add Jacob Tamme stretching the field at tight end and the running backs able to run different routes," Mitchell said, "it all helps us to be more productive."

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DEPTH | SECONDARY

CORNERBACKS

- 36 Antoine Huffman, 6-0, 175, Sr.
- 24 Bo Smith, 6-0, 195, Jr.
- 30 Jarrell Williams, 5-11, 185, Fr.
- 39 Shomari Moore, 5-9, 180, Fr.

STRONG SAFETIES

- 42 Muhammad Abdullah, 6-0, 205, Sr.
- 35 Roger Williams, 6-0, 200, Soph.
- 14 Dallas Greer, 6-1, 195, Soph.
- 33 Kendall O'Donnell, 6-2, 185, Fr.

FREE SAFETIES

- 2 Marcus McClinton, 6-1, 206, Soph.
- 10 Karl Booker, 6-1, 189, Jr.
- 26 Martin McPherson, 6-2, 200, Soph.

DEPTH | WIDE RECEIVERS

- 19 Keenan Burton, 6-2, 195, Soph.
- 4 Glenn Holt, 6-2, 195, Sr.
- 17 Tommy Cook, 6-0, 206, Sr.
- 12 Scott Mitchell, 6-3, 222, Sr.
- 1 Dicky Lyons, Jr., 5-11, 190, Soph.
- 6 John Logan, 6-0, 189, Soph.



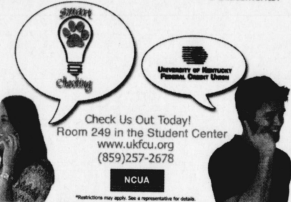
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"I'm kidding and I'm not." — UK defensive backs coach Steve Brown

Brown is my guy, true blue

A funny thing happened to me at football practice the other day.

Rain left me standing inside the musty post-practice air of Nutter Field House Tuesday morning.

I was minding my own business when I was informed by an eager rookie media relations assistant that defensive backs coach Steve Brown wanted to "tear me to shreds."

Maybe the wording was "rip me to shreds," but regardless, I was intrigued.

What to do? I was more amused by the situation than anything — I mean Brown is a helluva guy. You notice him first because he's got a smile a mile wide.

He could tear me to shreds if he tried. Brown was an NFL cornerback and kick returner for eight years with the Houston Oilers. He was an English literature major at Oregon. So not only is he in better shape than me, but he's probably a better writer to boot.

I've always loved the way Brown drilled the d-backs in practice. He's charismatic, making jokes when he should be and getting on players when they needed it.

So I figured there was

only one way to get to the bottom of this. Yesterday I went back to practice and when the players and coaches trotted off the outdoor turf, I waited around for Coach Brown.

"Is this the guy? Are you the guy?" Brown said to anyone who was listening when I walked up to him and shook his hand. I'm the guy.

So I hear from your people you want to rip me to shreds?

"I'm kidding and I'm not," Brown said.

I love it. We chatted. Brown said the day before to another Kernel reporter that "he just had to meet this guy."

We met.

And in less than 60 seconds, we were both laughing.

Brown was upset for something I wrote in my Top 20 column in last Wednesday's Kernel. I had ranked at No. 3 "Moving the UK-UofL football game doesn't allow the Wildcats more time to prepare. It delays a butt-kicking."

"The media can be sarcastic," the rookie publicist had told me Tuesday. Yes, we can.

But I had an inkling Brown was kidding in the first place.

"I want the guys to know I'm in their corner," Brown said. He should be, because if I was a coach I wouldn't want

some goofy sports writer knocking my players.

"These guys have got to have fun," Brown said. "It's a lot more doable when guys can have fun during the same smells of the locker room every day."

Brown breaks that monotony. He's funny. He loves his players.

He also loves the routine. Brown said he lets his players do their own thing before the game because he knows what it's like.

"When I was a player, I had a routine," he said. "I went to the hotel. I went to Jack in the Box. ... As a player I would get in the locker room, listen to music, do my thing. So now with players, I give him his time. That's their time."

In practice, before they were closed during the preseason, I noticed players seemed to feed off Brown.

Brown did say he wished I were a homer. Well, I can't really do that. It's not my job. I try to do mine well, even if it means knocking a less than successful college football program.

Brown's job is to motivate his players, to be a teacher and a supporter. And he does it well.

Props to Steve Brown. My new favorite coach.

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Brown

UK shuts out EKU in Colonels' debut

By Ryan Wood
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Just five minutes into the game Wednesday evening at the UK Soccer Complex the women's soccer team showed the crowd they meant business against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

Shortly after the 5th minute senior defender Ashley Schilling bombed a corner kick into play that first deflected off the head of junior midfielder Betsy Hobbrook before finally being scored on header by sophomore midfielder Sarah Gaunt.

"(Ashley) crossed the ball in and it went off (Betsy's) head and I just hit it in," Gaunt said later.

It wouldn't be the only score of the game as the Cats shut out EKU 5-0 on 35 shots, nine of which were on goal, improving their record to 1-0-1.

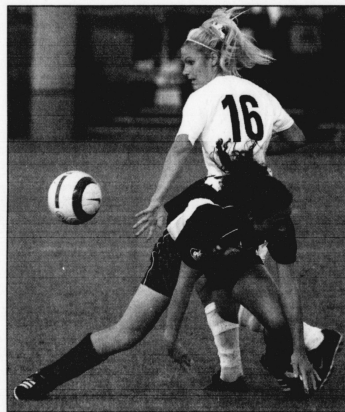
"We wanted to try and build on what we did against Michigan State," head coach Warren Lipka said after the game. "We possessed the ball well, had good movement off the ball and (our) passing was better."

"We are continuing to emphasize getting numbers in the box and finishing opportunities. We did better tonight but we're not there yet."

In the program's first year the Colonels hoped to learn from the experience of playing an established program like UKs.

"(This) was our first real game," EKU head coach Lindsay Basalyga said afterwards. "(We) kinda jumped right into the fire playing UK but it was a very, very good experience for our girls."

In all, five different Cats



SENIOR-TIME VU | STAFF Senior forward Courtney McCrudden (16) battles with an EKU player during last night's 5-0 Wildcat win at the UK Soccer Complex.

scored the game's five goals. Besides Gaunt, sophomore forward Kate Rowlands recorded her first goal of the season in the 44th minute off an assist from freshmen midfielder Kristin Kover.

"Kristin played a nice ball over the top and I ran up to it and (then) finished it," Rowlands recalls.

Also scoring goals — all unassisted — were sophomore forward Megan Jones in the 32nd minute, senior defender Kristin Moyer in the 70th minute and sophomore forward Callie Lanphier in the 85th minute.

Moyer scored her goal from 30 yards out on a free kick. "(I was) on the outside," she said. "I just popped up the ball looking for a head but the goalie missed it and it went in."

UK plays Miami (Ohio) Saturday at 1 p.m.

"We need to stay focused," Gaunt stressed after the victory. "Their going to be a lot better than (EKU). We can't take (Miami) lightly just because we are coming off a win."

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Kenny Moyer
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Is it me, or are the Gestapo-like Lexington and campus police forces cracking down on university social life? Good, I didn't think I was alone.

Never in my four years at this college have I noticed such a movement to curb underage drinking. With arrest after arrest, students all over campus (especially freshmen who are new to this entire scene) are beginning to think that local police are trying to seek and destroy, instead of protect and serve.

This past weekend, as I watched my innocent and of age friend being arrested, I actually had a Lexington officer tell me, "It's okay, everyone gets arrested." Good attitude, eh? Not many people realize that even an alcohol intoxication (A.I.) citation remains on your personal record forever. However, you do get the chance to motion to get it expunged after five years. Even so, for those underclassmen wishing to attend law school in less than those five years, a lot of explaining will have to be done for any criminal record you have, regardless of the crime's magnitude.

With the police in such serious strides to crack down on, well, whatever it is they are trying to crack down on, college students, especially those under the legal drink-

ing age, need to be concerned and cautious. Better yet, they need to be prepared for when they encounter the authorities. Given the likely chances you will come across at least one angry police officer in your four years here, below are a few pointers on how to handle the situation.

First off, it's important to understand what goes on in a police officer's head when around college kids. It would be nice to imagine they impersonate the professional demeanor as those on the hit TV show "Cops." Instead, especially after my personal viewing of their performance this past week, I would compare them more to "RENO 911" characters. From my standpoint, they see college kids as a "water-cooler" conversation filler. No matter what you're doing at the time they spot you, you are guilty.

There is also some confusion on the actual confrontation phase of being arrested. In other words, what is said isn't always what is heard. For instance, pretend you are an intellectual college student (remember: this is just pretend), who is over the legal drinking age and who has just been stopped by a police officer. No matter what you say, intelligent or not, the only thing a cop hears is "I'm a wise-ass college student who knows nothing about the law." So your best bet is to shut-up and only answer when spoken to.

The next phase in the incarceration process is actually being handcuffed and taken into captivity. Remember, you do have the right to remain silent in any case and you also have the right to an attorney. These rights, also known as Miranda rights, should be read to you while you are being taken into custody. Once in a police wagon, you will be taken one of two places. On rare occasions, you will be taken to the police station for further questioning. More than likely, you will retire your night at the

detention center on Old Frankfort Pike. If you don't have friends alongside of you during this fabulous time, don't worry. I'm sure a good-looking college student such as yourself won't have a problem getting along with Bubba.

A quick pointer: Being arrested with fake identification is a felony. Recently changed in our laws a couple of years ago, a fake ID, whether someone's real ID or one you made, will result in felony charges. Obviously, this bail will be much more expensive, but for a typical A.I. plan to reimburse someone at least \$100 for your bond.

Being arrested may seem like a "cool" idea when you are under the influence, or it may even seem "smart" to talk back to an officer. Once your buzz wears off and your black eye heals, both of these ideas will suddenly seem foolish.

One final note for the road (and maybe a thought if you are reading this on the toilet): it was reported in the Herald-Leader that just a few days the Lexington police force gave out citations to underage drinkers, and numerous other party-oriented fines. What hasn't been mentioned was that around those couple days and this past weekend, according to Lexington police reports in the Herald-Leader, there were a reported 14 burglaries/robberies, two assaults, one wanted endangerment scene involving a rifle and two children, and one rape. Call me crazy, but a 19-year-old drinking a few Natural Light doesn't seem all that dreadful anymore.

I understand college to be an awesome experience, and you even "create the greatest memories you'll never remember." You hear it every where you go, but my suggestion is to play it smart and be wise.

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Bob Weir just keeps playing in the band

By Ray Hogan
THE STAMFORD ADVOCATE

It has been 10 years since Jerry Garcia's death put an end to the Grateful Dead. For Bob Weir, Garcia's fellow guitarist for more than 30 years, it's hard to think of the past decade in terms of time.

"One moment it seems like yesterday and in another it seems like eons ago," he says.

The remaining members of the Grateful Dead have stayed musically active and occasionally team up together (they did last summer as The Dead), but none has shown Weir's dogged determination.

When Garcia died in August 1995, Weir's band Ratdog was starting to take form as a side project that, like the Jerry Garcia Band, would tour when the Dead wasn't on the road. Soon after, it became his focus and took several years and lineup changes to find its shape. In putting together a band, Weir wasn't looking for musicians who knew the Dead's repertoire inside out. Instead, he wanted players who would bring a new approach to his own and the Grateful Dead repertoires, in addition to the songs they would write as Ratdog. Ulti-

mately, he found them.

"I tapped into a well of good musicians who were fun to play with, a lot of whom came from the jazz vein, there's a healthy one in San Francisco," he says. "That made sense to me. I knew I was going to get players with wings. I kept going to that well."

Ratdog's lineup is Weir, guitarist Mark Karan, saxophonist Kenny Brooks, keyboardist Jeff Chimenti, bassist Robin Sylvester and drummer Jay Lane, an original member.

Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers play with Ratdog, and aren't strangers to Deadheads. When Grateful Dead keyboardist Brent Mydland died in 1990, Hornsby joined the band to help the transition for new keyboardist Vince Welnick. He stayed until the summer of 1992 and would continue to sit in with the band and its various offshoots.

When asked if he plans to collaborate with his old friend, Weir is emphatic.

"Hell yeah," he says. "I was going to give him a buzz today and see if he has any notions," Weir says. "I had the notion of just seamlessly flowing from his set to ours, removing one of his guys and putting one of our guys on stage...the band changes

slightly over every few minutes. But that wouldn't give the audience the break it needs, but we might try it once or twice. The situation is ripe for borrowing musicians."

The Grateful Dead redefined the idea of touring for the rock era. Its road warrior mentality spawned an American phenomenon that was the seed for the contemporary boom of jam bands. A common misconception is that the Dead's albums were always afterthoughts to the concerts. With decades to rethink them, several of the studio albums — particularly "American Beauty" and "Workingman's Dead," both from the early 1970s — are considered classics.

"Evening Moods" as its recorded output. Weir realizes the band is overdue for a new disc and batch of songs — but admits a two-year renovation of his Northern California home has kept him out of his home studio, where he normally writes. Unlike the songs on "Evening Moods," many of which were written democratically out of jams and rehearsals, the next batch should bare more of his own ideas. "My writing facility is such that I might get a fair bit done on my own," Weir says.

History Channel looks at Roman accomplishments

By Verne Gay
NEWSDAY

"Ambition...conquest...lust...MURDER!!!!" Yes, the voice-over in a forthcoming program is talking about Rome. But no, not that Rome, or the one reconfigured in the heated imaginations at HBO.

This is the Rome of "Rome: Engineering an Empire," the two-hour special that bows on the History Channel Sept. 5 at 9 p.m. And while those clever rascals at HC might not neces-

sarily discourage viewers who confuse one for the other, and who just happen to stumble upon their special this Labor Day, do not be fooled. There are no libidinous Romans and hardly even any goat's blood. Instead, viewers will have to settle for an engrossing and sumptuously produced special on matters both mundane and remarkable.

"Rome" works best when it simply allows the accretion of detail, fact, and illustration to flow like the ancient Tiber, and seems to

strain ever so slightly when it seeks an implicit moral in the mighty works of the Roman Empire, as if forcing us to perhaps see a parallel in our own modern civilization.

Maybe "Rome" is right — that the seeds of a great civilization's demise may be inherent in its greatest works.

Or: Maybe these engineering triumphs lead to its greatness. To History Channel's credit, it examines both the chicken and the egg.

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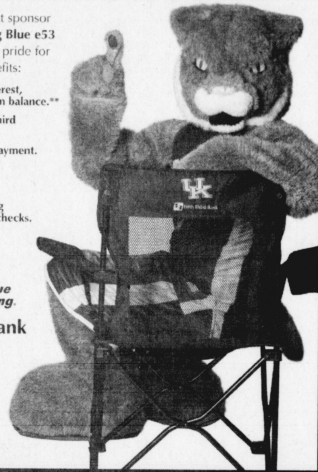
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Katrina aftermath tests governors

By Dan Balz
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Nothing prepared Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco or Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour for the devastation that descended on the states this week.

Facing what may be judged the worst natural disaster in the nation's history, the neighboring governors have struggled to organize huge emergency response operations that have initially overwhelmed available resources while trying to digest the scope of the physical and human damage that lies in Hurricane Katrina's wake.

After touring the damage along the Mississippi Gulf Coast on Tuesday that wiped out entire neighborhoods, destroyed 90 percent of the homes and buildings along the beachfront, and tossed floating casinos around like shoe boxes, Barbour likened the storm's force to a nuclear attack. "I can only imagine that this is what Hiroshima looked like 60 years ago," he told reporters.

Blanco, dealing with rising floodwaters that have left most of New Orleans underwater and with the growing threat of human disaster and massive damage to the city's infrastructure, has faced if anything a far more daunting challenge of saving one of the United States' oldest and most cherished cities. "This whole situation is totally overwhelming," she said on ABC's "Good Morning America" Wednesday.

The storm has put a spotlight on two first-term executives who were elected within weeks of each other in November 2003, but who have markedly different personal histories and political styles.

Barbour, 57, is a well-connected politician who spent two decades in Washington before returning to his home state to run for governor. He is a former Republican National Committee chairman, was White House political di-

rector during the Reagan administration and was one of the capital's most successful lobbyists before winning election.

Blanco, 62, is a former school teacher who rose through the ranks of state government to become the first female governor of Louisiana. She served as state representative for five years, was a member of the Public Service Commission and spent two terms as lieutenant governor. Her come-from-behind victory in the gubernatorial runoff in 2003, which proved her critics wrong, provided Democrats a rare bright spot in the South.

The cleanup from Katrina is now a national emergency, with President Bush back in Washington to oversee relief efforts and the Department of Homeland Security tasked with leading a federal response that includes actions by agencies across the executive branch. But for Blanco and Barbour — and to a lesser extent Alabama Republican Gov. Bob Riley, whose state took a lesser hit on Monday — the storm will define and dominate their public lives for the duration of their time in office.

"Governors tend to be the focal point at the time of a disaster, as they should be," said Joe Albaugh, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency during Bush's first term. He added, "The governors' principal role is to make sure all the assets available to him or her are fully deployed."

Speaking by telephone from Louisiana, where he is helping coordinate the private-sector response to the storm, Albaugh said Katrina has left behind a situation that evokes the destruction of Sept. 11, 2001, though without as much loss of life. "It is unreal," he said. "When you see the pictures on television it really cannot do the devastation and the damage justice. You see it and get that gut-wrenching feeling."

"They're both doing a fantastic job of dealing with a truly impossible situation," said Arkansas Republican Gov.

Mike Huckabee, chairman of the National Governors Association, of Blanco and Barbour.

Describing New Orleans as "virtually the lost city of Atlantis," Huckabee said Blanco may face the most difficult long-term challenge, given what he said is likely to be extensive damage to roads, bridges, buildings and homes from being submerged for what could be weeks.

Both governors — like other leaders in times of public crisis — are working to project the right combination of empathy for the stricken and efficiency in managing the emergency, according to associates.

"She's a person with a lot of experience," said former Louisiana Democrat legislator John Breaux. "She's obviously affected tremendously by the emotional impact of the devastation. I think she's doing everything humanly possible to bring it together."

Asked if Blanco sounded discouraged by the size of the disaster that has hit her state, Breaux said: "No, I think she was on top of it. But considering the circumstances, with a whole city underwater, it's hard to be calm, cool and collected."

Barbour combines a good-old-boy persona with a shrewd sense of politics and a deep interest in policy. Typically upbeat, he has sought to rally his state with assurances that Mississippi will rebuild bigger and better than ever. But as the storm approached, he could not disguise his sense of concern.

Hours before the storm hit, he was on the telephone with Ed Rogers, a friend and former business partner. He was dealing with the reality that he was ground zero," Rogers, who was traveling abroad, recalled Wednesday. "He was getting ready for a punch."

Barbour sounded terse and focused, Rogers said. "He's been my best friend for three decades," he added. "He said, 'Pray for us.' He's never said that to me before."

Strain of Iraq war means relief burden will have to be shared

By Ann Scott Tyson
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — With thousands of their citizen-soldiers away fighting in Iraq, states hit hard by Hurricane Katrina scrambled to muster forces for rescue and security missions Tuesday — calling up Army bands and water-purification teams, among other units, and requesting help from distant states and the active-duty military.

As the devastation threatened to overwhelm state resources, federal authorities called on the Pentagon to mobilize active-duty aircraft, ships and troops and set up an unprecedented task force to coordinate a wider military response, said officials from the Northern Command, which oversees homeland defense.

National Guard officials in the states acknowledged that the scale of the destruction is stretching the limits of available manpower while placing another extraordinary demand on their troops — most of whom have already served tours in Iraq or Afghanistan or in homeland defense missions since 2001.

More than 6,000 Guard members were mobilized in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida when the storm struck on Monday, with the number rising to 8,000 yesterday and hundreds more expected to be called to

active duty, National Guard officials said Tuesday.

"Missing the personnel is the big thing in this particular event. We need our people," said Lt. Andy Thaggard, a spokesman for the Mississippi National Guard, which has a brigade of more than 4,000 troops in central Iraq. Louisiana also has about 3,000 Guard troops in Baghdad.

Mississippi has about 40 percent of its Guard force deployed or preparing to deploy and has called up all remaining Guard units for hurricane relief, Thaggard said. Those include the Army band based in Jackson, Miss. "They are mustering transportation to move them south," he said. Soldiers who have lost their homes are exempt, he said.

Mississippi has requested troops and aircraft from about eight other states — including military police and engineers from Alabama, helicopters and crews from Arkansas and Georgia, and aircraft-maintenance experts from Connecticut, who are filling in for a Mississippi maintenance unit that is heading to the Middle East.

"This is the biggest disaster we've ever had, so we're going to need more aircraft than we've got," said Col. Brady MacNeely, the Mississippi Army National Guard's aviation officer. Mississippi has had to borrow from Arkansas UH-60 Black Hawk heli-

copters fitted with hoists, using them together with the Coast Guard to pluck to safety several dozen people stranded by floodwaters, he said.

Chinook helicopters from Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi are flying the equivalent of 18 large truckloads of critical supplies — including ice, water, food and chain saws for road-clearing crews — to Mississippi's coast, he said.

In Alabama, all the major Guard units activated for the disaster have already served in Iraq, and some still have contingents there, said Alabama Guard spokesman Norman Arnold.

Capt. Richard Locke of the Guard's 1st Battalion 167th Infantry headed toward Mobile Tuesday with a force of 400 soldiers cobbled together from four units because the rest of the battalion is in Iraq.

Carrying M-16 rifles and 9mm pistols, the soldiers are assigned to control traffic at unlighted intersections, and patrol in Humvees and on foot to prevent looting.

Recruiting and retention problems are worsening the strain that could force in hurricane-ravaged states. Alabama's Army National Guard has a strength of 11,000 troops — or 78 percent of the authorized number.

"We're having to go so many out the back door," Arnold said.

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climbered to the hospital roof for safety. Other hospitals throughout the city were on the verge of shutting down as stores of generator fuel dwindled.

"The situation is grave," said Donald Smithburg, chief executive of the Louisiana State University Hospital System.

Two LSU hospitals in New Orleans "are desperately short of raw materials," Smithburg said. "We have no power, no water, no toilets, and we don't have fuel to operate our generators. We're simply out of juice. Now it boils down to transporting the rawest materials, fuel, so we can buy another few hours or another day."

In an effort to plug leaks in the city's levees, Army engineers made final preparations to drop massive sandbags by helicopter over the porous dikes and float barges in from the lakeside carrying massive concrete highway barriers that will be wedged against the gaps. Engineers said they planned to use heavy-duty Chinook helicopters to drop 30,000-pound bags of sand and stone as early as last night into the 500-foot gap in the failed floodwall along the ruptured 17th Street Canal.

But public officials were furious after days of delay. Nagel blistered Army Corps of Engineers officials on television for their inaction, and Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco scowled in irritation.

"I'm extremely upset about it," she said. Walter Baumy, a chief Army engi-

neer, contended the Corps was struggling with river beds clogged with loose barges, boats and debris and could not find contractors able to maneuver heavy equipment into the flood zone. And Blanco acknowledged that officials were also struggling with faulty communication. After a disheartening aerial tour of the flooded city, Blanco said she was able to reach White House officials on a satellite phone but could not connect with Army and other officials in nearby Baton Rouge.

"Part of our problem is we're not getting information delivered quickly enough," she said.

Four amphibious warships dispatched by President Bush were steaming toward New Orleans with stores of provisions, medical supplies and equipment to aid in rescue efforts, medical treatment and even shelter for thousands of homeless residents. "Our first priority is to save lives," said Bush, who returned to Washington early from vacation at his Texas ranch. "We're assisting local officials in New Orleans in evacuating any remaining citizens from the affected area."

The armada sent to the Gulf coast included the Bataan, which will conduct rescue missions; four other amphibious ships to direct disaster response and the Comfort, a hospital ship. More than 10,000 National Guardsmen from other states were also being deployed. Bush said. Convoys of 400 trucks were converging on the flood zone with 5 million meals, 10,000 tarpaulins, 3 million pounds of ice and 144 portable generators. "And we're just starting," Bush added.

But in a controversial move, the Pentagon also authorized Adm. Timothy

Whitaker, commander of the Northern Command, to lay plans for deploying active-duty troops — a move that could only be ordered by the president under the rarely-used federal Insurrection Act.

Looters moved freely through New Orleans' shuttered shopping districts on Wednesday, wading through floodwaters with mounds of clothing, jewels and stolen guns. On the few spits of remaining dry land, there were carjackings. One furious city resident gave up his pickup truck to a machete-wielding assailant. Looters also swarmed through stores in the Mississippi coastal town of Gulfport where Hurricane Katrina demolished the city police station.

"It looks like Hiroshima," Mississippi's weary Gov. Haley Barbour said after touring Harrison County's ruined beach cities. More than 60,000 homeless were reportedly adrift inside New Orleans. Across the numbed Gulf states, more than 900,000 made do without electric power, food, water or functioning toilets. They slept out in the sun on the interstate above the Louisiana Superdome, where a bus caravan pulled in Wednesday afternoon to drive the stadium's 25,000 homeless refugees to Houston and northern Louisiana.


Texas Gov. Rick Perry said many refugees from the Superdome would be housed temporarily in Houston's Astrodome, which no longer is used for major sporting events, until other housing could be found. And their children, Perry said, would be welcomed into Texas schools. "We're going to get through this together as one American family," Perry said.

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Fear of attack causes stampede

By Borzou Daragahi and Edmund Sanders
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Hundreds of Shiite Muslim pilgrims participating in an annual religious commemoration were crushed to death yesterday as they crossed a bridge leading to a holy site in northern Baghdad. The stampede was apparently triggered by fears of an insurgent attack and exacerbated by tight security restrictions.

The dead, most of them women, children and the elderly, numbered at least 750, with the Ministry of Health warning the toll could rise to 1,000 or more.

It was the largest toll in any single deadly incident in Iraq since well before the 2003 U.S.-led invasion and was more than four times higher than that of the largest insurgent suicide bombing.

At least 300 more Iraqis were injured in the chaos along the four-lane roadway of the quarter-mile concrete-and-steel-girder bridge that spans the Tigris River.

The victims were among the million Shiites from Iraq, Iran and elsewhere who cram into Baghdad's Kadhimiya suburb once a year to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Kadhem, an 8th century Shiite saint.

"I died over and over again," said Iraqi Army Col. Hassan Jabouri, who carried away many dead children. "It's very, very hard to see a baby die in front of you."

Many of the victims hailed from Sadr City, the vast eastern Baghdad slum where 2 million mostly poor Shiite Arabs live.

As dusk settled, the streets of Sadr City turned into a vast funeral procession, with weeping men erecting mourning tents and bodies laid out in mosques to be washed in preparation for burial.

One woman arrived at the Saheb Zaman mosque in a taxi, crying and beating her face. She said she had lost her 9-month-old child in the crush and came to search for him among the corpses.

"One family lost four members," said Fatah Sheik, an Iraqi politician from Sadr City who estimated that 600 of the dead came from his neighborhood.

"We found a lady from Sadr City dead with her dead child lying on her

chest. An old man took his two grandsons to the (Imam Kadhem) shrine (in Kadhimiya). They came back in three boxes."

The exact cause of the melee remained unclear. Several mortar rounds had fallen on the crowds earlier in the day, killing at least six and making pilgrims and the many Iraqi soldiers and police officers on the scene skittish. Previous pilgrimages in Baghdad and shrines in Najaf and Karbala have been marred by suicide bombings — at least 181 people were killed in coordinated blasts at Shiite shrines in Karbala and Baghdad in March 2004, the largest such incident previously.

Some witnesses yesterday said pilgrims panicked when they heard a rumor that a suicide bomber was among them.

The crowd was boxed between high metal fences along the bridge and unable to move backward or forward because of checkpoints in front and oncoming pilgrims behind.

Others said additional mortar rounds had been fired at the pilgrims, causing the panic.

Some victims, desperate to avoid being trampled, jumped into the river's muddy currents and drowned, witnesses and officials said. Most suffocated or were trampled to death as they tried to cross the bridge or escape the two-hour morning melee.

Survivors described macabre scenes of chaos. Ali Younis Hossein, a 32-year-old laborer sitting on a mattress in the hallways of Karkh Hospital, described being nearly choked to death by the crowd on the Aima Bridge and pointed to a bite-mark on his ankle from a victim underfoot.

"I had to step on them to get away," he said.

Fellow pilgrims and security officials struggled to escape as well as evacuate the injured and dead, their faces and lips blue from suffocation. Baghdad's many hospitals were overwhelmed with the grieving and dead.

After the chaos subsided, survivors gasped as they walked past mounds of colorful plastic slippers, the type worn by poor Iraqis, that were lying on the bridge along with tangled black women's abayas and purses.

Weeping women sorted through the piles, looking for the slippers of loved ones while scavengers searched the heaps for valuables.

Iraqi officials admitted that the tragedy was likely compounded by security measures put in place to prevent insurgents from crossing into Kadhimiya during the Shiite festivities.

Kadhimiya is a mostly Shiite neighborhood, while the neighborhood across the river, Adhamiya, is mostly Sunni Arab, the minority sect that now controlled Iraq and has fueled the two-and-a-half-year insurgency against U.S.-led forces and the Iraqi government.

Officials had worried a recent uptick in sectarian violence could lead to full-fledged fighting between Sunnis and Shiites, who march through the streets of Adhamiya during the Imam Kadhem commemoration. Instead there were examples of Sunnis helping evacuate injured Shiite mourners.

Gen. Rawad Rumediam, a military commander at the bridge, said that three-foot high concrete barriers put in place to prevent car bombs from entering likely contributed to the crush.

Saddoun Dulaymi, Iraq's defense minister, said the checkpoints at the bridge meant to search pedestrians for explosive devices may have slowed the flow of the crowd across the bridge and contributed to the disaster.

Brig. Gen. Abdul-Jalil Khalaf, military commander of Kadhemiya conceded in a television interview that the bridge "was not suitable for the use of pedestrians."

Survivors, some wandering upon the bridge after the accident, blamed security officials for the deaths. Many criticized the government of Prime Minister Ibrahim Jafari.

"We asked the army troops to lift the concrete barriers from the road but they told us that the Americans put them in and they can't move them," said Jasim al-Kinani, among the many black-shirted young male volunteers helping with crowd control during the event.

The disaster is among the deadliest in recent Iraqi history. Comparable stampedes in Mecca have also killed hundreds of Muslim pilgrims. In 1990, more than 1,400 were killed during the annual trek.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said that Washington was "prepared to offer whatever assistance we can to help the victims of this terrible tragedy."

Man hurt in frat football game dies

By H.G. Reza and David Reyes
LOS ANGELES TIMES

IRVINE, Calif. — Irvine police are investigating whether a college student who died after a weekend football game between pledges and University of California, Irvine, fraternity members was a hazing victim.

Kenny Luong, 19, of Rosemead, died of head injuries about 2 p.m. Tuesday at Western Medical Center-Santa Ana, where several dozen friends and relatives had gathered to grieve.

Luong was among a group of Cal Poly Pomona students pledging Lambda Phi Epsilon, a nationally recognized fraternity. The students were playing against a team from the fraternity's UC Irvine chapter, said Police Lt. Jeff Love. None wore a helmet or protective gear, he said.

"The game was part of nine weeks of pledging required to have a fraternity at Cal Poly," Love said.

A fellow pledge who participated in the game, however, described it as "a hazing disguised as a football game."

Daniel Dai, 21, of Alhambra, a business major at Cal Poly Pomona, said he

and eight other pledges — including Luong — played against 30 to 40 fraternity members in what was supposed to be the culmination of the pledging process. Luong's injury, he said, resulted from a tackle.

It was "as if he had the breath knocked out of him," Dai said, "because he became limp and knocked to the ground. Kenny was one of the youngest guys in the group, but he was one of the guys with the most heart."

"He even quit his job (at Robinson May in Santa Ana) for pledgship — he wanted it that bad."

Love said police had no information suggesting that Luong's injury resulted from a crime. "But given the fact that it was part of a pledging activity, we wanted to make sure," he said.

Simple hazing is a misdemeanor, Love said, but if someone dies of an injury, those responsible could face felony charges ranging from manslaughter to homicide.

Meanwhile, the UC Irvine chapter has been placed on "interim emergency suspension," said university spokesman Jim Cohen.

Luong and the other Cal Poly stu-

dents had been interested in starting a chapter at the university, Love said.

According to police, paramedics were called to San Marco Park in Irvine about 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Police were notified the next day when they received a call from the hospital or one of Luong's relatives reporting his injury, Love said. Detectives were interviewing players and spectators Tuesday.

Cal Poly spokeswoman Uyen Mai said university officials were saddened by Luong's injuries and were following the Irvine police investigation.

She said the school was aware of the students' plan to form a Lambda Phi Epsilon chapter. "But we told them we wouldn't be chartering any new fraternities until 2006," she said.

Dai said Tuesday that the fledgling fraternity members had scrapped plans to start a chapter.

Lambda Phi Epsilon was founded in 1981 at UCLA, according to the organization's Web site. By 1990, five other chapters, including the one at UC Irvine, had been launched.

More than 20 chapters now operate nationwide, the Website says.



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Using DNA, researchers compare humans, chimps

By Karen Kaplan
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Answering a key part of the age-old question of what makes us human, scientists yesterday unveiled a genetic comparison of people and chimps, revealing that a batch of DNA as small as 200,000 chemical letters makes it possible for us to walk upright, compose piano concertos and fall victim to cancer.

Those changes in the 3 billion base pairs that make up the human genetic code have occurred in the 6 million years since Homo sapiens and chimpanzees diverged from a common ancestor — a relative blip in the history of life on Earth.

Like other mammals, humans and chimps have seen rapid evolution in genes related to immune response, reproduction and smell. But humans and chimps have outpaced other mammals in evolving sophisticated genes related to hearing and brain function, the researchers found.

They also identified six regions where genetic mutations appear to have spread rapidly throughout the human population in the last 200,000 years. One of those regions contains a gene, FOXP2, that is associated with speech development in humans. Another hot area has been associated with obesity.

In the interconnected world of genetics, the myriad mutations have also

made humans susceptible to cancer, Alzheimer's disease, malaria, AIDS and other ailments that don't occur in chimps, said Dr. Robert Waterston, chair of the Department of Genome Sciences at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle and a leader in the study.

The results, published in a flurry of papers in the journals Nature and Science, provide a roadmap for studying diseases and the mechanisms by which humans evolved into the dominant species of Earth.

"This is telling us about those changes that make us human," said Eric Lander, director of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., one of 67 researchers in five countries who worked on the project.

The chimp DNA was taken from a blood sample provided by a male resident of the Yerkes National Primate Research Center in Atlanta named Clint. He died last year of heart failure at the age of 24.

The resulting genome overlaps with 96 percent of the human genome, and the corresponding sequences are 99 percent identical, the researchers found.

That high degree of similarity is what makes the chimp genome a useful tool in studying human DNA.

"The human genome itself is just a parts list," Lander said. "The human

genome with the chimp genome tells us how these parts have changed."

The scientists found 40 million genetic differences between humans and chimps. The vast majority — about 35 million — involved a change in a single DNA nucleotide, commonly known by the letters A, T, C and G. Another 5 million discrepancies involved genes that were inserted or deleted in either the human or chimp genome, but not the other.

Most of the mutations are of little consequence, occurring in the vast regions of the genome that are not used to make proteins. Only about 200,000 of the mutations are in the functional part of the genome, Lander said.

The overwhelming similarity of the human and chimp genomes, and the incremental nature of the changes that set them on different developmental paths, validate the mechanics of evolution, said researchers who worked on the project.

At a time when the theory of evolution is under attack by proponents of intelligent design, Dr. Francis S. Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, said it he could not think of a better way to prove the theory of evolution "short of a time machine."

The genome research agency, part of the National Institutes of Health, funded the study at a cost of between \$20 million and \$30 million.



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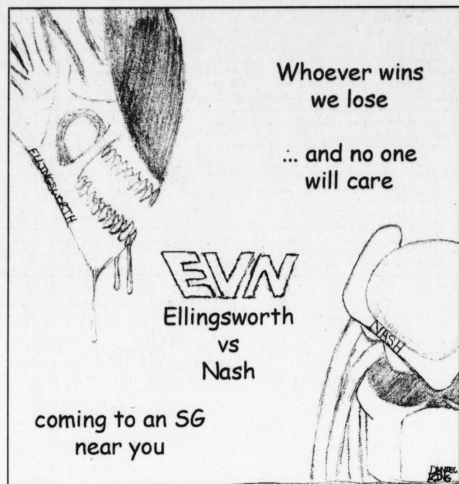
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IN OUR OPINION

SG debacle has run its course

The Student Government presidential election — you know, the one that was decided five months ago — might finally be over.

Fayette Circuit Court Judge Gary Payne ruled Tuesday in favor of Becky Ellingsworth, who will now become SG president.

We don't think Ellingsworth should be president. Her opponent, Will Nash, received more votes, and the SG Supreme Court's decision to invalidate his candidacy flew in the face of precedent.

Right president or wrong president, however, it's time for this to stop. Too much of the university's time and money has been wasted on continuing this petty fight. Though UK has issued a statement vowing an appeal, we think the school should act in students' interest and let the fight end.

Payne's ruling in this case was correct — but only on a technicality.

A reading of the student code makes it clear that the University Appeals Board, the body Nash took his case to after the SG Supreme Court ruled against him, is where students should seek relief after their rights are violated by a UK official or faculty. But since the violators in this case were students, the appeals board didn't have jurisdiction.

Where, then, should Nash have gone? It's not clear — and that's a major problem, especially since there seems to be an SG election crisis every year. SG and UK need to work out some sort of due process for when and how the university can overrule the SG Supreme Court.

Either a body must be formed to act as a final decision-maker, or appeals from the SG court should be funneled into an existing body. Unless the question of jurisdiction is resolved clearly, we can expect nothing but more lawsuits and confusion

every time SG has to call on the grown-ups to step in.

And that's where the real problem-solving should start: Instead of making a mess and then asking UK to clean it up, SG officials should act like adults. SG is supposed to advocate for the student body, not waste students' time with childish turf wars reminiscent of middle school.

The first step in making SG grow up is for students to hold SG officials accountable for their actions. Turnout in SG elections is dismal, and people who aren't already involved in SG or don't have friends in it rarely run for office.

The silliness that's been going on for the past five months might seem like an excuse to be apathetic toward SG, but students should view it as a call to action.

Yes, SG and the newly installed president have failed to represent us. So get out there and change it.

Intelligent design doesn't belong in the classroom

Last month, President George W. Bush said that schools should teach intelligent design along with evolution so that students can learn about both sides of the "controversy" and decide between the two. Perhaps, in the same spirit, we should start teaching astrology along with astronomy, voodoo along with chemistry, and numerology along with math. The medical schools could even add departments of tribal witch medicine. Since science has clearly lost its meaning, why not just have some fun?

Intelligent design, in case you haven't followed the contrived "controversy," is the passive-voice form of creationism. It doesn't claim that "God designed life on Earth," but rather that "life on Earth was designed." The identity of the designer is left ambiguous.

Here's another parallel to Bush's proposal. Gravity, like evolution, is a theory — a well-supported, rigorously refined theory that constitutes a major element of its discipline, but a theory nonetheless. Physicists still debate the working details of gravity, as do biologists about evolution. And the existence of gravitons, a major element of most quantum explanations for gravity, has never even been directly confirmed.

So here's my intelligent-design-style solution to the problem with gravity: Something more than the laws of nature must be at work here. After all, if gravitons existed, scientists would be able to find them, right? So there must be an intelligent gravitator responsible for the force we observe as gravitation. And since I've brought a legitimate scientific controversy to the fore, students should be able to learn my side in school and decide for themselves.

The problem with my logic is that what I've devised really isn't a scientific controversy. To say that something is too complicated to understand and then use intuition to explain it is mere superstition.

Even if you take intelligent-design advocates at their word about their supposedly nonpolitical, nonreligious motives, their brand of science emerges as a pitifully defeatist enterprise. While traditional biologists search for answers to difficult problems, the intelligent designers sit in their corner and moan that it can't be done. Is that the scientific attitude we want to teach in schools?

Of course, there's actually no reason to assume intelligent-design advocates' motives aren't religious. There are two possibilities as to the identity of the designer: highly intelligent extraterrestrials, or a supernatural deity. Presumably, the extraterrestrials who designed us would be even more biologically complex than we are, thus, using intelligent-design logic, there's absolutely no way they simply evolved naturally.

As you keep following this string of logic back, you come inevitably to the real designer: God, or at least some omnipotent deity. So, yes, the theology of intelligent design is less offensively explicit than that of creationism, but it's theology nonetheless.

And that's the real problem with intelligent design: not that it calls for theology to be taught in public-school science classrooms — which scores of knowledge-haters have advocated for centuries — but that it shrouds its theology in the veil of legitimate science.

If you don't want students to learn evolution, fine — but don't teach them fake science or a fake controversy.

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NCAA mascot ban an exercise in bogus multiculturalism

Has your day gotten any worse since you realized Florida State was allowed to keep Seminole as the nickname? Mine either. In fact, it got a little better.

The NCAA's insistence on policing the things that no one cares about, like this inane ban on "hostile or abusive" nicknames, while merely tweaking the things that cause the most controversy (i.e., the BCS), is enough to make someone want to pull their hair out.

The college sport governing body has decided, in its finite wisdom, that no school with a hostile or abusive nickname will be allowed to play in a tournament (post-season or otherwise).

Their energies could be spent in better faculties. The Seminole Tribe of Florida has officially stated that it doesn't have any problem with the university using the nickname they have used for years.

Just yesterday, Central Michigan University petitioned the NCAA to allow it to keep the Chippewas namesake, after the Chippewa tribe officially said they couldn't be bothered with it either.

Very few Indian tribes have stepped up and said they were upset by the use of the names, and they shouldn't.

The ones who are stepping up are chiefly con-

cerned with public relations. If they were concerned with the nicknames of sports teams from area colleges, they should have filed a complaint as soon as the name was adopted, then kept with it until a peaceful compromise was reached.

Doesn't it seem likely that more people are offended by the NCAA's assumption that the people who pay its bills actually give a righteous damn about Florida State calling themselves the Seminoles, Utah calling themselves the Utes, and Central Michigan calling themselves the Chippewas than they are about the nicknames themselves?

The ban imposed by college sports' governing body has absolutely no merit whatsoever.

Any school, including Illinois' Fighting Illini, who uses an Indian, or other ethnic nickname, is using the name in celebration of the history of the tribe or the Indian culture on the whole.

Why is it that Native American cultural names are the only ones under fire here? What about Notre Dame's "Fighting Irish?" Since when is it a fierce characteristic to be called Irish? It isn't. Fightin' Irish is literally a nickname based on an ethnic group. Where's President Myles Brand and the NCAA now?

How about Bucknell University, the school that knocked off Kansas in the 2005 NCAA Tournament, nicknamed the Bison?

If the Native Americans aren't offended, will we move on next to the animals preyed on by Native Americans?

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals had better not get mixed up in this nickname business.

With as many colleges that have named their mascots after animals, it'd be North Carolina against Indiana (the Tar Heels and Hoosiers) for the national basketball championship come March, because most everyone else would have been disqualified.

Actually Indiana is the only school that would be safe from any kind of nickname profiling, because no one has the faintest idea what in the hell a Hoosier is.

The opinion here is that the NCAA is afraid of its member schools being a party to the re-education of Americans on the plight of Native American cultures, many of which were systematically obliterated by white settlers in the pre-Revolutionary era.

deemed for centuries, then moved without their consent halfway across the continent when they got too much in the way.

So, like an STD, ignoring the history won't make it go away, Mr. Brand.

The NCAA should worry about the things that need to be fixed, like a certain championship series of college football, instead of trying to be as politically correct as they can with their right hand while counting the money these teams (especially Florida State, which was the first school to be let off the hook from this "ban") with the left.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Solution to underage drinking is education, not laxer laws

This was written in response to Fil Gravatte's Wednesday column, "Laxer laws could prevent irresponsible drinking."

Gravatte wrote "A commonly known solution to the illegal use of alcohol is to lower the drinking age." This is true. By the same token, a commonly known solution to rising homicide rates is to legalize killing people, and the solution for the growing methamphetamine problem in our state is legalizing meth. I'm not sure there's much difference.

Following Gravatte's logic, lowering the drinking age to prevent "alcohol shock" when a person comes of age isn't going to solve anything. All that it would do, according to your writing, is simply bring "alcohol shock" to a younger group. That doesn't make much sense to me.

We tell people who are 18 that they can't drink, despite the other things that they are able to do because they're just not ready yet. One reason we know this is that for a number of years the legal drinking age in some places was 18. In 1984, the Federal government "suggested" that it be 21. Studies have shown that the reductions in traffic fatalities and public health problems resulting from that

change have been significant.

The young people you talk about drinking to a stupor are just that: young. They lack the maturity to drink alcohol responsibly. They also lack a few years on finishing their physical and mental growth and development. Giving them access to alcohol earlier isn't going to change any of those things. What you really need is time and education.

It is our responsibility as a community to teach our youth about alcohol. This isn't a college issue, either; we need to start talking to kids about alcohol beginning in elementary schools.

If our goal is to avert such tragedies as the Muth/Byers deaths, then we need to commit to changing our community's attitudes about alcohol, and we need that commitment to be full-time, not just for the six weeks following a tragic accident until something newer comes along. Lowering the drinking age isn't going to do that; community participation and education will.

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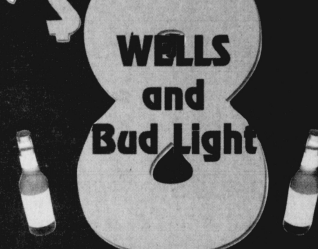
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- \$5 BOURBON & COKE PITCHERS

ACROSS

- Sacred slush
- Horset, e.g.
- Bookish type
- offen
- Authorize
- Post-workout
- Skate care
- active
- Mughen or
- Minnesota
- Place for major headlines
- "Bananza"
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- keepsake
- Successful
- aggressive type
- Flam's mate
- Communion
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- "The lower 40"
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